National Indigenous U17's

Belgium and France Tour - September 2013

Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 Fri 27 Sydney

Overnight accommodation at NCIE Redfern

Day 2 Sat 28 … depart Sydney/Brussels/Ypres (Leper)

Transfer to Sydney International Airport for departure flight

Depart Sydney TBA Flight TBA

Day 3 Sun 29 ... arrive Ypres

Arrive Brussels TBA Flight TBA

On arrival Brussels Airport (approx 8.00 am) and after clearing customs and immigration you will be met by your tour operator who will take you on a brief tour of the local area before checking into your accommodation in Ypres

Evening visit to Menin Gate (Ypres town centre)

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is a war memorial dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Ypres Salient of World War I and whose graves are unknown.

Following the Menin Gate Memorial opening in 1927, the citizens of Ypres wanted to express their gratitude towards those who had given their lives for Belgium's freedom. As such, every evening at 8.00 pm, buglers from the local fire brigade close the road which passes under the Memorial and sound the Last Post. This ceremony has been carried on uninterrupted since 2 July 1928.

Dinner included

Hotel TBA 1 night

Day 4 Mon 30 Ypres/Lille/Paris

Morning sightseeing of local area including Perth Cemetery (3 klms east of Ypres) and Passchendale

Visit the grave of Private Daniel Cooper buried at Perth Cemetery (China Wall) – killed in action 20 September 1917

In the afternoon transfer by coach to Amiens located in the Somme area of France.

Visit the Somme Battlefields and the grave of William Allan Irwin. William Irwin was the only Aboriginal soldier during World War I to receive the Distinguished Conduct Medal and died of wounds in action 01 September 1918.

Late afternoon transfer to Paris

Hotel TBA 3 nights

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 5 Tue 01 Oct Paris

½ day coach and driver available for Tour Fixture No. 1

LMRDT Under 17's v Racing Metro

Contact – Christophe Mombet - Director of Rugby

Kick off TBA
Venue TBA

After match function with your hosts and then return to accommodation

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 6	Wed 02	Paris

Full day coach and driver available for training session and a sightseeing tour of Paris including "Montmartre Hill", Notre Dame, the Louvre and "Moulin Rouge"

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 7	Thu 03	Paris/Bordeaux

Breakfast included

Transfer to ParisMontparnesse train station for TGV train to Bordeaux (3 hours)

On arrival Bordeaux you will be met by your tour operator for a brief orientation lour of the local area before arriving at your accommodation

Accommodation 3 nights ***Pays Medoc Rugby (in Soulac)*** ***Contact - Romain Poudret***

3 nights accommodation and tour fixture to be arranged by LMRDT Inc

Day 8	Fri 04	Bordeaux

Morning sightseeing of the local area

LMRDT Under 17's v Pays Medoc Rugby Under 17's

Kick off TBA
Venue TBA

After match function with your hosts

Day 9	Sat 05	Bordeaux

Morning training session followed by a visit to the famous wine castles of Medoc

Attend a local top division rugby fixture

Day 10	Sun 06	Bordeaux/Toulouse

Transfer by coach to Toulouse

Training session with Thierry Dusautoir (French Team Captain), Toulouse City Centre tour and attend a local top division rugby fixture

Accommodation 2 nights ***Stade Toulousain*** ***Contact - Sanousi Diarra***

2 nights accommodation and tour fixture to be arranged by LMRDT Inc

Day 11	Mon 07	Toulouse

Morning sightseeing including a visit to "Cite de l'espace"and the A380 Airbus Industry Workshop

LMRDT Under 17's v Stade Toulousain Under 17's

After match function with your hosts

Day 12	Tue 08	Toulouse/Paris/Sydney

Transfer to Toulouse Airport for flight to Frankfurt

Depart Toulouse TBA
Arrive Frankfurt TBA

Depart Frankfurt TBA

Day 13	Wed 09	... arrive Sydney

Arrive Sydney TBA Flight TBA