



2026 ARMA STUDY TOUR

HONG KONG, CHINA & JAPAN | 18 – 28 NOVEMBER 2026



The Australian Racecourse Managers Association (ARMA), in conjunction with the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) and the Japan Racing Association (JRA), is pleased to confirm the revised program for the 2026 Hong Kong, China & Japan Study Tour.

The Study Tour has been developed specifically for racecourse managers and industry professionals, providing behind-the-scenes access to some of the world's leading racing, training and equine facilities across Hong Kong, Conghua and Japan.

Delegates are required to arrive in Hong Kong by Wednesday 18 November, with the official Study Tour program commencing on Thursday 19 November and concluding in Tokyo on Saturday 28 November 2026.

Delegates also have the option of attending the Japan Cup Race Meeting on Sunday 29 November, subject to separate registration.

Registration Fee - AUD \$7,400 per delegate

The registration fee has been calculated based on current supplier pricing and includes all components of the official Study Tour from departure in Australia through to the conclusion of the tour in Tokyo.

Registration Fee Includes

- Return economy airfares from your nearest Australian capital city as part of the approved Study Tour itinerary.
- Ten (10) nights' accommodation from 18–27 November 2026.
- Breakfast where provided by the hotel. Not all hotels include breakfast.
- Coach and ground transportation associated with the official Study Tour program.
- Flight from Hong Kong to Sapporo.
- Flight from Sapporo to Tokyo.
- All official inspections, technical presentations and behind-the-scenes access hosted as part of the Study Tour.
- Admission to the Sha Tin Race Meeting on Sunday 22 November.
- Meals and refreshments specifically identified within the final itinerary.
- Tour coordination by ARMA.

Registration Fee Does Not Include

- Travel insurance, which is mandatory and must be arranged by each delegate.
- Transfer from Hong Kong International Airport to the Royal Park Hotel, Sha Tin on Wednesday 18 November.
- Meals not specifically identified as included within the itinerary.
- Alcoholic beverages unless provided as part of an official function.
- Personal expenses including laundry, minibar, telephone and incidental purchases.
- Passport, visa or entry permit costs, where applicable.
- Optional sightseeing or activities outside the official Study Tour program.
- Costs associated with attending the Happy Valley Race Meeting on Wednesday 18 November, other than the race meeting ticket supplied by HKJC.
- Accommodation, transport and other costs associated with remaining in Tokyo for the Japan Cup Race Meeting on Sunday 29 November, unless otherwise advised.
- Flight upgrades, extended stays, additional travel or variations from the approved Study Tour flight itinerary.

Flight Arrangements

Following registration, delegates will be provided with the contact details for ARMA's nominated Flight Centre travel agent.

Delegates will liaise directly with the travel agent to arrange the most appropriate economy flights from their nearest Australian capital city, taking into consideration the Study Tour itinerary and individual travel requirements.

Approved economy airfares forming part of the Study Tour will be invoiced directly to ARMA.

Any upgrades, extended stays, additional travel or variations outside the approved Study Tour itinerary will be at the delegate's own expense.

Accommodation

Delegates will be accommodated at the following properties throughout the Study Tour:

Dates	Accommodation
18–22 November	Royal Park Hotel, Sha Tin, Hong Kong (5 nights)
23 November	Home2 Suites by Hilton, Conghua, China (1 night)
24 November	Regala Skycity Hotel, Hong Kong (1 night)
25–26 November	Grand Mercure Sapporo Odori Park, Sapporo, Japan (2 nights)
27 November	Accommodation near Miho, Japan – TBC (1 night)

Study Tour Itinerary

Date	Location	Accommodation	Program
Tue 17 Nov	Hong Kong	Delegate arranged	Delegates may arrive one day earlier if they wish to attend the Happy Valley Race Meeting on Wednesday evening.
Wed 18 Nov	Hong Kong	Royal Park Hotel, Sha Tin	All delegates to arrive in Hong Kong and check into the Royal Park Hotel. Delegates are responsible for their own transport from Hong Kong International Airport to the hotel. Delegates who have arrived in time may attend the Happy Valley Race Meeting that evening. HKJC will provide race meeting tickets; associated costs are at the delegate's expense.
Thu 19 Nov	Hong Kong	Royal Park Hotel, Sha Tin	Official Study Tour commences. Inspections of Sha Tin Racecourse and Beas River Equestrian Centre. Coach transport provided from the hotel to inspection venues.
Fri 20 Nov	Hong Kong	Royal Park Hotel, Sha Tin	Inspections of Happy Valley Racecourse and Kai Tak Sports Park. Coach transport provided from the hotel to inspection venues.
Sat 21 Nov	Hong Kong	Royal Park Hotel, Sha Tin	Free day for delegates to explore Hong Kong or undertake their own activities.
Sun 22 Nov	Hong Kong	Royal Park Hotel, Sha Tin	Attend the Sha Tin Race Meeting. Coach transport provided from the hotel to Sha Tin Racecourse.
Mon 23 Nov	Conghua, China	Home2 Suites by Hilton, Conghua	Early departure from Hong Kong for the Conghua Racecourse and Training Centre. Coach transfer to the Hong Kong/China border, change of coach and continue to Conghua. Full day of inspections of HKJC racing and training facilities.
Tue 24 Nov	Conghua / Hong Kong	Regala Skycity Hotel, Hong Kong	Complete inspections at the Conghua Racecourse and Training Centre before travelling back via the Hong Kong/China border to Hong Kong International Airport. Overnight accommodation adjacent to the airport.
Wed 25 Nov	Hong Kong / Sapporo	Grand Mercure Sapporo Odori Park	Direct flight from Hong Kong International Airport to Sapporo, Japan, departing at approximately 9.00am. Arrive in Sapporo during the afternoon and transfer to hotel. Evening at leisure.

Thu 26 Nov	Sapporo	Grand Mercure Sapporo Odori Park	Full-day inspections of Northern Farm and Shadai Farm training facilities. Coach transport provided from the hotel and throughout the day's inspections.
Fri 27 Nov	Sapporo / Tokyo	Accommodation near Miho – TBC	Coach collection from the hotel at approximately 8.00am for an inspection of Sapporo Racecourse, including a morning tea break. Early afternoon flight to Tokyo (Haneda Airport) followed by transfer to accommodation near Miho.
Sat 28 Nov	Miho / Tokyo	–	Early departure for the JRA Miho Training Centre. Breakfast followed by a morning inspection of the training centre, concluding at approximately 1.00pm. Coach transfer back to Tokyo. Official ARMA Study Tour concludes.
Sun 29 Nov	Tokyo	Delegate arranged	Optional attendance at the Japan Cup Race Meeting for delegates who have separately registered to attend.

Transport

The following transport is included within the official Study Tour:

- Return approved economy airfares from the delegate's nearest Australian capital city.
- Coach transport associated with official inspections throughout Hong Kong, Conghua and Japan.
- Coach transfer from Hong Kong to the Hong Kong/China border and onward transport to Conghua.
- Return coach transport from Conghua to Hong Kong.
- Direct flight from Hong Kong to Sapporo.
- Coach transfers associated with the official Sapporo program.
- Flight from Sapporo to Tokyo (Haneda Airport).
- Coach transfers associated with the Miho Training Centre inspection and return to Tokyo.

Delegates are responsible for making their own way from Hong Kong International Airport to the Royal Park Hotel on arrival on Wednesday 18 November.

Important Information

- Delegates must arrive in Hong Kong by Wednesday 18 November 2026.
- The official Study Tour program commences on Thursday 19 November and concludes in Tokyo on Saturday 28 November 2026.
- Delegates are responsible for ensuring they hold a valid passport and satisfy all entry requirements for Hong Kong, China and Japan.
- Comprehensive travel insurance is mandatory and must be arranged independently by each delegate.
- Delegates should not make independent flight arrangements until they have received the contact details and instructions for ARMA's nominated Flight Centre travel agent.
- The itinerary may be subject to minor amendments due to operational requirements, airline schedules or host organisation requirements.
- ARMA, the Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Japan Racing Association reserve the right to make reasonable changes to the program while maintaining the overall Study Tour experience.
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Confirmation of Participation

Delegates who have confirmed their participation will receive further information regarding invoicing, flights and travel arrangements.

Following registration, Warren Williams will provide delegates with the contact details for ARMA's nominated Flight Centre travel agent to arrange their individual flight itinerary.

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