



australian farm tourism

Providing Agricultural Tourism since 1978 – Australia wide!

The merge with BIG has enabled the application of stricter guidelines, a stronger presence in Asian markets and an increase in available products and beds. Cairns office manages all quotes and bookings but agricultural specialist coordinators are based Australia-wide to ensure quality and successful operations of all programs. Programs range from a 2 hour behind the scene technical visit, an overnight stay on a working or commercial farm, through to a 3 week intensive program. Programs are Australia-wide incorporating technical visits and farmstays.

Australian Farm Tourism provides the research, lectures, technical inspections and visits, meals and farm host accommodation for special & common interest, student and educational groups. These include half day, full day, overnight and extended programs.

#### **4 main types of Farm Tourism - Study Tours, Technical Visits, Group Farmstay and Farm Host.**

**Study tours** include general industry and agricultural industry inspections and visits. Groups visit working farms, general industry, health establishments, reviewing work practices, development and research and learning about how the Australia agricultural and general industry operates. Lectures and talks are sourced through government agencies including Department of Primary Industries.

Each **Technical Visit** generally lasts 2 to 3 hours and will be specialized to suit the needs of the school, university or special interest group. A typical itinerary would include visits to 2 or 3 farms and lunch (as needed) as a full day program out of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane or Cairns.

#### **Types of Farms include but are not limited to:**

Dairy and Dairy Farm Association  
Cattle and Beef  
Horse studs  
Poultry [regulations apply]  
Abattoirs  
Fruit Orchards, Vegetables and Herb Farms  
Flower farms and nurseries  
Grain, Wheat, Silos  
Aquaculture  
Organic Farms  
Market Gardens  
Sheep, Goats



#### **AFT AGRICULTURE TOURISM Services / Products**

- Tailor made Itineraries
- Group Farmstay bookings
- Local farm host coordinators
- Farm Host – Stay on a working farm
- Half and Full day technical tours, extended or multi day programs
- Specialist agricultural seminars and conferences, including agricultural experts and guides
- Agricultural machinery demonstrations
- Day on the farm work experience program

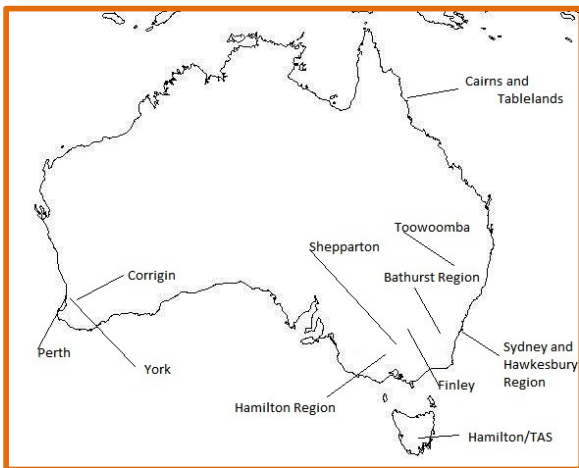


**Group Farmstay** is suitable for special interest, student and education groups whereby the entire group can stay at the one property in dorm style accommodation. Most properties were previously working farms in regional or country Australia and provide the opportunity for groups to have a farmstay experience in comfort, offering a variety of accommodation from bunk style facilities with shared bathrooms up to private rooms with ensuites. As a professional group farmstay, catering is delivered with commercial standards and can cater to dietary requirements.

Activities are usually scheduled to ensure smooth operations and can be tailor-made to meet the needs of the clients. Activities vary from farm to farm but might include: throwing boomerangs, riding horses, making damper, cow milking, feeding the farm animals, collecting eggs, dog mustering demonstrations, whip cracking, night safaris, camp fires, bushwalking, fishing, bike riding, low/high rope courses and kayaking. The list is endless!

**Farm Host** is when guests stay on individual working farms. Guests are hosted on genuine working farms with two to six persons per farm. Guests enjoy meals in the family homestead with the host family, participate in daily farm activities (within their ability and safety regulations) and have the opportunity to go sightseeing to local attractions, other farms etc with their farm host family.

- Packages include accommodation and meals - Dinner and Breakfast or Dinner, Breakfast and Lunch.
- Transfers are provided by host farmers from/to the local farm host collection or a meeting point located in the centre of the town.
- Farm tours and involvement in daily farm activities
- Specially planned technical inspections and tours
- Packages available from one night to multiple nights
- Package discounts apply for stays of 6 nights or more



#### Where can we stay?

Group Farms are located throughout Australia in New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia.

Farm Hosting regions include:

Hawkesbury / Bathurst (NSW)

Southern Highlands / Finley (NSW)

Cairns and the Tablelands (Far North QLD)

Gatton/Toowoomba/ Crows Nest (QLD)

Hamilton/Shepparton/Leongatha (VIC)

Hamilton (TAS)

York/Corrigin (WA)

**We can custom design a program to fit your needs and wants whether it is for an individual or a group!!**



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