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## **Mates rates for IFAJ Hot Tropics tour**

IN less than 100 days the IFAJ pre-congress 'Hot Tropics' tour kicks off in beautiful Far North Queensland and the ACAJ wants to see some familiar faces. That is why we are offering special rates for those who just want to do the Australian tour:

**Cairns only:** A\$750  
**Cairns & Sydney** A\$1000

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors this includes

- All accommodation
- Your domestic flight to Sydney (if doing Sydney leg)
- Ticket on a premium reef experience, showcasing seafood, with presentations from marine biologists and scientists, and farmers who share stories about how they have changed farming practices to protect waterways and reef. You'll get to snorkel green and white reef zones.
- Entrance to all the tour experiences
- Attendance at the Welcome Evening on Thursday
- Seat at the Rural Press Club Qld Dinner
- Entrance to the Taronga Zoo and complimentary tickets on the overhead zipper attraction (Sydney)
- Entrance and tour of an iconic crocodile farm where you will also get up close and personal with a host of Australian animals such as koalas, kangaroos and cassowaries just to name a few
- Bus transfers Meals and snacks, with the exception of a free morning where you get to explore Sydney
- An amazing line up of farm tours

### **The Cairns leg**

Kicking off in Cairns with a welcome function on Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the tour will spend three days exploring what the northern part of Queensland has to offer. This will include a visit to Australia's largest banana growers, where we will hear from our platinum sponsor Kubota on the latest tractor release and banana bagging technology. Sponsor Sugar Research Association have opened up their Sugar Experiment Station at Meringa where you can meet and interact with Australia's leading sugar cane breeders.

A visit to beautiful Cairns would not be complete without a day trip to the Great Barrier Reef where a marine biologist will talk about the science behind why the Great Barrier Reef is changing. Here you will be able to explore the story behind those headlines and spend time with local farmers who are keenly focused on their own environmental credentials. This is thanks to our sponsors Canegrowers, Australian Government, Department of Environment and Queensland Government.

Sunday we will pick up the pace with a trip to a crocodile farm to eyeball the world's largest aquatic reptile. The saltwater croc, only found in Southeast Asia and Northern Australia, is the most aggressive of all crocodiles. Learn about farming this creature for both a sustainable use and ensuring conservation of the species. Take some time also to wander around this incredible park and meet some of the other local wildlife unique to Australia.

The day will finish with an aboriginal rain forest walk at Mossman Gorge. The Gorge and its wilderness is an area sacred to the Kuku Yalanji clan, The Kuku Yalanji are one of the only tribal rainforest people in Australia who still have their own culture and language. This is a unique experience to see this tropical rainforest through the eyes of the traditional owners,

### **The Sydney leg**

Finally a trip 'Down Under' is not complete without a stopover in Sydney. Take some time to soak up the atmosphere of what Sydney has to offer with the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge before heading to a media event showcasing Australian products and the latest research and development in innovation farming hosted by platinum sponsor Rural R&D Corporations and supported by NSW Farm Writers Association. This event will

Register before July 28<sup>th</sup> and go in the draw to win a 'true blue' Aussie Akubra hat. To register visit <http://www.acaj.org.au/cairns/index.html>

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