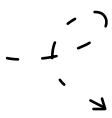
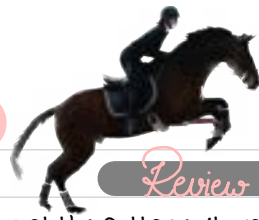


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The Cottage Travellers



Hi everyone!

I'm Sophia from Vienna/ Austria 🇦🇹 and spent 3 months at the Cottage. It was my first destination when I arrived in Australia 3 months ago.

Let me first ease all your doubts right away and tell you this:

The people are wonderful/ friendly and just like family, the horses are incredible, the country is stunning, and the experiences are absolutely unforgettable! 🥰 - in other words: just be prepared to fall in love and stay longer (usually happens, at least with me) 😊

👉 When I arrived in September, we were 4 girls: Aurora (french) and two german girls, Amelie and Lena. Everyone was super welcoming and it became very quickly my comfort zone. 🥰 Later Isa (dutch), Gesa (german) and Oliver arrived since Aurora, Amelie and Lena left. They introduced me the next day into all the routines which usually included feeding the horses (about 15) in the morning and evening 🍏, mucking 2 stables 🧹, potentially rugging them and working the horses 🐎 (with working I mean riding- yes that's right- riding will be your 'work' (even with Chris and Deborah giving you riding lessons)- how amazing is that??) Depending on the day, weather and time, you may also take care of your cute little veggie garden 🌱, mowing 🌾 or just... chilling by the pool 🌊.

Chris and Deborah are super lovely people 🥰, not only do they care so much about the horses but also always look after you and I promise, you are in good hands! If we needed anything or weren't sure about something, they were always here to help us.

You have your own room and I shared my bathroom with one of the girls. You really have everything you need there, from cooking stuff to clothing, a TV 📺, even Christmas decoration 🎄

Deborah did the groceries once a week for us 🛒 but if you need anything last minute, want to get something or do some shopping on your days off, we took the backpacker car 🚗 and drove to the next mall 🛍️ which is only 13 minutes away (I personally really suggest getting sushi rolls 🍣 there- they are freaking delicious!)

About the horses 🐎: every single one of them is so amazing on their very own way and you are absolutely- with a 99,9% chance - going to fall inn love with at least one of them. ❤️ My personal favourites were Tommy and Aastaron- and let me tell you, I would have never thought that on the first day I came but the greatest love stories are often the ones you didn't plan for. 🥰

On your day off you are of course free to do anything you would like to do. Some took the train to Melbourne (takes only 1 hour), and often there were some events going on which we attended.

If it happens that you go approximately at the same time as I did, I can really recommend going to the Melbourne Cup (horse racing event) 🏇, Equitana (huge horse trade fair) 🏠 to MotoGP 🏍️ (motorbike race on Phillip Island), to the Royal Melbourne Show 🏰 and to Phillip Island to see the penguins 🐧 and koalas 🐨

I really had the most amazing time, no matter if it was the horse riding, cooking every evening with the girls (and Olli) 🍷, observing how much the veggies has grown 🌱, going to the saddlery and to the competitions 🏆 and having the best farewell-party by the pool ever!

Thank you so so much for everyone, just because of you all I will remember this amazing journey for ever!! 🥰

(Oh and I got engaged when I went on a little getaway to Fiji- so that was nice too 😊)



