WAHO 2019 CONFERENCE
AUSTRALIA

04-08 FEBRUARY
WAHO CONFERENCE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CROWNE PLAZA
TERRIGAL PACIFIC
CENTRAL COAST
NEW SOUTH WALES

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HUNTER VALLEY NSW,
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It gives us immense pleasure to welcome the WAHO family back to Australia for the WAHO 2019 Conference. The entire Arabian community in Australasia is eagerly anticipating this global gathering. The Arabian Horse Society of Australia has partnered with our neighbour across the Tasman Sea, the New Zealand Arabian Horse Society, to create an extraordinary 18-day program to combine the business of the main WAHO General Assembly with the pleasure of several stud tours and horse presentations, varied sightseeing, camaraderie and entertainment. We feel sure you will find this edition of the bi-annual WAHO family get-together to be both memorable and enlightening.

You are strongly encouraged to arrive in time to join in a selection of Pre-Conference Tours and Activities in Sydney and the surrounding region, from 1st to 4th February. The definite highlight will be the very special afternoon and evening planned for Saturday 2nd with the Australian Arabian Ambassadors Presentation and VIP Welcome Dinner at the East Coast Championships Finals. You are also invited to immerse yourself in your choice of three full-day tours on Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th February: The Sydney Experience, Blue Mountains in Style, or Spectacular Sydney. Half-day tours visiting both Bondi Beach and the Sydney Opera House are offered on Friday, Sunday and Monday.

The enchanting village of Terrigal, on the Central Coast of New South Wales will provide the backdrop for the primary activities of the WAHO 2019 Conference. The Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific, set in a spectacular location just across from Terrigal Beach with panoramic views of the South Pacific Ocean, will serve as the principal Conference venue hotel. Your free coach transfers from Sydney to Terrigal will be available from Sunday 3rd February, and the WAHO Conference Registration Desk at the Conference venue hotel will also be there to welcome you from that day. The main Conference Schedule based in Terrigal starts on Monday 4th February (please see Page 2 of this brochure for the daily itinerary). The World Registrars Meeting takes place on Tuesday 5th February, and we look forward to greeting you all at the Welcome Dinner that evening for an Aussie-Style BBQ complete with authentically Australian entertainment. The WAHO General Assembly will officially open on the morning of Wednesday 6th February. A very special day is planned for Thursday 7th February giving you all the chance to experience the world-class horses and hospitality of Simeon Stud and Mulawa Arabian Stud. The full last day of the WAHO General Assembly, featuring several guest speakers from around the world, is on Friday 8th February, concluding with the Gala Dinner complete with entertainment that evening.

Dedicated breeders in both Australia and New Zealand will open their doors to you during an ambitious Post-Conference Tour schedule, carefully crafted to share many of the best Arabians and Arabian Derivatives in Australasia with our WAHO family. From Saturday 9th through to Sunday 17th February, nine sensational days of stud tours, special presentations and stimulating sightseeing, you will have the opportunity to discover the best of Australia’s Horse Capital in the Hunter Valley, the greater Melbourne region in Victoria or the sunshine and surf of Queensland’s Gold Coast, rounded off with the unique appeal of New Zealand, with the added bonus of the affable competition and laid-back atmosphere of the New Zealand National Arabian Championships.

Do visit our dedicated Conference website – WAHO2019Australia.com – where you will find a wealth of additional information, with many links to more details of the places we will be visiting.

We are confident that you will find your visit to Australasia the ideal opportunity to enjoy the holiday of a lifetime in the company of like-minded people with a shared passion for the Arabian horse. Plan to spend your February with us, take advantage of the amazing experiences we have arranged during the WAHO 2019 Conference, and discover all that Australia and New Zealand have to offer. We can promise you a generous dose of authentic Aussie hospitality, spectacular scenery and amazing wildlife, as well as an inspiring collection of the immensely talented home-bred Arabians and Arabian derivatives of which we are incredibly proud. Taking part in a WAHO Conference is a unique chance to appreciate the extraordinary bond formed by these horses, the essential connection that brings us all together from distant shores and different cultures, in friendship and in celebration of the Arabian horse.
WELCOME DINNER | TUESDAY 05 FEBRUARY

AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS EXPERIENCE | AUSTRALIAN REPTILE PARK

The Australian Reptile Park will be onsite at the WAHO 2019 Conference with their highly popular ‘Reptiles on the Road’ showcase. An award-winning, hands-on zoological park, the Australian Reptile Park, founded by Australia’s first naturalist Eric Worrell, is a marquee attraction of the Central Coast, and one of the most highly regarded and frequently visited wildlife experiences in Australasia. International guests will have the opportunity to get ‘up close and personal’ with koalas, kangaroos, wallabies and wombats, with a few surprises planned, during the Welcome BBQ on Tuesday evening 5th February. We are delighted to feature Tim and his talented team from Australian Reptile Park at the WAHO 2019 Conference, and look forward to providing a quintessential Aussie wildlife encounter for everyone in attendance.

CAROL HEUCHAN | BUSH POET

Local Australian celebrity Carol Heuchan, a resident of the nearby Hunter Valley, has very generously agreed to share her unique approach to storytelling with WAHO 2019 Conference guests. Award-winning Bush Poet extraordinaire, Carol will enchant guests on Tuesday evening 5th February during the Welcome BBQ. Carol will also serve as the principal commentator for the Australian Arabian Ambassadors Presentation on Saturday 2nd February during the East Coast Championships. We look forward to sharing Carol and her immense authentically Aussie talent with all of our international guests. We can assure you that you are in for an unforgettable treat!
The WAHO 2019 Conference Australia is pleased to partner with the Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific Hotel as the main WAHO Conference venue, not only hosting the WAHO 2019 Conference General Assembly and several social events, but also serving as the official host hotel for your accommodation. You are encouraged to book early to take advantage of the specially arranged guaranteed room rates. Please refer to Page 2 of the enclosed Registration Forms – Section 3 HOTEL ACCOMMODATION – for rates and full booking details.

Located in the small town of Terrigal, just a 90-minute drive north from Sydney, this award-winning 4.5-star hotel, known as the ‘Jewel of the Central Coast’, offers all the facilities and comforts you would expect for a memorable stay. Facing Terrigal Beach with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, the Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific is ideally situated in a secluded natural setting. You will have the opportunity to walk to the beach, stroll to the village shops and savour the warmth, beauty and casual comfort that defines the best of Australia in summertime.

Historic Terrigal, the name deriving from the indigenous Aboriginal word meaning ‘place of little birds’, is situated in a slice of paradise which is of great significance to the local Aboriginal tribes. The region is blessed with pristine beaches, stunning coastline, lush bushland and undeniable energy. Experience the delights of Terrigal Village such as boutique shopping, gourmet eateries and landmarks including The Skillion and The Haven, all within walking distance of the hotel.

Your free transfers to Terrigal from Sydney International Airport, or from the Pre-Conference Tour hotels in Darling Harbour, will be arranged for you according to your preference on or before 5th February. Please note that all those attending the WAHO World Registrars Meeting will need to be in Terrigal by the evening of 4th February.
Synonymous with world-class Straight Egyptian Arabians the world over, Simeon Stud has been a global leader in the breed for over sixty years. Started by Ruth and Peter Simon and their young daughter Marion in the late 1950s, Simeon Stud has evolved from a modest program based on Crabbet and Russian bloodlines, to an exclusively Straight Egyptian herd comprised of many of the best individuals obtained from around the world representing an impressive diversity of genetics. Today, Marion Richmond is credited as the visionary breeder behind more than ten generations of Simeon-bred Arabian horses, many of whom have achieved extraordinary success on every continent.

As a very special treat for WAHO guests, Marion and Team Simeon will welcome you on Thursday morning to the picturesque suburb of Dural, in the Hills District of Northern Sydney, just a short coach trip from the Central Coast. The world-class horses of Simeon will make the morning breeding presentation both educational and enlightening, while Marion’s world-renowned hospitality is sure to make the afternoon lunch a highlight of the entire Conference.

Aristocrat Dam SIMEON SAADA graces the cover of the brochure, a living representative celebrating the international community of the Arabian horse, and a fitting tribute to the invaluable connection shared by WAHO members. Her sire ASFOUR was bred in Germany by former WAHO president Dr. Hans Nagel, while her maternal grandsire SANKT GEORG was bred in the USA. Her granddam is none other than Simeon’s most important foundation mare, the iconic 27 IBN GALAL V, bred by the Bábolna State Stud in Hungary. SIMEON SAADA, born in 1990, is pictured wearing the traditional bridle of her beloved granddam, imported from Europe in 1974.
mulawa arabian stud tour + dinner

Celebrating nearly half a century of commitment and dedication to the Arabian breed, the Farrell Family and Team Mulawa look forward to welcoming the global WAHO Community for the Mulawa Arabian Stud Tour on Thursday afternoon. As one of Australia’s leading Arabian breeding programs, Mulawa remains committed to the desert ideal of the elegant athlete, creating horses that possess the ultimate combination of both beauty and utility. Faithfully stewarding over ten generations of Mulawa-bred Arabians from fourteen essential dam families, the Farrell Family continues to raise the standard for the Arabian horse both at home and, increasingly so, around the world with the very distinct and instantly recognisable ‘Mulawa Arabian’.

Both the Arabian and Warmblood programs will be featured on Thursday afternoon, showcasing many of the top performers currently in residence. Following the presentation, guests will be treated to a relaxing BBQ dinner at Ambition, home to Mulawa Performance, set against the majestic backdrop of Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

Mulawa Arabian Stud will also be generously hosting Post-Conference attendees during Tour HV | Hunter Valley and Australia’s Horse Capital on Sunday 10th February. The Farrell Family cordially invite you to experience the breadth and depth of the breeding program at Alabama Stud, near Scone, home to nearly 200 horses including all the chief sires, broodmares and youngstock.

Mulawa Arabian Stud is the proud breeder of 2015 WAHO Trophy Winner KLASS, sired by the Brazilian-bred TS AL MALIK and out of the iconic foundation mare KARMAA, bred by WAHO ‘Founding Father’ Jay Stream and his wife Dorothy in the USA. Born in 2003 and featured on the back cover of the brochure demonstrating the classic Aussie-style discipline of Working Stock Horse, KLASS exemplifies not only the inherent versatility and exceptional intelligence of the Arabian horse, but also the extraordinary international diversity that defines our WAHO Community.
PRE-CONFERENCE HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

You can choose from three hotel options offered by WAHO 2019 Conference Partner Accor Hotels, situated in close proximity to each other in the vibrant Darling Harbour precinct: the Novotel Darling Harbour, the Sofitel Darling Harbour, or the Ibis Darling Harbour. Airport transfers to your selected hotel will be arranged. The offered tours, operated by AAT Kings Tour Group, will start from the Novotel Darling Harbour. The WAHO Conference Information Desk will also be located at the Novotel Darling Harbour Hotel, where the WAHO 2019 Conference Team will be ready to greet you from Friday 1st February. Tours can also be booked on arrival. Please see the enclosed Registration Forms, Page 3 – Section 5 PRE-CONFERENCE HOTEL ACCOMMODATION for full hotel details and prices.

Should you plan to enjoy more of Australasia prior to 1st February, please contact our Team, who are happy to assist with all your travel plans.
The absolute highlight of the Pre-Conference Tours is the Australian Arabian Ambassadors Presentation on Saturday afternoon 2nd February, hosted in conjunction with the prestigious East Coast Championships, one of Australia’s premier Arabian events.

This specially arranged Presentation will feature several of the most iconic and accomplished breeding, sport, show and performance horses in the country, showcasing the immense diversity and talent not only of our Arabians, but also the eight other Arabian Derivative breeds stewarded with pride and great respect all across this vast continent. Several past Australian WAHO Trophy winners will also be highlighted during the Presentation. Afterwards, you will be treated to a VIP Welcome Dinner on what is the Finals evening of the East Coast Championships, when the best of the Arabian breeding horses from around the country will compete for the highest honours. The East Coast Championships is expertly organised and managed by the New South Wales Arabian Horse Association, who have graciously partnered with the WAHO 2019 Conference Team to offer a truly entertaining and undoubtedly insightful outing. The former Olympic venue of the Sydney International Equestrian Centre will serve as the world-class stage for all the scheduled events on the Saturday afternoon and evening.

Return coach transportation will be provided from your Sydney hotel to the venue. Dinner will also be provided. Business casual attire is recommended. Please be aware that the venue is covered but not air-conditioned, and that February can be hot and humid.

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the sydney experience tour

Whether you are a first-time or returning visitor to Sydney, we highly recommend the customised full day Sydney Experience Tour, which includes a harbour lunch cruise and wildlife interaction at Sydney’s world-famous Taronga Zoo.

Your day starts at 7AM with a hotel pick-up, with coach transport to several of the city’s top attractions including: Sydney Harbour Bridge, Milson’s Point, North Head Lookout, Manly Beach, and views of the iconic Sydney Opera House in the morning. After a lunch cruise on Sydney’s glittering harbour with Captain Cook Cruises, the afternoon will be yours to explore Taronga Zoo (entry fees included with booking). An afternoon ferry service will transport you back to Darling Harbour, just a few short steps away from your hotel, with the city’s top entertainment and dining district yours to enjoy for the remainder of the evening.

**SUNDAY 03 FEBRUARY | FULL DAY**

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* aged 12 and under
the blue mountains in style tour

Take a scenic drive west of Sydney and discover the magnificent Blue Mountains, which were first crossed in 1813 by explorers Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson.

This World Heritage-listed National Park is recognised internationally for its incredible geographic, botanic and cultural values and boasts a stunning landscape of dense eucalypt forest, grand escarpments, waterfalls and cave systems. Travel by air-conditioned coach to the mountain village of Katoomba, the cultural Heart of the Blue Mountains, and take in the breathtaking views of the Three Sisters from Echo Point Lookout. The idyllic mountain village of Leura provides the perfect respite for morning tea, before arriving at Scenic World, an adventure oasis that immerses you in the natural magnificence of the Blue Mountains with a Skyway, Rain Forest Boardwalk, Cableway and the world’s steepest Railway incline. After a relaxing lunch at Wentworth Falls, the coach will depart towards Sydney with an afternoon visit to Featherdale Wildlife Park, a hands-on wildlife experience and unquestionably one of the top local attractions. A scenic aquatic journey to Darling Harbour on a Parramatta River Cruise finishes the day, allowing you to enjoy the sites of Sydney Olympic Park and the charming waterside suburbs of inner Sydney. Once back at your hotel, your evening is free to enjoy at your leisure.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- **MORNING TEA | LEURA**
- **ECHO POINT LOOKOUT & THREE SISTERS | KATOOMBA**
- **SCENIC WORLD | UNLIMITED DISCOVERY PASS ACCESS**
- **LUNCH | WENTWORTH FALLS**
- **FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK ENTRY**
- **PARRAMATTA RIVER CRUISE (BEVERAGE INCLUDED)**
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR GUIDE**
- **COACH TRANSPORT | DARLING HARBOUR – BLUE MOUNTAINS – FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK (RETURN)**
- **FERRY SERVICE | PARRAMATTA – DARLING HARBOUR (ONE-WAY)**

**SUNDAY 03 OR MONDAY 04 FEBRUARY**

**PRICE PER PERSON**

- **$245 (ADULT)**
- **$115 (CHILD)***

**DEPARTURE**

- **7AM**

**RETURN**

- **5:30PM**

* aged 12 and under
**Spectacular Sydney Tour**

The Spectacular Sydney Tour is an AAT Kings favourite, packing the best of Sydney into a day filled with memorable sights, sounds and scenery at an affordable price.

**Tour Inclusions**

- Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Milson's Point
- North Head Lookout
- Manly Beach
- Sydney Harbour Lunch Cruise
- The Rocks
- Mrs. Macquarie's Chair
- The Gap
- Bondi Beach
- Sydney Opera House
- Professional Tour Guide
- Coach Transport

**Price**

- **$215 (Adult)**
- **$145 (Child)***

**Departure**

- **7AM**

**Return**

- **5:30PM**

* aged 12 and under

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**Bondi Beach & Sydney Opera House Tour**

Your day starts in the late morning with a behind-the-scenes tour of one of the world's most famous landmarks: the Sydney Opera House. Discover the stories, history and magic of this architectural wonder on an incredible guided tour, taking you inside the world-famous sails.

**Tour Inclusions**

- Sydney Opera House Backstage Tour
- The Rocks
- Mrs. Macquarie’s Chair
- The Gap
- Bondi Beach
- Sydney Opera House Views
- Professional Tour Guide
- Coach Transport | Darling Harbour – Sydney (Return)

**Price**

- **$110 (Adult)**
- **$75 (Child)***

**Departure**

- **10:45AM**

**Return**

- **5:45PM**

* aged 12 and under
The WAHO 2019 Post-Conference Tours have been carefully crafted to give our international guests the opportunity not only to discover more of Australasia’s Arabian horse breeders in the horse capital of the Hunter Valley and in the neighbouring Australian states of Victoria and Queensland, as well as in our sister nation of New Zealand, but also to experience more of the natural beauty and top attractions in this unique corner of the globe. These two, three and four day tours will feature stud visits, breeding presentations, culinary excursions to top local wineries, the world-famous penguins of Phillip Island, the energising Australian Outback Spectacular Show, the annual highlight of the New Zealand Arabian National Championships, and the vibrant urban appeal of Melbourne, the Gold Coast, Brisbane and Auckland.

To help you make your selection, a detailed description of each Post-Conference Tour can be found on the following pages.

**AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

09-17 FEBRUARY

Extending your stay in Australasia after the WAHO General Assembly itself is highly recommended, ensuring your long trip from overseas is as enlightening, inspiring and rewarding as possible. The WAHO Conference Team is prepared to assist you with all your travel arrangements for each of these Post-Conference Tours, including connecting flights, local accommodation and transport between tour stops at each destination.

While we encourage all registered participants to book your selected Post-Conference Tours at the time of registration, you can also book and pay for these tours at any time prior to the scheduled tour dates. Please contact the WAHO 2019 Conference Team prior to your arrival in Australia should you wish to add a booking on any of the Post-Conference Tours. Once on site in Australia, we would be delighted to assist you in booking additional Post-Conference Tour activities at the Pre-Conference Information Desk at the Novotel Darling Harbour Hotel in Sydney from 1st – 5th February, or at the WAHO 2019 Conference Registration Desk at the Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific from 3rd – 9th February.

Please see the enclosed Registration Forms, Page 4 – Section 6 WAHO POST-CONFERENCE TOURS for the list of tour fees, which are fully inclusive of guides, hotel accommodation with breakfast, Wi-Fi and applicable taxes, meals as described and coach transport. Airfares to join the Post-Conference Tours to Victoria (Tour VIC), Queensland (Tour QLD) and New Zealand (Tour NZ) are not included in the relevant tour fees. On receipt of your registration form we will contact you to learn your requirements, so we can inform you of the ticket prices and book your flight(s) accordingly. Your one-way or return flights will be booked for you, to fit in with your planned return flight home according to your airport of departure at the end of your final selected tour. Flight booking and travel assistance will be provided to all Post-Conference Tour registrants to ensure your travel is efficient and economical.

| 09-10 FEBRUARY | SATURDAY & SUNDAY |
| **TOUR HV** | Arabian & Thoroughbred Stud Tours |
| | Wine Tasting |
| | 2 Nights Hotel Accommodation |
| | + Coach Transport |

| 11-13 FEBRUARY | MONDAY – WEDNESDAY |
| **TOUR VIC** | Arabian Stud Tours & Parades |
| | Phillip Island Penguin Experience |
| | 3 Nights Hotel Accommodation |
| | Flight(s) NOT included |

| 11-13 FEBRUARY | MONDAY – WEDNESDAY |
| **TOUR QLD** | Arabian Stud Tours & Parades |
| | Australian Outback Spectacular Show |
| | 3 Nights Hotel Accommodation |
| | Flight(s) NOT included |

| 14-17 FEBRUARY | THURSDAY – SUNDAY |
| **TOUR NZ** | Arabian National Championship Show |
| | North Island Sight Seeing |
| | 4 Nights Hotel Accommodation |
| | Flight(s) NOT included |
The Hunter Valley is one of Australia's top tourist destinations, famous for both world-class wines and the best equines in the Southern Hemisphere.

The rural heritage town of Scone is globally renowned as ‘Australia’s Horse Capital’, home to the majority of the leading Thoroughbred studs and one of the largest Arabian breeding herds on the continent, as well as being the heart of Australian Stockhorse country, a breed whose origins trace directly to a significant infusion of Arabian blood. The Hunter Valley wine region is the oldest in Australasia, attracting more tourists each year than South Australia’s Barossa Valley and McClaren Vale, and Western Australia’s Margaret River Region.

The Hunter Valley & Australia’s Horse Capital Post-Conference Tour has been carefully crafted to provide international guests with the best of both world-class equines and local culinary delights, with a heaping dose of authentic Aussie hospitality. Scheduled for two fun-filled days (Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th) immediately after the WAHO General Sessions, the Hunter Valley and Australia’s Horse Capital Post-Conference Tour is a ‘must-do/must-see’ experience just a short coach ride away from the Central Coast.

Following the festivities of Friday night’s Gala Dinner, coach transport will be provided mid-morning on Saturday 9th February from the Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific for the first stop on the Hunter Valley Tour: Jenni and Paul Ogden’s Eagleridge Arabians Farm. A globally recognised source of world-class Arabian show horses and breeding stock, Eagleridge will not only showcase their own breeding program but host several other local breeders for an engaging afternoon presentation. Following a relaxing lunch and fellowship, the coach will depart for the heart of the Hunter Valley with an overnight planned at The Remington Inn, close to all the activities and sights in the centrally located town of Muswellbrook.

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The Hunter Valley & Australia’s Horse Capital Post-Conference Tour

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On Sunday, local equine tour expert Craig Benjamin will be our guide for intimate ‘behind-the-scenes’ experiences at three of the most prominent studs in the area, home to legendary athletes and celebrated breeding horses. The morning kicks off with a visit to Mulawa Arabian Stud’s Alabama Farm, home to the entirety of the Arabian and Warmblood breeding programs, including all the chief sires, broodmares and youngstock being raised on the this expansive property. Lunch and wine tasting at Hollydene Estate in nearby Jerrys Plains will set the stage for a spectacular afternoon, as the vineyard’s hillside location overlooks the well groomed paddocks of Coolmore Australia, a division of the world’s largest Thoroughbred breeding operation. A stud tour at Coolmore will immediately follow, as will a special visit to the incredible Widden Stud, an iconic Aussie stud farm owned and operated by the Thompson Family for over 150 years.

The coach will depart for Sydney late in the afternoon with a dinner stop along the route at the charming Wyong Milk Factory, an inspiringy renovated dairy farm that features two dining options: at the cozy Café, or for the full farm experience, at The Rusty Udder Bar and Grill. Evening return will be provided to the Mercure Sydney Airport hotel, for an overnight stay before your departure home, or to Victoria or Queensland for continued post-conference tour enjoyment. The hotel is a convenient shuttle ride away to your flight departures on Monday morning.
The Australian state of Victoria has long been the source of significant Arabian horse activity, home to many of the most influential breeding, training and performance programs throughout the continent’s 230-year horse history.

The Garden State of Victoria is also home to many of Australia’s top tourist attractions, including the thriving metropolis of Melbourne, consistently ranked atop the list of the world’s most livable cities, the Great Ocean Road, one of the great global road trips, and the adorable fairy penguins of Phillip Island, whose nightly ‘parade’ across Summerland Beach is included as a high point of the Victorian Post-Conference Tour.

Scheduled to follow right after Tour HV, you will fly into Melbourne on Monday 11th February to enjoy the many local attractions of this vibrant urban haven. A short 80-minute flight from Sydney, Melbourne International Airport is just 25km from the city centre. Transport will be arranged to the Crowne Plaza Melbourne, located on the Yarra River in the South Wharf Precinct, for your first overnight. Monday will be yours to explore the sights and attractions of Melbourne on your own.

The following morning, our coaches will transport you east of the city to gorgeous Gippsland, with a relaxing lunch scheduled at Cannibal Creek Vineyard, sure to be a gourmet experience to please all your senses. An afternoon presentation of horses is scheduled at The Arena at Ripplebrook, featuring high profile Arabians and Arabian Derivatives from many of the most successful breeders and owners from the local area. A late afternoon departure for Phillip Island will put guests up-close-and-personal with the world-famous fairy penguins as they make their daily trek from sea to shore without fail to the delight of international visitors. ‘Penguins Plus’ access gives you a guaranteed seat on the raised viewing platform, offering unprecedented, up-close viewing of the little penguins as they waddle along the most popular pathway at the Penguin Parade.
Following an overnight on Phillip Island at the Comfort Resort Kaloha, the coach will depart for the opposite side of Melbourne, to the enchanting region of the Macedon Ranges, where you will be treated to specially arranged visits to Future Farms Arabians and Al Sahrae Arabians. Many of the leading local breeders will share in this presentation of the region’s best breeding horses and most versatile performers, including both of our most recent WAHO Trophy winners: CRAVE FF and PRINCE CHARMING FF.

We will then head for the Quest Melbourne Airport Hotel, just a short 35-minute drive away, for an overnight stay before your departure home, or to New Zealand for continued post-conference tour enjoyment. The hotel provides easy access for all flight departures on Thursday morning, with shuttle service provided to both the domestic and international terminals.

**FEATURED BREEDERS & STUDS**

**GIPPSLAND**
- Westacres Arabians
- Kathmar Park
- Hawley Arabians
- JH Training Centre
- Shiranna Arabians
- Istashra Arabians
- Sa’Vey Arabians
- Dara Park Stud
- Keira Park
- Allanooka Arabians
- Ajay Arabians
- Crystal Lodge Performance
- Shalida Park Ponies
- Dawn Valley Arabians

**MACEDON RANGES**
- Future Farms
- Al Sahrae Arabians
- Krishiah Arabians
- Southern Chariot Stud
- Re-Allity Arabians
- Gleniph Arabians
- Rezeema Arabians
- Jesris & Kharine Arabians
- Messaria Park
- Jacksons Arabians

**MONDAY 11 - WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY | MELBOURNE, VICTORIA**

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The Sunshine State of Queensland is not only the source of many of the continent’s top Arabian performers and most universally admired breeders, it is also home to many of Australia’s top tourist attractions.

Included is the chic urban centre of Brisbane, Australia’s warmest, sunniest and most laid-back major metropolis, the vacation wonderlands of the Pacific on the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast, the tropical paradise of the Whitsunday Islands, UNESCO World Heritage-listed Daintree – one of the world’s oldest primeval rainforests at the continent’s top end, and the undeniable Australasian jewel, the Great Barrier Reef – the only natural Wonder of the World visible from space.

Scheduled to follow right after Tour HV, you will fly from Sydney to the Gold Coast on Monday 11th February to enjoy the many local attractions of this world-famous vacation hot-spot. Just a short 80-minute flight from Sydney, Gold Coast International Airport is the gateway to the excitement, entertainment and natural splendour that are synonymous with the region. Airport transfers will be arranged to your accommodation at the Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise, in the heart of the Gold Coast, for your Monday and Tuesday overnights. The Gold Coast, the site of Australia’s original WAHO Conference back in 2000, will be yours to explore at your leisure for the rest of Monday.

A special presentation of Arabian and Arabian Derivative horses from local breeders and owners, featuring barrel racing, jumping, whip cracking and costume horses, will officially welcome registered participants the next morning. Many of Queensland’s best breeders and horses will be featured at this star-studded event. A relaxing lunch, including wine tasting, at O’Reilly’s Canungra Valley Vineyards is included in Tuesday’s activities, followed by an evening of entertainment.
dinner and the show at the Australian Outback Spectacular. Your exclusive ‘Top Rail Premium Package’ ensures you not only get the best seat in the house, but you receive VIP treatment including meet and greet on arrival, pre-show beverage of your choice, complimentary souvenir program, complimentary souvenir photograph, a three-course meal and first-class beverages during the show.

The following day will include three major stud visits, via coach transport, in the historic Ipswich area, including Bacchante Arabians for morning tea and Moondarra Arabians for a relaxing BBQ lunch. Many of the leading local breeders will share in the presentation of superstar breeding horses and versatile performers, a highlight of which will include an afternoon visit to the world-famous Bremervale Stud, home to the Toft Family’s incredibly successful seven decades-old breeding program. Evening return will be provided to the Ibis Brisbane Airport hotel, just a short 45-minute ride away, for an overnight stay before your departure home, or to New Zealand for continued post-conference tour enjoyment. The hotel is a convenient shuttle ride away to your flight departures on Thursday morning.
The WAHO 2019 Conference Australia is proud to partner with our close neighbours to the east, New Zealand, working together to bring you the best of Australasia. New Zealand is not only a natural island paradise, but home to some of the best Arabian and Arabian-related horses on the planet.

The New Zealand Arabian Horse Society has thoughtfully scheduled their National Show the weekend after the WAHO 2019 Conference, affording international guests the opportunity to attend the premier annual event on the Kiwi show calendar, while enjoying the company and the camaraderie of New Zealand’s many dedicated breeders and owners.

Post-Conference tour guests will have the option of departing either Brisbane or Melbourne, following the Post-Conference tours in each of the neighbouring Australian states, early in the morning on Thursday 14th February. Auckland, the jewel of North Island, is just a short three-hour flight from Australia’s East Coast, affording travellers the opportunity to enjoy nearly two full days of local sightseeing activities. The international airport (AKL) is just a short 15km drive to the central business district; airport transfers will be provided to the host hotel for Thursday evening – the M Social overlooking Auckland’s vibrant Princes Wharf.

Breathtaking Auckland, the ‘City of Sails’, is the largest in New Zealand, a bustling urban hub nestled between two contrasting coastlines, rich with a combination of metropolitan delights and natural landscapes. Water is a central feature of the incomparable Auckland lifestyle, so be sure to enjoy plenty of time on the waterfront, from the rugged landscape of the West Coast beaches to the expansive Hauraki Gulf around which the city thrives, home to the most iconic local island of Rangitoto, the youngest volcanic cone in the region, and the haven of Waiheke Island, home to the region’s best wineries and olive orchards, just a short 35-minute ferry ride from the city centre. New Zealand’s internationally award-winning tourism website, 100% New Zealand, is brimming with options and possibilities for local Auckland attractions, from must-do experiences, scenic highlights, the finest food and wine, and the best in local shopping. An Auckland City Tour is also highly recommended for a reasonably priced, more personally catered and thoroughly entertaining option to experience the best of this glittering world capital. Should you arrive on Thursday 14th, remember your Valentine and treat him/her to something special at one of Auckland’s world-class eateries.

### Pricing

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Single Room | 1 Person
Double/Twin Room | 2 Persons Sharing
After two full days of spectacular sightseeing on your own, you will be treated on Saturday and Sunday to the generosity and hospitality of the Auckland Arabian Horse Club. Departing early each morning via coach from the charming local Tuakau Hotel, you will enjoy the beauty and versatility of the Arabian and Arabian Derivative breeds both in hand and under saddle at the New Zealand Arabian National Championships, hosted just a short ride away at the Showfields Equestrian Centre in Hampton Downs. Share in this prestigious experience as a VIP guest, enjoying a catered lunch each day, a special presentation of Living Legends – breeding, show and sport horses of significance including recent WAHO Trophy Winners, the consummate company of local New Zealand breeders and owners, and honoured guest status at the Breeders’ Gala Dinner on Saturday evening.

Post-Conference Tour guests will have the opportunity to depart on Sunday evening 17th February, or conversely on Monday 18th should your departing flights leave earlier in the day. Once in New Zealand, however, we would enthusiastically encourage you to explore more of the awe-inspiring wonder of ‘Middle Earth’ on this volcanic island paradise of Aotearoa, by extending your trip and taking in more of the sights on both North and South Island. Coming all the way to WAHO 2019 Conference Australia without an extended visit to New Zealand is an opportunity missed! The passionate Kiwi breeders, owners and professionals look forward to hosting you and sharing the best of this natural paradise, as well as our shared love of the Arabian horse. Kia Ora!

**THURSDAY 14 – SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY | AUCKLAND & NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND**

### TOUR DETAILS & INCLUSIONS

**14 FEBRUARY | THURSDAY**
- MORNING | FLIGHT DEPARTURES TO AUCKLAND | NEW ZEALAND
- ALL DAY | AUCKLAND SELF-GUIDED TOURS & SIGHT SEEING (NO MEALS INCLUDED)
- OVERNIGHT AT THE M SOCIAL HOTEL | PRINCES WHARF, AUCKLAND

**16 FEBRUARY | SATURDAY**
- 8:30 | COACH DEPARTURE TO HAMPTON DOWNS | SHOWFIELDS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
- 9:00 | NEW ZEALAND ARABIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | VIP ACCESS (LUNCH INCLUDED)
- 16:00 | COACH RETURN TO TUAKAU HOTEL
- 18:30 | AUCKLAND ARABIAN HORSE CLUB GALA DINNER | TUAKAU HOTEL
- OVERNIGHT AT THE TUAKAU HOTEL

**15 FEBRUARY | FRIDAY**
- ALL DAY | AUCKLAND SELF-GUIDED TOURS & SIGHT SEEING (HOTEL BREAKFAST)
- 16:00 | COACH TRANSPORT TO TUAKAU
- OVERNIGHT AT THE TUAKAU HOTEL

**17 FEBRUARY | SUNDAY**
- 8:30 | COACH DEPARTURE TO HAMPTON DOWNS | SHOWFIELDS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
- 9:00 | NEW ZEALAND ARABIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | VIP ACCESS (LUNCH INCLUDED)
- 16:00 | COACH TRANSPORT TO AUCKLAND AIRPORT
- OVERNIGHT AT THE NAUMI HOTEL | AUCKLAND AIRPORT
AUSTRALIA

With the exception of New Zealand, visitors from all other countries will need a travel visa and valid passport to enter Australia. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after your planned arrival into Australia. Please ensure your passport is at least valid until 2020 before applying for a Visitor Visa to Australia to avoid any delays or refusal.

Please remember: All passengers other than Australian and New Zealand citizens need to present the following documents to officers in immigration clearance:

- a valid passport or other acceptable travel document
- a valid visa or authority to enter Australia (including electronic visas)
- a completed and signed Incoming Passenger card, including health and character declaration.

EVISITOR VISA (SUBCLASS 651)

Passport holders of European Union nations are eligible to apply for an eVisitor visa (subclass 651). Applications for eVisitor visas are available online for applicants outside Australia who want to visit Australia for tourism or business purposes. This eVisitor visa is available at no cost for eligible applicants and is valid for multiple visits lasting no longer than three (3) months over a twelve (12) month period from issue date of the visa. The majority of eVisitor visas are issued within 24 hours of application submission, with the remainder successfully issued within 48 hours.

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORITY (ETA) VISA (SUBCLASS 601)

Citizens of the United States, Canada and some Asian countries, as well as those from European countries who are unable to be issued the free eVisitor visa, are eligible for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) visa. ETA applications are available online for applicants outside Australia who want to visit Australia for tourism or business purposes. ETAs are successfully granted within 24 hours of application, oftentimes within a few hours of application submission and payment, which should normally cost no more than $20 AUD.

VISITOR VISA (SUBCLASS 600)

All other visitors to Australia will likely qualify for a Vistor visa (subclass 600). Visitor visas (subclass 600) are issued to those travelling to Australia as a visitor, or a visitor for business purposes, which will encompass all WAHO Conference attendees. Visitor visas are issued for three (3), six (6) or twelve (12) month periods. Costs for Visitor visas begin at $140 AUD. Please keep in mind that, depending on the passport carried, processing times for subclass 600 Visitor visas can take several weeks. Please do not wait until the last minute to apply for a subclass 600 Visitor visa. Visitor visas applications may also be submitted in person at the representative Australian Embassy or Consulate in your home country.

For complete visa information required to enter Australia, please visit: homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/appl/visitor

NEW ZEALAND

VISITOR VISA

Travel to New Zealand from a large majority of countries around the world is visa-free. No Visitor visa is required to travel to New Zealand for less than a three-month stay if you are a:

- Citizen or resident of Australia
- Citizen and/or passport holder of the United Kingdom (six-month stays allowed)
- Citizen and/or passport holder of one of the many countries, which have a Visa Waiver Agreement with New Zealand

All other passport holders will need to apply for a Visitor visa, which can be applied for online or at your local New Zealand Embassy or Consulate. Please visit New Zealand Immigration website for more details. Passports must be valid for at least three months longer than your expected departure date from New Zealand.

For further information regarding visas required to enter New Zealand, please visit: newzealand.com/in/visas-and-immigration

The WAHO 2019 Conference Australia Team is ready and willing to assist all attendees in obtaining the appropriate Australian and New Zealand Visitor visa, including sending a personal invitation letter to support your visa application if required.

For more detailed information, please visit the VISA REQUIREMENTS page on the WAHO 2019 Conference website.
WEATHER

February is summertime in the Southern Hemisphere and Australia’s New South Wales Coast is the ideal location to enjoy the best of our summer weather. Both the Central Coast and Sydney enjoy around 7 hours of cloud-free sunshine daily, with sunrise before 6AM and sunset after 7PM. Daytime temperatures are normally around 26-30°C with some humidity. Occasional days can reach well above average temperatures, with higher humidity. We encourage you to check the local projected forecast before you depart to help you plan and pack appropriately.

The climate in Auckland and the North Island of New Zealand in February is slightly more temperate with daytime temperatures in the mid to low 20s°C, with moderate humidity. Cloud cover is more common with rainfall likely, on average, six to seven days throughout the month.

SUN EXPOSURE

Do be aware that the Australian and New Zealand summer sun is very strong and can cause sunburn even on cloudy days. Even if you are from a sunny country and climate, please stay safe by bringing sun protection essentials. When you are out and about, we highly recommend you use a water-resistant sunscreen (SPF30+ or higher) and wear a sunhat, sunglasses and loose clothing covering your arms and legs. Always protect against heat exhaustion by keeping well hydrated.

TIME ZONE

In February, New South Wales operates on Daylight Savings Time, encompassing both Sydney and the Central Coast in Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT), which is 11 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Auckland and the North Island of New Zealand are also on Daylight Savings Time (NZDT) in February, which equates to 13 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Pre-purchasing suitable travel insurance that covers you for theft, loss, accidents and medical problems is highly recommended. Please remember to bring your insurance policy details and emergency contact numbers with you.

CURRENCY

The national currency of both Australia and New Zealand is called the dollar. Logically, in Australia the currency is referred to as the Australian Dollar (AUD); in New Zealand, the New Zealand Dollar (NZD); each national currency has its own exchange rate on the international market. Please verify the current exchange rate for each currency prior to your arrival. Currency exchange is available at banks, hotels and international airports; cash withdrawal machines are common in towns and cities. Credit and debit cards such as VISA or MasterCard are widely accepted.

ELECTRICITY

Electrical grid voltage in Australia and New Zealand is 230V 50Hz. Travellers from most nations in Asia, Africa, South America and Europe should have appliances that work on the same voltage as Australia. Travellers from the USA, Canada and Japan, whose appliances use 100/120V 50/60Hz, will need to bring a voltage converter for appliances that do not already have converters in their charging cords (most mobile phones and lap top charging cables already possess voltage converters). Both countries use the same plug (two angled prongs). Please see the Conference website for more details.