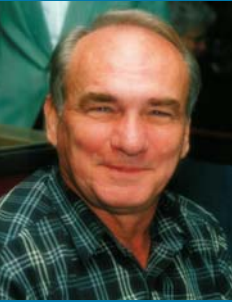


### Bob's Corner



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

Time flies when you're having fun! No sooner had Beth and I returned home from escorting 60+ travellers around the Caribbean in December than we were off again with 40 others on a seven week cruise odyssey aboard Spirit of Adventure discovering the wonders of West Coast Africa.

It's good to be back home for a while! The Northern Summer booking phase is in full swing and many of our clients are looking forward to spending time either travelling or cruising around Europe. There's still time to take advantage of many European Specials so I'd suggest you make contact with our consultants to check what's available. The current strength of our Australian dollar is a big plus.

Our Small Group programme for 2011 is well underway. South America in May is fully booked as is our annual Africa/Egypt departure. We have a special evening function on our August 2011 Silk Road & Tibet departure. Please check the time and date within this Newsletter. I'd love to see you there.

There are lots of exciting offers and opportunities in this edition of Wanderings, including our unique North West Passage Cruise in August 2012. Limited space is still available but you'll need to move quickly on this once in a lifetime experience.

Don't forget if you'd like to receive priority notice of all specials, let us have your email address and be the first to know.

Enjoy the read in this edition of Wanderings and we look forward to being of service when next you're planning to travel.

Happy Travels!

**Bob Malcolm**

Managing Director - Travel Masters Group

## ALL ABOARD! The Lhasa Express is a train journey not to be missed.

Tibet, the name conjures up visions of an ancient culture, snow capped peaks and endless lakes.

The reality is much the same for those fortunate enough to experience this unique country at the Rooftop of the World and now there is an even more magical way of getting there.

The Lhasa Express, the highest railway in the world, runs from Xining on the fabled Silk Road in China across the Qinghai Tibet Plateau and into Lhasa, ancient capital of Tibet. This is one of those train journeys that will excite, entice and entertain the traveller as he or she traverses this vast expanse of tundra, lakes and mountains.. As the world flashes past, you will be provided with a kaleidoscope of local nomadic herders, farmers and emerging townships springing up along the line.

After this invigorating 26 hour journey, one of the first sights you will see upon arrival in Tibet is the fabled Potala Palace which overlooks this ancient city.

This wonderful rail journey not only provides you with an unparalleled experience but also enables you to enjoy the sights and sounds of Tibetan lifestyle.

This truly incredible journey will be one of the highlights of a special escorted luxury tour, departing in August which follows the ancient Silk Road through western China and on to Tibet. Want to know more? Call our consultants for a full colour brochure or join us for an informative presentation on Wednesday 13 April, 7pm at the Outrigger Resort, Burleigh Heads. Please see the back page for more information.



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## Into the Northwest Passage

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Cruising Greenland & the Arctic to Canada - On comfortable expedition ship, *Clipper Adventurer*

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- Cruise through Greenland's longest Fjord & cross the Arctic Circle
- Sail the pretty Sisimiut coast and its colourful villages
- Cruise amongst magnificent icebergs and marvel at vast icefields
- Travel to Upernavik, the farthest north the Vikings are known to have travelled
- Experience throat singing and traditional Inuit games at Pond Inlet
- Contemplate the historic graves of the ill-fated Franklin Expedition & MORE!

**15 Magical Days - Departing 10 August 2012**

Cruise from US\$12,625pp, Oceanview Cabin, twin share

Includes charter flight from Toronto to Kangerlussuaq and from Kugluktuk to Edmonton (based on 2011 prices, subject to change), 15 day cruise, all shore excursions, taxes and port charges.

**Book now while the Australian dollar is so strong**

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### Your say

Well it's back to reality after the most amazing tour. It was one of the best tours ever. You certainly put together a great product. Having a small harmonious group with an excellent tour leader in Greg, was a real bonus. We did not find India confronting, but exciting & stimulating. The hotels you chose were unbelievably fabulous & The Lake Palace is the closest to paradise we think you could get. Thank you again!

**Terry & Justine Sanders**

We have now had the experience of some ten ocean cruises and have no hesitation stating that the one on the Azamara Quest was by far the best. The service and attention to detail was excellent. The organisation of the travel arrangements was superb with everything going as planned with no problems whatsoever. We thank you for your efforts in making our trip so enjoyable. Thanks again for your professional attention to our requirements.

**Bevan & Phyllis Fleming**

We have recently returned from a 13 day Cruise aboard the Sun Princess to New Zealand, along with 7 of our friends and had a great time. Our Cruise was booked with Michele, (Coolangatta) who we have all booked through before and we wish to say what a wonderful lady she is and a credit to your Company. She goes beyond what is required to help her customers, nothing is a trouble to her. We just wanted to let you know what a happy experience we have at Lifestyle Travel and our bookings with Michele.

**Bill & Cheryl Tanner**

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Bangkok/Laem Chabang (Thailand)  
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Includes return air ex Brisbane, 1 night Singapore,  
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*21 Days - Departs 25 September 2011*

Onboard 'Radiance of the Seas'

### FLY, CRUISE & STAY from \$3,550pp

Oceanview from \$4,203pp  
Balcony from \$5,108pp

## DUBAI TO BRISBANE

Dubai (UAE), Mumbai (India), Cochin, Kuala  
Lumpur/Port Kelang (Malaysia), Singapore,  
Phu My/Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), Nha  
Trang, Hong Kong (China), Bandar Seri  
Begawan (Brunei), Bali (Indonesia), Darwin,  
Whitsundays, Brisbane

*32 Nights - Departs 20 January 2012*

Onboard the beautiful 'Oriana'

### FLY, CRUISE & STAY from \$6,999pp

Oceanview from \$8,159pp - Balcony from \$13,999pp

**BONUS: - £75pp ONBOARD CREDIT**

## NEW ENGLAND & CARIBBEAN

New York City (USA), Halifax (Canada),  
St John (New Brunswick), Bar Harbor (USA),  
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Lauderdale, Ocho Rios (Jamaica), Cristobal  
(Panama), Puerto Limon (Costa Rica),  
Cozumel (Mexico), Fort Lauderdale

*20 Nights - Departs 21 October 2011*

Onboard 'MSC Poesia'

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Oceanview from \$4,325pp  
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## LUXURY RIVER CRUISE PARIS TO MONTE CARLO

### BRAND NEW ITINERARY FOR 2012

3 Nights Paris

Cruise: Amsterdam, Cologne, Koblenz,  
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Basel, Lyon, Trevoux, Vienne, Tournon, Boucieu-  
le-Roi, Viviers, Avignon, Arles

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Onboard 2 Luxury APT River Ships

### FLY FREE ex BRISBANE!

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### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR IN EUROPE

**Spend Christmas in an Italian Castle & New Year in Paris on this Sensational Tour!**

1 night Munich, 2 nights The Salzkammergut, 2 nights Innsbruck, 4 nights CastelBrando, 1 night Milan, 1 night Luzern, 1 night Beaune in Burgundy, 2 nights Paris, 1 night Ypres, 1 night London

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Albatross - Escorted Group Tour

**Fly & Tour from \$8,799pp ex Brisbane**

Includes outstanding accommodation, sightseeing, most meals, tips and more!

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### WESTERN USA EXPLORER

**The Best of Western USA on this Fantastic Tour!**

**Premium Escorted National Parks Tour with Globus**

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**Comprehensive Sightseeing**

Best Time of Year - Best Hotels  
First Class Meals

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

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**A Truly Unique & Special Escorted Package ex Brisbane**

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

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**\$3,350pp ex Brisbane**

Includes: Return air ex Brisbane, 5 nights accommodation at 4 Star Holiday Inn, almost all meals, entrance fees, transfers and all tipping.

**SENSATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### India - intriguing, incredible and oh so interesting!

The mere mention of the Indian subcontinent invokes a varied response. Some see a magical destination while others envisage all sorts of catastrophes from 'Delhi Belly' to confrontational poverty.

The truth is that India is all that and more for those emboldened enough to tackle this vast country. In February, our party of adventurous souls managed to spend 3 amazing weeks travelling across India from west to east.

India is a destination that invites opinion: a cacophony of noise and cultural diversity. A true melting pot of humanity.

Arrival into Kolkata is guaranteed to provide culture shock and confrontation. A city of extreme poverty and yet everything manages to work. Traces of the old British Rule can be found everywhere.

A visit to Mother Teresa's Ashram in the heart of Kolkata is a must see to understand the work this amazing woman conducted over her life time.

We departed Kolkata and headed for the exhilarating sights and sounds of Varanasi, Khajarahho and Lucknow. Palaces and temples dedicated to both Gods and Nawabs are everywhere. . Khajarahho for example is famous for its intricate very adult oriented sculpture work! The Indians did of course write the Kama Sutra!

Varanasi provides one of the absolute highlights of any Indian adventure. The spiritual home of the Hindu religion where the waters of Mother Ganges lap gently against the Ghats (steps) upon which ceremonial sacrifices and funeral rites occur morning and night every day of the year.

No tour of India dares exclude the Taj Mahal. There is an air of calmness and tranquility amongst the gardens and pathways leading to this stunning monument to love.

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## The Bucket List

### ORGANISED WALKING TOURS

#### 1. PATAGONIA – Argentina

**Torres del Paine National Park** situated in the Patagonia region of Chile is one of these places that has some outstanding scenery to behold. With jagged mountains coming down to ice cold glaciers plus rivers running into huge lakes there is something for everyone in this particular national park. Hiking through this mountainous terrain will reward you with some absolutely unmissable views of the beautiful blue lakes and glaciers below.

#### 2. HIMALAYA – Nepal

**Nepal** has forever been famous for its mountainous terrain and beautiful scenery. The country which is home to Mount Everest also has some fantastic walking trails. In particular are the trails that can be found in the Annapurna Region of the country. These trails represent some of the best long distance routes to be found anywhere in the world. The region is home to three well known trekking routes, Annapurna Sanctuary Route, Jomson Trek and the Annapurna Circuit.

### ASK US ABOUT...SOUTH AFRICA!

Have you considered travelling to South Africa recently? Every country in the world displays some diversity, but South Africa takes some beating. A visually breathtaking land of vast plains, rolling mountains, golden beaches and outstanding attractions of scenic beauty. The rich game viewing is spectacular, and the cities are varied in style, architecture and cultural significance.

If you're looking for that 'something different'.....**Why not cruise on one of the last Royal Mail ships, the 'RMS St Helena' from Cape Town to St Helena Island, one of the worlds best kept travel secrets?**

South Africa is in great shape post World Cup, and far from the current trouble zones in other parts of Africa and the Middle East.

Finally, with the current strength of the Australian dollar, there has never been a better time to go!

## LUXURY TRAIN JOURNEYS

### EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS

#### Asia in Style

*Bangkok to Singapore*

#### LAST MINUTE SPECIALS

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### PALACE ON WHEELS

#### Rajasthan, India

Delhi, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Bharatpur, Sawai Madhopur, Jaisalmer, Agra  
*Breathtaking Monuments Including:* Amber Fort, Jaipur City Palace, Lake Palace, Jag Mandir, Mehrangarh Fort, Patwon-ki-Haveli, Taj Mahal and many more!

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### India continued...

Rajasthan beckoned with majestic forts, glittering palaces and teeming bazaars. Our journey took us overland through colourful villages and Indian countryside, as we headed towards Jaipur, Jodhpur and finally the wondrous lake city of Udaipur.

A stay at the Lake Palace in Udaipur is highly recommended to anybody wanting to experience the absolute splendour and lifestyle of the rich and famous. Located on Lake Pichola within site of the magnificent Maharajah's City Palace, this is a highlight of any Indian tour.

Of course any India tour without a visit to the sprawling mega cities of Delhi and Mumbai would be unforgivable. Mumbai, long the centre for commercial and business development is transforming itself into a global metropolis.

India has a somewhat diverse and at times polarizing effect on visitors. From its mass population, religious fervour and street poverty, through to its magnificence in design of palaces, memorials and forts, India fascinates and confronts.

Is it worth a visit? Hell, yeah! It's magnificent!

*Written by: Greg Clayton (Travel Masters Tour Escort, 2011 Jewels of India Tour)*

### A Friendly Reminder...We are a Major Selected Representative for the following...



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARK THIS IN YOUR DIARY

#### Silk Road & Tibet Presentation

*Wednesday 13 April – 7pm*

#### The Outrigger Resort

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