

# CCWTC NEWSLETTER



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“LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF BREATHS WE TAKE, BUT BY THE MOMENTS THAT TAKE OUR BREATH AWAY.”

MAYA ANGELOU

Hello Ladies

Welcome to your September/October newsletter.

## September Happenings

September 5<sup>th</sup> :

Berrima and Joadja were the settings for our September day trip and the Southern Highlands put on beautiful weather for the day.

Ten ladies had an early start for our day trip to Berrima. We arrived at Joadja Winery where our hostess, Siobhan, had set up three tables in the glorious sunshine for us. Cheese, salami, and biscuit platters duly arrived - the day had begun!! A variety of 7 wines produced by Joadja Estate were offered during the tasting. After purchasing a few bottles, it was time to move on. Our bus drive (or Coach Captain as he prefers to be called 😊) was keeping watch on the time ensuring we arrived at our next destination without being too late! Joadja Distillery was our next destination. Valero and Elisa were our hosts, with Valero giving us a quick but fascinating history lesson about this site. Telling how the town of Joadja was established by the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Co. and the many Scottish miners settled here and brought their skills in mining Kerosene from the shale rocks and, who also brought the technique of stilling and brewing “sly grog”. Valero also took us through their distilling process from start to finish.

Tasting straight whisky, gin and vodka with an alcohol percentage from 46% up to 70% before lunch can cause a person to ignore time.....luckily our coach captain was “watching the clock” once again to ensure we made it to our lunch destination.

A 2 course lunch with wine was enjoyed at the Surveyor General Inn before a little wander around the Berrima shopping strip and home!

Our next day trip is listed below....register your interest before they're booked out!!

I also visited the Hunter Valley to decide on several places to hold our Women's Travel Club Hunter Valley Long Lunch for October. As you know there are so many to choose from but one winner was Wynwood estate because, after testing 5 wines, served up a Cherry Blossom Moscato. It was amazing incorporating the flavours of cherry with an after taste of trukish delight! They also had 2 Semillions with lemon and lime notes that were so refreshing. Thank you to our member Bridget for mentioning this winery.

## FEBRUARY 2021 TOUR:

The itinerary and pricing for the February 2021 trip to Cooma, Jindabyne and Mt Kosciusko will be available in at the end of November.

We need a minimum of 8 for these tours to go ahead and at this stage we have 5 listed on this trip.



Cooma Courthouse



Thredbo (Wikipedia)

## Day trips coming up

### Women's Travel Club Hunter Valley Long Lunch

**Date of trip:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October

**Commencement time:** 9.30am

**Pricing:** \$165.00

This is a small group trip with a maximum of 10. Due to covid-19 restriction groups are limited to 10 and the group may be separated into 2 groups for lunch.



Pricing is available on the website and has been posted on CCWTC Fb page. [www.cwtc.com.au](http://www.cwtc.com.au)

Pricing for all our trips will be added to our Facebook page, on the website and in our newsletter. Please register your interest if you're keen to book your place now.

Transport, accommodation, breakfast daily, 1 dinner and wine tastings/high tea (where applicable) will be included in the price for overnight trips.

# UPCOMING TOURS 2020 and 2021

## TOURS IN OUR BACKYARD

### Overnight trips coming up

**FAR SOUTH COAST** (visiting Mollymook, Bateman's Bay, Tathra, Central Tilba, Narooma)

**Date of trip:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Commencement time:** 9am

**Pricing:** from \$696.00 per person triple share, \$769.00 per person twin share and \$1035.00 per person non sharing.

**Trip includes:**

- 1 nights' accommodation Mollymook
- 2 nights' accommodation Narooma
- Continental breakfast daily
- 2 course dinner on Saturday night including wine or soft drink and coffee/tea
- Tour and tasting at a cheese factory
- Wine tasting
- Morning tea at an iconic location
- Visit and shop in historic Tilba
- Visit to Bateman's Bay
- Return transportation from Central Coast and coach captain

**Trip does not include:**

- Meals not listed above
- Optional tours
- Items of a personal nature

**This is a small group trip with a maximum of 10 (due to covid-19 restrictions)**



## INTERNATIONAL TOURS



### 8-DAY EMBRACE THE MAGIC OF HOI AN & HALONG BAY

## HOI AN VIETNAM WITH HALONG BAY OVERNIGHT CRUISE

April/May 2021 8 days 7 nights HOI AN, Hanoi and Halong Bay

Flights: \$1020.00\* approx Land: \$1,765.25

\*flights are subject to increase until paid

### OVERVIEW

Hoi An is a city in Vietnam's central coast known for its well-preserved ancient town, cut through by a canal.

The former port city's melting-pot of history is reflected in its architecture, with a mixture of eras and styles from wooden Chinese shophouses and temples to colourful French colonial buildings, ornate Vietnamese tube houses and the iconic Japanese Covered Bridge with its pagoda, a rare find in Southeast Asia.

Over a week, you'll be introduced to the diverse culture of Central Vietnam and uncover the truths of why this region of Vietnam is so special, and how it differs from the rest of the country. From pristine beaches to delicious seafood and ancient temples, Central Vietnam will put a smile on your face!

### INCLUDED:

- 7 nights' accommodation in **your own room Hoi An, Hanoi**
- **Single cabin with balcony on Ha Long Bay cruise**
- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- 12 activities
- Private airport transfers
- Entrance fees
- Ground transportation
- Licensed English speaking guides
- Flights – international and domestic\*
- Lots of laughs and making new friends

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Half day Hoi An City Tour
- Red Bridge Cooking Class and cruise up the river
- Ba Na Hills Golden Bridge day trip
- Hanoi Walking Tour
- Lan Ha Bay overnight cruise (Halong Bay)
- Free time for shopping and visiting a tailor

### EXCLUDED:

- Entry visa
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Laundry

**PRICING COMING SOON** --Pricing for a relaxing trip to Vanuatu will be out in the January newsletter

## VANUATU 5 days October 2021

A great place to relax and enjoy all that Vanuatu has to offer for 5 days.

There are so many options (too many in fact) to research and make choices for this trip it's going to take us a couple of months to get the itinerary sorted and pricing out! What a fabulous problem to have!!

Do as little or as much as you want, relax, or indulge in a wide range of experiences. Take a day cruise between the islands, climb the rim of an active volcano, or stand under a beautiful waterfall, enjoy cultural experiences.....



Day by day itineraries for all priced tours are available on the travel club website.

## Music of the South with New York Tour 2021

16 day tour departing 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### HIGHLIGHTS

Central Park, 9/11 Memorial, Times Square, Pre-concert New Orleans, Cajun Country, Oak Valley plantation, Country Music Hall of Fame Studios, guided tours Memphis, Beale Street, Ireland, Rock'n'Soul museum, historic Ford

Visiting Dallas, Nashville, Memphis, Nat

### INCLUSIONS

Transport in private air-conditioned coach as per itinerary, private guides for all tours, accommodation, breakfast daily, sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary, several dinners. Day by day itinerary available on website.

Taking expressions of interest now. Updated pricing will be available in the August newsletter.

As this tour is also popular with couples if any members wish to bring their husbands or partners please let us know. If we have enough couples, we will run a split tour.

Minimum tour number is 10 and maximum is 20



POSTPONED FOR 2021 DUE TO UNCERTAINTY IN USA

## In 2022 the fabulously indulgent CHAMPERS AND CHATEAUX Tour returns.



If you love the idea of staying in a French Chateau, visiting historic French towns, enjoying wine tasting at the finest champagne houses, shopping in Paris or an indulgent breakfast or high tea at The Ritz then join me for this fully escorted ten day tour.

Add ons are available for those that want to continue the indulgence –

An 8-day river cruise **AND/OR** A trip to see Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra in Maastricht – enjoy this amazing experience in Vrijthof Square in his hometown. Dress for the occasion in period costume or best ballgown to immerse yourself totally in the atmosphere of the evening...if you wish.

*We work hard, life is short – we're entitled to sample the luxurious things in life – that's one of my mottos*



\*\* All the Travel Club tours are tailor made specifically for us!! You won't find them advertised anywhere else.

Your Women's Travel Club is all about the experience so if there's somewhere you'd like to experience let us know!!!

We have 97 members and without your interaction we don't know if the tours we're putting together interest you or not. So please, don't be shy, tell us where you would like to go.

PAYMENT PLANS

Interest free payment plans\* are also available on international holidays and selected local holidays.

- A minimum on International trips is \$250 per month and full payment must be completed before travelling

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As always, if anyone is interested in a coffee catch up or a glass of wine catch up let us know. We can chat about whatever you like...no agenda just a catch up and chat.

We'd also love to hear from our members if:

- You want to propose a tour
- or to just say hello; you like the newsletter or you don't like the newsletter or you'd like a certain topic in the newsletter. This is your travel club and we'd love to see everyone involved in some way.

Kerin and Janet

Teasers for our Champers and Chateaux 2022 tour.



Chateau De Rilly



Chateau De Gilly 2 places we stay on the Champers n Chateau tour



River Cruise Ships - Avalon Waterways®



Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra ...