

CCWTC NEWSLETTER



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Hello Ladies

Welcome to our March newsletter and a new year.

As you're all aware travel is still confined to our own backyard and the other States in Australia. Vaccinations are being rolled out so hopefully this means cruising around Australia will commence later in the year. We might even have international flight bubbles with Pacific countries and early next year flights to Europe and our Asian neighbours. I certainly hope so because I'm booking cruises and overseas trips for 2022! We have to stay positive!

Welcome 2021 Dinner

We held a welcome to 2021 dinner and cocktails towards the end of January. We tried out the new dining and cocktail venue at Swansea Workers' Club. It was lovely to welcome some of our newer members, it's wonderful that all our ladies intermingle and get to know each other. So much fun meeting new friends!



Our next day trip options are below....register your interest before they're booked out!! If you have a day trip you'd like to try let me know....

Another City Visited:

The border to Victoria opened in time for us to attend our niece's wedding in Ballarat. As with many brides this wedding had to be cancelled last October due to the Covid situation. We hadn't been to Ballarat, so we looked forward to exploring a new city. It's a very pretty city with many original buildings and many of the old homes are so beautifully restored and maintained. We spent time driving around the inner city streets looking at these beautiful homes.

We decided to travel home via the Alpine Way and Cooma...a very windy and, in some places, narrow road but very pretty. Although, the bushfires had done so much damage along the ridges many places looked like a scene from the apocalypse.

We had planned to be home by 7.30 pm and, were on track until, a flat tyre stopped us! We eventually made it home just after midnight. Thanks to an afterhours tow truck driver and a 24 hour tyre workshop. Did we have a spare? No! My car doesn't come with a spare....luckily it was on the way home but we still had a great few days away.

UPCOMING TOURS 2020 and 2021

TOURS IN OUR BACKYARD

Day trips coming up

Brooklyn Pearl Farm, Hawkesbury River cruise and Lunch

When: Saturday 27th March 2021

Meeting/pick up time: TBA

Cost: Dependent on numbers –10 ladies \$180.00; less than 10 ladies \$217.00 per person (seniors receive extra \$10 discount on this price – let me know when you book).

Bookings Close Date: Wednesday 17th March (they are regularly booked out bookings need to be in 2 weeks in advance).

The maximum group size they will allow is 10 so if this interests you please book early to ensure a place on the trip.

Inclusions

- ✦ Bus and driver - sorry...coach captain!
- ✦ Pick up/return to home where possible
- ✦ Learn the history of Australian Pearl
- ✦ Extended boat cruise on the Hawkesbury River and to the pearling longlines
- ✦ Witness a live pearl harvest
- ✦ Exclusive access to pearl grading room
- ✦ Pearl valuation
- ✦ 2 course lunch including a glass of wine
- ✦ A great day out with a group of fabulous ladies

What to Bring

- Full water bottle
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Jacket (could be windy out there)



SOMETHING DIFFERENT - a local lunch during the week!

Because We Care Boutique is a service for women who are trying to re-enter the workforce by providing professional attire & support prior to interviews.

It is also a service for women that have faced severe challenges in life & and are aiming to seek paid employment to improve their lives and that of the families.

I'm happy to be one of the supporters of this lunch as the Boutique is a much needed service on the Coast.

Day trips in the 'works'

April 2021

Nelson Bay for the Day! Includes dolphin watch cruise and lunch. We'll have time to visit the fabulous shops too! Pricing will be added to website and Fb by Friday 19th March.

May 2021

Riverboat Postman "Sunday on the Hawkesbury" cruise (we can do during the week as well if we have 4 or 5 that would prefer that) or

Ferry to Palm Beach and lunch

Overnight trips coming up

Blue Mountains Gourmet Getaway

Join us for a weekend away in the Blue Mountains staying overnight in luxury accommodation, enjoy High Tea and visiting the pretty village of Leura as well as the Three Sisters.

Inclusions:

- ✚ Transport and driver - sorry...coach captain!
- ✚ Pick up/return to home where possible otherwise a meeting place will be arranged.
- ✚ Accommodation twin share at The Carrington Hotel (changed accommodation).
- ✚ High Tea with a glass of French Champagne.
- ✚ 3 course dinner including a glass of wine.
- ✚ Visit to the Three Sisters lookout
- ✚ Visit Leura on Sunday morning
- ✚ Morning Tea on Sunday
- ✚ Spend time with a group of fabulous ladies.

Not Included:

- ❖ Lunch on Sunday
- ❖ Other items not mentioned above.

When: Saturday 5th June 2021 – Sunday 6th June 2021

Time: commencing 8.30am

Cost: from \$555.00 twin share

This is a small group tour if you're interested please book early! The Carrington is very popular so we need to book our rooms in as soon as we can. I have some on hold at the moment.

Contact kerin@ccwtc.com.au or phone/message 0421581611 to book your place on our trip.

Orange, Cowra Country Food Trails

This 3 night 4 day trip is in the planning stages at the moment. This 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.



Japanese Gardens Cowra



Historic building Grenfell



Orange

AUSTRALIAN CRUISING

For all our cruising members we have several group cruises happening within Australian. Both are short cruises for those that haven't cruised before and are not so sure about their 'sea legs'. I'm sure all of our members that love cruising would be happy to give you their tips on enjoying your first cruise!

The first cruise we have is a **Melbourne Cup** cruise on Carnival Splendor.



CCWTC MELBOURNE CUP CRUISE 31 OCTOBER 2021

Join other CCWTC members on this Melbourne Cup cruise. Bring your girlfriends (husbands if you want to) along with you for a great mini break. You don't have to attend the race meetings, you might prefer to shop or enjoy all that Melbourne has to offer whilst spending evenings getting to know your fellow members.

6 DAY CRUISE	PORT of CALL
Sun	Sydney
Mon	Fun Day at Sea
Tue	Melbourne
Wed	Melbourne
Thu	Melbourne
Fri	Fun Day at Sea

Join the winner's circle on Carnival's Melbourne Cup cruise. Enjoy one of Australia's favourite events - the Melbourne Cup Carnival. It's all systems go on your showstopping Melbourne Cup cruise from Sydney.

This cruise is complete with onboard events, transfers to Flemington Racecourse, general admission to the course and other race day extras.

Carnival provides six nights away (half of which you'll Melbourne based) and the chance for us all to dress up in our fabulous outfits.

CABINS	Twin Share price
Interior Cabin	\$1,076 per person
Ocean View 6B	\$1,114 per person
Oceanview 6C	\$1,132 per person
Balcony 8B	\$1,206 per person
Balcony 8C	\$1,224 per person

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$35 per person due 20th March 2021
\$250 per person due 31st May 2021
Final Payment due 30th July 2021

An indulgent lunch will be organised separately for those that prefer to enjoy race days in style. Pricing will be advised at a later date.

To book your cabin: contact Kerin Starr 0421 581 611
Email: kerin@ccwtc.com.au

External agents with Go Tours Travel a member of Hello world.

If this cruise is cancelled for any reason by Carnival Cruise Lines all payments made will be refunded.

If the customer cancels the normal cancellation policy will apply. Contact us for further information.

AUSTRALIAN CRUISING (cont)



7 day round trip Tasmania from Sydney

Royal Princess a Medallion Class ship. \$50 on board credit is also included.



Interior from \$1,299 Balcony from \$1,749

Date: February 11, 2022

Departure Point: Sydney

Deposit: \$625.00 due on booking.

If you and your family would like to go cruising there are hundreds of other options we can help you with. Just ask me and if you've been on outings with us before we offer a special "frequent funstarr" discount.

Come and try this magnificent ship with me.

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.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS



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

HOI AN VIETNAM WITH HALONG BAY OVERNIGHT CRUISE

Late 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

VANUATU 5 days Date TBA

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.....



PRICING COMING SOON --Pricing for a relaxing trip to Vanuatu will be out once International Flights start up

YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN US ON A EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISE: 8 DAYS BUDAPEST TO DEGGENDORF

Departure Date: 9th June 2022

Ladies, on the 9th June 2022 we will embark a brand new river ship, Avalon VIEW, for a beautiful cruise along the peaceful Danube River through Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany. We'll have the opportunity to discover some of Central Europe's magnificent capitals and charming towns along the way. The VIEW has two full decks of award winning Panorama Suites featuring wall to wall and floor to ceiling Panoramic Windows than transform the living space into a unique open air balcony.

Our river cruise commences in Budapest where guides will introduce us to the highlights of this vibrant Hungarian capital. Guided sightseeing is included in our river cruise price on every place we visit!!

Spend 8 days being incredibly spoilt starting with the Welcome cocktail party with sparkling wine and canapes, full breakfasts, luscious lunches, afternoon tea (if you're able to tear yourself away from the beautiful towns we'll be spending our days in) and four course dinners each evening. I especially loved the friendliness of the staff on our previous Avalon river cruise and the piano bar in the evening. I have some wonderful lasting memories from our previous river cruise, and I have no doubt you will too.



Priced from:	Cat E Indigo Deck forward	\$4,222.00 per person twin share	\$6,834.00 single
	Cat E Indigo Deck Aft	\$4,471.00 per person twin share	\$7,220.00 single
	Cat A Sapphire Deck Forward	\$5,771.00 per person twin share	\$9,235.00 single
	Cat B Sapphire Deck Aft	\$5,821.00 per person twin share	\$9,313.00 single
	Cat P Royal Deck	\$5,921.00 per person twin share	\$8,471.00 single



Deluxe Stateroom Cat E



Panorama Suites Cat A, B & P

Why not combine the Changers n Chateaus tour and enjoy a relaxing river cruise after the tour?

Note: The Changers n Chateaus tour is a small group so if you're interested in combining both please let me know and I'll add you to the list.

**** Ladies, for those of you who have been on outings with us before ask us about your special "frequent funstarr" discount.**

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

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.

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

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!!
