

Learn to say G'Day at the Jackaroo Jillaroo School at a fair dinkum Outback Ranch



An Iconic Australian Experience

You can now **experience the outback adventure** that everyone dreams about as a jackaroo or jillaroo at the Megalong Jackaroo School in the heart of the awesome Blue Mountains of NSW.

If you're looking for a real Australian outback experience, then this is the adventure for you.

Programme Overview

Experience life as an Australian Jackaroo or Jillaroo. Learn how to ride a horse, muster the cattle, work with the sheep and cattle, and crack a stockwhip! The package suits all levels of riding experience.

Programme Costs just \$895 for 5 days Jackaroo Course/ 2 days Blue Mountains sightseeing

What is included?

- 4 nights farmstay accommodation
- 5 days activities at Jackaroo School
- Plenty of ongoing activities at the farm
- Professional instruction
- Wholesome country meals
- 2 days Blue Mountains sightseeing
- 2 nights in Katoomba

What does the course cover?

- Horse riding • Sheep work • Fencing
- Mustering Cattle • Campfires • Horse Care
- ATV Quad Bikes • Whip Cracking

Cattle breeds and cattle mustering
Horse grooming and saddling up
Horsemanship and riding technique
Sheep care & mustering
Horse shoeing
Whip cracking and spinning the billy
Mustering on horseback
Horse breaking skills.
Building campfires
Cooking dampers
Fencing techniques

in the heart of the
majestic Blue Mountains
of NSW



How much fun and adventure can you handle?



What will I learn at the Megalong Jackaroo/Jillaroo School?

The course has been designed to be an introduction to rural tourism and is a great 'fun' course! You will learn some great rural skills and a chance to experience life as it is in the outback.

All levels of rider are welcome, from complete beginner to advanced – your skills will be taken into account throughout the course.



Where is the Megalong Jackaroo School located?

Megalong Valley is located just 2 hours from Sydney in the heart of the World Heritage Region of the Blue Mountains. The property is situated on 2000 acres near Katoomba, with plenty of wildlife. Bring your camera and your sense of adventure.

There's lots of spectacular scenery, lush pastures for livestock and pristine wilderness. The rugged Cox's River is crystal clear with deep gorges and canyons.



On the Megalong Outback Farm there are plenty of horses, cattle, sheep and dogs, as well as native and farm animals.



What if I have no experience with Horses?

We cater to your skills for beginners to experienced riders. We are renown for our wide range of quality horses of differing temperaments to match your skill.

You will be shown how to put on a bridle and saddle and careful lessons on how to ride.

Once we have helped match you to a horse that suits you and your riding experience, you will gain some practical advice in hoof care and grooming for your horse, instruction on riding techniques.



All horses are well cared for and you get lots of hands on experience with their care and well being.

Will I work with Sheep & Cattle?

The sheep are really a fun part of the programme when you try to get the sheep where you want them.

After the sheep have been rounded up you will learn how to assist in drenching and shearing. With the cattle you will learn where to be in the right place at the right time - cranky bulls are definitely to be avoided on the muster.



What about the accommodation and meals?

The great part of a Jackaroo course is the sense of spirit and friendship it creates. Many an evening can be spent around the campfire with the opportunity to enjoy an open-air camp oven cooked meal. Sleeping quarters are provided in the bunkhouse. The property has a range of accommodations, and this programme allows for upgrades.



What is provided and what facilities are there?

Plenty of tucker, lots of adventure, stockwhips, riding helmet and a suitable horse for your experience level.

The property has a liquor license so many an evening can be spent round the fire or at our outback pub with a cold beer.

You can enjoy bush walking in the surrounding wilderness trails. There are kilometres of the Cox's River to explore on the property.



Who are the Staff?

The property is a specialized centre and the Jackaroo Course is run by highly skilled and friendly people.

Just like you, they love the outdoors and working in a relaxed environment.

You make lots of new friends and have ample downtime to enjoy the surrounding areas. In no time you will soon discover the appealing aspects of rural life.



What is so unique about the property?

It's the largest recreational venue in the Blue Mountains. Being 17 klm long, it sits between two vast vallies in the heart of the Blue Mountains.



This is a great chance to take in the stunning scenery and maybe even catch a glimpse of wallabies, kangaroos or dingoes in the wild.



Is there opportunities to explore the region?

The property is located in the heartland of the Blue Mountains world Heritage Region.

This area is rich with wonderful plant and birdlife and features caves to explore and swimming water holes to cool off in.

A trip to rainforest area is sure to be a well-deserved break from the hard life of a Jackaroo

Many quality world class attractions are in the region, Jenolan Caves, Zig Zag Railway, Scenic Railway as well as extreme adventure sports such as abseiling, canyoning and rockclimbing.

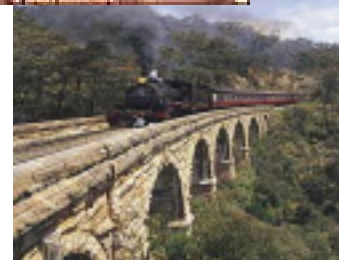
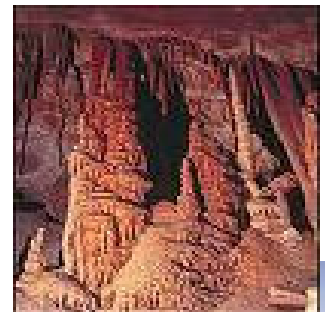
Experience the exhilaration of mountain cycling



Ride the Scenic Skyway or try your skills at Abseiling



Visit the Jenolan Caves and try canyoning



Ride the historic ZizZag steam trains

The Weeks Programme

Monday Day 1: Introduction to Horses

- o Pick up at 9.30 a.m. from Blackheath Railway Station
- o On the way down a short stop in an ancient rainforest
- o Meet with staff, orientation
- o Introduction to horses starts with basic grooming and saddling up lesson and definitely hands on
- o Learning the Aussie Slang
- o A lesson on maintaining saddlery

Afternoon

- o Everyone wants to get riding asap so we finish the lesson followed by a ride up to the scenic escarpment to see the majestic cliffs.
- o After the first taste of horsemanship it's time to unsaddle the horses, then the farrier will explain how to check your horses feet.
- o Afternoon farm duties, putting out the feeds, and livestock into the paddocks
- o A whip cracking lesson after smoko round the campfire



Tuesday Day 2: Farm Equipment, Horses and Bikes

- o Farm wakeup for livestock, breakfast time for the pigs, goats, sheep, alpacas & chooks
- o Muster work and bring in horses in from night paddock
- o Feed out to horses, and learn about horses nutrition, working with feeding horses safely
- o Morning smoko (aussie term for coffee break)
- o Lesson on how to work around and catch horses.
- o Session with grooming the horses tacking up lesson on the horses equipment
- o Putting it altogether – a riding lesson getting you comfortable with trotting

Afternoon

- o Safety session on farm machinery, how to work around people using tractors, chainsaws with skills for agricultural machinery & tools
- o Afternoon farm duties
- o Bush survival and local bush tucker



Wednesday Day 3: Working with Sheep

- o Farm startup for all the animals, muster horses and feedout.
- o Tack up your horse, morning smoko, then more lessons on rural skills
- o Working with Sheep -demonstrations on how to work sheep on horses, with dogs, on ATV bikes
- o How to move a mob and get them into yards.Helping with care such as drenching, marking, crutching, Terms used in a shearing shed, How to catch a sheep, and how to care for orphan lambs
- o Practise with small mob of sheep in yards

Afternoon

- o Tools and equipment for fencing, Field equipment and how to use it,
- o How to help repair fences and yards
- o Checking out the pastures and how to help out with field work,
- o Afternoon farm duties
- o Smoko round the campfire



Thursday Day 4: Working with Cattle

- o Farm startup for all the animals, muster horses and feedout.
- o Tack up your horse, morning smoko, then more lessons on rural skills
- o Cattle and their temperaments. Terms used on a cattle property
- o Working safely with cattle especially bulls, cows with calves
- o Working with Cattle demo on how to work cattle on horses, with dogs, on bikes.
- o How to move a herd and get them into yards.
- o How to draft cattle, separate and load
- o How to catch a calf and care for orphan calves
- o Helping with care such as drenching, marking, tagging

Afternoon

- o Practise with herd of cattle and muster into yards
- o How to muster on horseback and with bikes.
- o Afternoon farm duties,
- o Smoko round the campfire



Friday Day 5: Putting it Together

- o Farm startup for all the animals, muster horses and feedout.
- o Tack up your horse, morning break, then more lessons on rural skills
- o Mustering lesson in arena
- o Whip cracking lesson
- o Ride over to Shanendoah Ranch for the weekly muster
- o Muster the horses from the river paddocks
- o Muster the sheep and check for lambs
- o Muster the cattle and check for calves, drenching or other weekly task.
- o Picnic lunch at the Cox's river

Afternoon

- o Drafting and sorting the horses
- o Bring in the horses to the homestead with a trot and a canter
- o Afternoon farm duties
- o Return to Katoomba



What is the climate & and what clothing do I need?

Megalong Valley has an enjoyable range of temperatures year long from mild to cool winters June to August, superb mild weather in spring and autumn, and a hot summer from November to March

The property is 1000 metres above sea level so even in the summer it can turn brisk so a sweater is advisable.

Make sure you pack for the variable Australian weather a cold day in the summer is not unheard of.

Cold days in winter in the Megalong Valley means you get to wear a traditional drizabone. A pair of boots for the footwear is essential.

Is there a minimum age limit:

Under 18's from Australia are accepted depending on riding level. Maximum age is dependant upon potential participant's health



What do I need to bring?

Sunglasses, sunblock, insect repellent, bathers, phone card (phones are available) and of course -your camera and a sense of adventure.

Is there mobile phone coverage?

Yes there is good mobile phone reception on the farm, but you might want to bring a spare phone card.



How do I get there?

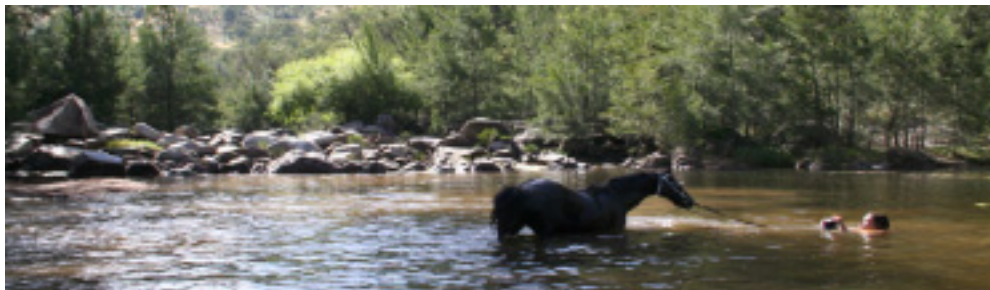
You can travel either by bus or train or by your own car. You can choose to stay at Katoomba the night before, or travel straight up from Sydney as the Centre is just 2 hours from Sydney central. You will be picked up at Blackheath station taken down through the rainforest to the property ready for the start of your Jackaroo Experience!

Insurance

We endeavour to look out for your safety at all times and we take your well being very seriously at our Centre. It is important though to accept there is an element of risk and you are required to have comprehensive travel and health insurance.



Program is totally conducted onsite at Megalong Rural Experience Centre, Megalong Valley, Blue Mountains, Australia.



How to book & pay:

To make a booking, please visit our website and download a booking form, or contact your travel agent.

Complete your application form and you will need to pay \$195 deposit to book your space. (Balance will be due 4 weeks prior to course)

If you cancel your booking less than 30 days prior to course, fees will be charged. See website for details

Course dates:

There are various starting dates each month, so see the further information for this programme or contact your travel agent for details. If arriving from overseas it is best to get over your flight before commencing the course.

Job assistance

Once you have gained skills and lots of confidence to tackle the great Aussie outdoors, there is plenty of opportunities and we're there to help you search for a great job.

Who is eligible to apply?

For an adventure with a difference in Australia, you can't beat this programme. You don't need any experience, your age doesn't matter, nor does your nationality. If you are looking for an exciting job in the rural areas of Australia or just want to have a great holiday, this is the program is for you.

What if I live outside Australia?

To be eligible for the working holiday visa if you are from overseas you must be:

being aged between 18 and 30 and have no dependents be a citizen of a country named in the working holiday maker reciprocal arrangements possess a return ticket or sufficient funds for a return or onward fare as well as sufficient funds for the first part of your stay

The visa allows you to stay up to 12 months plus another 12 months. You are allowed to do any kind of work of a temporary or casual nature, and you can work with each employer for up to six months.

How far in advance do I need to book?

We would recommend you apply at least 8 weeks in advance due to the availability of places.

What is not included?

Travel insurance, Visa, Transport, any flights, extra activities not on itinerary

Cancellations

In the event of cancellation, the following fees are applicable: More than 30 days -10% Between 30 days and 7 days - 50%

Within 7 days - 100%