

# CCWTC NEWSLETTER



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Hello Ladies

Welcome to our November/December newsletter.

## October Happenings

Under threatening skies, six ladies (and I) travelled to the Hunter Valley to visit 2 boutique wineries (Black Creek Farm and Wynwood Estate) for tastings of their unique wines. Our day commenced with wine tasting and cheese platter at Black Creek Farm where we were greeted by the family dog, who led us to the cellar door and our hosts Nadine and Jean. Jean talked about each wine we tasted as well as pointing out the different grapes growing in the vineyard below us and which wines they were used for. When it was time to leave the family dog, braving the rain, walked us back to our bus.

Next we visited Wynwood Estate where we tasted 6 of their boutique wines. The rain had become heavier so it was very good planning that lunch was at Twine Restaurant which is attached to the tasting room. By the time we finished lunch the rain was much heavier. Our coach captain kindly brought the bus as close as possible to the restaurant entry, so we didn't get too wet!

Our final stop was Sabor Dessert Restaurant....very decadent! This restaurant is always busy, and bookings are essential...knowing this I had chosen an option that meant we would be seated and served our drinks and dessert. No lining up on our trips!! We were shown to a room off the main dining area where our table had been set up.

Our tasting plates arrived with 3 different desserts; we could also choose 2 drinks of the wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Several ladies chose hot chocolates or coffees as first choice, 2 of our lovely ladies preferred to stay with wine for both drinks. Don't be concerned for those of us that chose coffee or hot chocolates though ..... our next drink of choice was a liqueur!! Not the small liqueur glass we expected but a larger whisky glass...they don't skimp at Sabor!

The highlight of my day, apart from spending the day with our lovely members, was the dessert tasting plate at Sabor's. The mango liqueur wasn't too bad either....

Oh, you're wondering if we bought any bottles....of course we did!

Even though the weather was wet and chilly it didn't dampen our enthusiasm or spoil our day. It was another great day out with a lovely group of ladies.



Dessert Time



Mango Liqueur

# UPCOMING TOURS 2020 and 2021

## TOURS IN OUR BACKYARD

### Day trips coming up

#### Travel Club Christmas Lunch

**When:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**What:** 3 course a la carte Lunch and Cruise

**Where:** Sydney Harbour

**Price:** \$149.00 per person

**Pick up points:** will be finalised 10<sup>th</sup> December

Includes transport to/from Sydney, 3 course a la carte lunch and cruise

Not included drinks

We may also visit a cocktail bar before returning home!

#### Welcome to 2021 dinner and cocktail party

**We're trying something new for 2021!!**

**What:** Dinner, a glass of wine and 3 signature cocktails by cocktail barman extraordinaire Damien

**When:** 7.30pm, Saturday 23rd January 2021

**Where:** newly refurbished dining room and cocktail bar Swansea Workers Club (yes we have checked this out on numerous occasions 😊)

**Price:** TBA

**Pick up points:** TBA

Our coach captain will take us to our dinner and pick us up afterwards!

### Overnight trips coming up

**FEBRUARY 2021:**

#### Snowy Mountains and Wildflowers

The itinerary and pricing for the February 2021 trip to Cooma, Jindabyne and Mt Kosciusko will be available on the website at the beginning of December.

To make these trips viable for all our members we need a minimum of 8 for these tours to go ahead.



Cooma Courthouse



Thredbo- restaurant on the mountain (Wikipedia)

## Overnight trips coming up (cont.)

**MARCH/APRIL 2021:**

### Orange, Cowra Country Food Trails

This 3 night 4 day trip is in the planning stages at the moment. Full itinerary, dates and costings will be available in the January newsletter.

It will be a tailored tour which will include food and wine tours mixed with heritage tours, historical village tour in and around the towns of Orange, Cowra, and Grenfell.

As always with our trips, to ensure the best experience for everyone, the tour numbers are limited. If you're interested in this trip please let me know and we'll add you to the list.

Also, before I set dates, would it be a problem for anyone if this trip were over Easter?



Japanese Gardens Cowra



Historic building Grenfell



Orange

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.

### 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

## 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.



Santa Claus Village, Rovaniemi **Ladies, we need to visit this magical place - it's amazing!**

## 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 over 100 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!!**

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YOUR  
HOUSE



We would like to take this opportunity to wish every one of our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a lovely New Year.

Kerin and the Coach Captain!!

I'd also like to thank our members for making our outings such enjoyable events.....lots of laughs are a great thing!!

Stay safe and I look forward to you joining me on our trips in 2021.... Kerin