

# GIPPSLAND TRAVEL

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# Travel News

## Egypt, Dubai and East Africa

Whilst I do love everywhere I am lucky enough to visit, if I had a favourite tour, this would probably be the one as it offers so much diversity. I also have a very personal connection to the Kenya and Tanzania component as I was born in Nairobi and still have family living in Tanzania.

This tour offers such wonderful contrasts – the fascinating, ancient history of Egypt, the extremely modern metropolis of Dubai and the natural beauty of Kenya and Tanzania where you feel like you have landed in the middle of a David Attenborough documentary.

On the 2025 tour, there are limited places available only on the Egypt/Dubai component of the tour – one double, twin or single room and one place for female to twin share with another female already booked.



## 40 Years in Travel

I can hardly believe that it is 40 years since I commenced my career in travel. As with so many other aspects of our lives there have been huge changes in the travel industry during that time, especially on the technical front in relation to bookings, tickets, check-ins, and the list goes on.

However, the one thing for me that should never change is the personalised attention we, as travel consultants, can give you our clients. We are here to give advice based on our extensive first-hand travel experience and are available via our emergency mobile number 24-hours a day if anything should go wrong while you're away.

By far the biggest challenge I have faced in my time in the industry was the impact on travel of the COVID 19 pandemic. I'm delighted to report that it is now a very busy time in the office as not only our loyal clients but so many new travellers are ready to explore far and wide again.

Until next time ... *Jacquey*



## MURRAY RIVER PADDLESTEAMER

*Escorted by Krystal McCallum*

**November 2025**

This 5-night coach tour includes a 3-night Murray River Cruise on the PS Australia Star. Scheduled for a grand launch in June 2025, the PS Australian Star will redefine river cruising along the majestic Murray River, commencing from the charming town of Echuca. We will combine this with a luxury coach tour, overnighting in Bendigo and Bright along the way, or similar. *We are currently taking expressions of interest.*







# JACQUEY'S PERSONALLY ESCORTED TOURS

We recommend registering your interest in any of our escorted tours with a \$250 holding deposit, which is fully refundable if you change your mind. For some tours you may be placed on a waitlist until availability is secured or the final itinerary is released. Please call or email the office for more information or to register your interest in any of our tours.

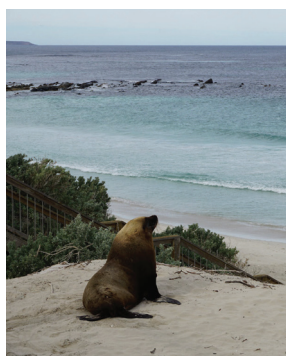
## 2024 Escorted Tours



### STUNNING SWITZERLAND

September

The dramatic Alpine scenery, historic towns and modern cities make Switzerland a unique and unmissable destination. The Glacier Express takes us through countless tunnels and unique landscapes, as it meanders gently through valleys and over passes, offering constantly changing views of mountains, lakes and glaciers on its spectacular journey. *One double room available*

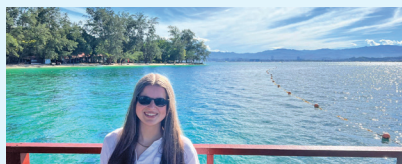
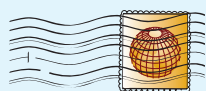


### A TASTE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

October

On this inaugural tour we will discover the old-world charm of the German heritage-listed town of Hahndorf, and marvel at the vast landscape of the Flinders Ranges and the mighty Wilpena Pound. Our exploration of Kangaroo Island will introduce us to its spectacular scenery, inquisitive wildlife and delicious local produce, while our visit to the quirky d'Arenberg Cube in McLaren Vale will include a relaxing wine tasting overlooking the vineyards. *Limited places available*

## Postcards



## Highlights from my trip to Brunei & Borneo

By Shae Diston, Travel Consultant

Brunei is a sovereign state on the island of Borneo and offers the opportunity for a relaxing stopover on the way to Europe when flying with Royal Brunei. While there, I visited the magnificent Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque with its 24 gold domes symbolising each Sultan in Brunei's history and is home to the world's most expensive Persian carpet. It was certainly worth the visit.

Borneo, of course, is famous for its orang-utans and sun bears, amongst other attractions. The Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre looks after the world's smallest and cutest bears. While I was there, a couple of orang-utans appeared over the roof and were watching us from above – a really cool experience, but I couldn't take my eyes off the beautiful little bears. At the Sepilok Orang-utan Rehabilitation Centre we saw many more orang-utans roaming about, swinging on the trees, and sitting on their feeding platform enjoying some bananas. Unforgettable experiences!!

Another highlight was our day-trip to Manukan Island, an ideal location for a relaxing swim and lovely lunch. The beach is amazing and after our swim we had lunch at the Arang restaurant, just steps away from the beach. For those wishing to stay on the island there is a range of accommodation and plenty of sports activities for guests.

Although my trip was short, I had some fantastic experiences and ate some delicious food, and would highly recommend a visit to this fascinating part of Asia.

## 2025 Escorted Tours



### EGYPT, DUBAI & EAST AFRICA

February

One of our all-time favourite tours, our itinerary incorporates an extensive tour of Egypt, including a first-class Nile cruise, a 3-night stopover in Dubai and a wildlife safari of Kenya and Tanzania that combines breathtaking game viewing with world-class lodges and hotels in unique locations. *Available on Egypt/Dubai component only: one double, twin or single room and one place for female to twin share with another female already booked.*



### ITALY, MALTA & GREEK ISLANDS

May

We will explore some of the lesser-known regions of Italy including Puglia and Bologna. Then we will spend some time in Malta, home of some of the world's most ancient standing buildings, before embarking on our Greek Island small ship cruise visiting a range of beautiful islands, each with its own charm and personality. *Waitlisted. Launch Night Wednesday 22 May*



### UK & IRELAND

August

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. *Launch Night Wednesday 14 August*



### ULTIMATE NEW ZEALAND

October

Experience New Zealand, onboard a deluxe Ultimate Coach. This 21-day tour covers the North and South Islands by rail, coach & an exclusive overnight cruise. We visit the best of New Zealand at a relaxed pace. On three rail journeys we will experience an operating steam railway; the wild spirit of the coast on the Coastal Pacific; the magnificent Southern Alps on the TransAlpine one of the world's great train journey and the rugged & spectacular Taieri Gorge River.

## Proposed 2026 Escorted Tours

January	<b>ANTARCTICA</b>
March/April	<b>JAPAN</b>
June	<b>CANADA &amp; ALASKA</b>
December	<b>EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS CRUISE</b>



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