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WELCOME TO OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER

We have **so many new tours for you** in the last part of **2019** and throughout **2020**. The team at Potter Travel are really excited about the tours we are offering in the upcoming year.

We would like to introduce you to our **new Coach Captain/Tour Hostess team—Brad and Shelley!** They will be looking after you on a number of the extended tours we are operating in the next 12 months. Come along to the **Morning Tea in November** (see below) to meet the whole team, including Brad and Shelley.

Don't forget our end of year **Members' Christmas lunch**, we are going back to the beautiful **Centennial Vineyards** at Bowral. This will sell out so be quick if you want to celebrate the end of another great year of touring. If you have been thinking about the **Melbourne Cup tour** departing on 04 November there are still seats available, with Melbourne Cup tickets and rooms on application. The **Tamworth Country Music Festival** is a must-see! There are still rooms available, see page 5 for details.

Members support for this year's touring has been overwhelming as you can see from the number of waitlists on page 2. Most upcoming tours have good bookings and for that we thank you and look forward to seeing you on board.

Sadly our founder and namesake, Bert Potter, passed away on the 25th of September aged 83. Bert founded Potter Travel in the 1990's, and with his son Michael and daughter-in-law Kerri, operated it successfully until his retirement in the early 2000's. 18 years on the travel club is still going strong thanks to Bert's vision of providing tours for the Canberra region.

Happy travelling from Bob, Karen, Alex, Col, David, Brad and Shelley

ANNUAL MORNING TEA

Our **Annual Morning Tea** is now in **November** at the **Bicentennial Hall, Queanbeyan**. Come along to hear about our **2020 touring program**. There is plenty of room and information about what we are offering in **2020**. Plus lots of **fun, laughs and prizes** with a cuppa and a biscuit as always.

Come and meet Brad and Shelley, our new coach touring team!

Plus a presentation from Scenic Tours on the Grand Tour of Vietnam and Cambodia and information on our 2020 Queensland, Victorian and South Australian Tours.

Date: **Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 10.00am**

Venue: **Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall
253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan NSW**

Call 6297 8585 if you would like to attend. **Bookings are essential.**

IN THE PIPELINE

WHERE TO GO IN 2020?

Tours for **2020** include those outlined in this newsletter plus other great destinations we are currently planning tours for. Register your interest by calling the office if one of the destinations outlined below catches your eye.

THE HUNTER/SCONE HORSE FESTIVAL

A short break to the **Hunter Valley** in May to enjoy the autumn colours of the **Hunter Valley Gardens** and to take in a day at the **Scone Horse Festival**; showcasing the versatility of the horse and everything you can imagine that involves horses – from thoroughbreds to farriers, tent pegging to rodeo and everything in between.

AIRLIE BEACH AND THE WHITSUNDAYS

We are heading back to **Airlie Beach** and the **Whitsundays** at the end of July 2020. We are going to have one more day than previous tours, making it a **7 day tour**. We will again be staying at the **Coral Seas Resort**.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We are looking at destinations for our 3 day **Christmas in July** tour for 2020. Two locations are being considered, the **Blue Mountains** and **Orange**. Let us know what you want and there will be further details and the itinerary in our summer newsletter.

TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS AND THE O'REILLY'S GUESTHOUSE

We are planning this tour for September 2020. We will be crossing the **Queensland** border at **Goondiwindi** before a 3 night stay in **Toowoomba**. Enjoy the **Carnival of Flowers** plus other local sights before enjoying 2 nights at the famous **O'Reilly's Guesthouse** in the **Lamington National Park**. Our journey home is via the **New England Tablelands** and **Gloucester**.

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30 Oct	Nepean Belle	on app.	15 Oct	7 Day	South Australian Riverland	on app.
01 Nov	Fish 'n' Chips on the Clyde	pg. 3	17 Oct	2 Day	The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo	waitlist
06 Nov	Billy Elliot	waitlist	18 Oct	2 Day	The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo	waitlist
10 Nov	Sydney Jacaranda Cruise	pg. 3	04 Nov	5 Day	Melbourne Cup	on app.
17 Nov	Sydney Jacaranda Cruise	pg. 3	18 Nov	6 Day	Lakes and Alpine	waitlist
21 Nov	Superstars Do Christmas	pg. 3	24 Nov	8 Day	Norfolk Island	waitlist
26 Nov	Jugiong Country Experience	pg. 3	06 Dec	4 Day	End of Year Mystery	waitlist
27 Nov	Jugiong Country Experience	pg. 3	23 Dec	5 Day	Christmas in the Illawarra	waitlist
03 Dec	Cherries at Young	pg. 3	16 Jan	5 Day	Tamworth Country Music Festival	pg. 5
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			10 Jul	9 Day	Brisbane and the Scenic Rim	pg. 7
			03 Aug	6 Day	North Coast Winter Getaway	pg. 7

INTERNATIONAL

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FISH 'N' CHIPS ON THE CLYDE Friday 01 November 2019



We have rescheduled this August tour! 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 you sit back and watch the river meandering slowly, each bend revealing the river's many moods and faces. Our cruise takes us up river to the historic little river port of **Nelligen**, where in past

times sailing and steam ships plied their trade. We have half an hour to stretch our legs and take a wander around the village before cruising back down the river to **Batemans Bay**. After disembarking we reboard the coach and travel to Braidwood for an afternoon stop before heading home.

Member cost: \$115.00 pp Non-member: \$135.00 pp

SYDNEY JACARANDA CRUISE Sun 10 & 17 November 2019

A day trip to Sydney which includes a fantastic **Sydney Harbour Jacaranda Cruise**. See the most beautiful harbour in the world with breathtaking Jacarandas in full flower. Hear the stories about Sydney's early days on the waterfront from **renowned gardener and TV personality, Graham Ross**.



Graham's passion for Sydney Harbour has seen him escort over 60 Jacaranda cruises since 1988. Graham is a horticulturist, plantsman and garden media presenter. He started the Garden Clinic Radio Show on 2GB in 1980, and has been the gardening presenter on **Better Homes and Gardens TV** since 1995. He's only the 4th Australian to receive the Veitch Memorial Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society in London.

Member cost: \$180.00 pp Non-member: \$200.00 pp



SUPERSTARS DO CHRISTMAS Thursday 21 November 2019



Camden Valley Inn was built in the early 1930s, originally as a milk bar to promote the pure and wholesome milk of Camden Park. Their delicious morning and afternoon teas and milk drinks made from the 'Gold Top' Camden Vale milk, were fine attractions of the region, as was their impressive Rotorlactor, an automatic milking system, pioneering in its time. Today, Camden Valley Inn still retains its quaint charm and country friendliness in an

atmosphere reminiscent of old England. From the outside not much has changed over the years, although the inn's life has gone from milk bar to restaurant and now to a luxury hotel inn, after being granted its tavern licence in 1989. Today we enjoy by a traditional 2-course Christmas lunch and an 1-hour show starring **Lisa Budin**.

Member cost: \$130.00 pp Non-member: \$150.00 pp

JUGIONG COUNTRY EXPERIENCE Tue 26 & Wed 27 November 2019



Due to popular demand we are running this tour again! Nestled amongst towering hills on the banks of the **Murrumbidgee River**, **Jugiong** is a progressive village that is fast becoming a popular tourist destination and the location for this **new** day tour. Upon arrival meet your charismatic tour guide. He'll



show you the sights and dazzle you with information on Jugiong's history and all the village has to offer. You'll see and hear about the **Murrumbidgee River**, historic buildings – including the bush school that **Richie Benaud** attended – pioneering history, bushranger past, aboriginal heritage, spectacular scenery and much more. After the tour you'll enjoy a 2 course lunch with genuine, country hospitality and live entertainment with lots of laughs.

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



CHERRIES AT YOUNG Tuesday 03 December 2019



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

BILLY ELLIOT Saturday 14 December 2019

Acclaimed by audiences and critics alike, **Billy Elliot** has now been seen by over 12 million people across 5 continents and is the recipient of 85 awards internationally, including **10 Tony Awards, 5 Olivier Awards** and **8 Helpmann Awards**. Set in a northern town during the miners' strike of 1984/5, the show follows Billy's journey from boxing ring to ballet class where he discovers a passion for dance that unites his family, inspires his community and changes his life forever. Brought to life by the award-winning creative team behind the film and featuring iconic **music** by **Elton John**, Billy Elliot is an extraordinary theatrical experience that has captivated audiences around the world.



Member cost: \$250.00 pp Non-member: \$270.00 pp

DAY TOURS

MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH Wednesday 18 December 2019



Our **2019 Christmas lunch** for travel club members is at **Centennial Vineyards** in the **Southern Highlands**. It has always been a great destination for us with the restaurant and location offering breathtaking views across the **vineyards**.

On balmy summer days, the restaurant's glass doors open onto a spacious Australian verandah, offering breathtaking views across the **vineyards**. We enjoy morning tea from the coach at **Goulburn's Belmore Park** before travelling onto the Southern Highlands and **Centennial Vineyards**. Enjoy a **delicious 2 course luncheon** and be entertained with songs from a wonderful performer. After a great day celebrating with other **Potter Travel members** we head back home to complete a great year of travel and touring.

Member cost: \$140.00 pp

CHARLOTTE PASS Thursday 23 January 2020



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 **Stillwell Hotel**, the birthplace of modern skiing in Australia; also enjoy a morning visit to the **Gaden Trout Hatchery**, 10 km north-west of Jindabyne and one of Australia's main centres for breeding and rearing cold water sport fish. Stop in for a look at the **Snowy Regions Visitor Centre** in Jindabyne on the way home.



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



WAR HORSE Wed 19 & Sat 22 Feb, Wed 11 Mar 2020



Hailed by **Time Magazine** as 'a landmark theatre event', this powerfully moving and imaginative drama, filled with stirring music and songs, is a show of **phenomenal inventiveness**. At its heart are astonishing **life-sized puppets**, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to thrilling life on stage. At the outbreak of World War I, Joey, young Albert's beloved horse, is sold to the cavalry and shipped from England to France. He is soon caught up in enemy fire, and fate takes him on an extraordinary journey, serving on both sides before finding himself alone in no man's land. But Albert cannot forget Joey and, still not old enough to enlist, he embarks on a treacherous mission to find him and bring him home.

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Wed: Member Cost: \$195.00 pp Non-member: \$215.00 pp
Sat: Member Cost: \$235.00 pp Non-member: \$255.00 pp

JERVIS BAY DOLPHIN CRUISE Thursday 27 February 2020



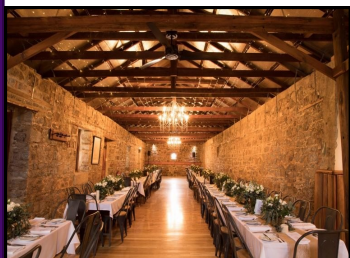
Our **last day tour sold out** so we are doing it again in February. **Jervis Bay** is one of the true gems of the NSW south east region. It's **breathtaking beauty**, rich cultural and natural significance have long been recognised and appreciated by locals and visitors alike. Jervis Bay is reputed 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



THE OLD COACH STABLES Wednesday 04 March 2020



The Old Coach Stables were built in 1857 and used by Cobb and Co mail service. **The stables** have been recently restored into a beautiful restaurant /function venue. The old coach stables is a very unique venue in a rural setting for a special day out. The venue is a wonderful combination of history food and

wines, on a working sheep and cattle property. We travel via **Gundaroo to Gunning**, then in the afternoon travel via **Murrumbateman** for a guided tour of **Hillgrove Pottery**. Enjoy afternoon tea while learning the art of pottery making before heading home.

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

9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL Sat 23 May & Wed 17 Jun 2020



The smash-hit musical features a book by the iconic movie's original screenwriter **Patricia Resnick** and an Oscar, Grammy and Tony award-nominated score by the Queen of Country herself, **Dolly Parton**. **9 to 5 the Musical** tells the story of Doralee, Violet and Judy - three workmates pushed to boiling point by their sexist and egotistical boss. Concocting a plan to kidnap and turn the tables on their despicable supervisor, will the ladies manage to reform their office - or will events unravel when the CEO pays an unexpected visit? Inspired by the hit film and brought to you by Dolly herself, this hilarious new West End production is about teaming up, standing up and taking care of business!



Wed: Member Cost: \$195.00 pp Non-member: \$215.00 pp
Sat: Member Cost: \$240.00 pp Non-member: \$260.00 pp

EXTENDED TOURS

5 DAY TAMWORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL Thursday 16 January 2020



We will be staying in Tamworth for the country music lovers. After an overnight stop in Maitland we head to Tamworth arriving on the afternoon of the first day of the annual Tamworth Country Music Festival. The next day we have the whole day to enjoy the festival activities and watch performances of your own choosing. There is time on Sunday morning to take in the festival as well and visit the Walk a Country Mile Museum which educates us on the history of country music. Leaving Tamworth we travel to Coonabarabran for an overnight stop on our way home. This tour provides you with the chance to immerse yourself in some of the best emerging country music on offer in Australia.

Member cost: \$1085.00 pp twin share \$1315.00 sole use

4 DAY MALLACOOTA SUMMER ESCAPE Tuesday 04 February 2020



Escape the summer heat and feel the cool ocean breezes from the sparkling coastal waters. Relax and unwind in the quiet of Mallacoota for 3 nights, with the chance to dig your toes into the pure white sandy beaches. Discover why this region is a very special place to UNESCO. Abounding with a diverse range of animal life such as echidnas, gliders and koalas, whales and dolphins are also frequently seen along the beautiful undeveloped coastline. Enjoy a morning tea cruise through this pristine wilderness with an abundance of birdlife. Visit a restored World War II RAAF bunker that has considerable military history significance. We also visit historic Boydtown with past links to shipping and whaling enjoying lunch at Seahorse Inn on the shores of Twofold Bay.

Member cost: \$795.00 pp twin share \$970.00 sole use



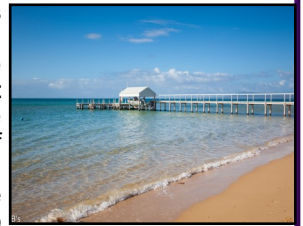
7 DAY KING IS. & YARRA VALLEY Thursday 06 February 2020



Discover the unspoilt natural beauty of King Island and experience the sights, and flavours of the Yarra Valley. King Island is wildly rugged, windswept and attractive, it boasts over 145 km of coastline, and a wide and unusual variety of seabirds and wildlife. Situated at the western entrance to Bass Strait midway between Victoria and mainland Tasmania it enjoys a reputation of excellence for food products. Beef and dairy farms cover the island plus there is a small fishing industry. Enjoy sensational scenery, plentiful wildlife and amazing shipwreck stories. The Yarra Valley also offers quality local food and wine and breathtaking scenery. Our visit includes Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery, Coldstream and Coombe Yarra Valley (once home to opera singer Dame Nellie Melba), plus the 14 acre Blue Lotus Water Garden filled with over fifty varieties of lotus.

Member cost: \$2595.00 pp twin share \$3130.00 sole use

8 DAY MORNINGTON PEN & GRT OCEAN RD Monday 17 February 2020



The Mornington Peninsula abounds in natural attractions including beaches and scenic sights like Cape Schanck, and the spectacular Point Nepean. Enjoy 2 nights in the village of Flinders on the east coast of Western Port Bay. Also visit Arthur's Seat, Red Hill Estate and the Ashcombe Maze. Cross Port Phillip Bay by ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliff, then travel the spectacular Great Ocean Road through Lorne and Apollo Bay to Warrnambool. As well as the magnificent coastal scenery, we visit the Otway Fly and Port Campbell National Park, including the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard. Enjoy 2 nights in Warrnambool and visit Flagstaff Maritime Village and nearby Portland. Travel home through historic central Victoria with an overnight stop at the old gold mining city of Bendigo.

Member cost: \$1985.00 pp twin share \$2515.00 sole use



3 DAY OPERA IN THE ALPS Friday 13 March 2020



Due to popular demand we are heading back to the Opera in the Alps again in 2020, staying in nearby Albury. Next year the date has been moved to mid March. It will be a night to remember, sitting under the stars at 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 also includes the Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory, the historic township of Chiltern, the gourmet region of Milawa, the sights of Albury including Monument Hill and the unique railway station which has the longest platform in NSW, plus the Bonegilla Migrant Experience where our guide shares stories of the place that today is a symbol of hope.

Member cost: \$720.00 pp twin share \$850.00 sole use

9 DAY KANGAROO IS./ MURRAY PRINCESS Tuesday 24 March 2020



Kangaroo Island and the Murray Princess are the highlights of this tour. We fly to Adelaide to meet our coach and head to Victor Harbor for an overnight stop. Next is Kangaroo Island for 3 days visiting some unique local ventures such as the pure Ligurian Bee Honey Farm and the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery. We also visit Flinders Chase National Park, Admirals Arch, Remarkable Rocks and the world famous Seal Bay, where we walk amongst the colony of Australian Sea Lions. From here we make our way to Mannum and board the Murray Princess for 3 nights on the river. You will cruise through spectacular riverlands and enjoy the great variety of flora and fauna, take a nature walk and get up close to the river birdlife.

Member cost: \$3485.00 pp twin share \$4220.00 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS



3 DAY AUTUMN MYSTERY Friday 03 April 2020



Want to disappear for the weekend? Is it a convict adventure or is it a wildlife adventure? Perhaps it's history and/or heritage? 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: \$765.00 pp twin share \$930.00 sole use



8 DAY NORFOLK ISLAND Sunday 19 April 2020



Norfolk Island lies about 1700kms east of Sydney. It is a volcanic island made up of undulating hill country, with steep cliffs rising out of the ocean 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** from the tiny island of Pitcairn, about 3000 miles to the east in the mid 1800s. Today the families of these descendants are prominent. The history and scenery 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 \$3195.00 sole use



5 DAY AUTUMN IN MARYSVILLE Monday 27 April 2020



Situated in the picturesque **Yarra Valley**, **Marysville** was founded in 1863 but nearly destroyed by the 2009 bushfires. The **Vibe Hotel Marysville** is our base for **4 nights**, as we explore the region. Sadly, we remember the 2009 bushfires that devastated the area and we'll visit the local **Visitor Information Centre** and wander through the Historic Photo Exhibition which shares firsthand accounts of Black Saturday and the recovery story

since. We visit the **Sculptures Garden and Gallery**, **Yarra Glen** and the **Big Bouquet Gerbera Farm**, **Alowyn Gardens**, **Gulf Station Farm** and the **Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery**. We also visit **Yea** and the **Y Water Discovery Centre** and the **Kerrisdale Mountain Railway and Museum**.

Member cost: \$1185.00 pp twin share \$1425.00 sole use

3 DAY RIVERBOAT POSTMAN CRUISE Wednesday 15 April 2020



On this tour we join the mail run with a difference! We hop aboard **Riverboat Postman**, on this tour to cruise along the **Hawkesbury River**. Known as one of Australia's greatest scenic waterways, with its historical isolated communities, the last Riverboat Postman has been servicing the region for over a century. Sit back and enjoy the tranquil scenery of sandy beach coves and fjord like inlets while listening to the lively commentary from the Skipper as we make our all-important deliveries. Our tour includes 2 nights accommodation on the magnificent **Central Coast**, a visit to the **Ken Duncan Gallery**, a guided tour of the **Mt Penang Botanical Gardens** and a visit to the **Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum**.

Member Cost: \$645.00 pp twin share \$785.00 sole use

2 DAY SYDNEY HARBOUR LA TRAVIATA Wednesday 22 April 2020



Violetta is the life of every party. A courtesan with a heart of gold, she's free and free-spirited. Experience the joy and heartache of the world's most popular opera at Sydney's best night out. Fireworks light up the sky at every performance and a giant chandelier shimmers over the harbour stage. **Handa Opera** on **Sydney Harbour** is

'the ultimate Sydney experience' and **La Traviata**, the story that inspired Moulin Rouge. The biggest scenes feature 70 performers on stage and party boats in the harbour. Verdi's score offers flying melodies, rousing drinking songs and heartbreaking duets. Brian Castles-Onion conducts the opera, with a live orchestra hidden under the stage. We also enjoy a visit to **Vaucluse House** and take a walk through the **E.G Waterhouse National Camellia Gardens** as part of this tour.

Member cost: \$575.00 pp twin share \$650.00 sole use

11 DAY CLARE VALLEY AND BROKEN HILL Monday 18 May 2020



From the fertile **Clare Valley** to iconic **Broken Hill**, we'll uncover rich historical towns, eat a Cornish pasty and see destinations inspiring creative art such as sculptures and paintings and locations fit for movie sets. We travel via the **South Australian Riverland** to **Clare** for a 4 night stay. Soak up the history and beauty of the **Clare Valley** and visit **Bungaree Station**, the historic town of Minto and Sevenhill, the oldest vineyard in the valley. We also spend a day on the interesting **Yorke Peninsula**, known as Australia's little Cornwall. From Clare it's on to **Broken Hill** for 3 nights touring the **School Of The Air**, **RFDS**, the **Palace Hotel**, historic **Silverton** and the **Sculpture Symposium** before heading home.

Member cost: \$2830.00 pp twin share \$3500.00 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS



3 DAY SYDNEY VIVID LIGHT FESTIVAL Wednesday 03 June 2020



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'. 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**. We also enjoy a tour of the Sydney Cricket ground, a guided tour of the **E.G. Waterhouse National Camellia Gardens** which overlooks beautiful **Yowie Bay** and a visit to **Bare Island**.

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



12 DAY OUTBACK QUEENSLAND Sunday 07 June 2020



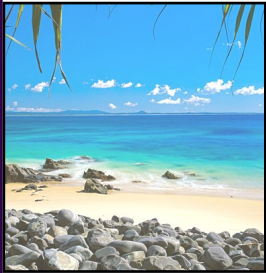
Embrace the stories of local characters who helped shape the Australian outback. Live the outback story for a short while, witnessing glorious sunsets and cruising pristine waterways, with outstanding dining experiences. Our journey takes us through **Bourke** to **Charleville** for 2 nights. Visit the **Cosmos Centre** and enjoy the **Bilby Experience** to hear about this endangered marsupial. Travel via **Blackall** and historic **Barcaldine** to **Longreach** for 4 nights. **The Stockman's Hall of Fame**, **Qantas Museum**, the **Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show**, a day in **Winton** and the **Waltzing Matilda Centre**, a cruise on the **Thomson River** and a camp oven dinner are part of our tour. Visit the **Gemfields** near **Emerald** then travel via **Roma** and **Dalby** to **Brisbane** for your flight home.

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Member cost: \$4250.00 pp twin share \$4995.00 sole use



8 DAY NOOSA & SUNSHINE COAST Sunday 21 June 2020



Due to the success of this tour, we are doing it again in 2020. We fly north to meet our coach and settle into **RACV Resort** at **Noosa** on the **Sunshine Coast** for a 5 night stay. Visit the **Eumundi Markets** as well as **Australia Zoo** in Beerwah which of course was the home of the late Steve Irwin, the 'Crocodile Hunter'. Tour through the **Blackall Ranges**. Visit the pretty towns of **Maleny** and **Montville**, and view the

Glasshouse Mountains. Enjoy a **cruise** along the pristine Noosa River and into the dark, tranquil, mirrored waterways of the **Noosa Everglades**. Join the **Noosa River and Canal Cruises** for a cruise past the magnificent waterfront homes along the canals. We head home down the NSW north coast with stops at **Ballina** and **Maitland**.

Member Cost: \$2685.00 pp twin share \$3295.00 sole use



8 DAY LIGHTNING RIDGE & MOREE Wednesday 01 July 2020



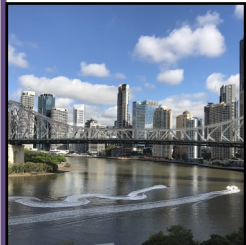
The 'Ridge' abounds with colourful characters, barrels of dreams, and experiences! The unique locals pride themselves on a wonderful sense of eccentricity, reminding us that the Australian spirit is not a thing of folklore. We spend 3 nights there. See **Stanley**, the **Big Bird**, **Amigos Castle** and drop into the **Cactus Farm**. Experience an

underground mine and marvel at the underground sculptures in the **Chamber Of The Black Hand**. Enjoy a day at Grawin, Glengarry, Sheeppark and Mulga Rush with lunch at the **Glengarry Hilton** pub. Stay 2 nights in Moree seeing the many cotton farms and visiting the Pecan Farm. Enjoy free time to visit the **Moree Artesian Aquatic Centre** before we travel via **Goondiwindi** to **Brisbane** for our flight home.

Member cost: \$2325.00 pp twin share \$2710.00 sole use



9 DAY BRISBANE & THE SCENIC RIM Friday 10 July 2020



Rediscover the vibrant and fast growing city of **Brisbane** and its surrounds. Marvel at the river that curls its way around the landscape, hinting to the easy outdoor lifestyle awaiting us. Highlights include the annual **Garden Expo**, country hospitality and beautiful scenery. Take in the spectacular views from **Mt Cootha**, enjoy lunch at historic **Newstead House** and then cruise along the **Brisbane River** to

Southbank. A visit to the **Summer Land Camel Farm** near Ipswich is a unique experience. Enjoy a day out to **North Stradbroke Island** and a day in **Scenic Rim** country, inland from Brisbane, where we visit **Towri Sheep Cheese** then enjoy lunch at the **Dugandan Hotel** before a visit to the **Kooroomba Vineyards** and **Lavender Farm**. Our journey home takes us down the **NSW north coast** with stops in **Coffs Harbour** and **Maitland**.

Member cost: \$2795.00 pp twin share \$3325.00 sole use



6 DAY NORTH COAST WINTER GETAWAY Monday 03 August 2020



We are heading to **Nambucca Heads** this winter to get away from the chilly weather for a week. This NSW north coast town sits at the mouth of the river with its sparkling estuary being home to playful dolphins. Cruise some of the most unspoilt areas of the region and see parts of the beautiful **Bellingher River Valley** not seen by most. Enjoy lunch in the historic town of **Bellingen**

then take in the beauty and serenity of the rainforest in the **Dorrigo National Park** and the spectacular views provided by the **Skywalk**. Enjoy a visit to **Perry's Lemon Myrtle** for a talk on the farm and their products followed by lunch at the famous **Pub With No Beer**. **South West Rocks**, **Trial Bay Gaol** and **Forrester's Beach** on the central coast are part of the itinerary as we journey home from our north coast winter break.

Member cost: \$1395.00 pp twin share \$1615.00 sole use

INTERNATIONAL TOURS



26 DAY PORTUGAL AND CROATIA Departs Friday 08 May 2020

Visit two of Europe's most popular destinations, **Portugal** and **Croatia**. Travel via **Dubai** with stopovers on the way there and back, including a full days tour on the way. Then it's onto to **Portugal**, **Lisbon**. Our tour of **Portugal** includes **Lisbon**, the historic towns of **Sintra** and **Cascais**, the medieval town of **Evora** and the **Algarve** on the beautiful southern coastline including **Lagos** and **Sagres**. We also travel north and visit the historic city of **Porto**, famed for its port wine and a World Heritage Site, and visit the **Douro Valley**. From Portugal we fly to the historic **Croatian** city of **Dubrovnik**. After the sights of Dubrovnik transfer by ferry to the island of **Korcula**, one of the biggest islands in the Adriatic to enjoy its history and its beaches. Next is the city of **Split** before travelling north via the **Krka National Park** and the **Plitvice National Park** to **Zagreb**, the capital. We then head for home with an overnight stop again in **Dubai**.

Member cost: \$13,975.00 pp twin share, \$16,795.00 sole use



8 DAYS IN SINGAPORE Departs Friday 14 August 2020

Singapore's tale tells of a once sleepy fishing village that defied the odds to become a first-world metropolis. It is a melting pot for your senses, where **east** meets **west** and cultures collide. Grand buildings from the colonial era sit alongside **Chinatown**, **Little India**, **Little Malaysia**, **Little Arab Town** and spectacular skyscrapers such as the **Marina Bay Sands**. Discover Singapore's history, walk in a cloud forest and amongst the supertrees. Encounter exotic birds, flowers and orchids. Experience **Singapore Zoo** and enjoy twinkling city lights on a balmy evening **river cruise**. Shop on **Orchard Road**, wander around **Clark Quay**, and visit temples and museums. Travel on the **Sentosa Island Cable Car** and visit the **S.E.A. Aquarium**, the worlds largest **Marine Wildlife Park**. Unearth the hidden secrets to Singapore's outer islands. It's time to 'sling' into Singapore for a week in 2020.

Member cost from: \$5395.00 pp twin share, \$6835.00 sole use



23 DAY GRAND TOUR OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA Departs Tuesday 10 November 2020

The **Mekong Delta** is quintessential South East Asia, the lifeblood of the region. Here the river is king and its people have developed ingenious ways to live in harmony with this beautiful landscape. Journey throughout the maze of waterways where life is simple and traditional, yet fascinating and captivating. Find life that has continued unchanged for decades, dependent on the river but thriving in the lush, fertile environment. Cruise by **floating markets** and get to know the Delta inhabitants' water-based lives. See children riding on the backs of water buffalo, verdant rice paddies filled with workers in conical hats and a range of water-going vessels plying the narrow waterways. Shop for anything from clothes to fruit and souvenirs to spring rolls all from the side of your **luxurious river cruise ship**. This region allows you to get up close and discover a new and fascinating way of life, to reach remote and little-visited areas, sample **exotic cuisine** from the floating markets and learn of a culture based on intensive agriculture and a warm community spirit.

Member cost from: \$8985.00 pp twin share, \$14,070.00 sole use