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Wesley College Melbourne and St Andrews Cathedral School Sydney - Singing in the Eglise de St Leu Amiens (ANZAC 2006)

A world of difference

School and cultural
tours





Attention to detail

PCI/ATA is one of Australia's leading school and cultural tour providers. We have been organising specialised tours to all parts of the globe for more than 30 years.

Each tour is unique. It is meticulously planned and organised – down to the last detail – reducing the risk and worry, achieving tour goals and staying within your budget.

For over three decades PCI/ATA has built up an unrivalled international network. This helps us to organise what otherwise might seem impossible.

All staff are highly trained and experienced professionals. We use this knowledge to work with clients to design the best possible tour. Of course, in addition to rigorous attention to detail, we never forget that tours are meant to be fun!

Most important of all, be it for airfares, ground arrangements or insurance, PCI/ATA calls for tenders, evaluates each bid and you make the decision. The end result is a balanced and exciting program that gives students the learning experience of a lifetime.



Peace of mind

Cost effective tour planning and management is highly specialised work.

The professionalism and experience of the PCI/ATA team is what is needed to ensure that the school enjoys peace of mind, both in the planning phase and when their students are overseas.

A "do it yourself" approach is probably the most frequent cause of tour failure. Schools choose PCI/ATA to handle their tours because every detail is taken care of – every eventuality is planned for. PCI/ATA provides a 24 hour support and monitoring service. We anticipate emergencies and can overcome the unexpected problems – such as airline strikes or weather delays.

With PCI/ATA, parents and school organisers know where their students are at every hour of every day of every tour.

"We were amazed by the quality and profile of the performances PCI/ATA had been able to organise... their professionalism is unmatched in this country... and I would recommend them highly."

Nick Mulder - Director of Music - St Peter's College, Adelaide



A tour without extra costs

When PCI/ATA is planning a tour, there are no hidden extras (this always pleases parents!). Tour costs are inclusive of airfares, all ground travel arrangements, supervision costs, accommodation, meals, sightseeing and excursions.

An PCI/ATA school tour means:

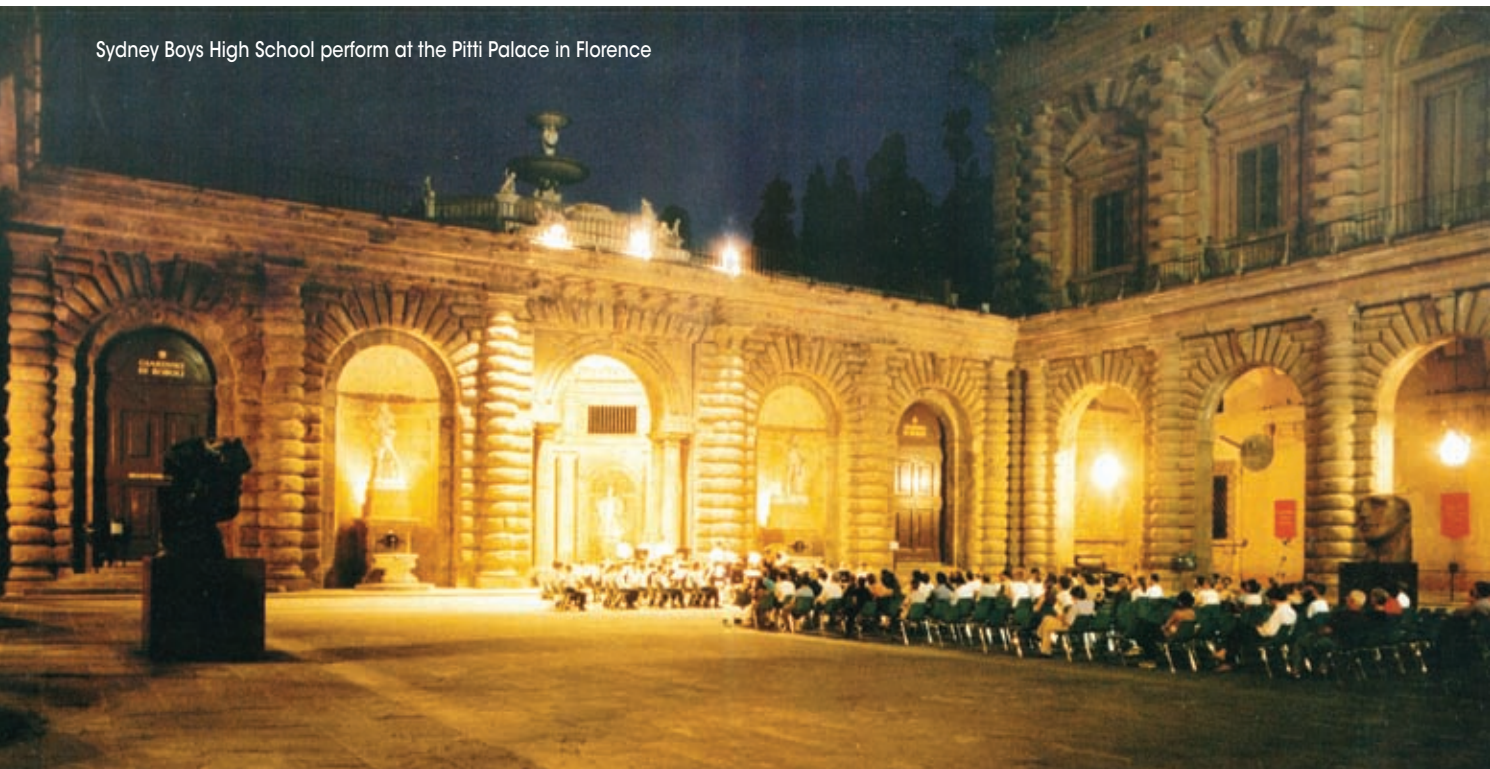
- Documentation which safeguards the school's legal liability and gives full information to parents
- Whilst on tour the leaders have 24 hour access to PCI/ATA professionals for assistance or any emergency
- Student supervision is costed into the tour
- Tour leaders & School Principals are supplied with a comprehensive manual with every detail of the group's travel arrangements
- The manual also includes students' dietary and medical needs, tour members' manifest, and contact details of the school and overseas accommodation.

PCI/ATA has the answers to:

- Sudden changes in airline schedules
- Personal insurance and theft
- Lost passports and tickets
- Discipline and codes of conduct
- Hospitalisation and health problems
- Pocket money and credit cards
- Baggage handling
- ...And many more answers, too

St Andrew's Cathedral School, Sydney perform at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

Sydney Boys High School perform at the Pitti Palace in Florence



The Performing Arts

PCI/ATA is in constant touch with the organisers of the main Youth Performing Arts Festivals. It is equipped to handle all of the planning of major events such as the Vienna Youth Festival, the German and Eastern European Music Festivals and to introduce schools to the Secretariats of these organisations.

PCI/ATA can arrange for school orchestras and choirs to perform in select European venues.

Drama tours are also a speciality and with our partner organisations in Europe, PCI/ATA can introduce schools to leaders in this field, e.g. the Royal

National Theatre and Globe Theatre Workshops in London, the Royal Shakespeare Society Backstage Tours and Workshops in Stratford-upon-Avon, the Comedie Française and the Opéra Garnier in Paris.



Time for contemplation - Perth Modern School at the Australian War Memorial in Villers - Bretonneux, France.



PCI/ATA has been organising tours to significant military sites in Europe for three decades.

This includes arranging ANZAC commemoration and Somme battlefields tours for major Australian bands and high school orchestral and choir groups.

In London, group tours directed and managed by our staff have led the singing at the ANZAC Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial at Hyde Park Corner, and other services in Whitehall and Westminster Abbey. They regularly perform in Paris at "La Flamme" service at the Arc de Triomphe and the historic Church of the Madeleine.

Over a period of many years we have taken hundreds of students to Picardy and Flanders, and to cities and towns such as Amiens, Villers-Bretonneux, Peronne and Dernancourt.

Well before groups go on tour, we take the Music Directors to visit the venues where they will be performing, and to meet

local civic leaders and the Australian Government officials in the appropriate Embassies and High Commissions.

Planning ahead

In order to become officially involved in the services the Australian Government arranges, and because many school concert orchestras/choirs plan to travel to France and the United Kingdom in April and July as part of these ceremonies, we urge schools to start planning at least two years ahead, and to register their interest with PCI/ATA. PCI/ATA staff are ready to assist in making this an unforgettable experience.

"In our five PCI/ATA tours ... not once has there been a problem"

Rose Cullen - Tour Leader - Wilderness School, Loreto College, University of SA, Adelaide.



Language Tours

A number of schools already have regular tours going to Europe and Asia to help students gain proficiency in the language they are studying at school. PCI/ATA is the Australasian representative for the Eurocentre Language Foundation, and Centre Méditerranéen d'Etudes Françaises and is in contact with a number of other overseas language teaching schools.

Sporting Tours

Whether it is interstate or overseas, the USA, Canada and Europe; cricket teams to England and to South East Asia, all are handled with care and proficiency.

Whether it is a simple tour for a cricket team to travel to New Zealand or an Australian team going to Scotland to compete in the World Cup Lacrosse, PCI/ATA has had years of experience arranging air travel, coaches and accommodation, places for the team to practice, arrangements for doctors and physiotherapists - and a few days sightseeing before returning home.

The Length of a Tour

There are many factors, which have to be considered in establishing the length of the tour. Of these, the following are really important:

If the tour is to be in the school holiday period, the length of the tour will be dictated by term dates.

On the other hand it must be borne in mind that airfares during school holiday periods are usually higher.

An important factor that must be considered is to reach a satisfactory balance between the cost of the airfare and the overall cost of the trip.

The more money we can spend on the ground arrangements and sightseeing compared to the amount paid for the airfare, the better.





Perth Modern School in La Cathédrale Saint-Louis des Invalides in Paris



What our clients think

"Throughout the past three international tours, our large school contingent has found Angas Travel meticulous in their organisation of every aspect of the tour. As a school Principal, it is critical that there is absolute confidence in the arrangements being made for any overseas excursion. The safety of each participant is paramount, and can only be assured with

meticulous organisation at every instant. Our experience has been totally positive as we have always found Angas to be helpful, reactive to our needs, flexible to our requests and always focussed on providing the very best outcomes for this experience of a lifetime for each student."

Robyn White
Principal - Perth Modern School

"About 20 students assembled half way up the tower where they commenced singing our Australiana repertoire. It was at that instant that I felt the presence of all these Aussie Soldiers. I have no doubt, and nor do the students, that these fallen men could hear our singing and were loving every minute of it. The sound was breathtaking and the emotion and spiritual connection was unforgettable."

Jill Scott - Tour Leader
Concordia College, Adelaide

"What is outstanding is the meticulous attention to detail. The Leader's Handbook is a marvel of organisation, including a daily reminder of what is to be done, even including the birthday of a particular student if it falls during the tour. We really appreciate the effort that PCI/ATA staff undertake to comply with even the smallest of our needs. It is all very reassuring for staff, students and parents."

Dr Emily Matters
Head of Classics
Pymble Ladies' College - NSW Australia



Anzac Day 2006 - Australian War Memorial Villers-Bretonneux

"PCI/ATA has detailed organisation and support...
superb overall concepts for tours... amazing gigs
...serious lifetime experiences for everyone."

Andrew McKenzie - Tour Manager - St Peter's College and Wilderness School, Adelaide.



PCI/ATA - A worldwide service

Our team of executives are constantly on the move and, because we deliver a high quality, hassle-free and personalised service, we have nationwide clientele.

For further information about the service PCI/ATA Schools Travel Consultancy Services can deliver to your school, please contact us:

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