



ABBA Trade Mission to Colombia

20th November – 6th December 2018

Itinerary at 12 June 2018



Rich in natural resources and the second-most biodiverse country in the world, Colombia's economic fortunes are rapidly improving. The top 10 agricultural commodities are sugar cane, milk, plantains, cassava, bananas, rice, potatoes, chicken, palm oil and beef.

Colombia is the world's second-largest coffee producer, grown on 20 per cent of all cultivated land, most of which is exported.

Beef is the 10th most produced food in Colombia with approximately 40 million hectares used for raising cattle; over 60% of which are in tropical areas. Colombia has the 7th largest cattle herd in the world with 30,576,000 head, up from 23.6 million in 2008. It was the 6th largest cattle exporter in the world in 2013.

Approximately 25% of the Colombian national beef cattle herd are Brahman and other Zebu breeds.

The Colombian Brahman registry is the largest in the world and Colombian Brahman breeders have demonstrated a keen interest in improving their Brahman genetics.

This Trade Mission will give participants an opportunity to evaluate how Australian Brahman genetics can contribute to the genetic development of the Colombian Brahman industry as well as interact with international visitors from throughout the Brahman world.

ITINERARY

Day 1. Depart Australia/Arrive Bogota

Tue 20 Nov

Assemble at Sydney international Airport for the flight to Colombia via Chile.

1250 hours Depart on Qantas flight QF 27 for Santiago

Cross the International Date Line and arrive the same day

1110 hours Arrive Santiago and transfer to onward flight to Colombia

1505 hours Depart on Lan Chile flight LA 576 for Bogota

1859 hours Arrive Bogota where you will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel near the airport

Meals: Inflight

Overnight: Bogota

Day 2. Bogota – Yopal

Wed 21 Nov

Depart Bogota after breakfast and transfer to the airport for a private charter flight from Bogota to Yopal (note luggage limit per passenger is 15 kilos only)

On arrival, transfer to the hotel to check in luggage the travel to Hacienda Mararave, a private property owned by Mr Robert Valenzuela, and one of the best Brahman properties in the area. Mr Valenzuela commenced breeding pure Brahman cattle when managing a commercial operation of 17,000 Brahman cattle. His constant need for bulls led him to breeding pure Brahman cattle (approximately 200 per year). The visit will offer the opportunity to see cattle on pasture as well as show cattle.

Special lunch on farm of *ternera a la llanera*, a typical dish of the region consisting of meat seasoned with salt, spices and beer and cooked over a wood fire.

After the visit transfer to the hotel.

Meals: B L D

Overnight: Holiday Inn Yopal

Yopal, the capital of the department of Casanare, is located about 4.5 hours from Tunja and 4 hours from Villavicencio. With about 150.000 habitants, Yopal has a small airport that operates direct flights to and from Bogotá (50 mins) and Bucaramanga. It is known as the gateway to the infinite Llanos plains, a place of spectacular sunsets where cowboys herd zebu cattle. Yopal is a paradise for birdwatchers with over 600 avian species in the department of Casanare. Many can be spotted near Yopal on trails and fincas, so pack your binoculars!

Day 3. Around Yopal**Thu 22 Nov**

Breakfast at hotel followed by a visit to another Brahman operator in the region.

Lunch at Subacasanare, the largest livestock auction in Colombia which sells 2000 animals each Thursday. Fattened bulls and cows are slaughtered, and lean cattle are sent off for fattening.

After the visit travel to Hacienda la Malaguena, a Brahman feedlot which grows silo corn.

Later transfer to the hotel for the dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Meals: B L D

Overnight: Holiday Inn Yopal

Day 4. Yopal – Bucaramanga**Fri 23 Nov**

Depart Yopal after breakfast and transfer to the international airport for the flight to Bucaramanga.

Bucaramanga, the capital of Santander, is one of Colombia's major cities with a greater metropolitan population of about one million. It's a city of many skyscrapers surrounded by mountains and national parks and is a pleasant place to get a taste of local culture. Agricultural and horticultural production on the outskirts of the city include plantations of tobacco, coca, pineapple and corn. Local industries include the production of shoes.

*Meals: B L -
Bucaramanga*

Overnight: Hotel Tryp,

Day 5. World Brahman Congress – Farm Visits**Sat 24 Nov**

Transfer to “Cenfer” for the World Brahman Congress.

For the next 2 days you will have the choice of visiting farms and ranches in the Cordoba area, Magdalena or Cesar areas. Each tour is limited to a group of 30 people you will stay overnight in that region.

Meals: B - -

Overnight: Regional area

Day 6. World Brahman Congress – Farm Visits**Sun 25 Nov**

Second day of farm and ranch visits in the Cordoba area, Magdalena or Cesar areas

Return to Bucaramanga

Meals: B - -

Overnight: Hotel Tryp, Bucaramanga

Days 7 & 8. World Brahman Congress - Seminars

Mon 26 & Tue 27 Nov

Seminar program led by major speakers from Mexico, Australia, USA, Uruguay and Colombia where issues such as genetics, reproduction and nutrition of the Brahman breed are being tackled. The technical committee will present on a number of national and international examples of successful operations that have had a significant impact on the pure-bred Brahman breed commercial cattle enterprises.

Meals: B

Overnight: Hotel Tryp, Bucaramanga

Days 9, 10, 11 & 12. WBC - Cattle Judging & Auction Wed 28, Thu 29, Fri 30 Nov and Sat 1 Dec

Attend four days of cattle judging (stud and commercial) and auction of four spectacular breeds of cattle - Brahman, Gyr, Guzera and F1 breeds as part of the Brahman World Congress.

This will be the 71st National Cebu Fair with exhibiting stock, judging, auction sales of Cebu breed examples, the traditional milking competition and a grass roots program 'echando raíces' all providing an interesting and varied program for the national and overseas cattlemen and women.

Meals: B

Overnight: Hotel Tryp, Bucaramanga

Day 13. Depart Colombia

Sun 2 Dec

Transfer from the hotel to Airport Palonegro to connect with return flights to Australia

1121hours Depart Bucaramanga Avianca flight AV9711 for Bogota

Connect with onward flight

1415 hours Depart Bogota on Avianca flight AV241 for Santiago

Arrive Santiago and transfer to Santiago hotel for overnight

Meals: B - -

Overnight: Santiago

Day 14. Day touring Chile

Mon 3 Dec

Day visiting Santiago

Santiago, also known as Santiago de Chile is the capital and largest city in Chile. It sits in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped Andes and the Chilean Coast Range. Plaza de Armas, the grand heart of the city's old colonial core, is home to two neoclassical landmarks: the 1808 Palacio de la Real Audiencia, housing the National History Museum, and the 18th-century Metropolitan Cathedral. La Chascona is the home-turned-museum of poet Pablo Neruda. The city has a downtown core of 19th-century neoclassical architecture and winding side-streets, dotted by art deco, neo-gothic, and other styles. The city outskirts are surrounded by vineyards and Santiago is within a few hours of both the mountains and the Pacific Ocean.

Meals: B - -

Overnight: Santiago

Day 15. Depart Chile

Tue 4 Dec

1335 Depart Santiago on Qantas flight QA 28 for Sydney

Meals: Inflight

Day 16. Inflight

Wed 5 Dec

Cross the International Date Line

Day 17. Arrive Australia

Thu 6 Dec

1740 Arrive Australia

Clear Immigration and Customs and return to home locations.



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AUSTRALIAN BRAHMAN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION LIMITED

BOOKING FORM

To reserve your place on this trade mission please complete and sign this form (block letters in black ink) then return it to ABBA.

PERSONAL DETAILS (FULL NAME AS PER PASSPORT)

Surname:

Title:

Telephone:

Postal Address:

Postcode:

Full Name of Travelling Companion:

PASSPORT DETAILS

IMPORTANT: You will need to supply a scanned copy of your passport before departure.

Passport No:

Nationality:

Date of Birth:

Gender: Male Female

Issue Date:

Expiry Date:

Country of Issue:

FLIGHT DETAILS

Seat Class:

Premium Economy

Business

Departure city in Australia:

Frequent Flyer Number:

Airline:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name:

Relationship:

Telephone:

Mobile:

PAYMENT DETAILS

Cheque

Payable to: Australian Brahman Breeders Association
Post to: ABBA
PO Box 796, ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4700

Credit Card

Visa

Mastercard

Card Number:

Expiry Date:

CCV Number:

Cardholder Name:

Cardholder Signature

Name / Business Name for Your Invoice:

AGREEMENT / DECLARATION

I have read, understood and agree to the booking conditions outlined with the itinerary for this tour.

Signature:

Date:

How did you find out about us? (this helps us with better advertising)

Were you referred to Quadrant (or this tour) by a past passenger?
If so could you please advise their name/s

TOUR NAME: **ABBA Trade Mission to Colombia**

TOUR CODE: **A04118**

DEPARTURE DATE: **20 November 2018**

BOOKING OPTIONS: Main Tour Land Only

ONE FORM PER PERSON

Given Names:

Preferred Name:

Mobile:

Email:

Preferred Contact Method: Email Post Telephone

Relationship to Travelling Companion:

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Do you require Travel Insurance? Yes No

If Travel Insurance has been taken out separately please advise:

Insurance Company:

Policy No:

Emergency Contact No:

ACCOMMODATION

Rooming Details: Single Single but willing to share

Double Twin (2 beds)

If twin / double sharing with:

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS AND WELLBEING

Dietary / allergies:

Mobility / disabilities:

Direct Deposit Australian Brahman Breeders Association
BSB: 064 710 Account Number: 10468783
Reference: **A04118 Colombia** and your surname

Processing Charges Apply: PLUS 1.0 % Visa & Mastercard
Credit card transaction will show on your statement as Quadrant Australia.

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TOUR COSTS per person: * Includes international airline taxes and surcharges

Twin Share AUD 10,750 plus GST = AUD 11,825*
 Single Supplement AUD 1,600 plus GST = AUD 1,760

EXCHANGE RATES

Prices quoted in Australian dollars with AUD1.00 = USD 0.73

MINIMUM NUMBERS

The minimum number of passengers for this tour is 15.

BOOKINGS & PAYMENT

To confirm your place on this program please complete the booking form and send with your deposit of \$5,000 to Australian Brahman Breeders Association (ABBA).

What's Included:

- Return Economy Class flights from Sydney to Bogota via Santiago
- Domestic airfares Colombia as per itinerary
- All land travel in the private use of modern comfortable coaches.
- Professional English speaking tour guide
- Technical visits and sightseeing as outlined in itinerary
- Quality accommodation with private en-suite facilities where available
- Meals as detailed in itinerary - shown (BLD)
- All entrances fees or special events as detailed
- Tips / gratuities for drivers and guides

What's Not Included:

- Connecting domestic flights that might be required within Australia
- Meals not shown in itinerary
- Expenditure of a personal nature; ie. alcoholic beverages or phone calls.
- Passport fees and visa charges
- Travel insurance, cancellation fees

*Upgrades to business class flights available on request.

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BOOKING CONDITIONS

IMPORTANT NOTES: Please read the booking conditions below. Payment of deposit indicates acceptance of the booking conditions detailed in the brochure.

PRICE AND FLUCTUATION

This Trade Mission has been costed on a set exchange rate. Due to the unstable nature of the Australian dollar, regrettably currency surcharges may be necessary. Major variations may result in a surcharge being applied or a refund given if applicable.

All prices quoted are subject to change without notice having regard to unforeseen circumstances, foreign exchange fluctuations and variations in airline operating costs including but not limited to, say, an escalation of fuel prices.

MINIMUM NUMBERS

The tour will proceed with minimum number (as indicated) of full paying passengers. In the event that the required numbers are not reached – the tour may still proceed however, per passenger prices may change.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

The exchange rate used to price this tour has been disclosed above. In the event of deviation from this rate, Quadrant Australia reserves the right to increase prices or make refunds according to the impact the fluctuation has had on land content prices in the country or countries to be visited. NB: If minimum numbers are not reached with full paying Quadrant passengers – any possible refund for favourable exchange fluctuations may be foregone to ensure the tour still proceeds as planned.

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSIT

To confirm your place on this program please book as early as possible. A reservation can only be confirmed with a deposit of **\$5,000 per person**. To reserve your place please complete the booking form and forward to the Australian Brahman Breeders Association with your deposit. Confirmation will be provided in writing within 7 working days, together with all necessary receipts and invoices.

FINAL PAYMENT AND AMENDMENTS

Final payment is due 90 Days Prior to Departure. Payment can be accepted after this date, however they will be subject to availability of flights, accommodation and other tour inclusions. An amendment fee of \$50 will be charged for any alterations to your booking, after confirmation has been sent. Any changes made by you after the full payment has been made will incur a minimum of \$100 fee plus any charges imposed by airlines, hotels and operators, and will be subject to availability of the requested changes.

ACCOMMODATION

Tour prices include accommodation throughout on a twin share basis (unless otherwise specified). For passengers travelling alone, it may be necessary to pay a single supplement, however in some special circumstances we may be able to assist with sharing arrangements. Agreements are solely between the passengers concerned, and the company accepts no responsibility for compatibility. Single rooms may be smaller than twin bedded rooms.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

VISAS: Australian passport holders may require a visa to enter the countries visited on the tour. As arrival documents are Government to Government requirement, Quadrant Australia is NOT able to complete these documents on your behalf. Quadrant Australia will assist wherever and whenever possible. Visa assistance is available through Visalink who can be contacted via the Quadrant Australia website. Should you be travelling to other countries, please check on visa requirements.

PASSPORTS: Passengers will require a current passport with 6 months validity beyond the date of return.

USA ESTA: Persons travelling to, or via, the USA, are reminded of their obligation to comply with US entry and transit requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is highly recommended for this program and Quadrant Australia can arrange this for you. Should we supply travel insurance information and application forms, you must ensure you read and understand the insurance details. Once we have received your completed insurance application and Medical Appraisal Form (where necessary), we will accept your information in good faith. Please note we act as agent for the principal insurance provider or broker. Quadrant Australia cannot provide recommendations. Documentation will not be released until proof of insurance is provided or declined, in writing.

CANCELLATIONS

Any cancellations must be made in writing by email, post or fax to Quadrant Australia.

Cancellations received up to 90 days prior to departure will incur a fee of \$750 plus any unrecoverable costs incurred which include, any non-refundable costs incurred on the passenger's behalf by Quadrant Australia. Cancellations after 90 days are subject to the following fees and charges:

- From 90—45 days to departure –\$1500 plus any unrecoverable costs. No refunds will be guaranteed (refund policies and fees subject to supplier contracts)
- From 45—30 days \$2500 plus any unrecoverable costs. No refunds will be guaranteed (refund policies and fees subject to supplier contracts)
- Within 30 days no refunds will be given.

Please consider travel insurance when paying your deposit.

UNUSED SERVICES

It is our policy to follow the itinerary as written, however sometimes due to circumstances outside our control, or in the best interests of the group, the itinerary may vary slightly. No refunds will be given for any unused portions of the tour in respect of transfers, accommodation, meals, sightseeing tours or any other services included in the tour price but not utilised by the tour member.

AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY

The transportation firms concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their aircraft or conveyances. The passengers' contract in use by the carrier concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company or firms and the purchaser of these tours. Any airline does not by virtue of its endorsement of a program represent itself, either as contracting with any purchaser, or as having any other legal relationship with any such purchaser.

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Also for any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents, and that neither the firm nor its servants, agents or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expense or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of any of the foregoing causes. Participants should be aware that programs such as this visit rural and research properties, parks and conservation areas and occasionally stay in home hosted farm stays, safari camps and on houseboats. In addition our programs may also utilise services and accommodation provided on river and other cruise/water based vessels. Such visits carry inherent potential risks, including but not limited to health risks and injuries from livestock and other animals, equipment as well as trails, roads and tracks. Participants accept such risks as inherent to such programs. As there can be moderate walking requirements to experience the activities of this program, there is an expectation that participants will have an adequate level of mobility including the ability to enter and exit coaches unassisted. Quadrant Australia maintains the rights to cancel, without refund, their services to clients who falsely accept the booking conditions without fully declaring mobility impairments.

Unused services cannot be refunded or exchanged. The Firm reserves the right to cancel the tour and/or modify the itineraries in any way it thinks desirable and further reserves the right to decline to accept any person on any tour and may substitute hotels where necessary.