



JAPAN - CHERRY BLOSSOM CRUISE

Explore with us this Spring with our wonderful line-up of Tours

Welcome to our September edition of Travel Talk. We hope you love our updated look as much as we do!

We are thrilled to share with you the latest tours available as part of our mission to make a positive impact in our local community.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our members who have continued to support us and have renewed their membership. Your dedication has allowed us to keep our tours running smoothly and effectively.

In terms of our recent activities, we have successfully launched new international tours to Japan, New Zealand and Singapore.

We will visit these beautiful countries to immerse ourselves in culture, cuisine and history. See page 2 for further details on our international tours.

Please contact the team in our office for detailed itineraries on all tours listed in this newsletter.

We are pleased to announce that our Morning Tea Event this year raised \$510 for the Cancer Council and with additional contributions from the water bottles onboard our coaches we have raised \$800 in total. We are excited to inform you that we will be hosting another Morning Tea in January 2025. See page 3 for all the details. We would love to see you there.

We have been busy creating a wonderful range of day trips for you, including Flowers & Falls, Cooma Cottage & Chocolates, Camden Valley Inn Luncheon Show and Eagles & Mac Tribute Show. New extended tours include 3 Day Zig Zag Railway, 7 Day Melbourne & QTrain, 3 Day Riverboat Postman and 3 Day April Mystery Tour.

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Lastly, we are delighted to announce that we will now be providing 4 newsletters per year with many more day and extended tours to choose from. Your next newsletter is coming in early December.

Thank you for your continued support!

the Potter Travel Team x

INTERNATIONAL TOURS

DIAMOND PRINCESS KYUSHU SPRING FLOWERS CRUISE - Sat 15 March 2025

Kyushu, Japan's southernmost main island, bursts into a kaleidoscope of colours during springtime drawing visitors from around the world to witness its stunning floral displays. Beyond cherry blossoms, Kyushu showcases an array of other vibrant flowers. Azaleas paint the hillsides in shades of red, pink and majestic purple.

Spend 10 nights onboard the dazzling Diamond Princess visiting ports Beppu, **Kagoshima**, Nagasaki, **Busan** (in South Korea), Sasebo and **Toba**. Return flights from Canberra are with Qantas.

Call the office and speak with Alana, our cruise specialist to receive a very competitive quote.



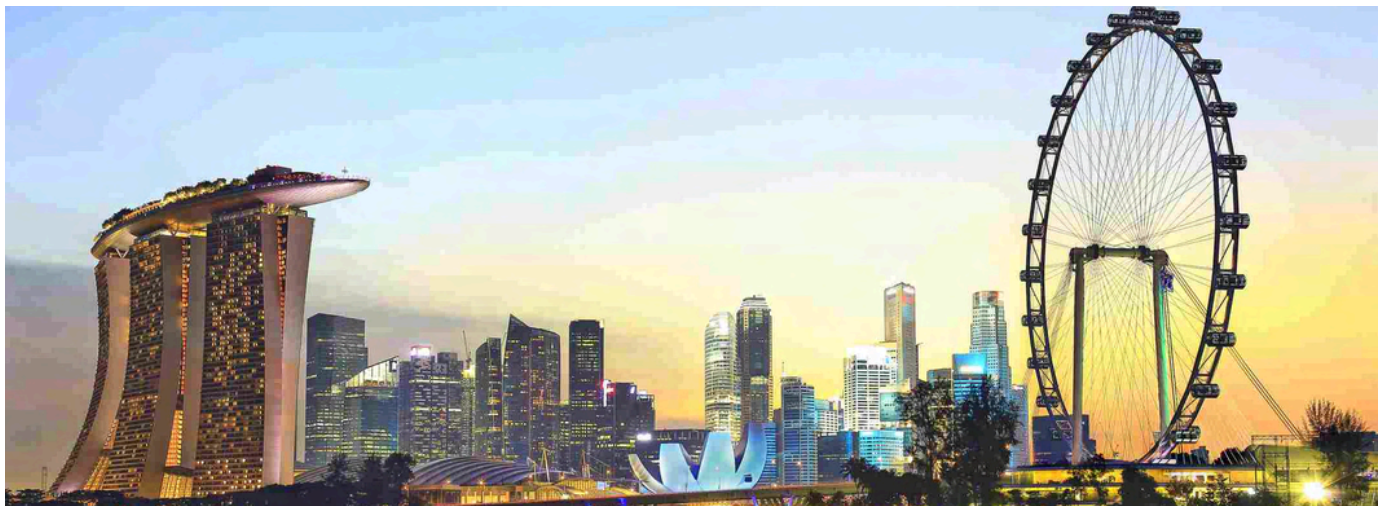
New Zealand North Island Tuesday 11 March 2025

\$5579 pp Twin/Double Share
\$6929 Sole Occupancy

New Zealand South Island Thursday 10 April 2025

\$6179 pp Twin/Double Share
\$7659 Sole Occupancy

We have two wonderful tours of New Zealand's North and South Islands. Spend 9 Days on the North Island and cruise on the **Bay of Islands** and visit **Napier**, the 'Art Deco Capital'. Or visit the South Island for 10 days and board the **TranzAlpine**, one of the greatest train journeys in the world, as well as enjoying a cruise on the magnificent **Milford Sound** fiord. Call the office for detailed itineraries.



SENSATIONAL SINGAPORE - Sunday 11 May 2025

Singapore is a tropical island in Southeast Asia, off the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. A global metropolis, a City in Nature, a rich tapestry of cultures, Singapore is a city with many facets. Learn about the past, present and future of this modern city with our 6 day tour.

Visit the **National Orchid Garden**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, which is a testament to Singapore's love for flora. Discover over 1,000 species of orchids, including Singapore's national flower, the Vanda Miss Joaquim.

Experience an up-close encounter with orangutans at **The Singapore Zoo** over breakfast. High Tea at **Raffles Hotel** is an experience that blends colonial charm with refined indulgence. Overlooking lush gardens, the high tea service at Raffles is a feast for the senses. Award winning, **Gardens by the Bay**, is a futuristic botanical garden spanning 101 hectares. Return flights from Canberra are with Singapore Airlines.

\$ 7225 pp Twin/Double Share
\$ 8800 Sole Occupancy

DAY TOURS



Flowers, Tulips & Fitzroy Falls Friday 27 September 2024

Corbett Gardens in Bowral is renowned for its breathtaking displays of tulips and other vibrant flowers during the **Tulip Time Festival**. The meticulously landscaped gardens provide a picturesque setting for colourful blooms. **Fitzroy Falls** offers a dramatic natural spectacle amidst the tranquility of the area.

\$140 pp Members
\$160 pp Non Members



Cooma Cottage and Chocolates Tuesday 15 October 2024

Located in Yass, **Cooma Cottage** was home to famous explorer Hamilton Hume. Soak up the stories of pioneering life, see the stables and soak up the sweeping views of paddocks across the Yass Valley. On the way home we call into **Murrumbateman Chocolate Co.** for a delightful afternoon tea.

\$165 pp Members
\$185 pp Non Members



Sister Act A Divine Musical Comedy Wednesday 2 October 2024

Experience the joy and energy of **Sister Act**, the must-see musical at the Capitol Theatre Sydney. With a soul-stirring soundtrack by Tony® and Oscar®-winning composer Alan Menken, headlined by Kasey Donovan. This show promises an unforgettable afternoon of pure entertainment.

\$210 pp Members
\$230 pp Non Members



Cooma's Secrets & Birdsnest Tour Tuesday 12 November 2024

Together, **Birdsnest** and **Cooma Correctional Centre** represent different facets of Cooma's identity - one as a thriving contemporary business that made its mark in the fashion industry and the other as a preserved historical site that provides a glimpse into the town's past.

\$170 pp Members
\$190 pp Non Members



Tunes & Tastes at Camden Valley Inn Tuesday 19 November 2024

Originally built in the early 1930's as a milk bar, the **Camden Valley Inn** is known for its charming rural atmosphere. Today we enjoy a welcome drink, and a 2 course lunch whilst enjoying a wonderful performance by the very talented Julia Parashko.

\$180 pp Members
\$200 pp Non Members



Event - Morning Tea

Join us for Morning Tea on **Wednesday 22 January 2025** at Hotel Kurrajong Canberra, 8 National Circuit, Barton.

- RSVP by Mon 6 January by calling 02 6297 8585.
- Coach transfers available from Woden and Lyneham. Please advise when booking.
- We would like to take this opportunity to run you through some of the latest most exciting tours in the Potter Travel calendar.
- All staff will be available to book your tours, take payments and answer any questions.

DAY TOURS



Cherries at Young Monday 2 December 2024

Join us for our annual visit to the charming town of **Young** during Cherry Season. Our first stop is at **Poppa's Fudge Factory**. Here you will find a sample bar of fudges and jams for you to taste and lots of goodies to purchase. Followed by a visit to **Ballinaclesh Orchard** for a picnic lunch, farm tour and chance to pick your own cherries to take home with you.

\$165 pp Members
\$185 pp Non Members



Christmas Luncheon Friday 13 December 2024

We wish you a Merry Christmas! Join us for a fabulous day out with the Potter Travel Team and new friendships that you made whilst on tour this year. **The Robertson Hotel**, located in the Southern Highlands, will serve us a traditional Christmas 2 course lunch. Look out for your pictures in our slideshow of the year's tour highlights.

\$175 pp Members
\$195 pp Non Members



BBQ Day Tour Thursday 16 January 2025

Today we welcome in the new year on a short journey to a quaint little town (its a mystery where) to enjoy the tastes and smells of a good old fashioned BBQ, cooked to your liking. A nice day spent in the beautiful countryside with friends.

Start your new year off with an adventure on this lovely mystery day out.

\$120 pp Members
\$140 pp Non Members



Eagles & Mac Tribute Show Thursday 30 January 2025

Enjoy this wonderful tribute show performed by Platinum Duo. **The Eagles and Fleetwood Mac** - Music from our younger years, flooding us with many wonderful memories. Including a 2 course lunch at the **Lake George Winery** with views over the vineyards.

\$235 pp Members
\$255 pp Non Members



Annie the Musical A little hero Wednesday 9 April 2025

The beloved tale of **Annie** has been capturing the hearts of theatregoers for generations. It's one of the most awarded musicals of all time. With it's iconic score, featuring classics like **'It's the Hard-Knock Life'**, **'Tomorrow'** and **'Easy Street'**, Annie is truly a timeless masterpiece.

\$210 pp Members
\$230 pp Non Members



MJ the Musical Michael Jackson Wednesday 12 March 2025

A rare look into the creative mind and spirit that catapulted **Michael Jackson** into legendary status. **MJ the Musical**, a Tony Award-winning production that delves into the making of his 1992 Dangerous World Tour. Coming to the Sydney Lyric theatre in 2025.

\$265 pp Members
\$285 pp Non Members

EXTENDED TOURS



WA Wildflower Wanderer

Sunday 6 October 2024

Spend 12 Days visiting Perth and the South West region of WA. Wander through **Fremantle's** historic streets, relish in the charm of **Busselton Jetty**, the longest wooden Jetty in the Southern Hemisphere and marvel in the iconic landmark of **Wave Rock**. Return flights included.

\$5850 pp Twin/Double Share
\$6920 Sole Occupancy



Sydney's Northern Beaches

Tuesday 22 October 2024

This 3 Day tour visits **McLean** and **Arabanoo Lookouts**, visit **Palm Beach** and cruise on the beautiful **Pittwater**. Enjoy lunch at **Watsons Bay Boutique Hotel**. Enjoy the atmosphere with free time to soak up the stunning scenery at every turn.

\$995 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1155 Sole Occupancy

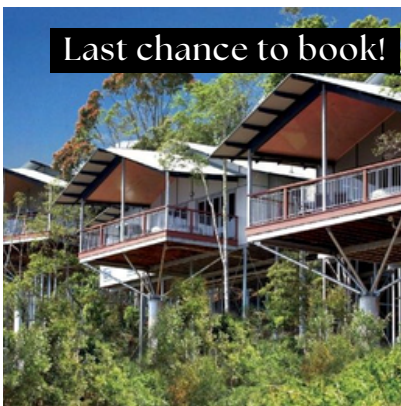


Spectacular Lakes Entrance

Monday 28 October 2024

Enjoy a short break in the Victorian coastal town of **Lakes Entrance**. Enjoy lunch at the historic **Marlo Hotel** overlooking the estuaries. Join the ferry to **Raymond Island** for an old fashioned Billy Tea with live Stockyard Show. Staying 3 nights at the **Esplanade Motel**.

\$1080 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1230 Sole Occupancy



O'Reilly's & Jacaranda's

Monday 28 October 2024

On this 8 day tour, enjoy the seclusion of the iconic **O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat** in the Lamington National Park and take in the NSW North Coast and the beautiful **Jacaranda Festival** in Grafton. Embark on a delightful lunch Cruise of one of Australia's purest lakes, **Wallis Lake**.

\$3130 pp Twin/Double Share
\$3760 Sole Occupancy



Melbourne Cup in Mudgee

Monday 4 November 2024

Enjoy 4 days in magical Mudgee and enjoy the race that stops a Nation, The Melbourne Cup. Enjoy a 3 course lunch, live music, racing coverage, sweepstakes and more at **Goree Park Stud**. Wine tasting at **Robert Stein Winery** and visit **Honey Haven**.

\$1725 pp Twin/Double Share
\$2075 Sole Occupancy



Seven Islands of the Hawkesbury River

Tuesday 26 November 2024

Seven Islands of the Hawkesbury where you enjoy the magnificent scenery as you learn the history of the seven islands, cruise into secluded areas and listen to stories of the Hawkesbury River. 2 night stay at **The Quarters, Forresters Beach**.

\$1065 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1285 Sole Occupancy

EXTENDED TOURS



Hunter Valley Garden Christmas Lights Tuesday 3 December 2024

Be lifted by the Spirit of Christmas as we visit the spectacular **Hunter Valley Gardens** and their dazzling **Christmas Lights display**. Join us for 3 fun filled days to see this gorgeous setting of sparkling lights, immersive displays and delight in the joyful entertainment.

\$995 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1145 Sole Occupancy



End of Year 4 Day Mystery Monday 9 December 2024

As we embark on this **mystery tour** we are promised an adventure as we pass through charming country towns along the way. We know where we are going, but it is all a mystery to you! Don't miss out on this fun-filled 4 Day Tour, book now.

\$1295 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1550 Sole Occupancy



Christmas in the Victorian High Country Sunday 22 December 2024

Spend 5 days over Christmas in **Wangaratta** where city sophistication meets good old country hospitality. Enjoy local produce, beautiful scenery and explore quaint towns, with many silo's to spot along the way! Join us for a relaxing Christmas break.

\$1895 pp Twin/Double Share
\$2350 Sole Occupancy



Elvis Festival Wednesday 8 January 2025

Dust off your blue suede shoes and get ready to 'Rock n Roll' - Join us for our tour to the 32nd **Elvis Festival**, with more than 200 events across five fabulous fun filled days. Also visit **Orange Mountain Wines** and the **Henry Parkes Centre** on this fabulous 5 day tour.

\$1750 pp Twin/Double Share
\$2270 Sole Occupancy



Shoalhaven & the South Coast Tuesday 4 February 2025

Escape on a short getaway to relax and unwind with aquamarine waters and visit enchanting towns of **Berry** and **Kiama** with a **Dolphin Watch Cruise** at **Jervis Bay**. Staying 3 nights at the Springs Shoalhaven, Nowra.

\$1555pp Twin/Double Share
\$1855 Sole Occupancy



Great Ocean Road Monday 10 February 2025

Tick the **Great Ocean Road** off your bucket list as we travel along the rugged Southern Ocean and **Shipwreck Coast**. This 8 day tour is one of the best drives in Australia as you traverse the seaside cliffs and meander through the rainforest into beautiful seaside towns.

\$2795 pp Twin/Double Share
\$3445 Sole Occupancy

EXTENDED TOURS



Zig Zag Railway
Thursday 27 February 2025

This 3 day tour where you soak up heritage and scenery of Australia's historic rail adventure. Experience the magic of the steam train and the beautiful **Blue Mountains**. Enjoy a relaxing ride on the nostalgic and **impressive steam locomotive** as it hauls you over the **Great Lithgow Zig Zag**.

\$1290 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1490 Sole Occupancy



Hurry! Limited Rooms

Norfolk Island
Wednesday 5 March 2025

Welcome to 7 nights in paradise, where wandering cows have right of way and everyone has time to stop and chat. History and culture unfolds before you at every turn. Enjoy **Foundation Day** on 6 March where local residents gather at the beach in **Kingston** to re-enact the arrival of the First Fleeters.

\$3940 pp Twin/Double Share
\$4495 Sole Occupancy



Always popular

Riverboat Postman
Monday 10 March 2025

Cruise the **Hawkesbury River** aboard the last Riverboat Postman. View the magnificent scenery as we deliver mail to the isolated settlements dotted along the waterways. On this 3 day tour be captivated by anecdotes of river life and experience a tradition that still continues to this day.

\$1220 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1426 Sole Occupancy



Selling fast

Melbourne & QTrain
Monday 24 March 2025

Immerse your senses, spend 7 Days in Melbourne for a special tour including the award winning **QTrain** where you travel along the historic **Bellarine Railway** providing unique views of Swan Bay and the Bellarine. Also spend a day at the **International Flower and Garden Show**.

\$2495 pp Twin/Double Share
\$3075 Sole Occupancy



3 Day Mystery Tour
Tuesday 1 April 2025

It's no April Fool's joke that we embark on this 3 day **mystery tour** on April Fools Day. Adventure will be in abundance as you don't know where you are going until you get there! Your crew are under strict instructions not to tell you where you are going but will they?

\$1375 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1575 Sole Occupancy



Hurry! Limited Rooms

Lord Howe Island
Tuesday 8 April 2025

Leave the pace and technology of modern life behind for 7 days while you immerse yourself in the spectacular surrounds of UNESCO World Heritage listed **Lord Howe Island**. Virtually untouched, discover this island paradise with incredible wildlife and beautiful landscapes.

\$5795 pp Double \$5999pp Twin
\$6795 Sole Occupancy



We had a wonderful group who toured **Lord Howe Island** with Mackenzie in April this year.

We were blessed with magnificent warm weather. Our group spent time exploring the island both on land and on water, whilst learning about all aspects of the island's wildlife that call this special place home.

We had the opportunity to snorkel in the southernmost coral reef on the planet to get up close and personal with the marine life. Our group enjoyed a walk through the Kentia Palms and relished on an around island cruise to view the island from a completely different perspective. Truly something for everyone!



Alana escorted our tour up to beautiful **Bundaberg** for 10 glorious days with a group of cheerful and enthusiastic sun seekers!

The Rum Distillery was a definite highlight as was the visit to **Lady Musgrave Island**, a slice of paradise teeming with birdlife, sparkling azure water, and coral reef. Plus, we spotted a number of Sea Turtles and feasted on an extensive buffet from the pontoon!

Driving through the QLD countryside the scenery was spectacular, from cane fields in flower to vibrant sunsets. Reece our driver kept us entertained, even stopping to cut us some wild sugar cane and we enjoyed a listen and a sing along to Slim Dusty classics after our visit to the **Slim Dusty Hall of Fame** in Kempsey.

We returned home with new friends and wonderful memories!

Thank you for reading!

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