

THE 2020 OZSKY STAR SAFARI

- TERMS AND CONDITIONS -

(CURRENT AS AT: JANUARY 12, 2019)

OZSKY STAR SAFARI REGISTRATIONS

This unique observing program is offered on a first-come first-served basis, to the first 36 confirmed observers or observing couples (plus any non-observing family members). This limit ensures the optimum amount of "telescope time" is available for each registered observer, based on our experience from past OzSky Star Safaris.

To secure your place at the 2020 OzSky Star Safari, your completed OzSky Registration Form and OzSky Registration Fee must be received and confirmed by the Registrar of the OzSky Star Safari. Registrations cannot be confirmed until registration fees have been received in full due to the high demand for this unique observing experience.

Once the limit of 36 registrations has been reached, a Waiting List may be invoked for the purpose of substitution in the event of any cancellations or where additional registrations are authorized by the OzSky Registrar. If the Wait List is activated due to cancellations or additional places becoming available, names will be drawn from the Wait List in the same order in which they were received, wherever possible.

PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES

Payment of your OzSky Registration Fee is required to secure your reservation for the 2020 OzSky Star Safari. Payments may be made via PayPal transfer, Credit Card or Debit Card (via PayPal portal), or Direct Wire Transfer.

Your OzSky Registration Fee covers the costs of a fair and reasonable contribution towards the provision, delivery, maintenance and operation of the OzSky Star Safari's telescopes & equipment, two Dinners at OzSky (a Welcome Dinner on the first night and a Farewell Dinner on the last night), rental of the on-site Lecture Hall, nightly tea/coffee and snack bar on the Observing Field and one of the highly sought after OzSky T-shirts per registrant.

OzSky Registration Fees do not cover any transport, accommodation, tours or park entry fees, meals or other expenses which may be incurred during your trip.

Due to the growing popularity of the OzSky Star Safari, and the increasing numbers on our waitlist, confirmation of your registration for the 2020 OzSky Star Safari may only be provided once your Registration Form has been received and Registration Fees have been paid.

BOOKINGS AND LOGISTICS

Confirmed registrants will receive comprehensive information packages to help you in regards to planning, logistics and bookings, your volunteer hosts, observing expectations, historical and forecast climate data, suggested day trips and other activities.

You are responsible for booking your own travel and other arrangements as well as all costs and other requirements. We will strive to assist you in this process where possible and to pair up individuals travelling alone, if so desired.

LIGHT-USAGE POLICY

Coonabarabran is known as the Astronomy Capital of Australia - and for good reason, too! As such, it provides an excellent opportunity for attendees to observe the Southern night skies away from the degrading effects of light pollution.

The Observing Field and entire motel site will be subject to a strict, dim red-light only policy, to benefit both visual observers and imagers. The entire motel is at our disposal for the full week and full dark-out provisions will be implemented to promote a strict no-white-light policy. Windows and doors on all on-site rooms should be fully shielded at night using curtains and/or blinds.

Red Light Globes/Bulbs for the interior lights in the on-site rooms will be available for all on-site attendees upon request and are to be returned at the end of the event.

All light sources after commencement of "Dark-Out" times (7:00pm - 6:00am) should be dim red light only. No white lights are to be used after dark unless there is an official announcement to the contrary (such as in the case of inclement weather, or an emergency requiring such use).

The use of head-mounted flashlights is strongly discouraged due to the tendency of these to be inadvertently aimed directly into the eyes of others. Red Flashlights should be aimed towards the ground when walking around, and must be fitted with appropriate red filters.

For the comfort and safety of all attendees, and due to the proximity of OzSky to the professional observatories nearby, the use of laser pointers is not permitted at any time without express authority of the Registrar of The OzSky Star Safari.

Laptop computers, Smart Phones, Kindle-type devices, iPads and tablet computers are welcome, however if used on or near the Observing Field must be fitted with an appropriate heavy red screen filter and light shield, dimmed to the absolute minimum level and must be faced away from the Observing Field and any other observers, imagers or imaging devices.

AVAILABILITY OF ACCOMMODATION

The on-site motel has only 15 rooms available, and depending on final numbers, two or three of those rooms will be designated for your volunteer hosts to enable them to be readily available and on hand for setting up, breaking down and maintaining the provided telescopes throughout the week, as well as guiding you through the Southern Night Skies, contingent upon guest viewing needs and desires.

On-site housing assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, with preference being given to those staying the full week and those willing to room-share with other observers. Most of the on-site rooms are capable of accommodating up to seven (7) people, however we will only be assigning up to a maximum of four (4) people per room to ensure greater levels of comfort for all.

Individuals travelling alone or as a group will be assigned to male or female rooms of up to four (4) people per room. Where individuals or couples are travelling as a group but registering separately, please let us know so we can try to assign you to the same room(s), where possible. There are only a limited number of private rooms available (couples only), however additional private rooms may be available at off-site locations.

Once all on-site rooms have been filled, alternative accommodation options may be available at a hotel or motel in the nearby town of Coonabarabran. You may request to be wait-listed for an on-site room in the event of any cancellations.

Accommodation charges are not currently included in the OzSky "Classic" Star Safari Registration Fees, however the rates at both on-site and off-site locations are quite reasonable and room sharing will considerably reduce your overall accommodation costs. For current room rates, please contact the accommodation provider(s) directly.

CANCELLATIONS, TRANSFERS & REFUNDS

Your OzSky Registration Fee is fully refundable¹ and/or transferable² for cancellations received prior to October 31, 2019.

Cancellations received after October 31, 2019, but prior to December 31, 2019 are transferable² but non-refundable.

Cancellations received after December 31, 2019 are non-refundable and non-transferable.

These terms are due to the high demand for this unique observing experience, and the need for most folks to plan their trips in advance. 3RF Australia and the organizers of The OzSky Star Safari reserve the right to cancel an OzSky Star Safari at any time due to insufficient registrations or other circumstances beyond our reasonable control, in which case your Registration Fees will be fully refunded¹ to you within 60 days of such announcement.

¹ Refunds will be subject to any fees or charges which may be imposed by external parties or financial institutions.

² Where an eligible transfer of registration is sought, your OzSky Registration Fee may, at your selection, be transferred either to another individual of your choosing, or may be applied as a deposit towards the 2021 OzSky Star Safari or any other OzSky event during 2020-2021. By transferring your OzSky Registration Fee to another individual or to another OzSky event, you will waive any and all options or rights for refunds.

PRIVACY OF YOUR INFORMATION

We collect the information in the OzSky Registration Form for the purposes of planning each event to better suit the needs of the guests attending.

Your Name, Email, Suburb/State and details provided in the "About You" section of the Registration Form will be used to populate a participant bio list and will be shared only with the registered attendees for this event, along with a photo of you (requested from you at a later time). You may request that your details not be included at any time if you would prefer not to be included.

Your Name and Full Address may be provided to the Accommodation Provider for the purposes of booking and confirming your accommodation booking in accordance with their terms & conditions.

Your information will never be shared with any other third party under any circumstances, except where required to do so by law.

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS

By submitting your OzSky Star Safari Registration Form and payment, you will be deemed to have fully read, understood, accepted and agreed to be bound by these Terms & Conditions.

We look forward to sharing the amazing southern night skies with you in March 2020 and would be happy to assist wherever possible in helping to plan your holiday.

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