Charolais Society of Australia Ltd.

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International Youth 2024

> **August** 9th - 17th 2024

Commences Brisbane Qld Concludes Sydney NSW

> **Bookings close 30th April 2024**











We look forward to welcoming the International Youth to Australia in August 2024. With such a vast country we cannot show you everything our country has to offer. We have focused on providing networking, educational and growth opportunities with most of the tour featuring southern Queensland where Charolais and Charbray genetics have made a significant impact in beef herds.

The Charolais, Charbay International Youth tour commences in Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland. Arrive in Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland. A transfer will be available from Domestic and International Airports to our Brisbane base, the Pacific Hotel, 345 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane. Ideally situated on the CBD fringe and close to the exhibition grounds this venue will be home base for two nights.

Flights into Australia are typically early morning so you will have the opportunity to adjust to local time with a stroll into the city and riverbank area before check in at 2.00pm is available. Society staff will be on hand to assist with any queries during the afternoon and then join all the delegates at a Meet & Greet function commencing around 6.30pm.

The next day is a full day at the Royal Queensland Show, also known as the EKKA (short for Exhibition). In the morning many breeds will be exhibited including Charolais and in the afternoon, the impressive interbreed competitions will be judged. This show features a diverse range of breeds including some developed in Australia, such as the Droughtmaster and Murray Grey. Many breeders will travel in to the show and this offers a great opportunity to meet Australian Charbray and Charolais breeders. Attendees have all day at the event before dinner at a venue close by. (Select your own lunch today from the many options available at the event).

Sunday morning, we leave the show and city and head to the bush, over the next four days we will travel over 1,400 kilometres (870 miles) fitting in some tourism, Charolais herds, beef industry and education facilities. Apologies up front, there will be some time on the bus due to our distances. We venture first to Mt Cooththa to take in a view over the city before heading to the famous Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary where you can get up close to the unique animals of Australia. Koala, kangaroo, platypus, wombats, see just how different Australian animals are.



We drive up the Great Dividing Range which on a clear day offer spectacular views. We will fit in a Charolais herd visit on the journey to Toowoomba. This city sits on top of the Great Dividing Range that runs the length of the Australian East coast.

Heading west, we cross the Darling Downs Region fitting in some herd visits enroute to Roma, home to the Roma Selling Complex. Tuesday morning, we visit the weekly cattle market. Roma has the largest selling complex in Australia with 372,000 head sold in 2014/15. Our buses then start heading south for another herd visit with Goondiwindi on the Queensland-New South Wales border, camp for the night.

Crossing into New South Wales today we will see more cattle on farm as well as local waterfalls around our base for the night, Armidale. The city of Armidale is 1,000 metres above sea level and is home to many industry focused groups and most breed societies including Charolais. The Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABRI) is based here, running databases for British, Hungarian, New Zealand and Australian Charolais societies. Whilst in Armidale we will see facilities and hear research at the University of New England and have presentations from delegates on Charolais in their country.

Friday no more bus trips!, we head to the local airport to fly from Armidale to Sydney for tourism highlights in this amazing city. From the plane we should see the vastness of this city and hopefully some harbour views from above. We plan to jump on a harbour sightseeing cruise (subject to flights being on time!), and offer delegates the opportunity to see the attractions of their choice or stay with the group and explore. Tonight, we will have a farewell dinner, look back on our trip, celebrate new friendships and appreciate the international Charolais and Charbray family. Our base is in the middle of the Central Business District, less than 15 minutes walk to the Opera House, a hop, skip and jump to the public transport systems and some great entertainment venues.

Delegates can fly home on Saturday the 17th August or we can assist to extend their stay at their expense. Most international flights depart later in the afternoon from Sydney, offering the morning for extra sightseeing. Sydney International airport is a short train trip from our hotel base. Transfer back to the airport will be organised and included.

We are still fine tuning some of the visits and there may be slight changes in the final program which will be advised. Arrival and departure dates are set.

WHY AUSTRALIA?

Australia is both a continent and an island and has no land neighbours.

Australia has a population of 26 million people and a land mass of 7,741,220 sq km. The United States has a land mass of 9,833,517 sq km and a population of 337.2 million population!

Cars drive on the left in Australia.

There are numerous animals such as crocodiles, snakes, spiders, jellyfish, sharks and a few more that are deadly, we will do our best to limit your time with these critters.

Many Australian animals are unique to this country such as koalas, kangaroos and echidnas. Delegates will get the chance to see many of these on tour.

Averages temperatures for Brisbane in August are 10° (50°) minimum and 22° (72°), Sydney will be a little cooler, but similiar. Armidale expect a minimum of 2° (36°), warming up in the day to 14° (57°). (C = Celcius, F = Fahrenheit).

People in Australia are very friendly.

Charolais genetics were introduced to Australia in 1969 with the first calf born in 1970. Charolais and Charbray are the most popular European breed in Australia.







Pricing for the International Youth Tour [Australian Dollars]

TWIN SHARE: \$2,500 per person.

SINGLE ROOM: (may be available depending on the location, a surcharge would be incurred.)

We have tried to keep this price down, unfortunately in Australia, the cost of living is higher than usual. Fortunately for international guests our dollar has great exchange rates.

We will be in touch with Charolais and Charbray Associations nominating delegates with our banking details for transfer of funds once we have received nominations for the event.

Inclusions

Pricing includes all accommodation, meals, transfers and entry tickets. Lunch at the Royal Queensland show is not included as there are so many options available. Your domestic flight from Armidale to Sydney is included. Alcohol beverages for those over 18 years are not included in the price.

Delegate Age:

Youth membership is up to 25 years of age in Australia so we can accomodate delegates from 18 years to 25 years. Email Colin at manager@charolais.com.au if your delegate is slightly older, we may be able to assist.

Travel Insurance/ Australian Visa's

Travel insurance is the responsibility of all delegates to arrange prior to arrival in Australia. Delegates are responsible for organising their entry visa requirements into Australia.

Food Allergies / Extra assistance

We would like to deliver a great experience whilst in Australia. If you have any food allergies, medical requirements or require extra assistance in any way please advise these on your registration form.

Domestic Flight [Armidale to Sydney]

The flight from Armidale to Sydney is included in the tour cost. Qantas baggage policy is one (1) checked in bag to 23kg (50lb) and up to 14kg carry on. Maximum weight per piece carry on is 10kg. Max size 1 x 115cm bag = 56cm + 36cm + 23cm Up to 10kgs. Second checked in bags are the cost of delegates.

Stay Longer

Australia has some great spots to visit. Unfortunately in 9 days we can only show you so much. If you need assistance with your extended stay in Australia please email Colin at manager@charolais.com.au He would more than happy to send back some suggestions or recommendations.

Currency / ATM

Australia uses the Australian Dollar and credit and debit cards are accepted widely. ATM's are readily available.

Weather

Technically speaking it will be late winter in Australia in August. Pack a sweater and jacket in case of rain. At any time of the year the Australian sun can be significant so please remember to pack a hat/cap. We will have sunscreen available.

Laundry

There will be an opportunity to access a laundromat during the several days in Armidale if required.

Questions

Please reach out to Colin at manager@charolais.com.au if you have any questions, we will be only to happy to assist.





YOUTH PROGRAM