



TRAVEL TALK

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Welcome to our October newsletter,

After nearly 12 years at 152 Monaro Street, our office has moved! We now have both of our coaches and the office at the same premises. Visitor parking is available at our new office: **1 Silva Avenue, Queanbeyan**.

This newsletter outlines the remainder of the 2018 tour program and introduces some great new tours for **2019**. Our new day tours are **Retford Park** at Bowral, a day at **Joadja** and the return of the **Jervis Bay** and **Nepean Belle cruises** due to popular demand! We have also put on a second **Cherries** day tour in December as the first one is fully booked. New musicals include **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** and the return of **Muriel's Wedding**. **West Side Story** is also a new 2 day tour in April 2019.

We have some really great new extended tours for you in 2019. **Gippsland and Phillip Island** at the end of March, **Autumn in New England** at the end of April and a **Gloucester** stay put in May. **Winter getaways** include a 6 day stay put in **Port Stephens** and 6 days at **Airlie Beach and the Whitsundays**. For something a little different why not take in **Cairns, Cooktown and Port Douglas** in July 2019.

We have a number of options for you to experience the **West Coast of Australia, WA's southwest** and the **Nullarbor**. Take a look at page 8 and call the office for more detailed itineraries.

Our main **international tour** for 2019 is the **United Kingdom** in May and we have coincided this tour to include the famous **CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW**. We will make stopovers in **Singapore** both ways to break up our journey. See a summary on page 7 and call the office for a detailed itinerary.

IN THE PIPELINE: We are in the early stages of planning a tour to **Portugal** and **Croatia**. We intend to start with a tour that takes in the best of **Portugal** followed by a week long cruise around **Croatia**. There will be stopovers both ways from Australia, so let us know if you are interested.

Happy travelling from the Potter Travel team
—Bob, Karen, Alex, Col and David

TERMS & CONDITIONS

There has been some changes to our terms and conditions, noted on the back of each itinerary; please take time to read these. We are now including the tour code which is required for direct deposit payments; this is noted also on the back page of every itinerary.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

We are changing how we provide you, our members, with information about our tours. You will still receive your newsletters three times a year. However instead of just one annual morning tea, we will now have three **information sessions** a year, three weeks after the newsletter comes out. There will be presentations on particular tours featured plus time to ask questions about any of the tours we have on offer. You will also be able to make tour and membership payments at these sessions. Each session is limited to 50 people so you need to ring the office and book if you want to come along. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. So this is 3 times better!!

SESSION NUMBER 1

Date: **Thursday 8 November 2018**

Time: **10.00am**

Venue: **Riverside Oval Meeting Room**
14-21 Carinya Street,
Queanbeyan

Call 6297 8585 if you would like to attend. **Bookings are essential** and there is car parking at the front of the venue.



WE HAVE MOVED!

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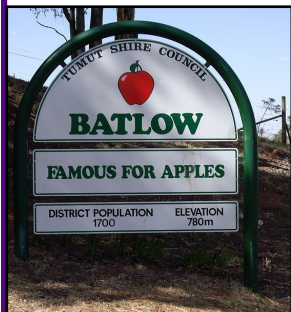
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IT'S IMPORTANT TO PAY YOUR DEPOSIT

Deposit requirement is now **payment** within **14 days** of making a booking on all tours. Members who do not pay a **deposit within 14 days** of making a booking, will be released to a **waitlist** and the **seat is not guaranteed** on that tour. Please remember to pay your deposit so as to confirm your booking!

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 Tumburumba. 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

CHERRIES AT YOUNG Wednesday 05 December 2018



Our first tour is fully booked, so we have put on another one. 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

JERSEY BOYS Wednesday 12 December 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.



Members: \$205.00 pp Non-member: \$225.00 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

FISH 'N' CHIPS AND BEDERVALE Thursday 31 January 2019



This popular summer day trip is back again next January. The **Clyde River** is pristine, flowing through over 100km of NSW national park and state forests. Enjoy the famous **Innes fish 'n' chips** on board the **MV Merinda** as we sit back and watch the river meandering slowly, each bend revealing the river's many moods and faces. We bid farewell to the Merinda as we alight to explore the historic little river port of **Nelligen**, where in past times sailing and steam ships plied their trade. Then it's off to Braidwood to visit **Bedervale**, a large single storey Georgian home which houses a National Trust Collection. The property was built in 1836 on a land grant by Captain John Coghill and is of great historic and architectural significance.



Member Cost: \$135.00 pp Non-member: \$155.00 pp

DAY TOURS



A DAY IN JOADJA Tuesday 12 February 2019



Joadja Creek is a ghost town - a decaying reminder of a century ago when this isolated town housed a thriving mining community nestled in a valley outside of Mittagong. Joadja Creek was originally the site of the **Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company**. Today we visit the historic town, refinery and shale mines of Joadja, once home to 1,200 Scots in the 1800s—many families also came from

England, Ireland and Australia. Discover the fascinating history of its ruins, retorts, mining shelves, railway and inclines. Joadja is set on 800 acres of glorious park land. Enjoy the beauty of the surrounding ecology, flora and fauna.

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



JERVIS BAY DOLPHIN CRUISE Tuesday 05 March 2019



Our **September** day tour **sold out** so we are doing it again in **2019**. **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 The Huskisson Hotel, 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



NEPEAN BELLE PADDLEWHEELER Wednesday 17 April 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



CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY Wed 20 Feb & 20 Mar, Sat 27 Apr 2019

Roald Dahl's delicious tale, **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**, is a delectable treat featuring songs from the original film, including '**The Candy Man**' and '**I've Got a Golden Ticket**', alongside a brand new Broadway score. Willy Wonka is opening his marvellous chocolate factory to a lucky few. That includes Charlie Bucket, whose bland life is about to sweeten with colour and confection beyond his wildest dreams. He embarks on a mesmerising joyride through a world of pure imagination. Get ready for the Oompa-Loompas, incredible inventions, costumes and sets at this everlasting showstopper! **Travel on this day tour for a chance to win your own golden ticket!**



Wed: Member Cost: \$195.00 pp Non-member: \$215.00 pp
Sat: Member Cost: \$255.00 pp Non member: \$275.00 pp



RETFORD PARK ESTATE Thursday 28 March 2019

Retford Park is a place of great heritage significance. Its European history extends back to grants of land to Edward Riley senior by **Governor Macquarie** in 1821. The house, built in 1887, is a grand rendered brick Italianate style residence. **James Fairfax** bought it in 1964 and turned it from an agricultural property to a gentleman's residence. The garden is a delight to wonder through. As you venture up the driveway the grand **Victorian Italianate** homestead appears from a towering arboretum of a magnificent collection of evergreen and deciduous trees. Surrounding the eastern side of the homestead is a patchwork of hedged gardens showcasing everything from a detailed knot garden and sculptures demanding centre stage.

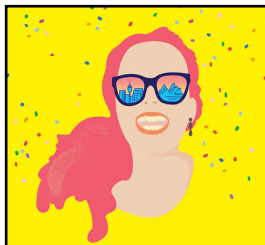


Member Cost: \$135.00 pp Non-member: \$155.00 pp



MURIEL'S WEDDING Wed 10 & Sat 13 July 2019

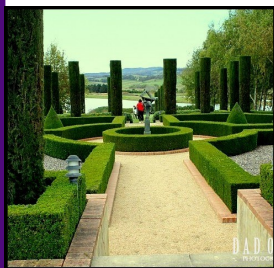
Muriel Heslop is back, this time at the Sydney Lyric Theatre. Stuck in *Porpoise Spit*, Muriel dreams of the perfect wedding, but there's one thing missing—a groom! Following her dreams to Sydney, Muriel ends up with everything she ever wanted but then things start to go wrong. The film's original writer-director PJ Hogan has updated his screenplay into a dazzling stage show, bringing the story into the present but keeping all the irreverence and naughtiness of the film along with its dark edge. There will of course, be many **ABBA hits** that so beautifully embody Muriel's hopes and dreams, as well as an incredible soundtrack of addictive new songs.



Wed: Member Cost: \$200.00 pp Non-member: \$220.00 pp
Sat: Member Cost: \$250.00 pp Non-member: \$270.00 pp

EXTENDED TOURS

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

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

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: \$750.00 pp twin share \$895.00 sole use

4 DAY NAROOMA GETAWAY Tuesday 05 February 2019



This destination was very popular in early 2018 so we are heading there again in February 2019 including an extra day. **Narooma**, on the **NSW south coast**, is built on land almost completely surrounded by the waters of **Wagonga River**, its estuary and the sparkling **Pacific Ocean**. Narooma is also set against the spectacular backdrop of **Gulaga Mountain**. Enjoy a visit to **Cobargo Farm** as well as the historic villages of **Tilba Tilba** and **Central Tilba**. Enjoy lunch at the **Foxglove Spires Garden**, visit to the **Lighthouse Museum** and enjoy some cheese tasting at the **Bodalla Dairy Shed**. Before heading we visit the **Oyster Shed** located on the bank of the Clyde River.



Member Cost: \$845.00 pp twin share \$975.00 sole use



3 DAY MYSTERY TOUR Friday 08 March 2019

Look at this life - all
mystery and magic.

Harry Houdini

Want to disappear for the weekend? This is a tour to somewhere that we know the destination but you don't! Mystery is one of the great joys of travel. It keeps us **surprised, delighted**, and just unsettled enough to heighten every experience. If you are **intrigued**, you love

discovering new places and are easily delighted, a **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? The tour includes two nights accommodation, all day touring, meals and exclusive, not to be missed, Potter Travel staff entertainment! We promise we will bring you back home!

Member Cost: \$745.00 pp twin share \$880.00 sole use

7 DAY GIPPSLAND & PHILLIP ISLAND Saturday 23 March 2019



Enjoy 3 nights in **Traralgon** as we take in some of the sights of **Gippsland**. From **Miner's View** look over the vast and deep open cut coal mine with the gigantic bucket wheel excavators for Victoria's biggest power station, the **Loy Yang Power Station**. We also take in the lush landscapes and stunning valleys around historic **Walhalla**. From here we travel to **Phillip Island** for a 2 night stay. Enjoy a **Wildlife Coast Cruise** to experience **Phillip Islands'** amazing coastline from the sea. Visit the **Koala Conservation Centre**, historic **Churchill Island** and of course the famous **Penguin Parade**. Our journey home takes us via the fascinating **Sand Sculpture Festival** in **Macedon**.



Member Cost: \$1,575.00 pp twin share \$1,965.00 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS



2 DAY WEST SIDE STORY TOUR Thursday 11 April 2019



West Side Story takes the iconic stage at **Handa Opera** on **Sydney Harbour**. Enjoy this enthralling show, complete with live orchestra hidden beneath the dramatic stage and fireworks in the balmy night air. Encounter the wildness of youth and ecstasy of love as this **modern day Romeo and Juliet** unfolds under a starlit sky. On the mean streets of **New York's West Side**, two rival gangs strut their stuff. But when a Jet falls for a Shark, the stage is set for a rumble. Their wistful love story is studded with infectious songs including **'Somewhere', 'Maria', 'I Feel Pretty', 'America', 'Cool'** and of course, **'Tonight'**. An all-singing, all-dancing supporting cast takes on Bernstein's brilliant score and Jerome Robbins' original electrifying choreography.

Member Cost: \$560.00 pp twin share \$660.00 sole use
Bookings close Friday 23 November 2018

3 DAY TUMUT EASTER TOUR Saturday 20 April 2019



Tumut is the most northern town in the Snowy Scheme and sits on the picturesque **Tumut River**.

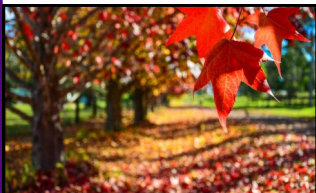
Adaminaby holds an **Easter Fair** and this will be our first stop on day one. The main street comes alive with plenty to see including dog high jump, wacky quacky duck race and tug of war. Visits also include **Bonnie B's Shaker Shed** which holds an eccentric collection of over 3000 salt and pepper shakers. Included are visits of **Tumut Valley Violets** and **Montreal Theatre** which opened in 1930. We visit the National Trust town of **Adelong**, visiting the **Adelong Alive Museum** before making our way home after an enjoyable three day break over Easter.



Member Cost: \$620.00 pp twin share \$740.00 sole use



6 DAY AUTUMN IN NEW ENGLAND Saturday 27 April 2019



Autumn in New England is a delight—blue skies and crisp sunny days. We stay overnight in **Gulgong** then travel via **Tamworth**, the country music capital of Australia, to **Armidale** for our 3 night stay. The area abounds with a stunning array of **national**

parks full of spectacular deep gorges and amazing waterfalls. We visit both **Wollomombi** and **Ebor Falls** as well as **Dorrigo National Park** with its spectacular **Skywalk** to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the rainforest and the spectacular lookout. A locally guided tour of **Armidale** is included as well as a visit to the historic **Saumarez Homestead**. Our journey home takes us to **Uralla** then an overnight stay in the **Hunter Valley** to complete a great autumn tour.

Member Cost: \$1,375.00 pp twin share \$1,625.00 sole use

5 DAY GLOUCESTER AND BARRINGTON TOPS Monday 20 May 2019



The pretty township of **Gloucester** was first established in 1855 and named after Gloucester in England as the area resembled the countryside. It sits in a picturesque river valley surrounded by hills at the junction of the **Avon**, **Gloucester** and **Barrington**



Rivers. It's the closest town to **Barrington Tops National Park**—an extinct volcano that is World Heritage listed. We travel up the **Bucketts Way** to the **Gloucester Country Lodge**, our base for 4 nights. Our touring includes **Gloucester**, **Hillview Herb Farm**, the **Barrington Tops**, **Dungog** and its museum. We enjoy a picnic lunch at **Chichester Dam** and visit a nearby working dairy.

Member Cost: \$1,095.00 pp twin share \$1,310.00 sole use



3 DAY VIVID LIGHT FESTIVAL Tuesday 04 June 2019



Enjoy a 3 day tour to Sydney that includes the annual **Vivid Light Festival**. **Vivid Light** transforms Sydney into a wonderland of **'light art' sculptures**, innovative light installations and grand-scale projections for all to enjoy. It is a magical celebration of light-design

excellence and the world's largest outdoor 'art-gallery', a unique **Vivid Sydney** experience. Lighting artists, designers and manufacturers from around the world illuminate, interpret and transform Sydney's urban spaces through their creative vision. We have a panoramic view from a dazzling **Vivid Lights Dinner Cruise**. **New to this tour in 2019** is a guided tour of the **E.G. Waterhouse National Camellia Gardens** which overlooks beautiful **Yowie Bay**.

Member Cost: \$795.00 pp twin share \$955.00 sole use

6 DAY PORT STEPHENS WINTER GETAWAY Saturday 15 June 2019



Our **winter getaway** is to **Port Stephens**, which is often referred to as the **'Blue Water Paradise'**. Enjoy 5 nights at the **newly refurbished Marina Resort** at **Nelson Bay**, overlooking the pristine blue waters of **Port Stephens**. Enjoy a visit and lunch at the **Hunter Valley Gardens**



followed by an afternoon visit of the **Hunter Valley Zoo**, where you can wander around the interactive yards. The next day we board the **Moonshadow Whale Watching Cruise** in search of the ocean's gentle giants. Visit **Morpeth**, a town frozen in time right down to the street kerbs and guttering of sandstone block.

Member Cost: \$1,395.00 pp twin share \$1,715.00 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS

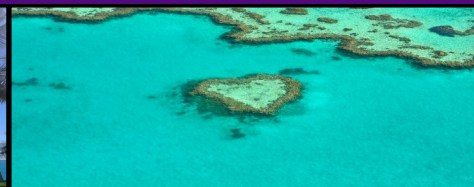


24 DAY ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND TOUR

Departs Monday 20 May 2019

We have **rescheduled** our tour to the **United Kingdom** to **May 2019** and it will now include **The Chelsea Flower Show**, a world famous annual flower show held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. 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**. From Scotland we enjoy a trip by rail to **York** which is one of the most beautiful cities in England. Our tour of the UK concludes in **Manchester** a heritage city known as the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. **We fly from Canberra** and our journey both to and from the UK includes stopovers in **Singapore**. A detailed itinerary is available from the office.

Member Cost: \$12,495.00 pp twin share \$14,885.00 sole use

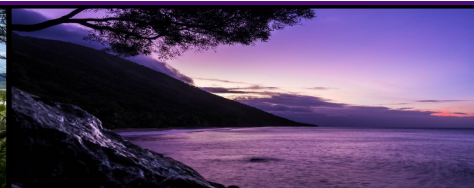


6 DAY AIRLIE BEACH AND WHITSUNDAYS

Departs Sunday 23 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 Queensland**, a remarkable pristine **World Heritage** preserved part of the world. The **74 Whitsunday Islands** lie between the northeast coast of Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef, a massive stretch of coral teeming with marine life. Most of the islands are uninhabited. They're characterised by dense rainforest, hiking trails and white sand beaches. The town of **Airlie Beach** on the mainland is the region's central hub and our base during our stay. 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. Return airfares ex Canberra are included.

Member Cost: \$2,450.00 pp twin share \$2,990.00 sole use



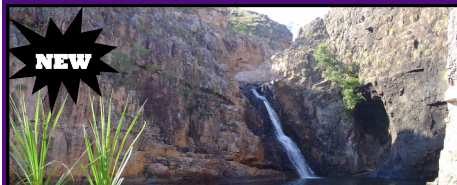
10 DAY CAIRNS, COOKTOWN AND PORT DOUGLAS TOUR

Departs Wednesday 24 July 2019

We are heading back to **Cairns** and **Far North Queensland**. Tropical North Queensland is like nothing else you've ever experienced – fringed by reef, enveloped by rainforest, ringed by the red-dirt of the outback. The world's warmest welcome is waiting for you. 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. Nestled between the mouth of the **Endeavour River** and **Grassy Hill**, with Mt Cook as a backdrop, Cooktown is a charming, historical town, unspoilt by the urgency of modern life. Step back in time and enjoy some of the heritage buildings, monuments, and centres around town paying homage to an era of great hardship and triumph. We then finish our holiday with **3 nights** in **Port Douglas** including a cruise on the **Daintree River** and a visit to **Mossman Gorge**. Return airfares ex Canberra are included.

Member Cost: \$3,750.00 pp twin share \$4,675.00 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS



10 DAY NORTHERN TERRITORY TOP END TOUR

Departs Wednesday 07 August 2019

We arrive into **Alice Springs** and join our 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**. We visit **Mataranka**, made famous by the novel **We of the Never Never** and renowned for its sandy-bottomed thermal pool which we will have time to enjoy if you wish. Next is the town of **Katherine** and a cruise through the stunning **Katherine Gorge** in the **Nitmiluk National Park** which covers a vast area of escarpment country, including 13 gorges carved from the ancient sandstone country. From here we venture onto **Kakadu National Park** for a 2 night stay. Covering nearly 20,000 square kms of exceptional natural beauty and unique biodiversity, **Kakadu National Park** is teeming with wildlife, home to important Aboriginal rock art sites, and takes in diverse and exotic landscapes. This has earned it a World Heritage listing for both its cultural and natural values. **The Yellow Waters cruise** and **Ubir Rock** are two of the many Kakadu attractions. From here it is onto **Darwin** via **Litchfield National Park**. Return flights ex Canberra are included.

Member Cost: \$4,995.00 pp twin share \$5,895.00 sole use



18 DAY WEST COAST, DARWIN TO PERTH TOUR

Departs Monday 19 August 2019

Join us on this epic journey down the **West Coast of Australia**, it is one of many 'bucket list' destinations. 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** for a 2 night stay. 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**. Return airfares ex Canberra are included.

Member Cost: \$7,795.00 pp twin share \$9,490.00 sole use

There are two other tours available:

9 DAY KIMBERLEY; DARWIN TO BROOME—DEPART MON 19 AUG 2019: \$4,650.00 per person twin share, \$5,490.00 sole use

13 DAY WEST COAST; BROOME TO PERTH—DEPART SAT 24 AUG 2019: \$5,775.00 per person twin share, \$6,990.00 sole use



15 DAY WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND NULLARBOR TOUR

Departs Sunday 08 September 2019

Crossing the Nullarbor is another '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**. Flights ex Canberra are included.

Member Cost: \$4,795.00 pp twin share \$5,585.00 sole use