



Austria

Name: Gerhard Schmid **Event:** Mens K1 **Age:** 31 **Occupation:**

Best International Results:

- 3rd in the Classic World's 2008, Ivrea
- 3rd in the Classic World's Team sprint at Karlovy Vary

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Tasmania is beautiful and green. It has great paddling and all the wildwater rivers chosen for the 2009 World Cup races are very good. I wish the temperature could be a little warmer though.



Belgium

Name: Maxime Richard **Event:** Mens K1 **Age:** **Occupation:**

Best International Results:

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:



Canada

Name: Stefanie Vallee **Event:** Womens K1 **Age:** 34 **Occupation:** Artist & painter

Best International Results:

- 9th in Race Six at the 2003 World Cup
- 13th in Race Six at the 2006 World Cup

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Amazed to see wild cockatoos! We usually see these in pet shops in Canada!



Czech Republic

Name: Katerina Vacikova **Event:** Womens K1 **Age:** 26

Best international results

- 2nd place European Championship 2009-individual classic race
- 2nd place World Championship 2008- individual classic race
- Overall World Cup winner 2006

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the World Cup:

For us it is exotic venue far away from home so I'm looking forward to enjoy paddling on Tasmanian rivers, see Tasmanian people. And do my best to satisfy all who help us and satisfied my expectations not only with paddling (learn something about Tasmania).

Name: Ales Marek **Event:** K1 **Age:** 31

Best International Results:

- 3rd sprint European Championship 2009
- 3rd classic European Championship 2005
- Team world champion 2000, 2002, 2006

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Nice opportunity to race in wild nature and on new wild rivers and visit exotic country (for me).

Name: Lukas Novosad **Event:** Mens C1 **Age:**

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Names:

Lukas Uncajtik- Marek Rygel

Event: Mens C2

Age: 25

Best International Results:

- 3rd Sprint 2005

- 4th in Classic Karlovy Vary 2006

- 3rd in Classic Chaux 2007

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Beautiful rivers, nice women, beer in country clubs and a lot of gorgeous excitement.

Age: 20

Occupation: Student

Best International Results:

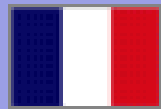
- 4th in classic C1 Ivrea 2008

- 2x 2nd C1 teams Ivrea 2008

- 2x 1st C1 sprint, classic JWC USA 2007

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Beautiful countryside, new rivers, nice people



France

Name: Remi Pete

Event: Mens K1

Age:

Best International Results:

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: Loic Vynisale

Event: Mens K1

Age:

Best International Results:

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: Marc Brodier

Event: Mens K1

Age:

Best International Results:

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: Yann Claude Pierre

Event: Mens K1

Age:

Best International Results:

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:



Germany

Name: Sabine Fusser Event: WK1 Age:

Best International Results:

Comments on coming to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: Alke Overbeck Event: WK1 Age:

Best International Results:

Comments on coming to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: Achim Overbeck Event: Mens K1 Age: 26
Occupation: student: biological process engineering

Top three results in World competition:

- EC 2009: 2nd K1 classic, 1st K1 classic team
- Jun. WC 2000: 3rd K1 classic, 1st K1 classic team
- 5th at World Cup 2006, 2007, 2008

Comments on coming to Australia (Tasmania) for the World Cup?
Six race courses through amazing nature at the other end of the planet - It will be a great experience!

Name: Josef Baumann Event: Mens K1 Age:25
Occupation: student

Top three results in World competition:

- Junior World Champion 3xK1 team 2002

Comments on coming to Australia (Tasmania) for the World Cup?
My biggest success so far, curious about the experience, the countryside, the race courses and the paddlers from all over the world.

Name: Julian Rohn Event: Mens C1 Age:26
Top three results in World competition:

- 2nd World Champion C1-Team
- 5th at the World Championships 2008 C1-Single

Comments on coming to Australia (Tasmania) for the World Cup?
Have a nice time without working. Learn a new culture.

Name: Niels Verhoef Event: Mens C1 Age: 25
Occupation: Sportsarmy

Top three results in World competition:

- 4th World Champs Sprint 2008
- 4th World Champs Sprint Team 2008
- 15th European Champs Sprint 2009.....

Comments on coming to Australia (Tasmania) for the World Cup?
I want to paddle on the great rivers in Tasmania and I am looking forward to see a lot of interesting things in Tasmania. We are planning to do the Overland Track so we are also excited in the great nature of Tasmania!

Maik Schmitz & Nils Knippling
Mens C2

Age: 27

Occupation: CAD-Engineer

Top three results in World competition:

-2nd Place World Championships C2 Classic-Team 2008

-4th Place World Championships C2 Classic 2008

- 8th Place World Championships C2 Sprint 2008

Comments on coming to Australia (Tasmania) for the World Cup?

I'm so excited to see the unique nature and to face the challenging wild water courses.

Age: 26

Occupation:

Top three results in World competition:

-3rd Classic Individual Race EC 2009

- 4th Classic Individual Race WC 2008

- 1st Classic Team Race EC 2007

Comments on coming to Australia (Tasmania) for the World Cup?

See a new exciting country, compete on nice Wildwater Rivers and of course winning the World Cup.



Great Britain

<p>Name: Jessica Oughton Event: Womens K1 Age:</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bronze medal at Lofer classic World Cup 2008 - Second overall in World Cup Series 2008 - European Sprint Bronze medal - Sondrio 2009 - European Sprint Team Champion - Sondrio 2009 <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p>	<p>Name: Hannah Brown Event: Womens K1 Age:</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World junior classic team champion - Charlotte,USA 2007 - European championships - classic 6th - Sondrio, Italy 2008 - European championships - Sprint 6th - Sondrio, Italy 2008 - European Team Sprint Champion - Sondrio, Italy 2009 <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p>
<p>Name: Radka Felingerova Event: Womens K1 Age:</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Cup 2008 World Silver medalist - Sprint Team - Ivrea 2008 - Czech Junior slalom champion 1995 1996 <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p>	<p>Name: Grant Anderson Event: Mens K1 Age: 25</p> <p>Occupation: Environmental Manager – Nottingham Trent University</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10th 2009 Sort Pre-Worlds Sprint -12th 2008 Lofer Sprint (World Cup) -5th 2008 World Student Champs - Slovakia <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup: Can't wait to race you Aussies on your own patch!</p>
<p>Name: Ben Oakley Event: Mens K1 Age: 21</p> <p>Occupation: Medical student</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13th World Cup 2007, Lofer - 18th in 2007 <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup: It's a great place for the World Cup - stunning scenery, great rivers and with unique whitewater courses.</p>	<p>Name: Tim Lawrenson Event: Mens K1 Age: 24</p> <p>Occupation: Student</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 39th 2009 European Champs - 28th overall 2008 world cups <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup: Really looking forward to the see what the rivers of Tasmania have to offer!!!</p>
<p>Name: Jon Schofield Event: Mens K1 Age:</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p>	

Names: Jamie Christie & Simon Wright

Event: Mens C2

Age: 37 **Occupation: Managing Director Lifeplan Products**

Best International Results:

-21st K1 Garmisch

- Bronze medal European Team classic and sprint champs 2009 C2

- 10th Ivrea World Championships 2008

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

We are very excited and cannot wait to find out what canoeing upside down will be like, really looking forward to it

Age: 37

Occupation: Director, Process & Technology, Danieli. (Italy)

Best International Results:

- 21st K1 2003 World Cup – California

- Bronze medal European Team classic and sprint champs 2009 C2

-11th Ivrea World Championships 2008 C2

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

It will be a pleasure to make the journey and race with our friends who usually make the long trip to the northern hemisphere. Looking forward to lots of new rivers.

Names: Dave Bradburn & Colin Cartwright

Event: Mens C2

Age:

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

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Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:



<p>Name: Liz Shouldice Event: WK1 Age:</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p>	<p>Name: Kevin Pierse Event: Mens K1 Age:</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p>
<p>Name: Cillian Duggan Event: Mens K1 Age:</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p>	<p>Name: Richard Hendron Event: Mens K1 Age:</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p>
<p>Name: John Gallagher Event: Mens K1 Age:</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <p>-</p> <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p>	<p>Name: Sean McIntyre Event: Mens K1 Age:</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p>
<p>Name: Keith McGuirk Event: Mens C1 Age: 31</p> <p>Occupation: Electrician</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <p>- - 20th in 2008 World Championships Classic</p> <p>-</p> <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p> <p>Very excited, looking forward to seeing new places, new rivers & A beautiful part of the World.</p>	<p>Name: Tadhg McIntyre Event: Mens C1 Age:</p> <p>Best International Results:</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:</p>



Italy

Name: **Mariano Bifano** Event: **Mens K1** Age:

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: **Carlo Mercati** Event: **Mens K1** Age:

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:



Japan

Name: **Hiroko Sasao** Event: **WK1** Age:

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: **Yoshie Hata** Event: **WK1** Age:

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: **Schinichiro Yoda** Event: **MK1** Age:

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: **Teppei Kato** Event: **MK1** Age:

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: **Masahiro Watnabe** Event: **MK1** Age:

Name: **Kenji Kunikyo** Event: **MK1** Age:



New Zealand

Name: **Marnie Fornusek** Event: **WK1** Age:

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: **Anne Cairns** Event: **WK1** Age:

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:



Slovenia

Name: **Nejc Znidarcic** Event: **Mens K1** Age:

Occupation:

Top three results in World competition:

-European champion

Comments on coming to Australia (Tasmania) for the World Cup?

Name: **Jost Zakrajsek** Event: **Mens K1** Age:

Occupation:

Top three results in World competition:

Comments on coming to Australia (Tasmania) for the World Cup?



Spain

Name: **Arakama Esteban** Event: **WK1** Age:

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: **Miralles Xavier** Event: **MK1** Age:

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:



Switzerland

Name: **Martin Scheuber** Event: **MK1** Age: **23**

Occupation: **Carpenter**

Best International Results:

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Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Name: **Silvan Wyss** Event: **MK1** Age:

Occupation:

Best International Results:

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USA

Name: Jenny Goldberg **Event:** WK1 **Age:** 55

Occupation: Environmental Analyst

Best International Results:

- 6th in the Final sprint race, 2007 World Cup

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

Can't wait to see a Tassie devil and a platypus!

Name: Chris Norbury **Event:** MK1 **Age:** 38

Occupation : Immunologist/ Scientist & Assoc. Professor

Best International Results:

- I guess best marks for talking doesn't apply?

Comments on travelling to Australia (Tasmania) for the 2009 World Cup:

I would not have come for the World Cup if it weren't being held in Tasmania.

Coming to Tasmania really motivated me to train and get healthy for the event.

Name: Tom Weir **Event:** MC1 **Age:** 29

Occupation: Relationship Builder with YMCA

Best International Results:

- 10th Race 4, 2003 World Cup

- 16th, Sprints, World Champs 2004, 2006 & 2008