

# THE 2022 OZSKY "ALUMNI" STAR SAFARI

## - TERMS AND CONDITIONS -

Current as at: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

### OzSky "Alumni" Registrations

This unique observing program is offered on a first-come first-served basis, to the first 12-16 confirmed observers or couples. This limit is strictly enforced to ensure the optimum amount of "telescope time" is available for each observer, based on our experience at past OzSky events.

To secure your place at the OzSky "Alumni" Star Safari, your completed Registration Form and Registration Fee must be received and confirmed by the Registrar of the OzSky "Alumni" Star Safari. Registrations cannot be confirmed until registration fees have been received in full, due to the nature of this event.

Once the limit of 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 authorised by the OzSky Registrar.

If that Wait List is activated due to cancellations or additional places becoming available, names will be drawn from the Wait List in the same order that they were received, wherever possible.

A minimum number of 10 registrations is required for the OzSky "Alumni" Star Safari to be run. If the minimum number of confirmed registrations is not reached by 30 June, 2022, this event may be cancelled, in which case your registration fees will be refunded<sup>1</sup> to you within 60 days of such announcement.

### Light-Usage Policy

The OzSky "Alumni" Star Safari 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 accommodation site will be subject to a strict "dim red-light only" policy, to benefit both visual observers and imagers. The entire accommodation site 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 rooms must be fully shielded at night using curtains and/or blinds.

Red Light Globes for the interior lights 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 (8:00pm – 6:00am, or as otherwise advised) should be dim red light only. **No white lights are to be used after sunset 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 those flashlights to be inadvertently aimed into the eyes of other observers. Red Flashlights must be aimed towards the ground when moving around and must be adjusted to an appropriate (i.e. dim) level of brightness.

For the comfort and safety of all attendees, 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 Fields, those devices must be fitted with appropriate heavy red screen filters and light shields, dimmed to the absolute minimum level and must be faced away from the Observing Field and any other observers, imagers or imaging devices.

### Bookings and Logistics

It is the intention that this OzSky "Alumni" trip will be run as a "no frills" OzSky Star Safari, focussing primarily on observing. Daytime activities will be generally unscheduled, unplanned and ad-hoc.

Confirmed registrants will receive additional information regarding the volunteer host(s), planning, logistics and bookings, 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 wherever possible.

### Availability of Accommodation

There are three houses available to us at the observing site, and depending on numbers we will rent either one, two, or all three of those houses.

Room assignments will be based on the final number of people registering for this event.

Only one or two rooms will be assigned to your volunteer host(s) to allow travelling observers the greatest opportunity to attend.

Rooming assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, with preference for any of the double rooms being given to couples.

Single/Private rooms may be available within the six-bedroom Shearer's Quarters, but only if numbers permit.

In the two-bedroom and four-bedroom cottages (total of three double rooms and three twin rooms), two individuals will be assigned per twin room and one couple per double room.

Where too few couples are registered to fill all double rooms, those double rooms may be offered to individuals in order of date of confirmation of registration, wherever possible.

Family groups or individuals travelling as a group will be accommodated in the same house wherever possible, however please let us know if this is the case so we can assist in that regard.

Accommodation charges at the observing site are **fully included** in the Registration Fee for this event.

### Payment of Registration Fees

Payment of your OzSky Registration Fee is required to secure your reservation for the OzSky "Alumni" Star Safari.

Please note: OzSky is not a commercial operation, but an entirely volunteer-run event which is run "by amateur astronomers, for amateur astronomers". It is operated purely on a cost-recovery basis, which is why we are able to offer this unique event at such a low cost to you.

Due to the growing popularity of the OzSky "Alumni" Star Safari, and the increasing numbers on our waitlist, confirmation of your registration for the 2022 OzSky "Alumni" Star Safari can only be provided once your Registration Form has been received and Registration Fees have been paid in full.

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 general operational and capital expenses which we incur in planning and running this event, such as the provision, delivery, maintenance and operation of the OzSky Star Safari's telescopes & equipment, legal & regulatory fees, insurances, advertising, operating costs and **includes 7 nights' on-site accommodation at the observing site** and a highly sought after OzSky Alumni T-shirt per registrant.

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

### Cancellations, Transfers and Refunds

Your OzSky "Alumni" Star Safari Registration Fee is refundable<sup>1</sup> and/or transferable<sup>2</sup> for any cancellations received prior to 30 June, 2022.

As this event heavily depends on a minimum number of participants, any cancellations received after June 30, 2022 are non-transferable and non-refundable, except where another person registers in your place, to ensure that the minimum number of participants can be maintained.

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. We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance with cancellation coverage.

Most of the collected fees are expended throughout the course of the year, which is how we have determined the above timeframes – the majority of those expenses are completely irrecoverable once paid.

3RF Australia and the volunteers organizing The OzSky "Alumni" Star Safari reserve the right to cancel The OzSky "Alumni" 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 refunded<sup>1</sup> to you within 60 days of such announcement.

<sup>1</sup> Requests for refunds will be subject to any fees or charges which may be imposed by external parties or financial institutions. For example, at the time of writing, PayPal payments are refundable (minus their fees) within 180 days of original payment date. Thereafter, PayPal may charge or retain additional fees, as refunds processed after 180 days are considered by PayPal to be a new transaction. Accordingly, all refunds will be calculated based on the amount received by The OzSky "Alumni" Star Safari organizers, minus any fees which may be imposed by PayPal, other third parties or financial institutions.

<sup>2</sup> Where an eligible transfer of registration is sought, your OzSky Registration Fee may, at your selection, be transferred either to another individual/couple of your choosing, or may be applied as a deposit towards any other OzSky event during 2022-2023. By transferring your OzSky Registration Fee, any options or rights for further refunds will be waived.

### Privacy of your Information

We collect information about you in the OzSky Registration Form for the purposes of planning each event to best suit the needs of those attending and to assist those attending in getting to know one another prior to the event.

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 in that bio list.

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 and Conditions

By submitting your OzSky "Alumni" 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.

OK – Enough of the boring formal stuff... We look forward to sharing the amazing "Alumni" night skies with you in October 2022 and we will be happy to assist you wherever possible in helping to plan your amazing observing vacation.

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