

- ANSI T10 -

Hosted by: **ENDL Pacific Technologies**

January 9-15, 2000

GUEST NAME: (Dr, Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms) _____

Last name First name

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/ZIP (Postcode): _____

PH: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

Three children under 17 years stay free when sharing parent's room. Please advise number and ages

ROOM TYPE: Single/Twin/Double/Triple/Interconnecting
 King Room has one bed, Double Room has two beds

KING: DOUBLE: NON-SMOKING: COT: ROLLAWAY: DISABLED:

ROOM RATE: Indicate which is required
 A\$ 220.00 ROOM ONLY (Single or Double)
 A\$ 240.00 ROOM including one breakfast daily
 A\$ 260.00 ROOM including two breakfasts daily

Third person in room over 17 years of age is an additional A\$30.00 per night

Pre-payment of a minimum of one (1) night's accommodation is required to guarantee reservation.

Card Type: _____ Name on card: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Card Number _____

Check in time is 2.00pm. Early check in is not guaranteed unless one (1) night's accommodation is prepaid for the night prior to the day of arrival. **Check out** time is 11.00am. Late check outs are subject to room availability on day of departure

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD:

This amount will be debited to the nominated card. Reservation is not guaranteed until transaction is cleared.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

Deposits will be fully refunded for cancellations advised outside of 30 days prior to date of expected arrival. A no show fee of one (1) night's accommodation per room will apply to reservations cancelled within 30 days of expected arrival. Other monies already received in excess of one (1) night's accommodation will be refunded.

RESERVATIONS: FAX: +61-7-55-929-888 PH: +61-7-55-929-800

BOOK EARLY: Australia greets the new millenium a day and a half before the United States, and room space is already limited. The block set aside for T10 shall be held until November 10, at which time it will be revised. Any rooms remaining will be released on December 10. If the block commitment has been met or it is after November 10, rooms will be on an as-available basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate those who book late, but no commitments can be made as this is the peak of the holiday season.

It is recommended that your reservation be made as soon as possible to assure yourself of a room.

Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort 158 Ferny Avenue, Surfers Paradise, Queensland 4217, Australia

ENDL Pacific Technologies is hosting T10 in January, 2000.

This meeting will involve long range planning for those of you who plan to attend, especially if you want to combine vacation with business activities. The commitment made in September 1998 was fortunate, it is impossible to arrange any group activities now because the Millenium Fever has swept the world and hotels are filling up all over the South Pacific.

The Marriott Resort at Surfers Paradise is a Five Star hotel which was selected as the "Best Resort" in Queensland for 1998, and has a wall of trophies and plaques for previous years from Tourist Boards and magazines. Surfers Paradise is on the East Coast of Australia, and lies about halfway between Sydney and the Great Barrier Reef. The Marriott is unique in being able to offer those unable to visit the Reef a substitute experience; it has the only salt water lagoon in the country.

There is a coral reef in the 1.7 million litre (4 million gallons) lagoon which has sandy beach areas situated to catch morning and afternoon sun. The lagoon is stocked with tropical fish so guests can play at being Dr Doolittle as they scuba dive or snorkel or swim amongst the fishes. Surfers Paradise is one of the communities along many miles of white beach front, a stretch that is known as the Gold Coast.

Brisbane is an hour to the north, and has no beaches. It used to be a mangrove swamp and wetlands where the river met the sea until progress reshaped the area. Brisbane is a picturesque city with a broad river winding through it, and has a vibrant downtown with an excellent shopping district and a strong business community. The sand starts again less than an hour beyond Brisbane at the Sunshine Coast, which is gateway to hundreds of miles of beaches all the way up to Cairns.

This is a sub-tropical climate and January is the height of summer, so bring lots of loose fitting clothes. You need long sleeved and collared shirts/blouses to protect your arms and neck from the burning rays (sunstroke can be deadly and a sunburn will ruin your vacation). Remember, you are very close to the equator.

Australia uses dollars, and exchange rates vary with the economy. Rental cars are relatively high because the CDW is a required part of the rate (that may be due to the body damages incurred by U.S. travelers used to the 'other' side of the road).

January is the peak season for travel, but unlike Europe in August, the whole country does not shut down. Accommodations are typically not a problem outside of prime tourist areas. If you decide to do some relaxed touring, take no chances by booking at least a day ahead.

One caveat, since Australia greets the millenium many hours before Europe and the U.S. there will be far less freedom than usual and prime tourist locations are requiring three days minimum stays and space is getting short already.

Cars and rooms are air conditioned. The most popular cars are the Ford Falcon and GM Holden. The Toyota Camry is better for tourists, as the slightly smaller size helps you transition to the opposite side of the road. Flag Hotels is the local equivalent to Best Western, and can provide accommodation in most of the areas you are likely to visit.

Do not underestimate distances and travel time. There are only partial stretches of freeway between Sydney-Brisbane so don't even consider trying to make the 500 mile run in one day. The highway system is not exactly third world but it is way below the standards we take for granted in the U.S. Frankly, I would discourage driving long distances because you are there in the holiday season and the accident rates are way too high already.

If you want to take some time off, the weeks after the meeting will be easier than the weeks before. The only tour group I can recommend from my family's personal experience is Australian Pacific Tours (info@australianpacific.com / 800-290-8687).

Space is already at a premium down under.

There are people from all over the world headed down to be amongst the first in the world to celebrate in 2000 plus this is the peak holiday season for Australians themselves. T10 may be the only group at the Marriott Surfers Paradise. We made it under the wire before the hotel realized it didn't need to offer any incentives to be there in January 2000. Our rate including conference rooms is about half the current going rate for space.

All your plans have to be decided upon early because it will be difficult to get last-minute seats on planes, and it is almost certain there won't be any hotels available in the primary tourist locations.

Paperwork

You need a passport to go to Australia. If you do not have one, visit your local Post Office and fill in the necessary forms.

You do not need to make a formal application for a visa. After your reservation is made and the ticket is issued, call the airline and provide them with the details on your passport. The airline will issue you an electronic visa and there is no waiting to do this at checkin.

You do not need an International Driving Permit, your U.S. license is accepted at rental counters. It is, however, a good idea to have a Permit because if you are caught DUI or have an accident there may be a state law requiring the police to confiscate your license.

The cutoff date is November 10.

Once our block fills up it will be very hard to get space, it is strictly on availability.

If you delay your planning too long, it may mean you can't find space in the hotel. This is the peak season for Surfer's Paradise, because it is mid-summer. We have a room rate (including facilities) that is half the rack rate and the hotels nearby are also at A\$400/night. The T10 room rate applies for 3 days before and 3 days after.

Come on down and we'll see what can be done to find another shrimp to put on the barbie for you.

www.marriott.com.au

The Marriott Surfers Paradise has its own website so you can click away and discover all the great things the area and the hotel has to offer.

JANUARY 10-14, 2000

HOSTED BY: ENDL Pacific Technologies
LOCATION: Marriott Resort
150 Ferny Ave
Surfers Paradise
Queensland 4217
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www.marriott.com.au
ROOM RATE: A\$220/night (US\$145 at present exchange rate of US\$.66 =A\$1.00)
GROUP NAME: T10
CUTOFF DATE: November 10, 1999
WARNING: If you call the Marriott 800 number here in the U.S. to make your reservation you can expect to pay as much as double the above rate plus pay the meeting fee as well.
MEETING FEE: For those who stay at a different hotel or are not under the T10 group reservation, there will be a meeting fee of A\$250
HOST CONTACT: Dal Allan (408-867-6630 or endlcom@ibm.net)

Check your mileage account..... 14-day advance fares which are capacity-controlled run <\$1,500 (lower than the regular fare coast-coast these days). BOOK EARLY, else you will have to pay regular Economy of \$2,200. Business Class is \$8,000 so you may want to use those points you earned flying to other T10 meetings to upgrade.

Most flights land in Sydney, but QANTAS and Air New Zealand (via Auckland) also have Cairns or Brisbane as a gateway. United has code-sharing with Ansett Airlines. Ansett and QANTAS offer promotional rates for local travel if you buy your tickets before departure. You can get discounted rates after arrival with your passport and return ticket. Brisbane is an hour's flight from Sydney, and there are flights into the local airport of Coolangatta, which is a short cab ride from the hotel.

Surfers Paradise is an hour south of the airport by freeway but I recommend against climbing out of the plane and driving on the other side of the road. Your reaction time is slower than usual and your natural instinct to avoid trouble will put you on the wrong side of the road.

It is wise to remember that Australians are very impatient drivers and you need to behave as if you are driving during the 24th hour of Le Mans. The Brisbane drivers are more mellow than Sydney drivers, which is a break.

Without a car, you have a choice of regular or preferred treatment, only the price varies.

- A\$115 - standard vehicle up to 4 passengers (if there is beaucoup luggage, plan on only 3 passengers)
- A\$180 - stretch limo up to 7 passengers (if there is beaucoup luggage, plan on only 6 passengers)
- A\$ 29 - An airport shuttle bus runs frequently from the airport. Go to the Coachtrans desk upon arrival to purchase a ticket and wait for the next bus or reserve ahead.

Limo rides are arranged directly with the Concierge Desk at robert_moyle@marriott.com.au and if you email direct, Robert will keep an eye on the bookings, ensure they are all confirmed, and try to match up people on similar flight times.

The airport shuttle is at reservations@coachtrans.com.au or +61-7-5588-8777 and commences each day at 05:50, going through until 19:00 with departures every 40 minutes or so. If you are arriving outside the above hours they will pick you up if you have a reservation.