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Cecilie, 19 years old, from Denmark.

The cottage equestrian facility is one of the best horse farms I have ever been to! Ever since day one I have loved being here. Chris and Deborah welcomed me so well and have taught me so much about horses and riding. They both give great tips when riding and you can really feel that they are passionate about the sport.

During my stay, which lasted almost 4 months, I experienced so many amazing things! I have been a helper at a competition with Courtney (a woman who is an extremely good eventing rider), observed other competitions including the Australian National Dressage Championship, I have helped out when the farrier and the vet came to the farm, observed different riders getting lessons by really good and well known Australian riders and much much more.

A normal day on the farm usually consists of feeding in the morning and evening, riding about 3 horses a day and doing other practical things like farm maintenance. But always remember that no days are the same when working with horses! Furthermore, you get one day off each week, where you can go for a car ride to see the beautiful nature of peninsula, take the train to Melbourne, go to the moonlit sanctuary and much more.

The experience wouldn't have been the same without the other backpackers either. We lived in two small houses where we cooked together every night, played games and watched movies together. It was so cool working with others who shared the same passion for horses as I did.

Finally, I want to give a shout out to Deborah and Chris. They both feel like family now and I know I'll always have a place here on the farm. Without them, this experience wouldn't have been the same.

