

VOLUNTEER FAQs



GENERAL INFO

- Garma is an incredible opportunity to meet new people from across Australia and the world, you will be a part of a diverse community that is passionate about constitutional reform and rich cultural expression, and it can also be a more affordable way of participating in the festival.
- Garma is no small project, and our volunteers make a significant contribution to the build, operation and spirit of Garma. As a volunteer you can expect to donate 5-6 hours of your time each day in exchange for a full festival ticket with crew camping. This leaves you with plenty of time to wander the festival site and enjoy the vast diversity of the program. Your days will vary, depending on the area in which you volunteer.

GETTING TO GARMA

- You can fly or self-drive.
- We recommend booking through Garma's official Travel Agent bradt@travelpartners.com.au or (02)9280 3767 for all of your flight queries and bookings.
- Book your travel as soon as you are confirmed as a volunteer. Airfares to Gove can escalate leading into the Top End's busy dry season and flights fill up fast. If you decide to test your metal, you can drive in, however we highly recommend 4WD only along with 4WD experience to navigate a 900k corrugated road driving experience – it's a dirt road all of the way from Katherine to the Gulkula, the Garma Festival site, featuring water crossings and buffalo a-plenty.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

- Yes! We will pick you up from the airport and shuttle you out to the Garma Festival site. You'll just need to provide us with your flight details, we've made it easy, simply fill in the volunteer information form which is in the Volunteer Info Pack which will be emailed to you upon confirmation of your volunteer placement.

ACCOMODATION

- Camping under the stars only!
- We will supply one tent per person along with, sleeping bag, stretcher bed or air mattress. For your comfort we suggest you bring a fitted sheet set and your pillow.
- As we are very remote, check the weather prior to your arrival, it can get cold at night so warm clothing is a must, and an extra blanket if you can squeeze it in.

MEALS

- We have it covered! And we can cater to all dietary requirements, again it's just as simple as filling in your volunteer information form which is in the Volunteer Info Pack. You won't go hungry and the food is great!

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TOILETS & FACILITIES

- There are several amenities blocks around the site with toilets and hot showers, don't forget your toiletries and a towel or two.
- We have 3 washing machines on site so sharing is essential. If you have sensitive skin we advise to bring your own washing powder.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

- Garma is a drug & alcohol-free festival.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

- If you have prescription medication, please bring documents to support your script. We have a fridge dedicated specifically for any meds that may need refrigeration including drug register that is kept safe under lock and key with our trusted Volunteer Coordinator on site.

MOSQUITOES, SAND-FLIES, SPIDERS, SNAKES, BUFFALO, BATS

- Yes! We have all of these. Bring repellent and Soov for after you get bitten and antihistamine to stop you itching.

MOBILE/INTERNET COVERAGE

- It's Telstra only and there's no Wi-Fi.
- If you're not with Telstra you will need to get a Telstra sim card.
- You will need access to your phone during your time at Garma, as we use Whatsapp and Zenshifts for volunteer rostering and all-important updates during the 14 days you have with us.

GARMA VOLUNTEER FACEBOOK GROUP

- Once we have you all locked in, you'll be invited to join the Garma Volunteer Facebook group. This is a great way to get to know each-other (YYF included) as well as a wonderful forum for discussion and learning. We will aim to get it set up swiftly so we can bring you on the journey. By the time you arrive on site we will already be friends.

ALL YOUR QUESTIONS AND MORE...

- Have more questions? We ask that you please save any burning questions until the Facebook Group is up and running. However, if you feel that your question is urgent please email the Volunteer Coordinator volunteer@garmafestival.com.au
- This FAQs is to provide you with a brief overview of what we know you want to know.
- We have a comprehensive Volunteer Handbook with all of the finer details that we will send to you once your volunteer placement has been confirmed.