

# 2019 New Colombo Plan

International short-term  
study programs  
for students

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**Malaysia**

**Eastern Indonesia**

**Singapore**

The New Colombo Plan is an initiative of the Australian Government which aims to lift knowledge of the Indo-Pacific region by supporting Australian undergraduate students to study and undertake internships in the region.

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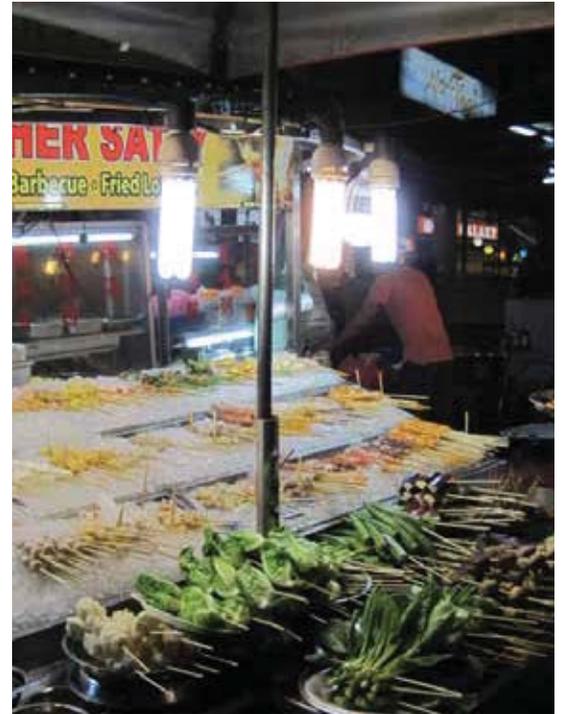
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# Food, culture, and turtle conservation

## Malaysia

November 2019

This 2.5 week program will provide students with opportunities to learn about Malaysia and engage with its culture, people, cuisine, and nature. Terengganu offers a unique cultural experience for students as it is situated in a rural majority Malay Muslim area. Students will have opportunities to learn more about Islam, the world's second largest religion, and Muslim cultural practices through the cuisine and Halal dietary law including food preparation, a homestay with a local family, and field trips to Islamic tourism attractions. Additionally they will experience rural Malaysia and gain an understanding of the local food supply chain through visits with farmers, food businesses, fishermen; and seafood processors and to local markets offering the bounty of the South China Sea. Finally, students will have opportunities to visit nearby turtle conservation areas. The study tour will end in Kuala Lumpur, where students will experience one of Asia's most dynamic cities and gain further insights into multicultural Malaysia through its signature foods and on-site visits to wet markets and other food and beverage outlets.



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# Marine tourism and livelihoods

## Maluku, Eastern Indonesia



November 2019

Maluku Province in Eastern Indonesia (Spice Islands) comprises several hundred islands and is heavily dependent on its high quality marine resources to sustain the population. Tourism is fledgling in the region but with an international population seeking remote locations, there is a push to develop tourism and increase visitation numbers. Infrastructure and development is planned and will change things.

Based on the undergraduate unit MNG10724 (Coastal and Marine Tourism) the study tour will immerse participants in local communities, revealing their culture and lifestyle. The program is an opportunity to meet community members and share experiences and views about tourism and planning for tourism. There will be snorkelling and swimming as well as student-to-student exchanges with Indonesian university students. Maximum number of participants is 10.

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# Intercultural communication for business and tourism

## Singapore

October/November 2019

This tour may be counted as credit towards unit COM00207 Communication in Organisations. This funded, two-week international study tour program in Singapore (20 places) takes place in the break between session 2 and session 3.

We engage with up to 20 multinational Singaporean businesses (tourism, social justice, hospitality, events, and sustainable food production), linguists, cultural historians, as well as staff and students from a Singaporean university. Students visit and interact with organisations, conduct research interviews with industry leaders, and complete an assessment task and reflection reports upon return (worth 60% of the unit grade).

The study tour aims to build student confidence in intercultural business communication, promoting awareness and respect for cultural diversity, and awareness of international opportunities regarding networking and employment. The program also aims to empower and build student wellbeing, lifelong learning capacity and confidence. Priority places are given to equity students.



*"The NCP Singapore study tour was a hugely beneficial experiential learning activity that improved my cultural understanding, and provided networking opportunities as well as adding new perspective to the career goals I aim to achieve.*

*The NCP trip has been the highlight of my time at university, and certainly the most valuable experience in terms of personal and professional development."*

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### WHAT STUDENTS SAY:

*"This type of trip would be impossible to organise without the NCP program: the people we met and places we visited was just awesome. I am so happy that I did it and I would highly recommend it to any student! To anyone considering an NCP trip, DO IT! get out of your comfort zone and meet some new people, experience a new culture, eat amazing food and gain more knowledge!"*

*"The two weeks on the NCP East Indonesia Study Tour gave me an opportunity to put into practice what I have learned throughout my tourism degree. I gained more from this experience than I ever dreamed of, educationally and personally."*

*"There were opportunities to interact with local communities in both formal and informal settings, allowing us to learn of the challenges they face as well as some wonderful triumphs achieved and plans for their future. It helped me to gain a good understanding of the culture and society of Indonesia and how it varied in each of the locations we visited. I feel I am a richer person for having been a part of this experience and am confident that it will benefit me as I move forward with my degree at Southern Cross University, as well as life in general. I encourage other Australian undergraduate students to apply for opportunities to travel abroad through the New Colombo Plan. It really does add to the university experience!"*

### ELIGIBILITY

Are you:

- an Australian passport holder?
- enrolled in undergraduate studies?
- 28 years or under?
- not previously received a New Colombo Scholarship?

**If this is you, then be sure to find out more about any of these exciting programs for 2019!**



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