

Beth's Corner



Welcome to the August / September edition of the wanderings newsletter!

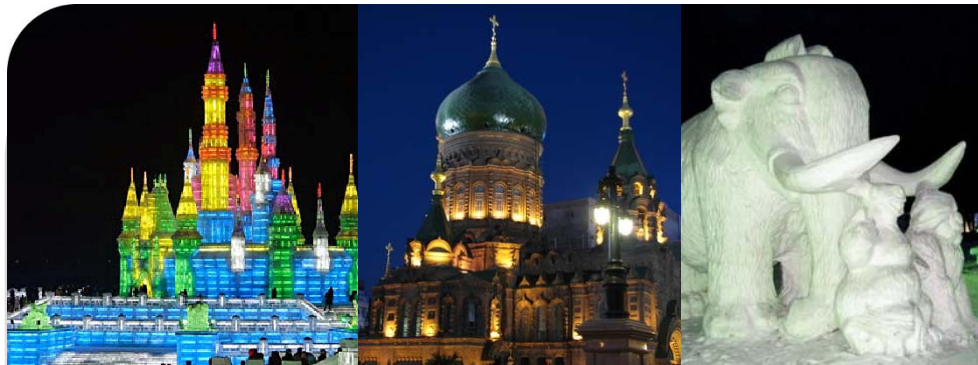
EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISING 2011 ...HAS ARRIVED!

Gliding down Europe's great waterways is a soothing experience and a refreshing way to absorb the beauty that has inspired poets and artists through the centuries. You'll often pass through several countries, each with its unique history, architecture and stunning scenery. From the colourful canals of Amsterdam to the captivating baroque elegance of Vienna and graceful bridges of Budapest, dynamic Moscow, imperial St Petersburg, quaint villages, lush vineyards, medieval castles and sparkling European cities... see it all!

In order to negotiate low bridges, river vessels are long and low. Although small when compared to ocean going cruise ships, they certainly don't lack in facilities, atmosphere and friendliness. These beautiful boats are air-conditioned and offer the discreet luxury of a small floating hotel, most with several public rooms – dining room, observation lounge, bar, heated swimming pool (some are indoor), sauna, solarium, whirlpool, gymnasium, massage, hairdresser and shop kiosk.

The new season's programmes are now being released by all major operators. At this time of year, you have an amazing opportunity to take advantage of the many Earlybird Offers that are offered. From 2 for 1 deals through to Fly Free Cruising ex Australia, the deals are extremely attractive and you are sure to save big dollars by booking early.

Contact any of our Senior Cruise Specialists at our three offices for the latest information on Earlybird Specials.



HARBIN ICE & SNOW FESTIVAL

The World's Most Spectacular
A Truly Unique & Special Escorted Package

HIGHLIGHTS: The world's most spectacular Ice and Snow Sculptures at Ice and Snow World, Sun Island and Zaolin Park, Siberian Tiger Park, St Sophia Church, Watch the locals Ice Swimming, Dragon Tower, Buddhist Precinct & MORE!

6 Days - Departs 16 January 2011 - \$3,085pp ex Brisbane

Includes: Return air ex Brisbane, 5 nights accommodation at 4 Star Holiday Inn, all meals, entrance fees, transfers and land travel in and around Harbin with English speaking guide, full time services of a Chinese guide, and tour escort ex Australia, plus all tipping.

THIS IS A SENSATIONAL EXPERIENCE

CALL TODAY FOR THE COMPLETE BROCHURE

Once
in a Lifetime
Experience

As the weather gets a little chilly it means it's time for the release of the 2011 European River Cruises and all the Earlybird offers that come with it.

If you'd like to be kept up to date on all the offerings for the 2011 River Cruising Season, all you have to do is make contact with any of our Senior Cruise Specialists at our three offices.

To whet the appetite, you'll find information on a special 5 Star River Cruise and Tour Package included in this edition of Wanderings. Full details are now available on this wonderful combination Coach and River Cruise.

This time of year also means our Travel Masters Small Group Tour programme is in full swing. I depart in late August for our East Africa/Egypt tour, with Bob a week later escorting our second departure of this outstanding itinerary. The Silk Road / Tibet tour also departs late August and provides a unique experience for the travelers who choose this very special departure each year.

As always we have some amazing Cruise Specials on offer within the pages of wanderings and we ask you to consider these and then speak to any of our qualified Senior Cruise Specialists.

In fact, do not hesitate to contact any one of our Senior Travel Specialists on any travel related enquiry. They 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...or on the road with us! Happy holidays.

Beth Malcolm

Managing Director - Travel Masters Group

Your say

Tracey was friendly and very helpful. We were very well informed and we will book our next holiday with her.

Lesley Rigby

We have just arrived back from our Travel Masters South America tour. Wow! What a fantastic time we had. If we could, we'd do it all again next year! We had a lovely group of fellow passengers, great weather, no illness, a great tour guide in Greg, and above all, a wonderful itinerary, all expertly planned by Bob and Beth. Please pass on to them our appreciation and thanks for a wonderful holiday. We saw so many interesting places, lovely scenery, great cities and stayed in really nice hotels. Congratulations to all your Travel Masters team. We will definitely be travelling with you again.

Brenda Bolton

Bev, Just wanted to thank you for looking after us and for the very professional looking document pack I received yesterday. I feel very spoilt. We will certainly be spreading the efficiency and professionalism of Travel Masters.

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JUMP ONBOARD - Great Cruise Specials

SPLENDOURS OF EGYPT & THE NILE

7 Night Luxury Nile Cruise & 9 Night Escorted Coach Tour

Includes:

- 7 nights luxury Nile River cruise onboard River Tosca
- 9 night unique coach tour and first class accom
- Extensive Sightseeing - Internal flights between Cairo and Luxor, Aswan and Cairo
- 16 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 16 dinners - All transfers, port charges, most gratuities and air taxes

16 Nights - Departs 13 & 20 April 2011

CRUISE & TOUR from \$5,499pp



Cruise in Luxury Onboard the Brand New 'River Tosca'

CHILEAN FJORDS & CAPE HORN

Santiago to Buenos Aires

20 night Fly, Cruise & Stay Holiday includes...

- 14 Night Cruise: Santiago de Chile, Valparaiso, Puerto Mont, Punta Arenas, Beagle Channel, Ushuaia, Cruise Cape Horn, Puerto Madryn, Punta del Este, Montevideo, Buenos Aires - 2 night stays Santiago, Iguazu & Buenos Aires - Half day sightseeing tours in Santiago de Chile & Buenos Aires & Full day sightseeing tour of the Brazilian and Argentinean sides of Iguazú Falls

Departs Sydney 17 December 2010

Fly, Cruise & Stay from \$8,089pp

Includes flights ex Sydney, most meals and transfers.



5 Star 'Celebrity Infinity'

Christmas & New Year Special

VOYAGE TO NORWAY, WHITE SEA & ARCHANGEL

Unique Itinerary - Russia & Norway

- Harwich (UK), Bergen (Norway), Kristiansand, Murmansk (Russia), Solovetsky Islands, Arkhangelsk, Honningsvag (Norway), Tromso, Trondheim, Alesund, Harwich (UK)

4 Star 'Discovery' - Includes Tips

18 Nights - Departs 14 June 2011

CRUISE from \$4,875pp

Incl 1 night accom London, transfers & onboard tips

MAGNIFICENT MEDITERRANEAN

SAVING 27%

- Venice (Italy), Rovinj (Croatia), Trogir, Dubrovnik, Messina (Italy), Sorrento, Rome/Civitavecchia, Portoferraio/Elba, Porto-Vecchio/Corsica, Alghero/Sardinia, Palma de Mallorca (Spain), Mahon/Menorca, Barcelona

14 Days - Departs 24 October 2010

5 Star Tall Ship - 'Wind Surf'

Cruise from \$3,730pp

5 STAR EUROPE RIVER CRUISE & TOUR

- 3 nights Prague with sightseeing
- 14 night luxury river cruise between Passau and The Black Sea
- 9 night coach tour of Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey
- 26 breakfasts, 14 lunches and 25 dinners
- Extensive Sightseeing, all transfers, port charges and most gratuities

26 Nights - Departs 20 & 28 May 2011

Onboard 5 Star 'River Princess'

CRUISE & TOUR from \$9,990pp

GREAT BARRIER REEF & ASIA SYDNEY TO SINGAPORE

- Sydney, Brisbane, Hamilton Island, Ribbon Reef Region, Sherrard Island, Far North and Torres Strait, Komodo Island (Indonesia), Padang Bai/Bali, Semarang, Tanjung Priok, Singapore

Onboard 5 Star 'Volendam'

18 Nights - Departs 13 March 2011

FLY & CRUISE from \$3,769pp

Includes cruise, port charges and one way flight Singapore to Brisbane

Sensational Package Deals RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011

Go ahead, make a spectator of yourself!

See all of the excitement that only a Rugby World Cup can deliver and enjoy the cruise of your life. Cruisecco has chartered Rhapsody of the Seas exclusively for Rugby World Cup 2011, New Zealand.

Auckland return - 6 October 2011 • 8 night cruise incl official match tickets to quarter-finals 1 & 3 - **From \$3,410pp**

Auckland to Sydney - 14 October 2011 • 13 night cruise incl official match tickets to semi-finals 1 & 2, Bronze Final & Final - **13 days from \$8,330pp**



CANADA & ALASKA

Connoisseur's Choice Canadian Rockies & Alaskan Cruise - 5 Star All Inclusive Luxury

- 13 night Scenic Tours Canadian Rockies land tour including 2 nights Victoria, Vancouver, Whistler, Jasper and Banff
- 7 night luxury Alaskan cruise on board Holland America's premium ms Zuiderdam in a Superior Verandah Suite
- 2 day Rocky Mountaineer Rail Journey in GoldLeaf Class
- Included Scenic FreeChoice activities and Scenic Enrich experiences

23 Days - Departures 1, 8, 22 & 29 May 2011

1st Person fr \$13,880 ex Bris, 2nd Person fr \$11,885



Price based on 1 May 2011 departure.
*Includes taxes. Subject to availability

Escorted Small Group Tours

JEWELS OF INDIA

India's Highlights in Comfort & Style



Kolkata (Calcutta), Lucknow, Varanasi, Khajuraho, Orchha, Agra, Delhi, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Mumbai

20 Amazing Days

Departing 14 February 2011

Personal Tour Escort: Christa Randall

All Inclusive - \$9,990pp

**OUTSTANDING VALUE
SUPERB 5 STAR ACCOM
ENTERTAINMENT & MOST MEALS**

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

SENSATIONAL SOUTH AMERICA



Outstanding Attractions- Ancient Cultures - Colourful Lifestyles

Fully Escorted Small Group Tour

Santiago, Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley of the Incas, Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, Amazon River, Manaus, Rio De Janeiro, Iguassu Falls, Buenos Aires

GREAT CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Gaucha Fiesta, Tango & Samba Shows, Andean Markets, Scenic Rail Trips, Wildlife excursions & 3 day Amazon Cruise

26 Amazing Days - Departs May 2011

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW

SAILING THE MEDITERRANEAN

Dave Oakes, Senior Cruise Specialist at Travel Masters, was lucky enough to cruise with Windstar Cruises in Europe. Here's what he thought about his experience...

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to cruise the Mediterranean under sail power?

I did just that recently when I enjoyed the experience of cruising aboard Windstar Cruises 5 Star vessel, Wind Surf.

The Wind Surf is a magnificent sail cruiser carrying a maximum of only 300 passengers providing a unique, quality level of cruise experience. Considered one of the world's largest of its type, the 5 huge sail style masts allow an additional 2 knots when under sail.

Excellent accommodations can be found on board with Queen bedding, ample storage, 2 port holes and compact bathroom including shower and WC. The Philipino crew are courteous and efficient from cabin service through to restaurant and bar facilities.

For those more active passengers, the Wind Surf features a drop down water sports platform where you can swim, water ski, canoe or windsurf all for no charge.

Ports visited included Amalfi (a beautiful cliff side town), Sorrento (for its great cafes and restaurants), Capri, Ajaccio on Corsica and Livorno in Italy.

For those who love cruising this is a new and totally different experience and one that I highly recommend.

If you'd like further information please make contact with me or in fact any of our Senior Consultants at our three locations. You won't be sorry!

"I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list."

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See us to get your currency for your holiday at the best rates, all day, everyday





The Bucket List

In a recent travellers poll, people were asked to nominate their favourite Sightseeing/Cultural destination.

Below are the top 4 which should be on everyone's Bucket List.

FLORENCE, Italy

Everyone's heard the Doors of Paradise, the Duomo, and Michelangelo's David are captivating, but in Florence, beauty can sneak up on a traveller unexpectedly. You'll duck into a random church to escape the heat only to spend two hours staring at an impossibly pure blue in a fresco. Or you'll consider writing a sonnet about pear gelato. It's just that kind of place. Don't miss the sunset over the Arno River and the famous wines of the Chianti region just south of town.
Best Flight Option: Swiss International from \$2117pp

NEW YORK, USA

The first time you go to New York, go ahead and be a sight-seer—everyone should visit the Statue of Liberty, the Met, Times Square, etc. But on a return trip, pick a neighbourhood and go deep. You'll find hole-in-the-wall bars, great delis, quirky shops... exploring the non-touristy side of New York is an incredibly rewarding experience for a traveller.
Best Flight Option: V Australia from \$1325pp

JERUSALEM, Israel

Religious pilgrims have been travelling to Jerusalem for centuries, yet you don't have to share their zeal in order to appreciate this city's profound cultural and historical significance. Plan on seeing the major sights, but also leave plenty of time to walk through the streets and simply immerse yourself in the daily life of such an ancient and revered place.
Best Flight Option: Turkish Air from \$1984pp

PARIS, France

Everyone who visits Paris for the first time probably has the same Bucket List list of major attractions to hit: The Louvre, Notre Dame, The Eiffel Tower, etc. Just make sure you leave some time to wander the city's grand boulevards and eat in as many cafes, bistros and brasseries as possible. And don't forget the shopping—whether your tastes run to Louis Vuitton or Les Puces (the flea market), you can find it here.
Best Flight Option: China Southern from \$1786pp

CLOSE TO HOME PACKAGES

HONG KONG

Fantastic 5 Star City Break

BONUS: Includes 1 FREE night!

- Return Economy Airfare ex Brisbane
- 4 nights Accommodation at the 5 Star Kowloon Shangri-La in a Superior City room
- Return transfers from the airport to hotel

Cost: \$1,736pp

HAWAII

Indulge in umbrella drinks and suntans as well as venturing to the bars, restaurants and the world famous shopping!

- Return Economy Airfare ex Brisbane
- 4 nights Accom at Aqua Aloha Surf in a Moderate Partial City View Room
 - Breakfast Daily
- Lei Meet and Greet on Arrival
- Return Seat in Coach Airport Transfers

Cost: from \$1,485pp

Valid for travel 01 Nov 10 to 01 Dec 10

SABAH & BRUNEI

Luxury Combination Package

- Return Economy Class Airfare ex Brisbane
- 4 Nights Accom at 5 Star Le Meridien Kota Kinabalu

BONUS: Stay 4 nights, Pay 3

- 2 Nights Accom at 5 Star The Empire Hotel & Country Club

BONUS: Full Breakfast Daily

- Return Seat in Coach Airport Transfers

Cost: from \$1,325pp

Valid for travel 06 Oct 10 to 30 Nov 10

INDIAN PACIFIC

The Epic Journey from Coast to Coast
Sydney to Perth or Vice Versa

3 Days - 4352km rail journey

Sydney, Broken Hill, Adelaide, Cook, Kalgoorlie, Perth

Departs twice weekly in each direction

Cost: Platinum Service \$3,450pp

Gold Service \$2,008pp

Pensioner & Seniors Discounts Apply, Please Contact us for More Information

Valid for departures to 31/03/2011

PAST PASSENGER PROGRAMMES – BENEFIT OR BALONEY?

Is it worth your while, and your loyalty, to stick with one cruise line over another? We look at their perks and the quality of members-only discounts.

After 1st Cruise - You will receive periodical publications from the cruise lines.

2nd Cruise - In addition to the usual Captains Welcome Party for all guests, you should also expect an invitation to an exclusive Captains Cocktail Party for Past Passengers.

5th Cruise - You still receive the same benefits as your previous cruise but in addition cruise lines start rewarding you with such bonuses as onboard discounts, special embarkation lounge access or priority disembarkation.

10th Cruise - You'll enjoy the services of the Concierge with Royal Caribbean, Princess will let you empty your minibar once without charge, Regent invite you to a special event onboard and Cunard will tempt you with a complimentary wine tasting session.

20th Cruise and above - Elite status with the cruise line. Complimentary champagne on arrival in your cabin, dry cleaning services, priority on spa treatments and shore excursions.

...and of course, remember that as a valued client of Travel Masters, we can still handle your reservation without it affecting your status with the cruise line or cruise fare you have confirmed. No matter how or where you hear about it...we can book it for you!

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