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Australian Adventures

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G'day mate! If I were to travel across the globe, Australia would be my top choice since it has so much to offer and would be exciting to explore. There is so much to see, experience, and learn in Australia. It really would be a beautiful place to visit, with its diverse civilizations and wild animal life. I enjoy studying world history and would love to learn more about the amazing places God has made. It's incredible how peaceful nature can be. Australia, in my opinion, is an outstanding demonstration of that. Seeing wild animals roam freely on the planet would be so beautiful. Australia has many fascinating areas to discover, but the two I find most interesting are the Kakadu National Park and the Ebenezer Church.

A breathtakingly beautiful location, Kakadu National Park, contains: mountains, waterfalls, caves, wetlands, and even grasslands. The ancient writing and drawings painted on the sides of rocks were what I thought to be most fascinating. Some of which date back 20,000 years! The Munggy ancestors used brushes out of hair and feathers, and painted with crushed pigment. Haematite, a type of rock, was used to create the majority of the paintings that exist

today. The paintings served as a way of communication. To ensure that everyone hunts the same animal, they created images of the animals they were hunting that day. Since there was no official language, their painting was extremely helpful.

The Ebenezer Church is the oldest still-standing church in Australia. It was originally built in 1808 and eventually had major renovations. The church has an old cemetery on the property. Unfortunately, the church experienced multiple floods in the early and middle 1800s. The burial records were completely demolished. After the fact, many more individuals were buried there, and no floods have been reported since that time. It has grown to be one of Australia's most significant cemeteries. When I travel with my family we love to visit old churches and explore the history behind them. Most families used a boat or walked by foot to Sunday mass. The Hawkesbury River is directly across the street from it. Dr. John McGarvie was this church's first ordained priest.

In conclusion, Australia is a God-given country with beautiful landscapes and talented people. It has many learning opportunities and has a huge variety of cultures and scenery. I learned the Kakadu National Park is impressive and so much has yet to be discovered. It has an extraordinary history, animals, and unique plants that you are not able to find anywhere else. In Australia, religion is very important. The Ebenezer Church was the first-ever church in Australia. Even in the more rural areas, people were able to spread God's word with each other. In the end, there is so much exciting history in Australia and I would highly recommend putting it on your bucket list because it surely is on mine.

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