Balunjali Cultural Kayaking Tours

Certificate 1 in Tourism
Australian Indigenous Culture

Learn what it takes
to deliver an Indigenous Adventure Tour
and cater for people
from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds
who seek to experience
Australia’s Aboriginal culture

- Learn bush survival
- Participate in traditional tracking and hunting
- See the beautiful Wavebreak and South Stradbroke Islands
- Participate in team building activities
- Snorkel and feed sub-tropical fish
- Learn about Cultural Stories
- Prepare and consume bush tucker

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Balunjali’s objective is to provide a set program which addresses all the necessary criteria for **Certificate 1 in Tourism (Australian Indigenous Culture)** in a comprehensive, cost effective and efficient format. Study is required over a number of subjects which can be disseminated into experiential learning through two day Activities Camp consisting of:

Balunjali Interpretative Cultural Kayak Tours will be able to facilitate a tour specifically for the students to South Stradbroke Island and Wavebreak Island and share aspects of local indigenous culture within this natural ecosystem.

This is the initial contact between our agency and the students so it is vitally important that this first experience is as exciting and as adventure based as possible, in this way it appears to be more like fun than actual work and the students gain more motivation to attend the upcoming activities.

Balunjali will follow the normal tour format. This will initially give the students an understanding of how the tour operates and enable them to ask questions and get feedback without the distraction or barrier of having other tourists on the activity.

The tour can also be facilitated during a time that suits all parties. It will give students a chance to ask questions and interpret the local indigenous culture in their area.

Specifically the students will learn aspects of:
- local indigenous language
- local bush tucker and its uses
- local flora and fauna and their relationship to Indigenous people
- how to build and a humpee utilising the environment’s local resources
- local indigenous hunting and tracking techniques
- Information about the history of Wavebreak and South Stradbroke Islands
- Information on the stolen generation

Balunjali will demonstrate how presentation style and format are used to provide visitor information to tourists throughout the two day activities. Students will be required to do a short presentation on a topic they have researched in preparation for the camp. Students will be required to provide visitor information to Balunjali in teams in order to prove that the information has been retained and that they become more confident speaking to a group.

Balunjali tours attract a wide range of culturally and linguistically diverse people who seek to experience Australia’s Aboriginal culture and it is not unusual to have on any one tour, 5-6 different cultural backgrounds. As such this provides the ideal platform for students to experience and understand the intricacies of catering to the needs of a socially diverse group of tourists.

Balunjali tours are facilitated on Wavebreak and South Stradbroke Islands, these environments are isolated and have limited technological resources. As such it is vital that personal hygiene procedures are adhered to and food preparation and storage is achieved as per policies and procedures. Balunjali provides students with comprehensive risk management training - health and safety procedures regarding the use of kayaks, capsize drills, use of personal flotation devices (PFD’s) and paddling techniques at the commencement of each tour. We also discuss safety procedures for snorkelling, the observation and monitoring of tides and the marine environment and footwear requirements for traversing the islands.

Students will be assessed through a written test on the camp activity covering all aspects of risk management procedures and ensuring all students are fully conversant with why they are required in tourism operations in terms of guest and staff safety and reducing potential risks i.e. corporate responsibility in avoiding liability through negligence.

Students will be also be monitored whilst conducting all activities to ensure they are following Balunjali’s risk management procedures.