

APRIL 2021



# Travel News

## **Highlights of Inspiring Australia**

Departing in August we fly to Sydney and commence our sightseeing with a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Blue Mountains National Park followed by the Hunter Valley wine region before spending time sailing on the magnificent Sydney Harbour and touring the Sydney Opera House.

Our next stop is Alice Springs where we visit the School of the Air and the Royal Flying Doctor Service before travelling to Kings Canyon and Uluru, where we will enjoy a Sounds of Silence Dinner under the stars.

Leaving the Red Centre we fly to Cairns for our stay at Palm Cove. Highlights in Far North Queensland include the lush tropical rainforest of the Daintree National Park, the beautiful coral gardens of the Great Barrier Reef and stunning scenery from the Kuranda Rainforest Skyrail.

This 13-day tour combines some of Australia's most stunning scenery with great experiences and unforgettable dining.



#### I do hope this finds you all enjoying our autumn weather and the freedom we now have to travel both within Victoria, interstate and New Zealand.

Whilst there are still some concerns about snap border closures, the situation is settling down and now is definitely the time to start planning any travel within Australia and our region.

Our program of day tours exploring the local area is proving extremely successful and I am very proud of the schedule we have arranged for the next few months. Come along and join us for a fun day out and let someone else worry about the driving. *Details over page.* 

We have just completed our first escorted regional tour to the Great Ocean Road and our North East Victoria tour to see the gorgeous autumn colors is scheduled for the end of the month.

Further afield, the Norfolk Island tour in June is fully booked and we have one double/twin room available on the Western Australia departure in September.

Lastly, I have created a very special 'Inspiring Australia' itinerary which will depart in August and take in the sights of Sydney, Blue Mountains, Hunter Valley, Central Australia and Far North Queensland. In order to avoid travelling long distances by road, we shall be flying between Melbourne/Sydney/Central Australia and Cairns.



#### **Staff News**

It may have been a wet weekend, but the sun came out just in time when Linda married Clint in the beautiful Jindivick Gardens recently. To Linda and Clint, huge congratulations and our very best wishes for your future together.

## GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS AND GUIDED DAY 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.

#### **Escorted Tours**

All tours escorted by Jacquey Turner except New Zealand which will be escorted by Jacinta Anderson.

Maximum group size for escorted tours is 20 guests.

#### **AUG 2021: INSPIRING AUSTRALIA**

From the Great Barrier Reef to the Red Centre of the Outback, this 13-day journey showcases vast tropical rainforests, otherworldly rock formations and ancient indigenous culture. We listen to the sounds of the didgeridoo at a hosted starlit dinner in Uluru and take in the iconic sights of Sydney aboard a yacht.

### SEPT 2021: WESTERN AUSTRALIA ENCOMPASSED

This 16-day tour explores all of the highlights of the southwest and then heads north to the dolphins at Monkey Mia. *Only one twin/double room remaining.* 

#### **OCT 2021: ULTIMATE NEW ZEALAND**

A 21-day rail, cruise and coach tour that explores the stunning and unique regions and intriguing history of both the North and South Islands.

#### **NOV 2021: VIETNAM & CAMBODIA**

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

#### **MAR 2022: 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 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.



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#### **Guided Day Tours**

All our small group day and winery tours depart from Warragul and Drouin, will be accompanied by a Gippsland Travel staff member and include lunch.

**Mornington Peninsula Winery Tour** Sunday, 2 May

**Melbourne's Majestic Arcades & Laneways** Friday, 7 May

**SkyHigh Mt Dandenong, Cloudehill Gardens & Broughton Hall**Friday, 14 May

**Observe Night Skies & Dinner** Friday, 21 May

**Rayner's Orchard & Redwood Forest** Friday, 28 May

## **Cranbourne Gardens & Sculpture Park** Friday, 4 June

Call 5623 5151 or email reception@gippslandtravel.com.au for availability and costings.

#### DAY TOURS STILL IN THE PLANNING

We are currently putting together some exciting day and extended tours including those listed below. Please contact us to register interest in any of our tours.

- NGV Impressionists & Eureka Skydeck
- Arthurs Seat & Sorrento's Millionaires Walk
- Tesselaar Tulip Festival & High Tea
- Puffing Billy Family Day
- Dame Elisabeth Murdoch's Cruden Farm & Lunch at Green Olive. Red Hill
- Wilson's Promontory & Surroundings 2-day extended tour
- Halls Gap/Flinders Rangers/Kangaroo Island Air Tour
- Floriade, Canberra extended tour
- Moulin Rouge Show & Lunch in Melbourne
- Phillip Island & French Island Walking Nature & History Tour
- Williamstown Discovery & Ferry Tour
- East Coast Empty Esky Tour
- Discover Phillip Island, South Gippsland Coastline & Wilson's Promontory by Air







