

Beth's Corner



Welcome to the April/May edition of the wanderings newsletter!

Spring in Europe is upon us once again and our thoughts turn towards the Northern Hemisphere and all the wonderful options available to the Australian traveller.

In this issue of Wanderings, we feature a number of exciting cruise specials along with details on our very own Small Group Tour experiences to some of the more exotic destinations in the world.

Bob has signed on to escort a special tour to coincide with the nominated Australia Day festivities in June 2010 that will be part of the Shanghai World Expo. As well as spending 3 days at the Expo, Bob will take you to the many interesting and sometimes unique parts of this magical city that has been transformed over the past 15 years.

In addition both Bob and I are escorting a wonderful Caribbean Cruise opportunity in December which includes both Christmas and New Years Eve on the high seas! This is one of the best Caribbean itineraries we've ever seen and we would love to have your company. Information is available from any of our three offices.

You'll also find information on other interesting and varied land packages and Closer to Home travel opportunities in this issue.

There's something for everybody in Wanderings but as always do not hesitate to contact any one of our Senior Travel Specialists who between them have travelled the length of the globe and will be only too happy to assist with your travel plans, no matter where your interest lies.

Until next issue, have a great couple of months and I hope to see you at one of our regular Film Evenings and Functions in the future. Happy holidays.

Beth Malcolm

Managing Director - Travel Masters Group

Have a ball cruising NZ and attending the Rugby World Cup!

New Zealand is a great place to be at any time of the year.

However, if you're a died in the wool sports fan you'd best start thinking about whether you want to witness the 2011 Rugby World Cup.

Why not consider a Rugby World Cup cruise from Australia to New Zealand?

The major advantage of a rugby cruise is that once you have boarded the ship your worries are over. You'll be comfortably accommodated, you'll be exceptionally well fed and, best of all, you don't have to move from hotel to hotel.

Most tours include tickets to some of the pool games along with the quarters, semis and the final.

This is a unique opportunity to cruise New Zealand and take in the excitement of the Rugby World Cup.

Our team of specialist Cruise Agents are ready to take your enquiry as space is booking up fast.

At the Travel Masters Group, we've got just the ticket for you!



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Special Small Group Tour - Travelling In Deluxe Comfort & Style
Including the unique train ride across Qinghai Plateau to Lhasa

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Your say

Hi Dave - Thank you, thank you, thank you! We had the most wonderful time in Fiji, it went off perfectly – a surprise right to the end. It could not have been better for any of us. The champagne and chocs were a lovely touch as well. The staff sang "Happy Birthday" to Brian on the morning – it was very touching – they were so good. You even put on good weather for us – what more can I say – you are the perfect travel consultant.

Linda Lees

In looking back we have had many wonderful trips both within and outside our wonderful Australia – we have rated our trip to Dubai and Oman the best yet. We could have taken a couple more days of it. In looking forward besides other trips we may take we will be ready to do Dubai again in two years. Thanks for the you-beaut photos, we have added them to our collection.

John & Jean Harmsworth

Hi Lori - Just a thank you to you for pointing me in the best direction imaginable by suggesting Thailand (Phuket) for my holiday this year. I was drained, uncertain and needing a break and your fast and efficient recommendations could not have suited me better. Merlin Beach Resort was stunning to say the least and I had a restful, interesting, affordable time – Thanks for all your help I will definitely visit you again when I can next get away from this place!

Mary-Anne Sterling

JUMP ONBOARD - Great Cruise Specials

GRAND CARIBBEAN ODYSSEY

Best Caribbean Itinerary in 2010

BEST TIME OF YEAR TO VISIT

30 Day Christmas & New Year Special

Includes 4 days in Cuba

Barbados, Tobago, Trinidad, Dutch Antilles, Jamaica, Cuba, Mexico, Belize, Honduras, Costa Rica, Colombia, Venezuela

30 Days - Departs 4 December 2010

Cruise from only \$5,045pp

Oceanview from \$5,625pp



4 Star 'Discovery'

SYDNEY TO SINGAPORE

GREAT BARRIER REEF

Holland America Luxury - Close to Home

Sydney, Brisbane, Hamilton Island, Cairns, Ribbon Reef Region: Sherrard Island & Far North and Torres Strait, Darwin, Komodo Island (Indonesia), Padang Bai, Semarang, Tanjung Priok, Singapore

21 Nights - Departs 13 March 2011

FLY, CRUISE & STAY from \$4,045pp

Oceanview from \$4,495pp

Balcony from \$7,595pp



Premium 'Volendam'

NEW YORK TO FLORIDA Spectacular Fall Foliage Cruise

New York (USA), Halifax (Canada), Charlottetown, Corner Brook (Newfoundland), Quebec (Canada), Sydney, Boston (USA), Newport/Rhode Island, New York, Fort Lauderdale/Florida

19 Nights - Departs 15 October 2010

Onboard 'MSC Poesia'

FLY, CRUISE in an Oceanview Cabin & STAY from \$4,210pp

Balcony from \$4,490pp

MEDITERRANEAN Fly Free Special

Cruise Fare Includes: Beer, wine and soft drink with dinner and all shore excursions!

VENICE to ISTANBUL

Venice, Pula, Zadar, Split, Korcula, Hvar, Dubrovnik, Corfu, Monemvasia, Chania, Heraklion, Santorini, Naxos, Istanbul

Onboard Premium 'Aegean Odyssey'

14 Nights - Departs 15 June 2010

FLY FREE & Cruise from \$5,069pp

Other dates & itineraries available

THE BEST OF ASIA Taiwan, Japan, China, South Korea

FANTASTIC CLOSE TO HOME SPECIAL

Take a trip back in time to visit ancient temples, or take a shopping trip of a lifetime. Asia will delight you!

Hong Kong, Taipei, Naha, Nagasaki, Shanghai, Seoul, Beijing

13 Nights - Departs 17 Sept 2010

Onboard the beautiful 'Legend of the Seas'

Cruise from \$1,859pp

Oceanview fr \$1,979pp - Balcony fr \$2,829pp

SOLO TRAVELLERS CLUB 3 Night Food & Wine Cruise

Join our Solo Travellers Club
CRUISE TO NOWHERE

Spend 3 nights at Sea with your new-found friends. Enjoy an amazing array of presentations, workshops, activities and events designed to enhance your knowledge of food and wine.

Onboard 'Pacific Dawn'

3 Nights - Departs 1 June 2011

Cruise from \$659pp twin share Singles from \$1,055

Sensational Package Deals

WORLD EXPO 2010, SHANGHAI

Join us for AUSTRALIA DAY at Expo

Great fun, entertainment and food, plus incredible Exhibits from countries all around the world

10 day Expo Package - Departs 5 June 2010

2 days Brunei - 3 full days at Expo - Comprehensive Sightseeing - Deluxe Accommodation

Cost: from \$3,500pp ex Brisbane

Fully escorted & guided - Tips included



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Twin Share - \$12,400pp - SAVING \$4600 per couple

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Comprehensive
Sightseeing &
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ex Brisbane



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World's Best Wildlife & Antiquities
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BEST EAST AFRICAN GAME RESERVES

Amboseli, Lake Nakuru, Samburu,
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ANTIQUITIES OF ANCIENT EGYPT

Cairo, Giza, Luxor, Edfu,
Kom Ombo, Aswan

BEDOUIN HERITAGE OF ABU DHABI

21 DAYS - EXCLUSIVE & PERSONAL

23 Days - Departs 28 August 2010

All-Inclusive Cost, \$14,750pp

Includes: Flights ex Brisbane, departure taxes, superior deluxe accom, comprehensive sightseeing, brilliant entertainment, most meals, plus services of the best Guide & Tour Escort.

THE BEST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



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HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: Cape Town and the Wine lands of South Africa, Victoria Falls, Spectacular Zulu culture, Village visits, Handicrafts of Swaziland, Unique game viewing at Kruger National Park, Botswana's incredible Chobe National Park & Famous Okavango Delta

20 Days - 20 September 2010

All-Inclusive Cost: \$13,995pp

Includes return flights ex Brisbane, best guides, deluxe accom, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing and gratuities.

CALL FOR THE COMPLETE BROCHURES

6 Star Cruising Onboard Seabourn

*By Beverley Wills, Senior
Travel Consultant*

'WELCOME ABOARD'

From the moment we boarded we were treated like Kings and Queens.

6 Star cruise ship luxury provides the traveller with almost everything. Fresh face towel on arrival as you are escorted to your room - champagne chilling on ice in your suite, all with a genuine greeting from your very own domestic staff.

As I wandered through the ship I found all the staff and crew had the same friendly rapport with all passengers and made the stay onboard a delight.

No matter what your desire, it could be accommodated. Caviar party for 8, strawberries dipped in chocolate at 6, ice cream balls at 9 - everything was served to an impeccable standard.

The dining onboard was a gastronomical delight with an amazing selection and a special bonus was finding a complimentary bottle of your dinner wine awaiting you in your cabin following dining....as well as fresh flowers!

Entertainment on board throughout the day was very relaxing. Daily cocktails on the deck around the pool with free massages were always popular with guests while in the evening the showroom lit up at night with lavish entertainment and dazzling costumes and lighting.

I would highly recommend the Seabourn ships to anyone that would love to experience the pleasures and relaxation of cruise life.

The experience was in fact the ship itself.

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thing is to
go where I
have never gone"**

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The Bucket List

Unique tour destinations, designed to both stimulate, educate and entertain. Contact our Senior Travel Specialists for further information.

1: ROVOS RAIL Journey – South Africa

Enjoy 4 luxurious nights aboard Rovos Rail and experience one of the most amazing rail journeys in the world PLUS marvel at the unforgettable game viewing in Kapama Private Game Reserve near Kruger National Park.

FARE DEAL : Malaysian Airlines – Brisbane to Cape Town from \$1669 incl taxes

2: ENCHANTING IRELAND

A unique and in depth tour of the Emerald Isle which among many highlights includes an in depth guided tour of Dublin's National Museum of Archaeology, tour Inismor with a local islander and enjoy a local farmhouse dinner outside of Killarney. Stop in a small village in the Ring of Kerry, catch a glimpse of rare Bog Ponies, Irish Wolfhounds and enjoy a traditional Irish coffee at a local pub.

FARE DEAL: Swiss Air - Dublin from \$1769 incl taxes

3: INSIDER'S JAPAN

Visit the Imperial Palace in Tokyo and marvel at the vista of Mt Fuji and Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park. Stay overnight in a traditional ryokan with a visit to historic Takayama's ancient streets and houses. Tour the famed Kenrokuen garden in Kanawaza and also take a cycling tour of Kyoto's Gion district.

FARE DEAL: Malaysian Airlines – Brisbane to Tokyo or Osaka from \$1335 incl taxes

4: TREASURES OF PERU

Discover the breathtaking natural wonders and intriguing legacies of the Andes. Explore mystical Machu Picchu before the day crowds arrive and enjoy the hospitality and a midday meal prepared in the home of a local Cuzco family.

FARE DEAL: Lan Chile – Brisbane to Lima, Peru from \$1999 incl taxes

CLOSE TO HOME PACKAGES

SHOW PACKAGES

Based on Saturday evening performance and stay

MARY POPPINS - Melbourne

1 night accommodation, A reserve ticket to Mary Poppins

Cost: from \$200pp

Valid July to December 10. Blackout dates apply.

JERSEY BOYS - Melbourne

1 night accommodation, A reserve ticket to Jersey Boys

Cost: from \$221pp – Valid to 27 June

FANTASTIC FIJI

- Return airfare ex Brisbane
- Return Airport/hotel transfers
- Senikai Spa 15min Massage or Gift Pack at Nadi Airport
- 6 nights accommodation at The Pearl South Pacific Resort, Spa & Golf Course
- Includes 2 FREE nights
- Continental breakfast daily
- Welcome drink on arrival

Cost: from \$1,069pp

For travel to 30 Sep 10, blackout dates apply. Other resort packages available – call for details.

TAIPEI GARDEN EXPO



An Outstanding Short Holiday Package

Taipei City Highlights, Admission to Garden Expo, Taroko Gorge, Sun Moon Lake, Cocktail Party on 85th Floor of Taipei 101 (One of the world's tallest buildings) & MORE

Comprehensive Sightseeing - Deluxe Accommodation

8 Nights – Departs 12 November 2010 - Cost: from \$3,550pp ex Brisbane

TASTE OF INDIA



A tantalizing sampling of culinary delights and iconic sights to tempt the senses!

Delhi, Mumbai, Udaipur, Jaipur, Agra and Goa

Hosted ex Australia by leading Indian Restaurateur, Push Oberoi – Maitre D of Oberoi's Taj, Broadbeach

14 Days -- Departs 25 October 2010 - TOUR COST: \$8,990pp ex Brisbane

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