



# GIPPSLAND TRAVEL

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# Travel News

## As 2020 draws to a close, I am sure we shall all be glad to welcome in 2021.

It has certainly been an unbelievably different experience as we negotiated the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am pleased to report that all of us at Gippsland Travel have survived unscathed and we are looking forward to planning some wonderful travel experiences for you, once we know that borders are open and we can travel safely.

Many of you kindly completed our survey and the responses indicated that travelling within Australia and to New Zealand is going to be very popular in the next 12 months. I encourage you to start planning sooner rather than later, as many travellers have rebooked from 2020 to 2021. Availability will be scarce, particularly on magnificent rail trips such as The Ghan and Indian Pacific, and also the Kimberley area.

The highly experienced team at Gippsland Travel are ready and waiting to help you plan your Australian/New Zealand adventure, be it a short Victorian getaway or a more lengthy exploration further afield.

Please remember that we can assist with all Australian travel arrangements

including flights, car and campervan hire, accommodation and tours. Any credits and past passenger benefits that you may hold with one of the major operators such as APT, Scenic etc, can be applied to their extensive range of Australian and New Zealand tours.

Our program of escorted tours continues to evolve and we anticipate launching some more Australian tours once the border situation becomes clearer. All tours will operate in a safe and secure environment with all necessary precautions in place.

Please check our Facebook page and website for the most up to date information, contact us by phone or call into the office.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our valued clients for their patience and understanding whilst we continue to work through the ongoing refund process. I am very happy that we have been able to achieve excellent results in most cases and anticipate a completion date of late January 2021.

As always, please contact us for any queries or concerns whatsoever. Wishing you all the very best for Christmas and looking forward to many happy travels in 2021!

*Jacquey*

## Gippsland Travel is your one stop Australian travel shop



- Domestic & Regional Escapes
- Car & Campervan Hire
- Rail Journeys & extended touring
- Accommodation, flights & attractions
- Murray River Cruises, Barrier Reef & Kimberley Cruises
- Small Group Air Tours

## SPECIAL AIR CHARTER DEPARTURE

- Flinders Island • King Island • Kangaroo Island

7 days/6 nights, all-inclusive, private aircraft, ex Melbourne, max. of 8 passengers

Gippsland Travel guests will receive return complimentary transfers to Moorabbin Airport.

This is an exciting expedition to three of Australia's most remote and fascinating southern islands in the Bass Strait and Great Southern Ocean.

Flinders and King Islands hold great natural beauty, and Kangaroo Island features incredible wildlife.

With two nights at each destination, you will discover prolific wildlife, enjoy mouth-watering food, with the breathtaking scenery making these three 'must see' destinations.

**Tour Dates: 4 – 10 February 2021**

**\$6,990 per person twin share or \$7,510 for single.**

**Call the office for full details, but hurry as there is very limited seating.**



# GIPPSLAND TRAVEL PERSONALLY ESCORTED TOURS

Contact us to express interest in any of the following tours. Provisional tour dates are subject to change to ensure safe and secure travel. Maximum tour group size 20. In the unlikely event that the nominated tour leader is not available to escort all or part of a tour, they will be replaced with a well-trained Gippsland Travel Senior staff member.

## AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND TOURS

### MAR 2021: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This 16-day tour explores all the highlights of the southwest and then heads north to the dolphins at Monkey Mia. Escorted by Jacquey Turner.

### APR/MAY 2021: INSPIRING AUSTRALIA

• Sydney • Hunter Valley • Blue Mountains • Red Centre • Cairns  
From the Great Barrier Reef to the Red Centre, this 15-day journey showcases vast tropical rainforests, ancient rock formations and indigenous culture. We listen to the sounds of the didgeridoo at a starlit dinner in Uluru and take in the iconic sights of Sydney aboard a yacht. Escorted by Jacquey Turner.

### JUN 2021: NORFOLK ISLAND CELEBRATING BOUNTY DAY

This tiny island has a fascinating history and distinctive way of life. A highlight of this 9-day tour will be the annual celebrations of Bounty Day. New itinerary now available. Escorted by Jacinta Anderson.

### OCT 2021: ULTIMATE NEW ZEALAND

A 21-day rail, cruise and coach tour exploring stunning regions and intriguing history of both the North and South Islands. Escorted by Jacinta Anderson.

### JUL 2022: DARWIN, CENTRAL AUSTRALIA & THE GHAN

Exploring Darwin and the beautiful natural beauty of Kakadu and Litchfield National Park before our journey on the historic Ghan Railway to Adelaide through the Red Centre, Alice Springs and Cooper Pedy. Escorted by Jacinta Anderson.

### JUL/AUG 2022: KIMBERLEY COMPLETE

We explore the Kimberley by 4WD, see ancient cave art, watch the sun set over the Bungle Bungles and take to the skies above Mitchell Falls. The Kimberley is one of the world's last great wilderness areas with magnificent scenery, rare fauna and flora and a rich and colourful history. Escorted by Jacquey Turner.

## INTERNATIONAL TOURS escorted by Jacquey Turner

### TOURS SCHEDULED FOR 2021

#### JUN: ITALY, MALTA & GREEK ISLAND CRUISING

On this inaugural tour we will explore some of the lesser-known regions of Italy including Puglia and Bologna. We will then spend some time in Malta, before embarking on our Greek Island cruise visiting a range of beautiful islands. Limited places available.

#### AUG: UK & IRELAND

This comprehensive tour of England, Scotland and Ireland ends with four days in the heart of London. We will combine visits to the wonderful icons of British history with delightful trips off the beaten track down country lanes to the quaintest of villages. Limited places available.

#### NOV: VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

Vietnam and Cambodia share a charm that combines the old and the new. The region is known for its beautiful scenery, diverse culture and friendly and hospitable people. Our tour visits ancient wonders, explores lively cities and includes seven relaxing nights cruising along the Mekong River. Limited places available.

### TOURS SCHEDULED FOR 2023

#### FEB: NAMIBIA & BOTSWANA

#### APR/MAY: STANS OF CENTRAL ASIA

#### JUL/AUG: ARCTIC ADVENTURE

#### SEP/OCT: SPAIN & PORTUGAL

### TOURS SCHEDULED FOR 2022

#### MAR: JORDAN & MOROCCO

Jordan combines Roman monuments, the beauty of the desert with the warmth of its people. Morocco is an ancient land of great history and complexity and is a vital source of cultural, architectural, artistic and linguistic influence. The marvelous Kasbahs, Medinas and Souks are an absolute treat for the visitor.

#### APR/MAY: CENTRAL AMERICA, MEXICO & CUBA

This tour includes colourful Mexico with its Mayan history, and Cuba's colonial architecture, music, food, colourful old cars and beautiful white beaches, as well as the volcanoes and steamy jungles of Guatemala, and Costa Rica.

#### JUN: GRAND TOUR OF CANADIAN ROCKIES & ALASKA

This spectacular journey includes travelling through the fabulous Rockies on the Rocky Mountaineer Railway as well as coach, plus a couple of days in Vancouver. We then have a relaxing 7-night cruise through the inside passage of Alaska visiting quaint towns and enjoying magnificent views of breath-taking glaciers.

#### SEP/OCT: NATIONAL PARKS OF WEST COAST USA

On this inaugural tour, we will travel the length of the west coast of the USA exploring Seattle, Olympic National Park, Mt Rainier, Portland, Mt Hood, coastal Oregon, Crater Lake National Park, the Redwoods, Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, Yosemite National Park, Monterey and Sequoia National Park, plus so much more.



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