

I spent wonderful 10 weeks at the Cottage starting in July 2023 as my first big trip alone. Chris and Deborah were very supportive from the beginning and helped during planing stage of my trip. Once here and once I got to know everything I quickly felt at home.

I am very grateful for everything I learned not only about riding, lunging and ground work but also about general farm work. I think I definitely improved my riding during my stay here, especially since Chris and Deborah were always available to give tips. I generally learned a lot from Chris since he has an infinite amount of knowledge on many different subjects and loves to share it with you.

The atmosphere with the other travelers was great. We supported each other and spent fun evenings cooking and eating together. Molly and snoppy the two dogs were always able to put a smile on your face, whenever you met them on the farm they would happily run up to you to get a few cuddles.

The horses are very well trained and know a lot of things. Once we knew how to handle them, we were also allowed to work with them independently. Especially riding many different horses with completely different character made me learn a lot. Some of my highlights were riding in the back paddock where you could see wild kangaroos and when we visited a competition. On our day off we were allowed to use a car which gave us the possibility to explore the surroundings. Besides the "moonlit sanctuary" where you can see koalas and kangaroos very close, I spent my best days off visiting impressive beaches.

I have collected many good experiences and memories here and I am already sad that my time here is coming to an end. I am very happy that I decided to spend my time at the cottage!

~ Lena, Germany, 18
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