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2019



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WELCOME

We are excited to unveil the preview of our 2019 Tours. With our biggest number of tours to choose from, we have adventures to almost every corner of the world, including our own backyard, with new options available to the Kimberley and to New Zealand

We've freshened up some of our old favourites to make our USA, Canada and UK programs more appealing than ever and we've listened to your feedback and have introduced some new destinations for you to explore.

In 2019, you can combine Californian Agriculture with the history of the Mayan Ruins in Mexico or consider indulging your senses whilst combining some of Europe's best loved sights on our Italian Lakes and Swiss Alps Tour.

We know how precious time can be and sometimes how difficult it can be to get away for an extended period so in 2019 we have introduced some shorter tours for you to consider. Experience the bustling markets, colour and culture of India or perhaps the rugged landscape of volcanoes and waterfalls of Hawaii. You can experience the best of both worlds with a Quadrant tour. Our tours showcase the best of sights and sounds in each country and also give you an insight into agricultural practices around the world.

Our team at Quadrant Australia is one of our biggest strengths. They have travelled, lived and worked all over the world. Our connections with our international partners mean that your experience is like no other. Whether it's sharing a glass of wine in the vineyards with an Italian winemaker or standing around a barbecue swapping stories with Argentinian gauchos, our special interest tours have been providing outstanding experiences for more than 30 years.

We're delighted that people are coming back time after time. One of our regular travellers recently told us:

"We have toured to USA, Canada, South America, NSW, QLD, Scandinavia and the UK and all tours have been exciting, educational, with high quality accommodation and interesting local visits. Travelling with like-minded people makes the tour more friendly and fun"

So, whether this is your first tour or your 10th, in 2019, write your own travel story because, "of all the books in the world, the best stories can be found between the pages of a passport".

Happy Travels,

The Team at Quadrant



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Horse Deals



New Zealand



Canada



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Glorious UK Gardens



Parc Güell, Barcelona

UK, EUROPE & SCANDINAVIA

“The tour content was amazing and there were many highlights; very enjoyable farming and sightseeing trip. Tour leaders were outstanding and we enjoyed every moment”

Lesley and Norm, Farmers Tour of Western Europe 2017

GLORIOUS UK GARDENS

 // 23 DAYS / MAY

The United Kingdom is well-known for its impressive castles, ornate stately homes and historic manor houses, generally surrounded by fabulous trees and beautiful gardens, so why not soak up the glorious scenery of the UK in spring and appreciate the rich heritage of generations of passionate gardeners and garden designers. Start your journey in Edinburgh and see some spectacular Scottish gardens, then travel southwards and see a diverse range of exceptional gardens in beautiful settings. Stay in historic locations, including the Lake District, the Cotswolds and Bath and finish in London with a visit to the Royal Horticultural Society's flagship event - the Chelsea Flower Show.

FARMERS TOUR TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

 // 23 DAYS / MAY

Olé Olé - escape to the Mediterranean and beyond! Discover the colour and charm of Spain with its vibrant culture, warm climate, delicious food, art and architecture. Visit Portugal with its golden beaches, white-washed villages and clifftop castles. Take in the highlights of Lisbon, Barcelona, Seville, Corboda, Madrid and the Alhambra Palace in Granada. Explore some of the historic production areas involved with olive oil, wine and sherry and dine out on delicious Spanish and Portuguese cuisine - it's sure to be a feast for the senses!

FARMERS TOUR TO WESTERN EUROPE

 // 23 DAYS / MAY

Enjoy a wonderful journey through countries where farming, food and family life have been evolving over hundreds of years. Explore the countryside of Italy, Switzerland and France and see how the locals live and farm. Sample delicious cuisine and soak up the beauty of the landscape in spring. Immerse yourself in the culture and tradition of these much-loved countries visiting farms, vineyards, local markets, cobblestone villages and historic cities. This tour really has it all - a delightful blend of rural life with all the traditional sights of Western Europe.

UK, EUROPE & SCANDINAVIA

FARMERS TOUR TO ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES

🇬🇧 // 23 DAYS / JUNE

Plus optional Ireland Extension

Join us on a tour of the UK for the Best of British! A fascinating tour showcasing the best of England, Scotland and Wales through a wide range of interesting visits and experiences – cattle, sheep, dairy and cropping farm visits, plus historic sites, stately homes and gardens, attractions and the famous cities of London, Edinburgh and Dublin. Once again, we are including the regions of Devon and Cornwall, Northern Scotland and Northwest Ireland, as well as the wonderful Highland Show in Scotland.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CENTRAL EASTERN EUROPE

🇵🇱 // 28 DAYS / JUNE

Plus optional Romanian Extension

Get off the well-beaten tourist trail and learn about life in the countryside and small villages of Central Eastern Europe. Contrast traditional farming methods with modern styles of agricultural production and see the diversity of agricultural practices across six countries – Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary. Visit farms, sample delicious regional produce, view breathtaking landscapes, visit ancient and beautiful cities and experience amazing hospitality. There is just so much of interest!

ICELAND AND GREENLAND Volcanos, Icebergs & Waterfalls

🇮🇸 // 12 DAYS / JULY

The Nordic nation of Iceland is a country of volcanoes, geysers, hot springs and lava fields. But it's not just rugged and dramatic landscapes, it's also about the creativity and resilience of the Icelandic people who can trace their ancestry back to Norsemen from Scandinavia and Celts from the British Isles. Visit all the major natural sights in Iceland then travel to the Danish territory of Greenland for four days to experience the natural beauty of its valleys, mountains, crystal clear water and its icebergs! A real adventure!

Church & Rapeseed field, Bohemia



FARMERS TOUR TO SCANDINAVIA

🇳🇴 // 20 DAYS / JULY

Plus optional Finland Extension

Scandinavia is surprising and offers exceptional diversity and stunning natural landscapes. Explore Norway, Denmark and Sweden during the northern summer and visit livestock, cropping and dairy enterprises, as well as farm forestry operations. Enjoy the scenic coastlines and countryside, idyllic islands, fjords and forested mountains and discover why Scandinavia offers some of the world's highest living standards. Visit the vibrant cities of Bergen, Oslo, Copenhagen and Stockholm to see stunning architecture and sophisticated design and immerse yourself in Scandinavia's fascinating Viking and shipping heritage.



Farm in Lakes District



Norway



“All trips undertaken with Quadrant have been of superior quality and great interest. I very much look forward to my next one”

Jim, Farmers Tour to the UK and Ireland 2017

IRELAND AND UK FARM TOUR

// 17 DAYS / JULY

Plus optional Scotland Extension

This classic tour of the British Isles is full of intriguing contrasts, fascinating rural history and varied farming - from Ireland's colourful villages on the wild Atlantic coast and England's neatly stone-fenced fields, right up to Scotland's remote hills and lochs on the same latitude as Norway. The itinerary includes the Royal Welsh Show, where you can see the cream of Britain's beef industry, as well as two livestock 'marts' where bidding is always fast and furious. Tour manager Fiona Lake knows what makes a great photograph and what interests Australian producers, so she has designed this tour with these specifics in mind.

HORSE DEALS EQUINE TOUR TO IRELAND AND ENGLAND

 // 22 DAYS / JULY

Experience the thrill of attending high profile equestrian events in both England and Ireland, with Dale Plumb. Fly to London and spend a few days at the Royal Hickstead Show in Sussex, home of the All England Jumping Course. Then travel on to Ireland for the Dublin Horse Show, an international showcase for the country's best sport horses and one of the highlights of the Irish summer. The tour also includes the Irish National Stud, plus visits to private breeders and one of Ireland's top trainers. The leisurely itinerary allows ample time to soak up the glorious scenery in England and Ireland and free time to enjoy the colour, pageantry and shopping at the equestrian events.

ITALIAN LAKES AND SWISS ALPS WITH EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISE

// 20 DAYS / AUGUST

Indulge the senses and experience the diversity of agriculture, including Mediterranean crops, olives, cured meats, chocolate and cheese, in the neighbouring countries of Italy and Switzerland. Visits to Farmers Markets and Paddock to Plate experiences will showcase delicious local and regional produce and ensure you experience the true nature of these food loving countries. With a delicate balance between some of the world's most historic World Heritage Sites and the chance to get into the Italian and Swiss countryside, this tour has something for everyone. An optional European River Cruise extension is available taking in many of Europe's best loved sights and rich cultural heritage. A tour with something for everyone - it's an absolute 'must'!

AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST



Sugar Cane farming, Mauritius



Abu Dhabi



Elephant family, Africa

FARMING TOUR TO MAURITIUS

 // 14 DAYS / FEBRUARY

Mauritius is unforgettable! Located in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Madagascar and 2000kms off the coast of south east Africa, Mauritius has a mild climate, turquoise seas and French as its local language. White sandy beaches, lagoons and reefs contrast with rainforest and waterfalls in the mountainous interior. Local Mauritian crops include sugar cane and rice, as well as citrus and soft fruits which are often grown with vegetables and flowers for export. If you are looking for a relaxing break in a unique location, then join us for this two-centre farming tour and see just what island life offers the local producers.

EMIRATES & OMAN

 // 21 DAYS / MARCH

Welcome to exotic Arabia! Sky scraping cities, unique farms in the desert, spectacular mountains and black gold. Learn about the camel as a dairy provider and the amazing benefits of camel milk. Visit the largest falcon hospital in the world and learn about the importance of falcons. See everything from dairies and vegetable production to vegetable markets and Arabian horse studs, then travel to Oman, often referred to as the 'true Arabia', with its peaceful friendly people, beauty, rich history and fascinating culture. Here you'll see souks operating in the same way as they have for thousands of years, selling everything from cattle and pottery to silver and frankincense.

BEST OF SOUTH AFRICA

// 18 DAYS / MAY

Plus Victoria Falls and Chobe Game Reserve Extension

Meet with local farmers and enjoy their generous hospitality on this fantastic tour which showcases the best of South African agriculture and wildlife, including maize fields in the Free State and a day at NAMPO - one of the world's largest agricultural field days. See some of South Africa's best livestock and horticulture, including the winelands of the Western Cape. Enjoy fantastic game viewing at Madikwe Game Reserve on the Botswana border and see some stunning scenery, including the world-famous Garden Route and Cape Town. A great introduction to South Africa.



“We have travelled extensively with different tour operators and found the Quadrant tour to be one of the best. We were both very pleased with our experience. It was most interesting and had a good balance of farming, sightseeing and culture”

Patrick and Stephanie, Farmers Tour of Italy 2017



Golan Heights, Israel

FARMING AND WILDLIFE TO SOUTH AFRICA

 // 15 DAYS / AUGUST

Plus Victoria Falls and Botswana Extension

Come and discover beautiful South Africa where the warmth and hospitality of local farmers is exceptional. Enjoy spectacular scenery and the vibrant colours of southern Africa as you visit a range of livestock enterprises to compare farming methods with how we farm in Australia. Travel to the beautiful town of Stellenbosch and visit Cape Town and the Cape of Good Hope. See fabulous wildlife as you venture through Kruger National Park and other private game reserves in open 4x4 jeeps, guided by experienced rangers and trackers - in search of the 'Big Five'!

AG INNOVATION ISRAEL TOUR

// 15 DAYS / DECEMBER

This one-of-a-kind tour will take you to the fascinating Middle East where you can experience its breathtaking beauty and ancient history and at the same time, experience first-hand the close cooperation between farmers, the agricultural industry and the technological research which has made Israel's agricultural sector a world leader. Visits will include kibbutz, private family farms, the

Israeli Cattle Breeders Association, agricultural technology companies, drip irrigation, harvest machinery solutions and desert farming systems. Visit Tel Aviv's busiest marketplace, filled with colourful stall and vendors as well as the Bahai Gardens in Haifa city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For those wishing to extend their stay, there is an optional Christmas Eve tour of Jerusalem and Bethlehem.



Green Tea farms, Japan



Rajasthan

AGRICULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS OF JAPAN

// 17 DAYS / MAY

Japan is a country of spectacular natural beauty with gentle rural landscapes contrasting with modern, vibrant cities. The agriculture is steeped in tradition, however in many instances has adapted to modern production and management techniques. Visit a range of farms as well as many of the country's famous historic cities and soak up the centuries-old traditions for which Japan is famous. Experience a night in a Japanese ryokan with onsen (inn/hotel with natural hot spring baths) and enjoy the thrill of travelling between cities via Shinkansen - Japan's famous bullet train.

BEST OF CHINA AGRICULTURE

 // 19 DAYS / MAY

Plus Yangtze Cruise and Guilin Extension

Marvel at the extraordinary feats of engineering and ingenuity that have defined this ancient culture and see major agricultural developments across this vast country. Travel to the Xilamuren Grasslands to meet Mongolian herdsman; visit Tibetan nomadic families and see how they raise their yaks and sheep and visit cultural highlights, including the Terracotta Warriors and Horses at Xian and The Great Wall of China. There's also a great opportunity to extend this tour and enjoy a luxury five-star Yangtze River Cruise, the massive Three Gorges Dam Project and a visit to China's giant pandas at Chongqing Zoo.

ASIA



Vegetable market, India

JAPAN - WAGYU CATTLE AND RUGBY UNION

// 14 DAYS / SEPTEMBER

Tour Japan in September 2019 for a unique opportunity to combine your interest in cattle (Wagyu especially) with your passion for Australian Rugby Union. The tour features the best of the Japanese Wagyu industry in Sapporo, Obihiro, Osaka, Kobe, Tottori and Shimane. At the same time experience Japanese culture and cuisine and cheer on Australia against Fiji in Sapporo and against Wales in Tokyo at the 2019 Rugby World Cup. Numbers are limited, and immediate booking is essential for flight reservations and rugby game tickets.

AGRICULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

// 15 DAYS / OCTOBER

Incredible India - a land of intense colour with bustling markets, brilliant saris and cricket-mad people. Agriculture is the largest livelihood provider in India, particularly in rural areas. Visit farms, agricultural cooperatives and dairy collection centres in Rajasthan and the Punjab to contrast traditional and modern methods of production. Marvel at the wealth of the Moghals at the Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri and the Red and Amber Forts and see where the royals of Jaipur used to hunt tigers in Ranthambore National Park. Enjoy the sights and sounds at Delhi's aromatic Wholesale Spice Market and see how fruits and vegetables are traded at the enormous Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market. A visual and culinary delight.

SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA



AGRICULTURAL TOUR TO CUBA



// 11 DAYS
/ FEBRUARY & OCTOBER

Immerse yourself in Cuba's unique culture, its thriving farm-to-table practice and sustainable agriculture. This picturesque Caribbean island with its white sandy beaches and pastel coloured houses is reminiscent of a simpler time. Old Havana has Spanish colonial architecture, salsa clubs and you can see an astounding number of US 1950s era classic cars and the creativity that has kept them running. The people are friendly and smile a lot, the landscape is stunning and there's an extraordinary history, so why not visit now before modernity catches up with this special place.

SPECTACULAR PATAGONIA Pampas, Peaks, Glaciers & Lakes



// 20 DAYS / APRIL

Spectacular Patagonia is the southernmost tip of South America, shared by Argentina and Chile. With the Andes Mountains as the dividing line, this is a beautiful, wild and barren region of exceptional beauty with rugged mountains, vast blue lakes, pampas and wildlife aplenty. The Chilean side has glacial fjords and temperate rainforest whilst the Argentinian side has arid steppes, grasslands and deserts. It's a stunning destination and well worth a visit, particularly when combined with a diverse range of farming enterprises.

SOUTH AMERICAN BEEF TOUR

// 21 DAYS / OCTOBER

Plus optional Machu Picchu Extension

South America is a continent of surprises with spectacular scenery, vibrant cultures and cosmopolitan cities; but it's the agriculture that is so different to Australia that will amaze you. If you are interested in beef production and general agriculture and have always wanted to travel to South America, then why not join us on a tour to visit Chile, Argentina and Brazil to see first-hand some of the world's fastest moving beef economies and, at the same time, you can soak up the culture and scenic highlights of these three fascinating countries.



Iowa corn

USA & CANADA

CALIFORNIAN AGRICULTURE AND WONDERS OF MEXICO

 // 21 DAYS / APRIL

Explore productive California, the state with the highest agricultural production in the USA. Start your journey in the hilly, historic and quirky city of San Francisco, then visit vineyards and taste glorious wines among the rolling hills of the Napa and Sonoma valleys. See high-technology farms with crops of cotton, wheat, tomatoes, nuts and vegetables in the Central Valley, then head south via Yosemite National Park. Travel on to vibrant and colourful Mexico where its rich culture is a melding of indigenous Aztec roots and Spanish heritage. Visit some of the major historic sites, including the pyramids of Teotihuacan and experience Mexico's varied agriculture - milking goats, beef cattle, avocados, pepper greenhouses, vineyards, sugar cane and, of course, an agave plantation with tequila production. Olé!

BEST OF HAWAIIAN AGRICULTURE

// 12 DAYS / MAY

Hawaii has rugged landscapes of volcanoes, waterfalls, tropical foliage and beaches of coloured sands. Its beauty is breathtaking but surprisingly more than 40% of Hawaii is productive farmland thanks to its mild, year-round climate and fertile soils. The diversity is impressive. Sugar cane and pineapples are the most valuable crops, however Hawaii also produces many other crops and products, including tropical fruits, flowers, nuts, goats cheese, macadamia nuts, coffee and a range of vegetables. They even have dairies, cattle ranches and paniolo (Hawaiian cowboys), so when you meet the local farmers and ranchers be prepared to be surprised.

USA BEEF CATTLE TOUR AND THE CALGARY STAMPEDE

// 20 DAYS / JUNE/JULY

Plus optional Western Canada and/or Alaskan Cruise Extension

Come to grips with the USA's massive beef cattle industry while travelling through the heart of the American Wild West. Learn first-hand about the beef supply chain and many aspects of beef production on this exciting and educational tour. From Colorado, travel north through "Cowboy Country" visiting cattle ranches, commercial producers and spectacular sites in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. Then head north into Canada to Calgary, in time for the lively and colourful Calgary Stampede! After Calgary travel west to Banff and beautiful Lake Louise where you have the option of continuing on the Western Canada Tour through the Canadian Rockies to Vancouver, or alternatively flying home.

We have toured with Quadrant five times and all tours have been exciting, educational, and high quality with interesting local visits. The local hospitality is always generous and travelling with like-minded people makes the tour more friendly and fun”

Bill and Kathryn, Farmers Tour to Scandinavia 2017

CATTLE, CROPPING AND THE CALGARY STAMPEDE

 // 24 DAYS / JULY

Spectacular Canada home of the Canadian Rockies, large-scale cattle ranches and vast cropping farms, as well as the ‘greatest show on earth’ – the Calgary Stampede. Tour across the Rockies and enjoy the breathtaking scenery of Banff and Lake Louise. Learn about old-style ranching ways and enjoy a day at Ag in Motion, Western Canada’s outdoor farm expo. Experience the diversity of the country’s agricultural enterprises from west to east, from cattle, cropping and seed production to vegetables, dairy and cheese-making. Browse through one of Canada’s largest farmers markets in Amish country, visit a Hutterite Colony where groups of families farm cooperatively on the prairies and kick up your heels at the Calgary Stampede.

CALGARY STAMPEDE AND CANADIAN ROCKIES

 // 16 DAYS / JULY

Experience the excitement of the Calgary Stampede with all the thrills and spills of its rodeo, Chuckwagon races and agricultural events. Join a member of the Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association (ALPA) and cheer along the winner of the ‘Young Auctioneers’ competition who will be representing Australia at the International Auctioneers’ Competition during the Stampede. After Calgary, there are quality livestock visits in rural Southern Alberta, the glorious scenery of Banff and Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies and finally the vibrant city of Vancouver.

LEGENDARY SOUNDS OF THE USA

 // 21 DAYS / JULY

Plus optional New York and Washington Extension

Take a musical journey through the USA and explore the fascinating heritage of country music by visiting the places where the music and its legends were born. Visit Nashville, Music Capital of the USA, to see the world-famous Grand Ole Opry. Tour Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley and visit Sun Studios where he recorded his first song. Music lovers will revel in this fun-filled tour and at the same time you’ll have the opportunity to see some of the best farming operations in the South of the USA, including cotton, peanuts, soybeans, cattle and dairying.



Canadian Barn



Mustering, US



Canola fields, Canada

DISCOVER RURAL NEW ZEALAND

 // 11 DAYS / JANUARY

New Zealand is so close, so similar, and yet so entirely different! Enjoy genuine “Kiwi” country hospitality and meet farming families while seeing the very best of the NZ’s agriculture and spectacular scenery. Visit a diverse range of farm types in differing environments; from cattle and deer farming to sheep, plus progressive dairy operations and cropping. Contrast and compare farming life with how we do things at home and enjoy delicious food and wine along the way.

QUEENSLAND WINTER ESCAPE

// 15 DAYS / JUNE

When the southern states are in the middle of winter this tour offers a great chance to escape the cold and explore the western towns and historic regions of Queensland. Visit large-scale cattle properties and a diverse range of agricultural enterprises, as well as horticultural properties on the Atherton Tablelands, in Far North Queensland. See how Queensland’s primary industries operate and visit renowned natural attractions such as spectacular Carnarvon Gorge. Lastly, relax in the northern tropical city of Cairns and have the option to visit either the Great Barrier Reef or the Daintree Rainforest.



Bungle Bungles

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

THE PILBARA CATTLE TOUR

// 15 DAYS / JULY

Experience the Pilbara, the awakening giant of Western Australia’s north. Join our inaugural tour to this region and experience some of the world’s ancient natural landscapes dating back three billion years and stretching over 500,000 square kilometres. Travel from Karratha to Broome via Tom Price, Newman and Port Hedland, through unique communities of the rugged outback. Taking in national parks and iron ore mines, you’ll also visit traditional cattle stations and advanced grazing properties that have increased production and carrying capacity through the introduction of irrigation, performance grasses and different breeds of cattle. The tour includes a day at the iconic Marble Bar Cup and culminates in beautiful Broome with its rich history in pearling where you can enjoy watching the sun set over the Indian Ocean.

TOP END CATTLE TOUR

// 18 DAYS / JULY

The Australian Outback holds endless fascination with vast distances and extreme landscapes. This tour provides the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the early pioneers and visit some of Australia’s famous cattle stations, many of them larger than most people can comprehend. You will get to appreciate the rich history of the outback and experience Australia’s ancient landscapes, including the World Heritage sites of Kakadu and Katherine Gorge. Travelling with long-time Territorian Cattleman, Tony Searle, you will also embrace the changes that are transforming the cattle industry across the Territory and see for yourself the opportunities being developed within the Ord River Irrigation Scheme.

QUEENSLAND SAVANNAH AND GULF

// 14 DAYS / AUGUST

Travel across the vast savannah plains of far north Queensland and visit major cattle stations and leading irrigated properties. See firsthand the untold potential that could help Australia become the food bowl of Asia during the forthcoming century. Starting in Townsville and concluding in Mt Isa, this short and dynamic fact-finding tour includes a range of visits that include some of the best cattle and cropping operations in the north, as well as Richmond with its Dinosaur Museum. There's also free time at Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria, and at Lawn Hill Gorge, one of Queensland's outback treasures.

HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW ZEALAND AGRICULTURE

// 16 DAYS / OCTOBER

Join us on a special trip to our neighbours across the Tasman. This will be not only a holiday as you experience some of New Zealand's iconic attractions, but also a great opportunity to visit farming enterprises that not many visitors get to see, from high-country sheep and cattle grazing to innovative dairies and deer farming. Learn how New Zealand farmers are coping with environmental regulations and responding to market requirements, using new technology. Enjoy wine tasting on Waiheke Island, cruising on Doubtful Sound and finish the tour in the beautiful resort town of Queenstown.

BEST OF TASMANIA

// 10 DAYS / OCTOBER

Join us for a fabulous tour highlighting the clean and green farming practices that have made Tasmania the envy of the farming world. Visit a diverse range of farming enterprises and areas of outstanding natural beauty, including Cradle Mountain, the rugged west coast around Strahan, the Tasman Peninsula, historic Port Arthur and the productive Huon Valley. Of course, no tour to Tasmania would be complete without historic Hobart and its colourful Salamanca Market. This is a wonderful tour that encompasses the extraordinary innovation and artistic talent for which the Island State is known and provides the perfect opportunity to sample delicious regional produce and local wines.

“The tour provided a fantastic opportunity to engage with Station Owners/Managers, learning of their vision and challenges of farming in the outback, developing an appreciation of their innovative and positive outlook to agriculture”

Trevor and Jenny, QLD Gulf and Savannah 2017

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SPRING FARMING TOUR

// 13 DAYS / SEPTEMBER

Western Australia offers so much; hundreds of kilometres of spectacular coastline, amazing rock formations, long sandy beaches, great food and wine and the lion's share of native flora. Add to that, rich agricultural farmland and innovative farmers, including the Benedictine monks in Australia's only monastery town, and you have all the ingredients for a wonderful experience. If you've ever wanted to visit WA, there's no better time than in the spring when the wildflowers are at their most spectacular.

THE BEST OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA & KANGAROO ISLAND

// 13 DAYS / OCTOBER

This remarkable tour will take you from Adelaide to the Flinders Ranges and back to the Clare and Barossa Valleys, then onto Kangaroo Island via the Murray Region and Fleurieu Peninsula. The tour takes in a wide variety of agricultural visits that showcase how innovation has enabled farmers in the driest state on the driest continent to survive and prosper. Explore the Flinders Ranges, stay overnight at Bungaree Station, one of Australia's iconic Merino sheep studs, and enjoy the superb food and wine of the Barossa Valley. Finish the tour with three nights on Kangaroo Island where boutique farming enterprises co-exists with pristine wilderness and natural beauty.



Canterbury Plains, NZ

FAQ

WHAT'S INCLUDED ON A QUADRANT TOUR?

We like to make things easy for you to budget for your travels so our tours are inclusive of international airfares and airport and departure taxes (unless stated Land Only), accommodation, land travel (coach, boat or train), technical and farm visits, entrance fees to attractions, sightseeing, tips for drivers and guides and most meals. With Quadrant there are no hidden costs... it's all included in the quoted price which makes budgeting easy. And when you travel for business purposes, tax concessions may apply.

WHICH AIRLINES DO YOU USE?

We use a number of airlines, depending on the destination of the tour, but generally Qantas, Emirates, Singapore Airlines, Air Canada, South African Airways, LATAM Airlines (formerly Lan Chile) and Vietnam Airlines. Basically we only use airlines we would be comfortable using for our own personal travel and often the reason behind our choice of airline is the "on ground" domestic arrangements in the country we are visiting. Prices are based on economy class airfares but upgrades to Premium Economy, Business or First Class airfares can be arranged. Just ask our staff.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ON THE TOUR?

Generally our tours have between 15 to 25 participants. All tours have a required minimum number to operate and this is indicated on the tour brochure. Occasionally we operate tours with fewer than the required number, as we prefer not to cancel tours and disappoint our clients.

WHAT'S THE AGE GROUP?

The average age is between 40 to 70 years; occasionally younger participants and occasionally older, but you can always be assured you'll be travelling with like-minded people who share similar interests.

HOW FIT DO I NEED TO BE?

You will need to have the energy and fitness to walk around farms with uneven ground, villages with cobblestone streets and up and down stairs. In addition, you need to be fit enough to carry your own luggage and board and disembark your coach (and occasionally ferries and trains), several times a day unassisted. If you require a wheelchair or cannot walk unassisted and carry your luggage, then our tours are probably not suitable for you.

DO I NEED TRAVEL INSURANCE?

Travel insurance is essential and you cannot afford to leave home without it. So, yes, we require that all our tour participants are adequately insured to cover you in the event of injury, loss or other unexpected circumstances. Should you need to cancel your tour before you travel, then a good travel insurance policy will cover you for specified cancellation fees.

CAN I AUTHORISE QUADRANT TO MAKE CHANGES ON MY BEHALF?

Quadrant staff can only make changes to your travel arrangements if the original booking was made through us. If you book additional travel direct with suppliers yourself, then unfortunately we are not able to make changes to those arrangements on your behalf.

WHEN SHOULD I BOOK?

We recommend you book as early as you can because our tours are popular and often book out six months in advance. Booking early allows you a stress-free lead-up to your trip and provides valuable time to arrange visas, travel insurance, currency and any extra travel arrangements. As late bookings require special administrative

attention, any tour bookings made within 30 days of departure require FULL payment before the process of requesting flights and rooms begins. If we are unable to confirm the request then a full refund will be made.

WILL I NEED A VISA?

Some countries require visas and we will advise you of this at the time of booking. The responsibility for obtaining a visa for your tour lies with you, however our staff are happy to assist. Visas for some countries can take from 60 to 90 days to obtain so it is essential to organise them well in advance of your departure date and this is another reason to book early. An Australian (or other) passport, valid for at least six months beyond your expected return date, is necessary for all outbound tours.

WHAT STANDARD OF HOTELS CAN I EXPECT?

Generally we use good comfortable 3 to 4.5 star hotels with private ensuite bathroom facilities. Hotels in Britain, Europe and South America are often located in historic buildings and are not necessarily purpose-built, unlike typical hotels and motels in Australia where all rooms are of a similar size and follow the same layout. Hotels in Britain, Europe and South America may have tiny bedrooms or alternatively rooms large enough for a party. Showers are often over the bath and plumbing standards vary greatly; however this all adds to the charm. In North America and Asia, hotel rooms are more standardised, although bathrooms can vary. In saying that, all hotels will be of a comfortable standard with private facilities. Accommodation costs are included in your overall tour cost.

WHAT IS A SINGLE SUPPLEMENT?

A single supplement is a charge applied when only one person is occupying a room. All tour prices are shown as per person costs, but are based on two people sharing a double or twin room. The only way to avoid paying the single supplement is to take a friend or to find a fellow traveller to share a room with you.

CAN I ORGANISE TO STAY LONGER AFTER THE TOUR?

Quadrant tours offer great flexibility so independent travel can be arranged in conjunction with your tour. You can extend your stay after the tour or alternatively depart Australia earlier and meet the group overseas. Our staff offer full retail travel services and can book any additional flights, cruises, tours, car hire, trains and accommodation etc. Many tours also have optional extensions to allow those with the time, to see even more of the destination.

ARE MEALS INCLUDED?

Most meals are included in your overall tour cost and are shown as BLD in the itinerary - B=Breakfast, L=Lunch and D=Dinner. Breakfast is always included daily and in many countries a full cooked (English or American-style) breakfast is served; however in some countries a Continental style breakfast is the norm. A few lunches are included and others can be taken at cafes, country pubs or at nearby villages. Dinners (generally two courses) may be either in the hotels where you are staying or at nearby restaurants. Several lunches and evenings are deliberately left free for you to choose your own dining options and our tour escorts and guides will always provide local dining suggestions.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS?

If you have dietary restrictions and provided you let us know well before your tour departure, we will endeavor to ensure all airlines, hotels and restaurants are notified in advance to cater for your needs.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I TIP?

Australians are often uncomfortable with tipping so we always include tips for drivers and guides in the overall tour cost to save you any embarrassment. We provide our tour escorts with funds to take care of tips for the group. When dining apart from the group, we suggest

you follow the tipping guidelines in your tour booklet which is sent to you prior to departure.

WHERE ARE PASSENGERS FROM?

Most of our passengers are Australians from rural and regional locations. Some tours operate in conjunction with specialist New Zealand, British or North American farm tour partners to provide an extended range of tours and tour departures. The feedback from our clients is that joint tours with our English, Kiwi and US neighbours have been enjoyable, informative and fun, as well as interesting in terms of comparing farming production methods and trade issues.

ARE ANY TOURS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Most of our Agtour programs are specialist agricultural technical programs planned potentially to be of direct relevance to businesses and producers involved in agriculture. If you operate an agricultural business, these programs may be tax deductible, however we recommend you check with your financial adviser if you need clarification of tax deductible eligibility for your own enterprise.

WHY DEPOSITS AND ARE THEY REFUNDABLE?

Early deposits are required as a measure of interest to join our tours and to assist us in planning. If you must cancel, we will only retain a portion of your deposit if we have had to commit funds on your behalf for airline tickets or accommodation deposits.

WHERE CAN I JOIN THE TOUR?

Our tours generally depart from Sydney; however we can assist you with flights from regional locations or other major capital cities. If flying from a regional location in Australia, please let us know so that we can advise on the most appropriate options for 'through baggage' check-in arrangements, suitable connection times or accommodation at Sydney Airport. If you wish to travel overseas before the tour departs from Australia, then you can also join our tours on the first day overseas.



Kerry Moss

SPECIALIST TOUR ESCORTS

BILL DUNLOP

Bill has had a lifetime involvement in the beef industry across all areas of Australia in pure breeding, cross breeding and composite breeds and as a producer, a general manager of breed associations, a breed society president and world president of the Charolais Society. His career started in Western Australia on properties that were predominately cattle with some cropping and sheep. He then travelled and worked in South Africa, the UK and Europe and later moved to NSW where he ran comprehensive AI and ET programs.

ROSS KEANE

Ross comes from a 4th generation sheep and cattle grazing family from between Bourke and Cunnamulla. Ross is currently Chairman of the Red Meat Advisory Council (RMAC) and of Safemeat Partners. Ross has had over 37 years in the livestock industry in Australia and was formally employed as General Manager Livestock and a company director of Swift Australia Pty Ltd. Ross has led many cattle focused tours to North America, South America, Europe and Japan over several years.

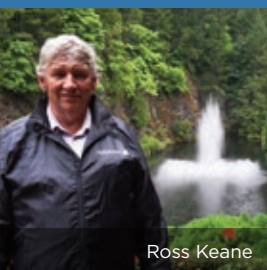
FIONA LAKE

Australia's well-known outback photographer and book publisher, Fiona Lake, grew up in the Riverina and has lived on a variety of farms and cattle stations. Career highlights include having an exhibition opened by the Governor General of Australia and a 'Landline' feature story. Fiona loves travel with a purpose and is looking forward to the great conversations and laughter that will eventuate on the Ireland and UK Farm Tour.

KIRSTIE MACMILLAN

Kirstie grew up in the South Island of New Zealand and has been working in her family's agricultural travel business many years. Prior to that she practised law in New Zealand and London. Kirstie has travelled extensively, including leading agricultural tours to many corners of the globe. She now lives in Christchurch and enjoys city life but she really enjoys getting out and about walking, travelling, skiing and trying to play golf now and then.

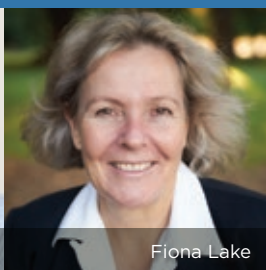




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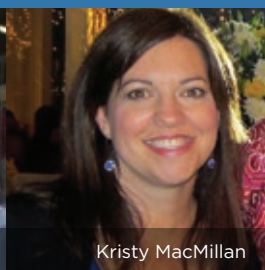
Brendan Wade



Fiona Lake



Bill Dunlop



Kristy MacMillan



Scott Perkins

HUGH MORISON

Hugh has an impressive background in agriculture. He managed the family farm in the Central Grainbelt of Western Australia for many years, introducing the concept of objective measurement and adopting up to date methods of crop establishment such as minimum tillage and systematic weed control. Hugh worked as Grower Services Manager with the Grain Pool of WA in Perth and continued in this role after the merger with Cooperative Bulk Handling in 2008. Hugh was Ambassador for Agriculture in the Year of the Farmer and it's been claimed that he knows more people in rural WA than any other person working in agriculture!

KERRY MOSS

Kerry is Quadrant's Outbound Operations Manager. She grew up in the New England area in NSW and later travelled extensively to five continents and more than 45 countries before commencing work with Quadrant Australia. Kerry is directly involved with international programs, including co-leading the South American Beef and Agricultural Tour in 2010 and leading the UK & Ireland Agricultural Tour in 2013 and the Farmers Tour to Italy in 2017.

RON McPHAIL

Ron, our New Zealand colleague, has an agricultural science degree from Lincoln University and has worked on farms in New Zealand and Australia. He was formerly a farm advisor in the NZ Ministry of Agriculture (MAF) where he developed a comprehensive program for innovative hill country beef cattle management and consulted widely on land development programs. Ron established his agricultural tour company, C R McPhail Ltd, in 1992 and has been working jointly with Quadrant for many years.

SCOTT PERKINS

Scott grew up on a sheep property near Winton in Queensland and in Townsville. During a long army career, he served in many parts of Australia, as well as overseas. After the Army he was General Manager of a Correctional Centre which, in addition to the normal range of activities, included a dairy and irrigated pasture. Scott completed an MBA before taking up management positions in the sugar industry, mining and government. Scott retains a lifetime interest in agriculture.

DALE PLUMB

Witty and wise with an excellent sense of humour, Dale has been one of the horse show community's stellar high flyers for over 20 years. He grew up in Bega and is a talented horseman having worked with some of the country's most famous show horse producers. He is a leading producer, trainer and rider and has won at all major Royal Shows and has numerous National Titles to his credit. Dale will offer participants a fun filled equine experience of a lifetime.

JOHN RICH

John has had a long and distinguished agri-political career. He worked for the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association for over 23 years and served a range of commodity groups including dairy, pigs, pyrethrum, vegetables and potatoes. John was involved as a Tasmanian representative to the Australian Dairy Farmers Federation and the Australian Vegetable and Potato Growers Federation. He is widely travelled Internationally.

TONY SEARLE

Tony Searle has been involved in the NT Pastoral Industry for more than 30 years - including 14 years as manager of Paspaley Rural NT (Melaleuca & Dry River Stations). Tony brings firsthand experience to the Top End Cattle Tour from his years in the Territory managing large cattle breeding enterprises as well as back-grounding cattle for the live export trade. Tony is well connected with the people we meet and places we visit as we crisscross the Top End.

KEES VAN HAASTEREN

Kees is from the Netherlands and began his working career with the Curacao Trading Company in Amsterdam before emigrating to Australia. He immediately became involved in agriculture, ultimately managing a large mixed property in NSW. Kees has an Advanced Diploma of Farm Management and has a keen interest in Landcare and sustainability. With his foreign language skills (English, Dutch, Spanish, German and French) and extensive agricultural knowledge, Kees provides a unique resource for Australian and international visitors.

BRENDAN WADE

Brendan has been involved in the Livestock Industry for close on 40 years predominately in the Pastoral and Agency business. He retired from Landmark in 2015 as the Queensland and Northern NSW Livestock Manager and prior to Landmark, was a director of Watkins & Company at Roma. Currently based in Brisbane, Brendan is contracted to MLA as a Field Manager for The National Livestock Reporting Service (NLRs) working with the saleyard market reporters nationally. Brendan also pens a weekly column for the Queensland Country Life (QCL).



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