



3 Day Walking Itinerary & Information
IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH.
WEEKEND GUIDED WALKING TOURS ON A WORKING
SHEEP STATION IN THE HEART OF THE GRANITE BELT.

Stanthorpe, QLD

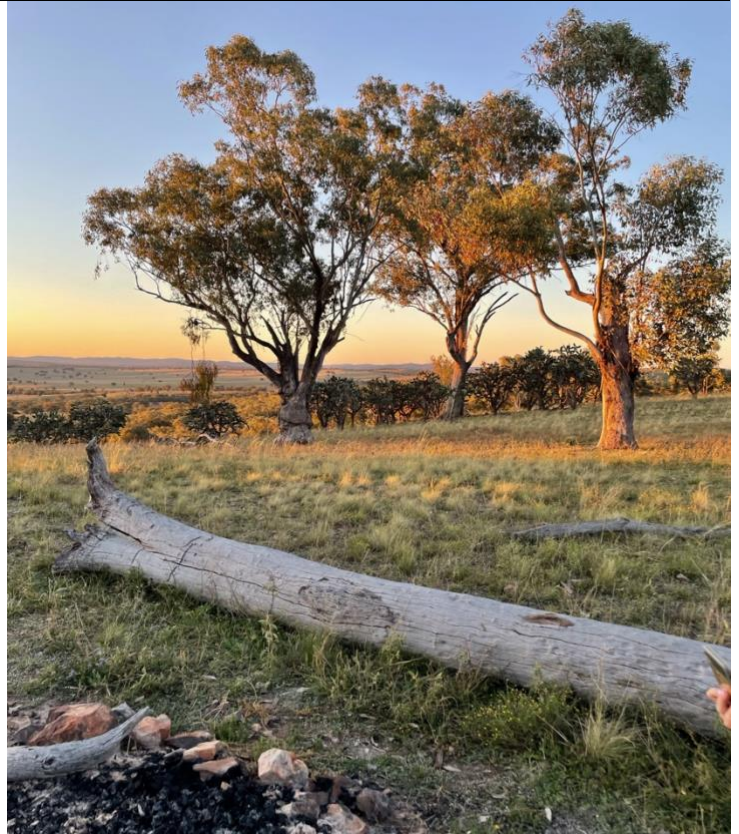
Overview – Package & Inclusions

Verona Country Escape on the Granite Belt, 55km west of Stanthorpe offers the ideal oasis to escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Immerse yourself deep into the bush, country lifestyle and serenity that is our working sheep station “Verona”. Be enticed by rocky granite creek beds, dense pine woodlands opening to wide grassy plains and the songs of our native Australian wildlife. Just an easy country drive from Brisbane, Sunshine Coast or the Gold Coast, come and savour the delights of Queensland’s premium food and wine region - Stanthorpe. The Granite Belt region is renowned for its quality artisan food and wines, which boasts a unique landscape unlike any other in Queensland.

This 3-day guided walking tour on our working sheep station Verona is the perfect weekend getaway to unwind and disconnect from the outside world. During your stay at Verona, experience staying in our restored Shearer’s Quarters accommodation, enjoy a taste of local foods and flavours with sunset beverages over breathtaking views, evening campfires and a candlelit dinner held in our historic shearing shed. Limited to groups of 2 – 9 guests per booking. Walking trails vary from Grade 2 – 4 as per Australian Walking Track Grading System. Tour difficulty can be tailored to group.

Package - \$1650 per person (introductory offer, price is per person twin share room)

- 2 nights boutique accommodation in Shearer’s Quarters
- 3 Days of Guided Walking – afternoon walk on arrival day, full day Saturday, half day on departure day
- All meals sourced from local produce
- All beverages including a selection of local wines
- 1 x Morning Yoga Class by certified instructor
- Welcome hamper for each guest from Stanthorpe Soaperie – Washpool Co.
- Wine & Charcuterie Board each evening
- Evening campfire upon return



Other Inclusions:

- All bed linen & bath towels
- Electric blanket on beds during winter

Not included:

- **Travel to location** (703 Verona Road, Terrica, QLD). You must organise your own travel to/from location however we are happy to assist in your plans
- **Insurance** – as per terms & conditions we highly recommend you take out travel insurance for your trip



DAY ONE – FRIDAY

DETAILED INTINERARY

2km | Grade 2 – 4 | Moderate

Arrival Details

Arrival time is from 2pm onwards to our property Verona (703 Verona Road, Terrica, Qld). Maps does not always use the correct route so you will receive a detailed email on directions to the property before arrival, please read these instructions carefully.

Once turning off the main road onto Verona Road it is a gravel, unsealed road for approximately 7km to our front gate. The road is not suitable for extremely low set vehicles; however, is very manageable for small 2WD cars. On arrival to Verona, enter via the front gate and follow the sign on the unsealed road to The Quarters. Parking is sign-posted, however it is not undercover. Here you will be greeted and shown to your room at The Quarters where you can settle in and unpack your belongings until the rest of your group has arrived. Take some time to breathe in the fresh country air and your surroundings for the weekend.

Afternoon Walk (2-3km Moderate)

At 3.30pm you will set off on a short afternoon walk (approximately 2km, 30-40mins incline) up to 'Homestead Hill', which as the name suggests boasts a stunning view of the homestead and you will get to take in breath taking views of the landscape which you will be exploring over the weekend. From here, the group will walk 500m down to one of our family's favourite scenic lookouts to enjoy your first taste of what Queensland's premier food and wine region has to offer. This is your time to connect with your friends and group members as the sun sets over the hills. Once the sun has set, it a short walk to where you will be either shuttled home to the Quarters or walk if you choose to do so, once home you can warm up beside the campfire and marvel at the stars before dinner is served inside the Hayshed.



DAY TWO – SATURDAY

DETAILED INTINERARY

15km | Grade 2 – 4 | Moderate - Hard

Waking up at Verona is serene and still, make the most of this isolation and quietness. Breakfast will be served at 7am in the Hayshed for an 8am departure from the Quarters to the North trail. You will need to select your snacks and morning tea from the selection provided to take with you in your day pack on the trail. We will set out from the Quarters and begin our circuit hike on the North Trail. This is a circuit loop.



Along the trail you will be immersed into the Australian bush, we encourage you to switch off from any devices and to enjoy the views and wildlife surrounding you. The trail boasts traverses in and out of dense bushland to wide open plains, with an abundance of native Australian wildlife, expect it all – Kangaroo's, Wallabies, Emu's and an array of birdlife. Not to mention if you are lucky enough to be visiting us through late June to August baby lambs will be just entering the world so you can catch a glimpse of new life on the farm. Verona has a few unique historical landmarks we will visit, like an old set of sheep yards made by the Pioneers of the Traprock region and old logging trails through dense bushland. Learn a touch of bush knowledge and history of the region, to get an idea of what life was like for the early settlers of Verona. The trails can be quite rocky and uneven so appropriate footwear is a must.



By lunchtime you will have worked up an appetite and needing a break. You will arrive to see one of the best views Verona has to offer, 'Big Bottom Lookout' as well as a beautifully set gourmet lunch.



Following lunch, the group will continue on their walk turning towards home now and going through some more sheltered areas, arriving back at the Quarter's at around 3pm, depending on walking pace. Spend the rest of the afternoon connecting with your group members by the campfire, or find a quiet spot to relax and enjoy a well-earned shower before a spectacular candlelit dinner in the old Shearing Shed.



*Amenities – there will be a portaloos at the lunch spot



DAY THREE – SUNDAY

DETAILED INTINERARY

7-10km | Grade 2 – 4 | Moderate

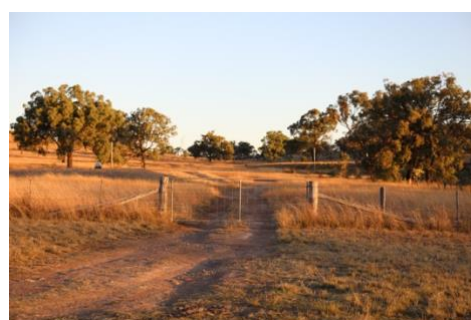
Sunday morning will be your last morning waking up at Verona. We intend to take this day slow after a long day walking on Saturday, wakeup for a warm cup of barista coffee, and a hearty breakfast in The Hayshed. The morning will begin with a gentle morning yoga class at 8am, led by local certified instructor who will focus on stretching and mobility, all necessary for walking. At approximately 9am the group will set off on in the opposite direction to the previous day on our 'South Loop', the South Loop is somewhat more sheltered than the northern loop and boasts wider granite creek beds and more sheltered walking. We will aim to do 6 – 10km prior to lunchtime to make the most of your last day at Verona.

Arriving at the old Sheep Yards for a gourmet lunch between 12-1pm, enjoy your last catered meal at our property nestled in the historic sheep yards once used by the first settlers who came to Verona.

The group will then head for the final trek towards home, just a few short kms (depending on the path chosen towards home <3km) and arriving back at the Quarters at approximately 1.30pm.

Departure details

Arriving back at the Quarters, it is now time to get ready to depart from Verona. There is no rush to get on the road but we do require you to be on your way by 3pm for safety reason. There will be afternoon tea and snacks available for you to take with you, as well as barista made coffee to get you through your first part of the drive if you so wish. **It is essential you put your destination into maps prior to leaving our property as there is limited service along the way until Stanthorpe.** We truly hope you have enjoyed your escape away to the bush, our home, Verona. We will ensure you have the right path to get home.



Frequently Asked Questions

Accommodation Details

The Shearers Quarters reflect olden day farm style accommodation, the Quarters is a rectangular building made up of 6 equally sized rooms all adjoining each other as pictured in Gallery Section on website.

- 3 x Twin Share Rooms (made up of two single beds as pictured)
- 3 x Queen Bed Rooms (as pictured)
- Two main toilets
- One shared bathroom for guests *maximum of 9 guests per weekend
- All bed linen & bath towels provided
- Electric blankets are provided on beds during winter as it can get very cool at Verona

Pricing Grid

Twin Share Room	\$1650 per person
Queen Room (shared occupancy)	\$1650 per person
Single Occupant Room Charge (single occupant for room)	Additional \$200 per person

*Pricing is an introductory offer only. Verona Country Escape reserves all rights to change pricing at any given time.

Hayshed

The 'Hayshed' is a rustically renovated farm shed which serves as Verona Country Escapes camp kitchen. It is directly adjacent to the Quarters. The hayshed is mostly enclosed from the elements and is a cosy space to have breakfast each morning or make yourself a cup of tea or coffee. There are full kitchen amenities in the Hay Shed, and it is fully stocked with non-alcoholic beverages and snacks at all times for guests, as well as tea and coffee available at all times for guests to make themselves in your down time or if you happen to awake early.

Parking - Parking is sign-posted directly across from the Quarters. Your vehicle will not be undercover for the duration of your stay.

Weather

Summer	Temps on average range from 14.6 degrees minimum to 38 degrees	In Summer we depart much earlier on our guided walks for Sat & Sun to avoid walking in the hottest parts of the day. Summer time on the Granite Belt means fruit picking is in full swing!
Autumn	Max temps average 21.9 to minimum 8.8 degrees	Weather is starting to cool down and is the season to see the vines changing colour across all of the vineyards
Winter	Temperatures on average daily for 17 degrees but can drop to 0 degrees overnight	It is essential to pack thermals & warm clothes for winter, however the days are very enjoyable and warm up. Great weather for walking
Spring	Temps on average max 22.3 degree and 7.8 degrees minimum	Spring is wildflower season through the Granite Belt, these flowers bring out the wildlife & not to mention lambing season

*We will walk in the rain – so it is essential to pack appropriate clothing & gear. In events of adverse weather events we will always assess if it is safe for the group to walk and if possible organise alternative activities.

Terms & Conditions - Terms and conditions are available at the bottom of the website & are again emailed upon booking enquiry.

Packing list

Must bring items:

- **Day backpack with waist strap & raincover** (recommended size is 22-35L)
- **Water bladder or bottles** (minimum 2.5L)
- **Hiking poles and gaiters** (optional)
- **Rain jacket** (we will walk in rain)
- **Warm jacket** (especially from May – September it can be very cold at Verona)
- **Hiking shoes/runners with good grip** - ensure they have been worn regularly & recently to avoid blisters

Items provided:

- Lunch box for snacks
- Bug spray, sunscreen
- Shampoo, conditioner, body wash

Luggage:

- Your luggage will be stored in your own twin share room, there is no weight or size limit
- We recommend packing a plastic bag to use to store any wet clothes

Footwear:

- Hiking shoes or runners with good grip - ensure they have been worn regularly and recently to avoid blisters
- Comfortable camp shoes to wear around the Quarters and Hayshed, we recommend close toe due to being in the bush!
- Thongs for the shared shower facility (optional)

Clothing suggestions:

- Lightweight long pants
- Lightweight shirts
- Comfortable evening wear
- Quality rain jacket
- Thermals as it can get quite cold up here on the mountain
- Large warm coat required (it can get cold at Stanthorpe)
- Beanie & Gloves

Personal medical kit:

- Prescription medication
- Asthma puffer (if required)
- Pain relief medication (such as ibuprofen, paracetamol or voltaren)
- Antihistamine for allergies (if prone)

Toiletries:

- Toothbrush, toothpaste & dental floss
- Hair brush and hair ties
- Deodorant
- Lip balm
- Chafe cream
- Sanitary items

Other:

- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Phone charger
- Head torch
- Binoculars

Note: It can get cool in the mountains even if warm weather is forecast, so come prepared both warm and cool weather.

If you have any further questions please contact Ally via
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