



Brief Introduction for Agents

AFT- Australian Farm Tourism works to provide a professional Farmstay service to both local families, international students, international families, international travelers and farmers. Our strong reputation has encouraged agents to work consistently with us in this area and we have become known for our specialized education programs and packages. Combined with the experience we have developing Technical Visits, and working with many schools/colleges throughout Australia, our current strength is being able to provide a flexible, specialized and unique product.

WHY CHOOSE AUSTRALIAN FARM TOURISM

- Longest standing farm coordination company in Australia, since 1978
- Australia wide with the ability to take large groups over more than one location
- Most of our farming regions are not far from major cities enabling schools to use Farmstay for only 1 or 2 nights in short itineraries, packaged with other famous sightseeing options.
- Qualified, skilled, bilingual friendly staff who are willing to help with all enquiries
- All host farms are carefully selected and assessed and have undergone training.
- Comprehensive orientation on arrival when requested (Japanese / Chinese is also available in some locations)
- 24 hour bilingual coordinators
- We do not allow the same nationality in the farm while your guests are staying
- Offer agricultural host programs whereby students are matched with farms relative to their studies
- AFT Agricultural Specialist guides to accompany groups for Technical Visits
- Opportunity for students to do work experience in the farm during their stay
- Custom made programs for farmers and business clients to learn about Australian agricultural practices.
- We have 20 million dollar public liability

TYPES OF FARMSTAY PROGRAMS

- Student groups that are studying specific agricultural topics or at agricultural schools/universities
- Farmstay for students that would like to gain a unique cultural experience by experiencing farm activities and living with an Australian family.

Both groups may wish to help out with duties around the farm, learn more about the farm and also do some local sightseeing. This can be a rewarding experience for the Farmstay family as they get to 'show off' the natural beauty of the local environment.

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES MIGHT INCLUDE:

- ★ Feeding farm animals
- ★ Collecting eggs
- ★ Picking fruit
- ★ Weeding the vegetable garden
- ★ Planting a tree
- ★ Hand-led horse-riding
- ★ Cooking scones or cakes / Helping with the BBQ
- ★ Bushwalking or Fossicking
- ★ Sightseeing around local waterfalls, lakes and picnic spots
- ★ And more!!

CONSIDER COMBINING THE FARMSTAY WITH A TECHNICAL TOUR

Technical visits generally last 1-3 hours depending on the group's itinerary, requirements and the farmer's availability. All technical visits are tailor-made to suit the need of the client and might be a behind the scenes tour, a question and answer forum or a lecture. Lunch in the region can be arranged for those groups that wish to combine 2 or 3 technical visits in the one day.

TECHNICAL TOUR TOPICS

- Fruit Orchards and Vegetable Farms also including specific organic or herb farms
- Cattle and Beef Farms including Abattoir tours
- Visits to Associations including Meat & Livestock Australia, Dairy Association, DPI etc
- Horse studs and Sheep farms
- Poultry farms
- Flower and Nurseries
- Grain, Wheat, Silos farms
- Aquaculture farms
- Wholesale market tours
- Specialised lectures on topics such as stock breeding etc

AUSTRALIA WIDE LOCATIONS / MAXIMUM NUMBERS

- NSW - Hawkesbury (250) / Bathurst (80-120) / Holbrook (50)
- QLD - Cairns and Tablelands (Far North Queensland) (400) / Gatton, Toowoomba, Crows Nest (180)
- VIC – Hamilton (50) / Shepparton (30) / Leongatha (30)
- TAS - Hamilton (30)
- WA - York / Corrigin (TBA)

See our FAQs for further queries



Kind regards

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