



Australian Working Adventures

You will soon be on your way to Australia – here are some things you need to know

Booking your flights:

These flights are in good time for 9 am bus – these are the best flights for joining the programme if you can connect with them from your home city. The Greeter service and Con-x-ion bus will be included for you.

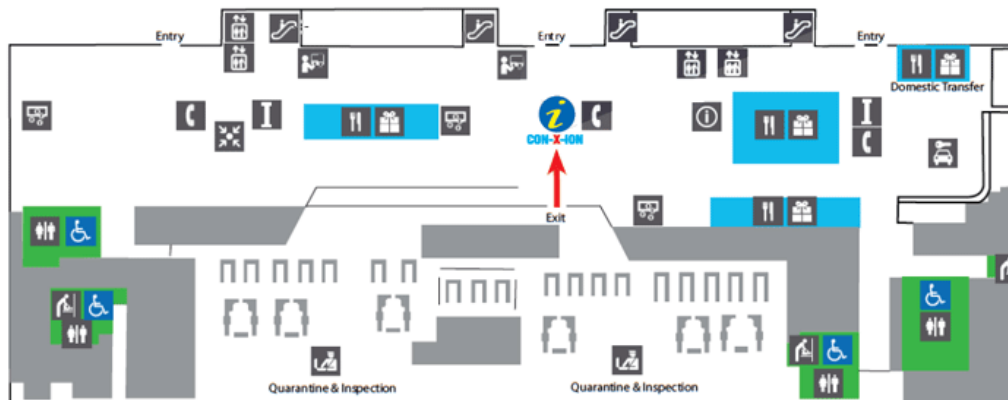
QF 52 Singapore	SQ 235 Singapore	NZ 201/143
EK 434 Dubai	AC 35 Vancouver	OD 157 Kuala Lumpur
KE 407 Korea	QF 16 Los Angeles	

In time for 11 am bus - these would probably get you in time for lunch.

PR 221 Manila	NZ 145 New Zealand	QF 120 from New Zealand
CI 053 Taiwan		

Arrival

If you are arriving **at the International Terminal between 5am and 10 am on the Thursday** you will be met by our Greeter and shown to the bus to travel to the new hostel. The Greeters sit at the Information desk and it is straight ahead of you as you come out of the Customs area. Please see the plan below. You will find the Greeter at the **I** sign in the International Terminal.





Planning to fly via the USA ? – you need an ESTA <https://esta.cbp.chs.gov> allow an extra day to travel

PLEASE give us your flight arrival details – flight Number, airline and arrival time and date.

If you arrive at any time into the **Domestic Terminal** (travelling via Darwin, Perth, Sydney or Melbourne) there is no Greeter and so you cannot be met and should make your own arrangements to stay at the IBIS and / or travel into the hostel. The buses to the City Backpackers leave at 9.00, 11.00, 13.00 and 15.00 from the Domestic terminal – you need to buy a ticket from the Con-x-ion desk in the Domestic Terminal.

You can book in earlier to the City Backpackers, or we can do this for you at \$50 per night.

The address of the hostel is the City Backpackers, 380 Upper Roma Street, Brisbane 4000. A booking has been made for you from the Thursday to the Monday and you will be expected as your name will be on the Australian Working Adventures/Visitoz list. The normal check in time is 2pm but there is somewhere to store luggage if your room is not ready.



Our new hostel is the City Backpackers.

It is close to the city centre and easy to get to the river and the beach. It has good views of the river from the decks and is friendly and welcoming. We will be using this hostel from 16th October as sadly the old one is closing. They have sold it to a developer who is turning it into high rise luxury apartments. At the City backpackers we have a large multiple bedded room. There is a supplement, payable locally, if you wish to sleep in a room with 2, 4 or 6 beds.



We meet for the Welcome Lunch at the hostel at 12 noon. We will email you if there is a change, so please check your emails just before you arrive. A big red Volvo parked there is the clue that we are already at the hostel. We go to a nearby restaurant for the meal. The first thing we give you is your Sim cards so that you can be contactable quickly! We also set up a WhatsApp group. **The phone** will be with **Telstra** as this is the only company that works in rural areas. Make sure your phone can be 'opened' so that you can change the sim please or bring a second phone with you. If you arrive a day or two before we will leave a Sim card for you at the hostel with an 'idiot's guide' to how to set it up.

Then we do the Orientation and job interviews so that everything is prepared before you go up to the farm and the employers informed about your skills and experience.



IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

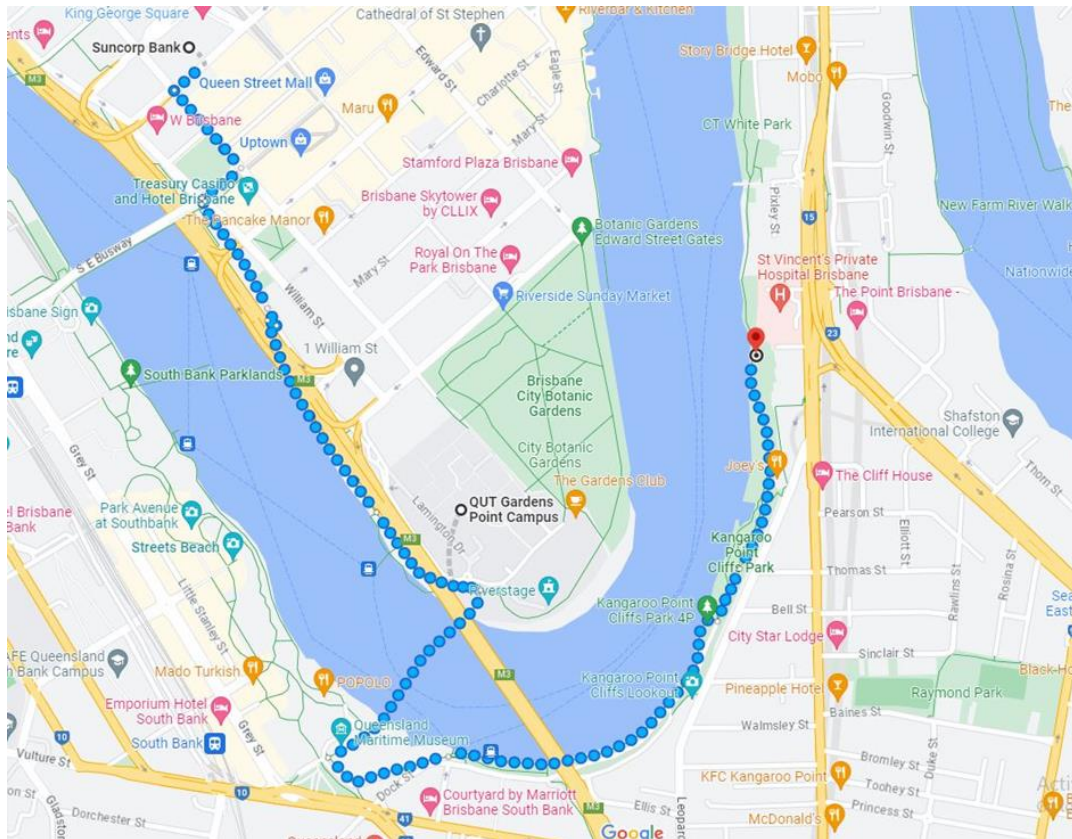
Send to Visitoz please – to joanna@visitoz.org, your Visa Grant Notice, the picture page of your passport, your driving licence, Medical or national Insurance card (or a payslip showing your NI number if British), your home country tax number and an updated CV. Please do not throw away your boarding passes – if you are applying for Medicare, you will need the one INTO Australia as proof that you are here. A picture on a horse or motorbike is also very useful so the employers can see what you can do already.



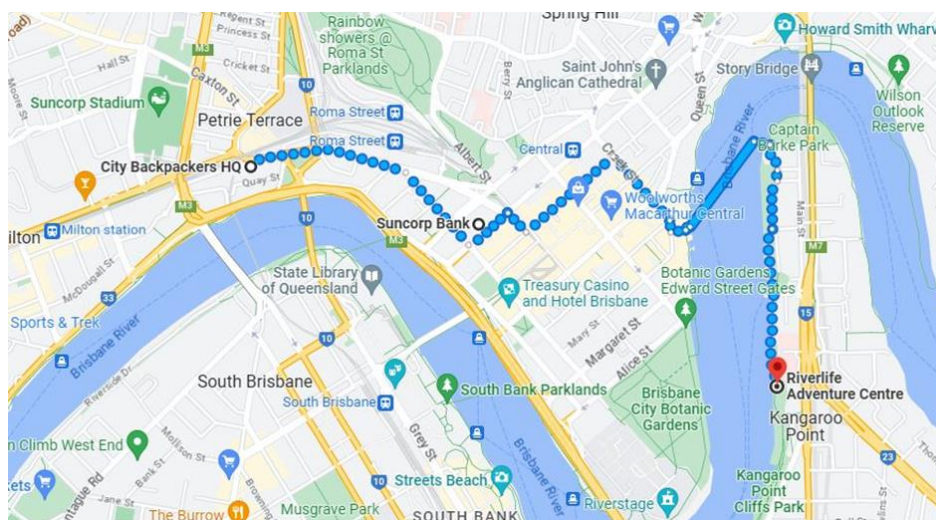
Banking – set up your account with the Suncorp Bank at 80 Ann Street please.

We find this bank to be the most reliable and efficient with debit cards – they usually arrive before you return to Brisbane from the farm. You can set the account up ahead of time if you wish – but please stop at the point where it says you need to go to the Bank to be identified. We do this on Friday. [Everyday Accounts | Suncorp Bank](#) [Every Day Options account is the best one.](#)

After the Bank visit please walk to Riverlife



This route is great and takes you along the riverbank past QUT, through the gardens and then over the foot bridge and along the southern bank of the river.



The alternative is to walk to the ferry, cross the river and then walk along below the cliffs until you reach Riverlife.



Please be at Riverlife by 12 noon when we will have a BBQ lunch. Here you can go kayaking on the Brisbane River for a couple of hours. In the afternoon cycling or abseiling is possible if you wish (optional). www.riverlife.com This is a great walk along the riverbank, through gardens and parks. Scooters are a great fun way of getting there. Take a change of clothes with you – you could get wet. Happily, the river water is warm and, in spite of what some locals might joke about, there are no sharks and crocs in the river.

Here is the indemnity form to complete before starting at Riverlife:
: https://form.jotform.co/RiverlifeBNE/online_indemnity_form_2020



FOR the FARM Things to bring with you. For work you will need two or three long sleeved shirts with collars, long trousers (jeans are fine), swimming things, something smarter for evenings and clothes for the beach and relaxing. You will need factor 50 sunscreen and any medications you use. We will provide washable squashable working hats for all those coming direct to us from overseas, plus a torch or pen and a lunch bag Esky. You will need working boots, Blundstones are good, but Baxter's are better for horse riders. We have some boots suitable for riding (larger sizes

only) in the office. These are all at sensible prices – it is possible to pay over \$200 for boots! If you have your own short riding boots bring them from home; long boots are too hot here. Boots without laces please for safety reasons, steel toe caps are not necessary for farm work. **Torches, gloves, shirts and some working trousers are available to purchase in many places in Brisbane and some working shirts are available at the farm.**



Credit cards. Please make sure that you have a credit card with Visa or MasterCard so that you can buy travel and book hostels online when needed. **Maestro cards are not accepted** in most places and AMEX and Diners are more difficult because of the higher charges for the supplier. It is a good idea to have a good home credit or debit card or cash with you.

Tax File Numbers – you need these to be able to start work. We make the application on your behalf at the time you arrive at the airport, the system allows it once Immigration has seen your passport. The number will come to you, in most cases, before you go to your chosen job. If you apply direct yourself, it can take up to 28 days.

Medicare Cards – these are for a small number of countries which have reciprocal medical agreements with Australia. Sweden, Norway, Finland, Holland, Belgium, Italy, and the UK are some of them. Medicare is like the NHS in the UK. You will need a document with your home medical registration or NI number on it – such as a Pay Slip. From Sweden you will need a Forsakringbevis and from Holland a Zorgpass to prove your entitlement.

Do not throw away your airline boarding pass, please. It is also possible to do this online now go to <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-to-enrol-medicare?context=60092>

For the weekend

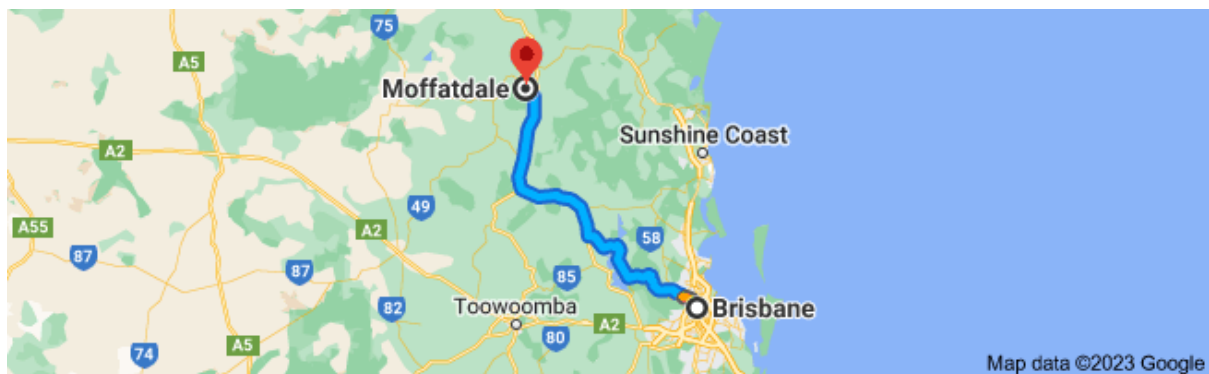
There are other optional activities available over the next few days including a visit to the XXXX Brewery, Australia Zoo or Tangalooma (feeding dolphins on Moreton Island) and explore the city. You can get details from the hostel Reception. Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary is very good to visit – they have lots of native animals to hand feed, you can cuddle a koala and it is possible to get there by using the Mirimar Koala Cruise boat up the river. www.mirimar.com

Electric scooters can be rented, these make it a fun way to explore.



Journey to the Farm

The address is Hidden Gold, 59 Waterview Drive, Moffatdale, 4605, Queensland. Your mobile phone will work while at the farm. (Please do not use this address for mail).



On Monday morning we will collect you at 6.45 am for your journey to the farmhouse belonging to the chief trainer Clinton Kenyon – it will take about 3 hours. Once there Clinton will look after you, brief you, feed you and you will have four nights of comfortable accommodation and five days of Aussie farm work experience. On Friday you will return to Brisbane to the hostel with one of our team of drivers – it could be Phil or Grahame or Mike – they take it in turns. By then you will almost certainly have chosen your job as you will have had the opportunity to speak to the employers offering you work during your time on the farm. We will then help you with travel arrangements to your job and hopefully have your Tax Number, debit MasterCard and maybe even the Medicare number for you.

Note: If you are Vegan, Lactose Intolerant or require a special diet for medical, climate or animal loving reasons you will be charged \$25 per day for your special food while at the training farm OR you can take some special food with you.

Normally we use a minibus to get to the farm, sometimes two or a small coach. With small numbers we may make the transfers ourselves by car. One Friday a stretch limo was sent!



WELCOME to Australia and Australian Working Adventures
Work Hard, Play Hard and Have fun.



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