

Beth's Corner



Welcome to the February/March edition of the wanderings newsletter!

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Our thoughts turn towards the Northern Spring and cruise lines and tour operators deliver their new season's offerings. All our consultants are busy pouring over the vast range of travel products for you, our valued clients. Please utilise their substantial levels of knowledge and expertise. We would love to look after your 2011/12 travel plans whatever they might be.

Bob and I are at the time of preparing this edition, escorting a group of nearly 40 clients on a magnificent Spirit of Adventure cruise up the west coast of Africa before disembarking in Malta. Feel free to ask us about it when we return in late March.

Harbin 2011 went extremely well with 30 clients accompanying Bob on this unique experience. The 2012 brochure has just been released and already selling fast. We have also just announced a second Africa / Egypt departure in August 2011 and would suggest you obtain a brochure from one of our specialist consultants at any one of the three offices.

Here at Travel Masters we continue to be able to provide our clients amazing cruise specials - many unique and exclusive to us here in Queensland. If you'd like to receive immediate notification as these offers hit our desks, let us have your email address and you'll be the first to know.

Once again on behalf of us all we hope you have a wonderful time in the coming months and look forward to being of service in 2011 and 2012.

Beth Malcolm

Managing Director - Travel Masters Group

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER ANNOUNCES NEW SILVERLEAF SERVICE

Experience a New Level of Service.

Discover SilverLeaf Service, a unique way to experience Rocky Mountaineer's exclusive First Passage to the West rail journey.

Enjoy delicious hot meals as you take in the awe-inspiring landscapes of British Columbia and the majestic Canadian Rockies through the panoramic windows of the custom designed single level dome coach. Join the Rocky Mountaineer for one of the most extraordinary journeys you will ever take.

Features & Inclusions of SilverLeaf Service:

Panoramic views through oversized windows (167% larger viewing area than RedLeaf Service), Delicious breakfast and lunch served at your seat; choice of entrees, Complimentary wine or beer with lunch (all non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary), Start off your rail journey with a morning toast, Service commentary provided by two Onboard Attendants, Luggage delivered to your Kamloops hotel.

SilverLeaf Service is available as an upgrade from RedLeaf Service packages between Vancouver and Banff. Hurry - this is available on only 10 departures in 2011.

Combine this spectacular rail journey with a tour of Canada and an Alaskan cruise for the trip of a lifetime. Contact one of our consultants today!



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Including the unique train ride across Qinghai Plateau to Lhasa

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Your say

Our Pacific Dawn cruise provided the ideal 3-generation family holiday that surpassed everyone's expectations. Each of us 9 on board had something to occupy ourselves with all day and have all arrived home on a high – and no jetlag! Thanks for facilitating it – just couldn't have been better!

Barbara & Alan Midwood & Family

A thank you note to Greg for a most enjoyable trip. We've done only a couple of guided tours, mostly we've done our own thing. This was the best of the guided ones – small group. Lots to see, time to see it, a calm guide with the patience for the job (on the surface at least). Thank you for a most enjoyable trip.

Frances & Keiran Ryan

Tracey was friendly and very helpful. We were very well informed. I will book my next holiday with Tracey.

Lesley Rigby

Dave, thank you once again for arranging our wonderful cruise holiday with Marg and Ralph. Everything went like clockwork as it always does when you do the bookings. The Seabourn cruise was sheer luxury – I indulged in a massage, facial and manicure. The scenery was spectacular and the upgrade of our accommodation was really something else – we had a wonderful time and paid a \$1,000 deposit for another, so we will be in touch!

Linda Lees

JUMP ONBOARD - Great Cruise Specials

GRAND INDIAN VOYAGE

UNIQUE ITINERARY

Dubai to Singapore

2 days Dubai (UAE), Khasab (Oman), Porbandar (India), 2 days Mumbai, Mangalore, Kochi, Tuticorin, 3 days Colombo (Sri Lanka), Galle, Port Blair (Andaman Islands), 3 days Yangon (Rangoon), Penang (Malaysia), Malacca, 2 days Singapore

30 Days – Departs 7 December 2011

FLY & CRUISE from \$9,695pp
Oceanview from \$12,055pp

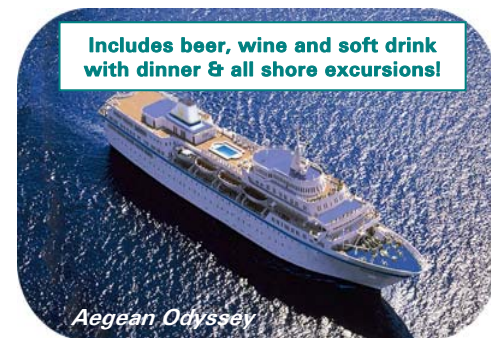


MEDITERRANEAN - FLY FREE

Rome/Civitavecchia (Italy), Bonifacio (Corsica), Cagliari (Sardinia), Trapani (Sicily), Palermo, Taormina, Valletta (Malta), Dubrovnik (Croatia), Hvar, Split, Venice (Italy), Rovinj (Croatia), Split, Korcula, Hvar, Dubrovnik, Corfu (Greece), Monemvasia, Chania, Heraklion/Crete, Santorini, Naxos, Lemnos, Istanbul (Turkey)

32 Nights – Departs 1 June 2011

FLY FREE, Cruise & Stay from \$11,635pp
Includes return air ex Bris, 2 nights Rome, 28 night cruise & 2 nights Istanbul



HAWAII & TAHITI Amazing 5 Star Value

Honolulu (Hawaii), Lahaina, Papeete (Tahiti), Moorea (French Polynesia), Raiatea, Bora Bora, Sydney
21 Nights – Departs 8 November 2011
Onboard 5 Star 'Celebrity Century'

FLY, CRUISE & STAY from \$3,799pp
Oceanview from \$4,139pp
Balcony from \$4,639pp
Includes 3 nights accommodation in Honolulu

ADRIATIC & MED Sensational Savings

Venice (Italy), Split (Croatia), Kotor (Montenegro), Corfu (Greece), Katakolon, Chania/Crete, Santorini, Athens/Piraeus, Santorini, Valletta (Malta), Taormina (Sicily), Sorrento (Italy), Rome/Civitavecchia

14 Nights – Departs 24 April 2011
Onboard 5 Star 'Azamara Journey'

FLY & CRUISE from \$4,495pp
Oceanview (obstructed) from \$4,895pp
Balcony from \$5,595pp

EAST ASIA EXPLORATION Japan, China & Islands of Asia

Brisbane, Whitsundays, Darwin, Bandar Seri Begawan (Brunei), Kota Kinabalu (Malaysia), Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), Nha Trang, Hong Kong (China), Shanghai, Dalian, Beijing, Pusan (South Korea), Nagasaki (Japan), Kyoto/Osaka, Tokyo, Iwo Jima, Guam (Micronesia), Rabaul (PNG), Brisbane

42 Nights – Departs 21 September 2011
Onboard the beautiful 'Sun Princess'

Cruise from \$6,869pp
BONUS: \$150pp ONBOARD CREDIT

SOUTH AMERICA Saving up to 47%

Valparaiso/Santiago (Chile), Puerto Montt, Chilean Fjords, Punta Arenas, Ushuaia (Argentina), Cape Horn, Pt Stanley (Falklands), Montevideo (Uruguay), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

16 Nights
Departs 6 & 22 Nov 11 / 4 & 20 Feb 12
Onboard the Premium 'ms Veendam'

FLY & CRUISE from \$4,895pp
Oceanview from \$5,095pp
Balcony from \$6,899pp

Sensational Package Deals

GOLDEN LAND OF BURMA

This journey discovers the highlights of this diverse, culturally rich country.

Rangoon, Mandalay, Pagan, Inhle Lake

Highlights Include: Majestic Shwedagon Pagoda, Mandalay Palace, Ancient Pagan, Leg rowers of Inhle Lake

11 Days - Departs 22 Oct, 5 & 19 Nov 2011

Cost: from \$3,275pp ex Brisbane

Fully escorted & guided



GRIZZLY & POLAR BEARS

View these Magnificent Animals in their Natural Habitat on this Fantastic Tour in Canada

Tour Highlights Include: Vancouver, Campbell River, Grizzly Bears of Knights Inlet, Winnipeg, Tundra Buggy Lodge at Polar Bear Point

11 Days - Departs 10 October 2011

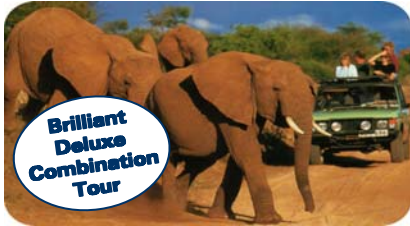
Cost: from \$9,399pp ex Brisbane

Includes flights, accommodation, sightseeing and 18 meals



Escorted Small Group Tours

EAST AFRICA AND EGYPT



Brilliant Deluxe Combination Tour

World's Best Wildlife & Antiquities of Ancient Egypt

BEST EAST AFRICAN GAME RESERVES

*Especially timed for the world famous Migration of the Wildebeest
Amboseli, Lake Nakuru, Samburu, Great Rift Valley, Masai Mara*

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Cairo, Giza, Luxor, Edfu, Kom Ombo, Aswan

All the best Egyptian Temples including world famous Abu Simbel

7 Day Luxury Nile River Cruise

EXCLUSIVE & PERSONAL

23 Days - Departs 26 August 2011

All-Inclusive Cost, \$13,820pp

THE BEST OF CHINA



Best tour of its kind in 2011

China's Greatest Cultural, Historic & Scenic Wonders

Shanghai, Suzhou, Nanjing, Beijing, Pingyao, Chengdu, Lijiang, Yangshuo, Guangzhou

Comprehensive Sightseeing

5 star accom, almost all meals

All the icons & varied cultural experiences

including Great Wall, Giant Pandas, Terracotta Warriors, Li River Cruise, Ethnic Minority Peoples, Great Entertainment

21 Days - Departs 1 May 2011

All-Inclusive Cost, \$7,350pp

THERE'S A BEAR IN THERE!

British Columbia, Canada

By Greg Clayton, Business Development Manager

At some point all we male Baby Boomers once wore proudly a Davy Crockett coonskin cap!

With some trepidation, the wife, son, daughter in law and I departed on a lifetime dream to explore the wilderness of British Columbia, Canada.

After a good night's sleep in Vancouver we were on the BC Ferry across to Vancouver Island and the historic city of Victoria. The adventure really began when we drove north until we could go no further, spending 2 days in a wilderness lodge in Port Hardy awaiting our next ride. The BC Ferry dutifully arrived and all 30 passengers departed for the remote Indian settlement of Bella Coola, some 24 hours north east along some of the world's most pristine water ways.

Bella Coola is an awesome experience. Bounded on both sides by snow capped mountains, a beautiful valley and icy rivers running to the sea, this is indeed one of the world's unexplored wilderness regions.

We floated down rivers, witnessing bird life and natural alpine scenery. We stayed in beautiful wilderness lodges and enjoyed some taxing walks to remote waterfalls.

Returning over the awesome Bella Coola Range to Vancouver we dropped into Whistler where we spotted a baby grizzly out for a morning sampling of berries.

A wonderful experience, highly recommended and anyone can do it.

..even Davy Crockett would have been proud of us!

"No one realises how beautiful it is to travel until he comes home and rests his head on his old, familiar pillow"

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The Bucket List

AUSTRALIA'S BEST EXOTIC LUXURY GETAWAYS

El Questro Homestead, Western Australia
At El Questro Homestead, you'll enjoy absolute luxury, contrasted by the rugged Kimberley landscape. The Homestead is an exclusive retreat, cantilevered over the magnificent Chamberlain River. Guests are encouraged to choose from a selection of dining locations, from a private cliff top to the Homestead's spacious verandahs, but almost always under a canopy of stars.

Lizard Island, Queensland

With 24 powdery-white beaches, fringed with coral reefs, Lizard is Australia's most remarkable Great Barrier Reef boutique island resort. A unique and idyllic escape, the island is internationally recognised and awarded.

The Lair, Tasmania

The Lair sets a new standard in private, self contained luxury. Against a backdrop of 40 unspoilt acres of forest running down to the audible break of the ocean, The Lair is perched between the forest and the sea, with both of the two suites immersed in the magnificent views.

Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Is, SA

Floating atop a secluded cliff on a rugged stretch of coast, Southern Ocean Lodge commands peerless views of the wild Southern Ocean and pristine Kangaroo Island wilderness. Sensitive, intimate and sophisticated, Southern Ocean Lodge is a sanctuary of refined comfort and luxe.

Silky Oaks Lodge, Queensland

Silky Oaks Lodge is the Daintree's ultimate resort, offering a compelling blend of casual sophistication and rich rainforest ambience. Here in this oasis of elegance and ease. Simply sit back in supreme comfort and enjoy the oldest living rainforest on earth.

Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock, NT

This is Ayers Rock Resort's premier hotel. Exquisitely furnished, the interior décor focuses on Aboriginal heritage and culture.

CLOSE TO HOME PACKAGES

BINTAN ISLAND

CLUB MED ALL-INCLUSIVE SPA PACKAGE

- Return air ex Brisbane
- Return transfers
- 4 nights accommodation (Superior Room)
- 1 hour Spa Treatment
- All day dining, open bar & snacking
- Welcome drinks on arrival
- Live nightly entertainment & range of sports & activities

Cost: from \$2,100pp

Blackout dates apply.

NORFOLK ISLAND

GOVERNOR'S LODGE EASTER SPECIAL

Package Includes:

- Return air ex Brisbane
- Return airport transfers
- 7 nights accommodation in an Executive Lodge
- Buffet Breakfast Daily

Cost: from \$1,279pp

Valid for travel 1 Apr 11 to 15 May 11.

HARBIN ICE & SNOW FESTIVAL

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 - 15 January 2012

\$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.

THIS IS A SENSATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Book Early to Avoid Disappointment!



TRAVEL INSURANCE - COMPARE YOUR OPTIONS

The recent events worldwide have highlighted the importance of purchasing travel insurance. The market for travel insurance has become increasingly competitive and there are many aspects that may be relevant in your choice of policy. These include coverage for levels medical and dental, baggage, cancellation, pre-existing medical conditions, older travellers, legal costs, personal liability, delay, resumption of journey and rental cars. Check the policy excess and whether they have a buyout option available. You may be able to save money by taking out a different type of policy, depending on your circumstances, such as an annual multi-trip policy or a duo/family policy.

Although generally all travel insurance can be purchased through Travel Masters, an increasing amount of insurance suppliers have policies available over the internet. Banks now offer complimentary cover when your holiday is purchased with their credit card. Although these policies seem attractive at first, often the level of cover is not as substantial as it seems.

The golden rule is you generally get what you pay for. Purchasing travel insurance with good quality cover should be a priority – it might even save your life.

Always check and double check. Ask us for advice, and read policies carefully to understand exactly what's covered before making your final decision. We have lots of experience comparing policies and know from constant client feedback how different companies handle and process claims. In the end, the only true test of any insurance is what happens when you need to claim. Never take risks with insurance cover whenever you travel. If you have any questions, please feel free to call in and speak to any of our consultants before you finalise your insurance needs.

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