



TRAVEL TALK

WINTER EDITION 2018 – ISSUE 30

Welcome to our **winter newsletter**.

It's hard to believe it is already the **winter of 2018!** Looking back our touring year is well underway. We have had a great time touring already in 2018. Show trips to the **Wizard of Oz** and **The Book of Mormon**. Great day's out to **Nepean Belle** and **Batlow**. We travelled on extended tours to **Lakes Entrance**, **Great Ocean Road**, **Melbourne Flower Show**, the **SA Riverland** and **Kangaroo Island**, an Autumn tour through the **Adelaide Hills**, **Grampians** and **Bright**, **Canada** and **Alaska**, to mention a few.

Still to come in 2018 is our **Forster Winter Getaway**, **Outback Qld** and **Noosa & The Sunshine Coast**, which are all fully booked at this stage. We have 2 **Flinders Ranges** tours, both with very limited seats left. A 4 night stay put at **Coonabarabran & The Warrumbungles**, a **Spring Tour to Marysville** and a short break to the **Mayfield Gardens Spring Festival** are upcoming tours with seats available.

Don't forget our **End of Year Mystery** which is becoming a tradition. Plus we have limited seats available to **New Zealand's South and Stewart Island**, a new tour to **Eden** for a **whale-watching cruise** in November, a few rooms left on the **Christmas tour**, a return to the ever popular **Opera in the Alps** in January and an already very popular coach tour to **Tasmania** in February.

See **Page 7 and 8** for what we are planning in **2019**. Our first **Norfolk Island tour** in March is full but we have put on another the following week. We are also planning a trip to the **UK** in **May** so we can visit the **Chelsea Flower Show**. A **Whitsundays** stay-put, **Far North Qld** including **Cairns**, **Cooktown** and **Port Douglas**, the **NT Top End** and two **Western Australian** tours are planned for our domestic tour program for June, July, August and September 2019.

As many of you know, Kel has moved on to do more local work, so you may see him around town on your travels. We will miss him and we thank him for the fantastic job he did for us over the last 4 years.

Happy travelling from Bob, Karen, Alex and David

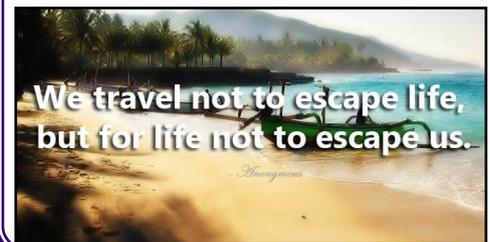
GIFT VOUCHERS

When the **kids** or the **grandkids** ask you what you want for your **birthday**, why not say a **Potter Travel gift voucher**. Potter Travel gift vouchers are available for any amount by calling the office on 6297 8585.



ANNUAL MORNING TEA

Our mid year **annual morning tea** for **travel club members and friends** will be held on **Wednesday 20 June 2018** at the **Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall Community Centre**, starting at **10.00am**. Come along to receive exciting information on our **upcoming touring**. Coach pickups are available and **bookings are essential**, so please call the office if you would like to attend. A gold coin donation at the door will be collected for the **Cancer Council** as part of **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**. The 2017 morning tea raised \$300, so let's beat that in 2018!



IT'S IMPORTANT TO PAY YOUR DEPOSIT

Our **deposit requirement** is now **payment** within **14 days** of making your booking on all tours, for new and existing (even if your current brochure says 7 days). **From 01 June 2018** members who do not pay a **deposit within 14 days** of making your booking, will be released to a **waitlist** and your **seat not guaranteed** on that tour. Please remember to pay your deposit if you want a confirmed booking!

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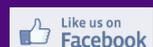
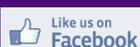
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TOURS

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13 Jun	Galong Monastery	pg 3	25 Jun	6 Day	Forster Winter Getaway	Waitlist
16 Jun	The Book of Mormon	Waitlist	17 Jul	3 Day	'Tumby' Christmas in July	pg 5
23 Jun	Priscilla: Queen of the Desert	Limited	23 Jul	12 Day	Outback Queensland	Waitlist
03 Jul	Binalong Hotel Christmas in July	Waitlist	06 Aug	8 Day	Noosa Winter Getaway	Waitlist
12 Jul	Schnapps and Snowy Hydro	pg 3	24 Aug	3 Day	Mystery Tour	Waitlist
30 Jul	Carrington Christmas in July	Waitlist	03 Sep	5 Day	Warrumbungle Country	pg 5
05 Aug	Prior and Hobson 'The 2 of Us'	pg 3	18 Sep	9 Day	Flinders Ranges and Broken Hill No. 1	pg 5
15 Aug	Archibald Regional Tour	pg 3	20 Sep	9 Day	Flinders Ranges and Broken Hill No. 2	pg 5
18 Aug	The Book of Mormon	pg 3	08 Oct	5 Day	Marysville Spring Tour	pg 5
04 Sep	Jervis Bay Dolphin Watch Cruise	pg 3	23 Oct	3 Day	Mayfield Gardens Festival	pg 5
03 Oct	Evita at Sydney Opera House	Waitlist	03 Nov	2 Day	Jersey Boys and Sculptures by the Sea	pg 5
20 Oct	Batlow Apple Blossom Festival	pg 4	07 Nov	3 Day	Whales of Twofold Bay	pg 6
27 Oct	Evita at Sydney Opera House	Waitlist	07 Dec	4 Day	End of Year Mystery	pg 6
28 Oct	Jersey Boys	pg 4	22 Dec	5 Day	Christmas In The Blue Mountains	pg 6
31 Oct	Evita at Sydney Opera House	Waitlist	18 Jan	3 Day	Opera in the Alps	pg 6
04 Nov	Sydney Jacaranda Cruise	Waitlist	16 Feb	15 Day	Tasmanian Tour	pg 6
07 Nov	Sydney Jacaranda Cruise	Waitlist				
27 Nov	Charlotte Pass	pg 4				
04 Dec	Cherries at Young	pg 4	20 Nov	12 Day	NZ South and Stewart Islands	pg 7
12 Dec	Jersey Boys	pg 4	24 Mar	8 Day	Norfolk Island	Waitlist
18 Dec	Travel Club Christmas Lunch	pg 4	31 Mar	8 Day	Norfolk Island	pg 7
16 Jan	Nepean Belle	pg 4	May	EOI	England, Wales and Scotland Tour	pg 7

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GALONG MONASTERY Wednesday 13 June 2018



The tradition of hospitality to all began at **Galong** when Irish transportee Edward 'Ned' Ryan settled there in the late 1820's. Eventually the property was passed onto the **Redemptorist Congregation** who established a monastery and a juvenile named for St Clement Hofbauer (1751-1820), in 1918. Some 2,000 young men were educated at **Galong** before the college closed in 1975 and a retreat house was established. The Ryan legacy

includes examples of interesting architecture, some of which has survived for almost 160 years. The Redemptorist's strong sense of the history of the site in all its previous manifestations has been encouraging and instrumental in the development of the museum.

Member Cost: \$120.00 pp Non-member: \$140.00 pp

SCHNAPPS AND THE SNOWY HYDRO Thursday 12 July 2018



The **Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre** is a state-of-the-art visitor facility showcasing the amazing story of the Snowy Scheme. The Centre has a comprehensive exhibition hall with a extensive photographic collection and models. Our tour also includes a visit to the **Wildbrumby Distillery** which produces purely **Australian schnapps** from fruits locally grown on the south west slopes of NSW. Fruit comes from the adjacent raspberry farm and local producers in the Tumut, Batlow and Snowy Mountains region. Apples, pears, berries and stone fruit are of the highest quality with rich flavours especially suited to making schnapps. Wildbrumby is surrounded by an expansive sculpture garden, and is a great area to stop, relax and have lunch.



Member Cost: \$105.00 pp Non-member: \$125.00 pp

PRIOR AND HOBSON 'THE 2 OF US' Sunday 05 August 2018



Tenor and Soprano powerhouse legends of opera and musical theatre are performing together on stage. **David Hobson and Marina Prior** join together in their own show 'The 2 of Us' in an 'up close and personal' mode. Accompanied by renowned pianist David Cameron, in a two-hour intimate performance, Marina and David will perform

their classics from productions such as The Phantom of The Opera, Les Misérables, West Side Story, Guys and Dolls, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and La Boheme, as well as many more favourites from their award-winning albums. An intimate show not to be missed!

Members: \$135.00 pp Non-member: \$155.00 pp

ARCHIBALD REGIONAL TOUR Wednesday 15 August 2018

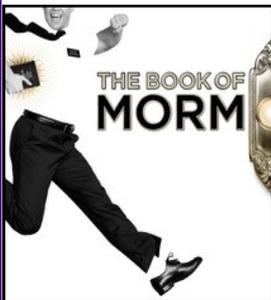


The annual **Archibald Prize** is coming to **Goulburn** this winter and is eagerly anticipated by artists and audiences alike. First awarded in 1921, it is one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious art awards. Judged by the trustees of the Art Gallery of NSW and awarded to the best portrait painting, the Archibald Prize exhibition is a who's who of Australian culture – from politicians to celebrities, sporting heroes to artists. This **touring exhibition** is an opportunity to see all the finalists. We head back into the **Art Deco era** as we enjoy lunch at the **Goulburn Soldier's Club**. Then it is off to the **Goulburn Regional Art Gallery** to view the **Archibald Exhibition**.



Member Cost: \$90.00 pp Non-member: \$110.00 pp

THE BOOK OF MORMON Saturday 18 August 2018



The New York Times calls it 'the best musical of this century.' The Washington Post says, 'It is the kind of evening that restores your faith in musicals.' And Entertainment Weekly says, 'Grade A: the funniest musical of all time.' It's **The Book of Mormon**, the nine-time Tony Award-winning Best Musical. This outrageous musical comedy follows the misadventures of a mismatched pair of Mormon boys sent on a mission to a place that's about as

far from Salt Lake City as you can get. Now with standing room only productions in London, on Broadway, and across North America, The Book of Mormon has truly become an international sensation. *****Language warning*****

Member Cost: \$235.00 pp Non-member: \$255.00 pp

JERVIS BAY DOLPHIN CRUISE Tuesday 04 September 2018



Jervis Bay is one of the true gems of the NSW south east region. It's **breathtaking beauty**, rich cultural and natural significance have long been recognised and appreciated by locals and visitors alike. Jervis Bay is reputed to have the **clearest waters** and **whitest sands** in not only this country, but



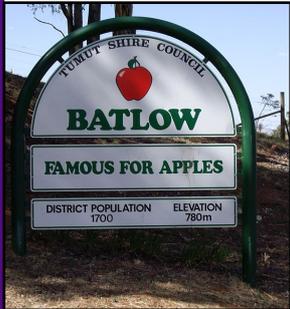
in the world. These beautiful blue waters are home to many **dolphins** and the opportunity to sight these graceful locals is one of the major features that make this area a magnet for lovers of nature. We arrive in time for lunch at Club Jervis Bay, then enjoy the cruise accompanied by commentary from the expert Dolphin 'watchers' on board. We cruise all over the bay and enjoy a lovely day out on the water.

Member Cost: \$125.00 pp Non-member: \$145.00 pp

DAY TOURS



BATLOW APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL Saturday 20 October 2018



Growing the perfect apple is just one of the things they do well in **Batlow**. Lush green pastures, rich red soils and an abundance of natural beauty welcomes you when you visit Batlow. Punctuated by stunning panoramic vistas of orchard, grazing country and the road sides dotted with stalls selling local produce, Batlow is a small township lying midway between Tumut and Tumarumba. Today we visit Memorial Park, a guaranteed great day out. Loads of free and low

cost entertainment along with market stalls, live music, shows, exhibitions and demonstrations.

Members: \$85.00 pp Non-member: \$105.00 pp



CHARLOTTE PASS Tuesday 27 November 2018



Due to popular demand we are repeating this very successful day tour. A day out in the **Kosciuszko National Park** with a visit to **Charlotte Pass Village**, Australia's highest ski resort. Snowbound for most of winter, during summer we can drive to the village. It is Australia's oldest and highest resort and is

named after Charlotte Adams who was the first woman to climb **Mt Kosciuszko**. Enjoy lunch at the **Kosciuszko Chalet**, the birthplace of modern skiing in Australia; also enjoy a morning visit to the **Gaden Trout Farm**, and the **Snowy Regions Visitor Centre** at Jindabyne on the way home.

Member Cost: \$110.00 pp Non-member: \$130.00 pp



TRAVEL CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH Tuesday 18 December 2018



Clifton House and Gardens is the stunning venue for this year's **Christmas lunch celebration**. It is a historic landmark homestead and stone barn built in 1889, surrounded by 10 hectares of beautifully maintained gardens. The historic landmark farming property is located in the Hilltops region near Young. We travel via

Binalong, Harden and Murrumburrah with a morning tea stop along the way. On arrival at **Clifton House and Gardens** we are treated to a delicious **2 course Christmas lunch** and entertained by the internationally recognised classical guitarist **Hovort Gonzales**. There is time to wander the magnificent gardens before heading back to Canberra after a great day out.

Member Cost: \$135.00 per person

JERSEY BOYS

Sun 28 Oct & Wed 12 Dec 2018

The smash hit musical **Jersey Boys** will return to Sydney in late 2018. Jersey Boys tells the true-life story of the rise to stardom of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, who were one of the most successful bands in pop music history. The band sold more than 175 million records and were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame for their worldwide hits, including **Can't Take My Eyes off You, Walk Like a Man, Bye Bye Baby, Sherry** and **Big Girls Don't Cry**, which all feature in the musical.



Sun: Members: \$225.00 pp Non-member: \$245.00 pp
Wed: Members: \$205.00 pp Non-member: \$225.00 pp

CHERRIES AT YOUNG Tuesday 04 December 2018



This year we are again heading to **Young**, the '**Cherry Capital of Australia**', an area that boasts many cherry and stone fruit orchards. Our first stop today is at **Poppa's Fudge Factory**. Here we will have morning tea served from the coach with the added bonus of scones and cherry jam supplied by Poppa's Fudge Factory! Inside Poppa's store there will be a sample bar of fudges and jams for you to taste and lots of goodies to purchase. A **local guide** will also show us the sights of Young. After our tour we head to **Allambie Orchard** where we enjoy lunch including cherry pie, a tour and a talk on cherries. Here you can also pick your own cherries, or there will be pre-packed cherries for sale.



Member Cost: \$110.00 pp Non-member: \$130.00 pp

NEPEAN BELLE PADDLEWHEELER Wednesday 16 January 2019



There is nothing quite like the nostalgia of the **paddlewheels** churning, the water lapping against the hulls, reliving the romance and excitement of the paddlewheel era. Join us on the old-world style paddlewheeler, the **Nepean Belle**, as she cruises the wilderness areas of



the **Blue Mountains National Park** and the Nepean Gorge. The headwaters of the Nepean River rise near Robertson, south of Sydney and flows north in an unpopulated water catchment area into Nepean Dam. North of the dam, the river flows past the towns of Camden and Penrith, and through the Nepean Gorge. Sunlit by day, the sandstone peaks of the **Nepean Gorge** tower up to 150 metres above the water and are a striking backdrop to your cruise while enjoying a sumptuous buffet lunch.

Member Cost: \$125.00 pp Non-member: \$145.00 pp

EXTENDED TOURS

3 DAY CHRISTMAS IN JULY Tuesday 17 July 2018



We are heading back to **Tumbarumba** for our **Christmas in July** tour. Mountain mists, crisp air and sweeping panoramas of the **Snowy Mountain Ranges** set this region apart. The **timber** areas of Mountain Ash, Eucalypts

and Pines stud the hillsides around the town giving the area a **visual backdrop** that is forever **green and lush**. We visit the **Pioneers Womens Cottage** for lunch, then enjoy an afternoon visit to the **Tumbarumba Historical Museum** before our **Christmas in July dinner** at the motel. A local guide will show us around next morning before we travel via **Batlow** to **Gundagai** for lunch at the National Trust listed **Lanigan Abbey Estate** overlooking the town and the mighty Murrumbidgee River. So come along and have a great **'jolly tummy'** time.

Member cost: \$675.00 pp twin share \$740.00 sole use

5 DAY WARRUMBUNGLE COUNTRY Monday 03 September 2018

Coonabarabran is located midway between Melbourne and Brisbane, and the location of our **4 night stay**. The town is on the banks of the **Castlereagh River** and is nestled in the foothills of the **Warrumbungles**, one of the most accessible national parks in **New South Wales**. The Warrumbungle National Park has become known as the astronomy capital of Australia and is known as the first dark sky park in Australia, because the night sky is free of artificial light. Our tour also includes the local attractions and a visit to the **Pilliga** area. We will be staying at the delightful **Matthew Flinders Motor Inn** where we will be warmly welcomed and made to feel like we are staying with friends.



Member Cost: \$915.00 pp twin share \$1065.00 sole use

9 DAY FLINDERS RANGES & BROKEN HILL Tuesday 18 September 2018 Thursday 20 September 2018



Both tours have very limited seats and a trip to SA's **Flinders Ranges** is something every Australian should experience. The **540 million year old landscape** is a country of thick, gnarled gum trees, growing alongside stony creeks. There are ruins of farms left by pioneers, beaten back by the harsh landscape. This is an ancient and unique part of the world. We travel via the **Riverland** and historic **Burra** before a 2 night stay at **Wilpena Pound**,

right in the middle of the amazing **Flinders Ranges**. After exploring this magnificent area we head to **Broken Hill**, for another 3 nights. Immerse yourselves in the outback landscapes that have attracted artists and movie makers alike. A local guide will point out the **Line of Lode**—a 7km strip of what was the biggest deposit of silver, lead and zinc in the world.

Member Cost: \$2195.00 pp twin share \$2765.00 sole use

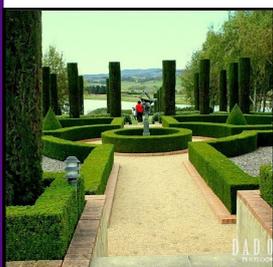
5 DAY MARYSVILLE SPRING TOUR Monday 08 October 2018

Situated in the **Yarra Valley**, the new **Vibe Hotel Marysville** is our base for **4 nights**. Sadly, we remember the February 2009 bushfires that devastated the area and visit the local **Visitor Centre** to wander through the **Phoenix Museum** which shares firsthand accounts of Black Saturday and the recovery story. We visit **Healesville Sanctuary**, showcasing more than 200 species of Australian wildlife. Explore **Toolangi** and the **Wirra Willa Rainforest Walk** and drive through **Kinglake** another region of Victoria nearly destroyed by Black Saturday. A highlight is the **Kerrisdale Mountain Railway & Museum**, a unique railway built on a zig-zag formation. The precipitous track wends its way through tall trees for a panoramic view over **King Parrot Valley** and further to the distant peaks of the **Victorian Alps**.



Member Cost: \$1160.00 pp twin share \$1395.00 sole use

3 DAY MAYFIELD GARDEN FESTIVAL Tuesday 23 October 2018



We spend 2 nights in **Lithgow** at the newly opened **Workies Motel**. On day 1 enjoy a unique visit to the **Newington Armoury** for an exclusive **guided tour** followed by **lunch** in the **Armoury Wharf Café**. We start day 2 with a visit to the **Small Arms Museum**, one of Australia's most comprehensive collections including Australian designed experimental weapons. The remainder of day 2 is then spent

enjoying the magnificent **Mayfield Gardens** during their annual Spring Festival. Nestled within a 5000 acre working farm, Mayfield was inspired by the great gardens of Europe. Our journey home is via the **Bells Line of Road** including a stop at **Mount Tomah Botanical Gardens**.

Member Cost: \$685.00 pp twin share \$855.00 sole use

2 DAY JERSEY BOYS WEEKEND Sculptures by the Sea Saturday 03 November 2018

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Member Cost: \$475.00 ppts, \$570.00 sole use (incl. show)
Member Cost: \$345.00 ppts, \$440.00 sole use (no show)

EXTENDED TOURS



3 DAY WHALES OF TWOFOLD BAY Wednesday 07 November 2018



From late September to late November each year, **Humpback whales** make their annual migration southward along the eastern coast of Australia bound for Antarctica after spending the winter months in the warmer waters. It is on their southern migration that whales can be seen at **Eden**; one of the unique features of this is being able to see them feeding. Whale watching can only be described as being an absolute

cherished moment you really feel privileged to experience. Man has always held a fascination for whales through their sheer awe-inspiring size and their majestic tranquil beauty. Enjoy a 2 night stay in Eden, and a **3 hour whale-watching cruise**, lunch at the lovely **Seahorse Inn** plus plenty of other **south coast** attractions.

Member Cost: \$685.00 pp twin share \$790.00 sole use

4 DAY END OF YEAR MYSTERY TOUR Friday 07 December 2018

We will be celebrating another great year of touring with a 4 day 'End of Year' **Mystery tour**. If you are **intrigued**, you love **discovering new places** and are easily delighted, a **Potter Mystery tour** might be right up your alley. Everyone has a great time on our Mystery tours, with plenty of laughs along the way. Where will it be? It's a mystery! Our **End of Year Mystery** includes 3 nights accommodation, all day touring, meals and exclusive, not to be missed, Potter Travel entertainment! We will be running 2 coaches and have 46 rooms booked so there will be plenty of availability. It's fun, great touring and entertainment for all. **Call the office NOW to book** so you don't miss this great end of year **Mystery tour**.



Member Cost: \$895.00 pp twin share \$1080.00 sole use

5 DAY BLUE MOUNTAINS CHRISTMAS Saturday 22 December 2018



This year we are heading to the **Blue Mountains** for our annual **Christmas tour**. We will be staying 4 nights at the new **Lithgow Workies Motel** located on the western side of the mountains. Enjoy lunch at **Abercrombie House** in **Bathurst** on Day 1. Take in the sights of **Lithgow** including **Esbank House** and the Small Arms Museum as well as the **Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens**, take in the views from **Govetts Leap Lookout**, the

Victory Theatre Antique Centre and lunch at the **Carrington Hotel**. We also visit **Scenic World** for a ride on the **Scenic Railway** and the **Scenic Cableway** before lunch back at **Lithgow**. We head home via the **Crystal Brook Lavender Farm** after a great Christmas break in the Blue Mountains.

Member Cost: \$1340.00 pp twin share \$1690.00 sole use

3 DAY OPERA IN THE ALPS Friday 18 January 2019



Due to popular demand we are heading to the **Opera in the Alps** again in **2019**, staying in nearby Wangaratta. It will be a night to remember, sitting under the stars at the picturesque grounds of **Baarmutha Park, Beechworth**. The program will feature light popular classics with favourites from opera and musicals performed by leading soloists. The orchestra will be led by one of Australia's most exciting



conductors. Our itinerary includes the sights of **Northeast Victoria**, a cruise on **Lake Mulwala** and visit a winery in the **Rutherglen** region before our evening at the **Opera**. Our journey home takes us to **Gundagai** for lunch before heading back to Canberra after a great weekend away.

Member Cost: \$745.00 pp twin share \$885.00 sole use



15 DAY TASMANIAN TOUR Saturday 16 February 2019

It's back to Tasmania in 2019, again travelling all the way by coach. Highlights of the itinerary will include a cruise on the remote **Arthur River** in the North West, **Stanley and The Nut**. We visit **Cradle Mountain National Park** and stay 2 nights in **Queenstown**. Ride the **West Coast Wilderness Railway** and take a **cruise** from **Strahan**. Visit **Mount Field National Park** and the **Wall in the Wilderness** before 4 nights in Hobart. Explore the city sights and the famous **Salamanca Markets**. Enjoy day trips to **Bruny Island** the **Port Arthur Historic site**. Experience the beautiful **east coast** including a 2 night stay at **Swansea**, so we can enjoy a luncheon cruise on the magnificent **Wine Glass Bay** which takes us along the exquisite **Freycinet coastline**, a place only a few will ever visit. We also visit the towns of **Bicheno** and **Scamander** and on our way to **Launceston** before we head for home.

Member Cost: \$4795.00 pp twin share \$5975.00 sole use

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NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTH ISLAND AND STEWART ISLAND Departing Tuesday 20 November 2018, Returning Saturday 01 December 2018

Our single allocation for this tour is currently full but we have limited double/twin rooms available. **South Island** boasts beautiful beaches, spectacular mountain ranges, stunning scenery, and of course the 'salt of the earth' friendly locals that you'll meet along the way. The South Island is a spectacular land, which has been uplifted by extraordinary earth forces. The landscape is so different from the rolling green hills of the North Island that it is akin to travelling to another country. Our spectacular itinerary includes the famous **TranzAlpine Train journey**, the rugged **west coast** - home of the **Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers**, **Queenstown**, a **Milford Sound cruise**, **Invercargill**, **Dunedin**, **Mount Cook** and, of course, the gateway to the South Island — **Christchurch**. Add a visit midway through the tour, to the beautiful **Stewart Island**, New Zealand's third largest island, situated 30 kilometres south of the South Island, across the **Foveaux Strait**. This makes it a truly unique tour to some of the world's most beautiful and remote areas.

Member Cost: \$5145.00 pp twin share \$6345.00 sole use



NORFOLK ISLAND

Departing Sunday 24 March 2019, Returning Sunday 31 March 2019 — waitlist
Departing Sunday 31 March 2019, Returning Sunday 07 April 2019 — limited seats available
We are currently planning a third departure in 2019 - Expression Of Interest

Norfolk Island lies about 1700kms east of Sydney and is only 5 kms by 8 kms in size. It is a volcanic island made up of undulating hill country, with steep cliffs rising out of the ocean, patches of sub-tropical rainforests and a fascinating history. Discovered by Captain Cook it was twice settled as a **Convict Settlement** and twice abandoned. The original buildings of these settlements are beautifully restored and on display today. Its third and permanent settlement came with the relocation of the descendants of the famous mutineers of the **Bounty**. The mutineers settled on the tiny island of Pitcairn, about 3000 miles to the east and their descendants relocated to Norfolk Island in the mid 1800s when their community began to outgrow this small island. Today the families of these descendants are prominent. The history, the scenery and the hospitality will make this a memorable holiday. Our accommodation on **Norfolk Island** is at the **South Pacific Resort** and our touring on the island is with **Baunti Escapes**.

Member Cost: \$2695.00 pp twin share \$3180.00 sole use



ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND TOUR Expression Of Interest Departing May 2019

We have **rescheduled our UK tour to May 2019** and it will now include **THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW**. Our diverse tour takes in some of the finest cities and natural sites on offer in the **United Kingdom**. Visit the capital cities of **England, Wales and Scotland**, as well as quaint towns and villages, to get a real taste of the history and culture of these proud people! We spend about 18 days exploring many of the key attractions of the UK along the way! We visit **London, Bristol, the West Country, Cardiff and Wales**. We also visit **Liverpool** and **Beatles country** before making our way through the **Lakes District** and **Yorkshire**. Visit **Hadrian's Wall** before leaving **England for Scotland**. **Glasgow, Edinburgh Castle** and **Inverness** (including Loch Ness) are part of our tour of Scotland before we head back to London. Our journey to and from London includes stopovers in Singapore to break up our journey. At the time of going to print for this newsletter, the airline schedules for May 2019 were not available, therefore we are not able to confirm flights and costs in this newsletter **but we will have full tour details available before and in the Spring Newsletter**. Call us if you are interested in this tour and we will send you a brochure as soon as the tour is finalized.

2019 TOURS



We are now planning our **longer tours** for **2019** and outlined below are some of the destinations we have in mind along with the likely dates of travel. Tour costs will be provided in the **spring newsletter** but we suggest you put your name down now if you are interested in any of these tours so you don't miss out.

6 DAY AIRLIE BEACH AND WHITSUNDAYS TOUR: Departs June 2019

We are having a short '**winter's break**' in **Airlie Beach** at the beautiful **Coral Sea Resort** for **5 nights**. **Escape** with us to **Tropical North Queensland**, a remarkable pristine **World Heritage** preserved part of the world. There is time to enjoy the local sights of **Airlie Beach** and nearby **Bowen**, plus a fantastic day cruising the beautiful **Whitsundays**. We also enjoy the day at magnificent **Earlando**, a private property not often visited, boasting 6,000 acres of private **Whitsunday** coastal land, a paradise all to yourselves for the day. Time also to relax and enjoy our resort as well as the town of **Airlie Beach** which is an easy walk along the boardwalk.

10 DAY CAIRNS, COOKTOWN AND PORT DOUGLAS TOUR: Departs July 2019

We are heading back to **Cairns** and **Far North Queensland**. Take in the sights of **Cairns** with a **4 night stay**. Take a ride on the **Skyrail** to **Kuranda Village** and the **Scenic Railway** back. Enjoy a day in the **Atherton Tablelands** including cruising at Yungaburra on **Lake Barrine** and a visit to the **Curtain Fig Tree**. Enjoy a free day in **Cairns** before we head north via **Mareeba** to **Cooktown** for **2 nights** to soak in the history of this remote area. We then finish our holiday with **3 nights** in **Port Douglas** including a cruise on the **Daintree River** and a visit to **Mossman Gorge**.

10 DAY NORTHERN TERRITORY TOP END TOUR: Departs August 2019

We fly into **Alice Springs** to join the purple coach before heading north to the **Top End**. After the sights of '**Alice**' we visit **Barrow Creek**, **The Devils Marbles** and **Tennant Creek** on our way to the **Top End**. Enjoy the hot springs of **Mataranka** and a cruise through the stunning **Katherine Gorge** before a 2 night stay in **Kakadu National Park**. The **Yellow Waters** cruise and **Ubir Rock** are two of the many Kakadu attractions. From here it is onto **Darwin** via **Litchfield National Park** for **2 nights** in Australia's northern capital.

18 DAY WEST COAST, DARWIN TO PERTH TOUR: Departs August 2019

Join us on this epic journey down the **West Coast of Australia**, it's a '**bucket list**' destination. We begin our journey in **Darwin** then visit the spectacular **Katherine Gorge** before heading into Western Australia and to **Lake Argyle**, the **Ord River** and **Kununurra**. From here we continue across the **Kimberley's**, visit the Argyle Diamond Mine and Halls Creek, then experience the wonder of **Geikie Gorge** before 2 nights in **Broome**. Watch the sunset over the **Indian Ocean** as we enjoy this frontier town. We continue down the coast to **Port Hedland** then onto **Karratha** and **Dampier** before heading onto the beautiful **Coral Bay**. We continue south visiting **Carnarvon**, **Monkey Mia**, **Kalbarri**, **Geraldton** and the **Pinnacles** near **Cervantes**. We also visit the monastery town of **New Norcia** before completing our tour with 2 nights in **Perth**.

9 DAY KIMBERLEY, DARWIN TO BROOME TOUR: Departs August 2019

We fly into **Darwin** to join the purple coach before heading into Western Australia's Kimberley. After the sights of **Darwin** visit the spectacular **Katherine Gorge** before heading into **Western Australia**. See the magnificent **Lake Argyle** and spend 2 nights in **Kununurra** on the **Ord River**. A visit to the **Argyle Diamond Mine** and **Halls Creek** are on our itinerary. From here we continue across the **Kimberley's**, with a cruise through **Geikie Gorge**, a visit to **Derby** and 2 nights in **Broome**. Watch the sunset over the **Indian Ocean** and visit the iconic **Cable Beach** before flying home.

12 DAY WEST COAST, BROOME TO PERTH TOUR: Departs August 2019

We fly into **Broome** for 2 nights and to join the purple coach before heading down the coast to **Port Hedland** then onto **Karratha** and **Dampier**. From here we head across to the beautiful **Coral Bay**. We then continue south via **Carnarvon**, to **Monkey Mia** and the pretty seaside town of **Kalbarri**. South of here is **Geraldton** then the **Pinnacles** near **Cervantes**. We also visit the monastery town of **New Norcia** before completing our tour with 2 nights in **Perth**.

15 DAY WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND NULLARBOR TOUR: Departs September 2019

Crossing the Nullarbor, is a '**bucket list**' event! We start in **Perth** then traverse this great country **from west to east** across the head of the **Great Australian Bight**. Although **Nullarbor** comes from the Latin words meaning 'no' and 'trees' it becomes obvious that the definition is not accurate. If you have not done the trip, it will be a memorable experience. We fly into **Perth** to join the purple coach and enjoy the sights of the capital of the West before heading south through **Bunbury** to **Busselton** and **Margaret River** area. Then it's **Albany**, **Esperance** before crossing the **Nullarbor** through **Eucla** to **Streaky Bay**. The detailed itinerary has so much more to tell.

