

CCWTC NEWSLETTER



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Hello Ladies

Welcome to our May/June newsletter and a new year.

Even though we've had bouts of being locked up, not able to travel overseas and, in some cases, in our own country the months are just flying....I can't believe we're almost 6 months into 2021! It has been a busy start to the year for me too.

Easter was spent on a road trip. I'm always on the lookout for places to go on day trips or weekends away for our travel group. Always hoping to inspire our members to join me on the trips on offer. We travelled to Bermagui and then on to Cooma and Mt Kosciusko coming home via Tumut. The weather was extremely kind to us, even at Thredbo it was 27 degrees on one of the days. Bermagui is a lovely village but for a weekend trip perhaps too far. On the other hand, Cooma, Tumut and Mt Kosciusko have so much to offer for a 3 or 4 day trip. We walked to the summit of Kosciusko, took the chairlift from Thredbo to Eagles Nest then commenced the 13 km round trip walk. Including snack breaks and a lunch break at the summit it took a total of 5 hours. A beautiful, and for the most part, relatively easy walk. As I said though, we were blessed with amazing weather which contributed to the ease of the walk. Cooma is my home town so it's always a little special to visit there and Tumut is a very pretty country town.

I spent several days on the Gold Coast in April at a conference for the agency I am affiliated with. They put us up at the Star Casino in lovely deluxe king rooms. My room had an amazing view over Broadbeach and was extremely comfortable. I would definitely recommend a weekend break at the Star....only a short walk down to the Broadbeach restaurant/shopping/beach area. I can't tell you anything about the casino gaming area as we didn't venture there. One of the mornings we were up very early for breakfast on a catamaran as we sailed around the canals of Broadbeach and Surfers Paradise. Apart from the early start it was a very relaxing way to spend the morning.

In early May we held a successful charity lunch at the Rafferty's Resort Café in aid of the Because We Care Boutique, 29 lovely ladies attended the lunch, which included several ladies who showcased their arts and crafts. The swarovski crystal jewellery stall was immensley popular! We raised a total of \$737.00 for the Boutique. Our guest speaker was Margie McCumstie a very inspiring lady!

That's enough about me.....it's now all about you (our members) and the day trips, dinners and weekend trips coming up!

You'll notice I've included a couple of local (as in Central Coast) choices for dining in this newsletter. It's good to give locals the opportunity to look after us. Also, it helps our costs down if we don't have to hire a bus for every outing as I'm conscious of trying to keep prices reasonable.

Sadly, the budget wasn't very kind to all of us who are keen to travel however, I'm ever the optimist and for that reason I have left Vietnam and the European trip in the newsletter. When we open a bubble with Vietnam we'll be off!! My European trips are flexible and will be moved if the Govt. decides we can't travel till July or August.

**We have a number of offerings coming up. Remember to register your interest before they're booked out!!
Also, if you have a day trip you'd like to try let me know....**

UPCOMING TOURS 2021 and 2022

TOURS IN OUR BACKYARD

Day trips coming up

Iconic High Tea at Crowne Plaza Terrigal

Choose between the Sparkling Wine High Tea or the Cocktail High Tea!

When: Saturday 28th May 2021

Cost: \$110.00

Brooklyn Pearl Farm, Hawkesbury River cruise and Lunch

When: Saturday 19th June 2021

Meeting/pick up time: TBA

Cost: Dependent on numbers –10 ladies \$185.00; less than 10 ladies \$198.00 per person

Bookings Close Date: Friday 4th June 2021 (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)



Day trips/Outings in the 'works'

- Christmas in July dinner and live music tentative date 24th July 2021. Santa might even visit!! Partners welcome
- Lunch at The Anchor, Summerland Point September
- Lunch at Wamberal Ocean View café August
- Murray's Beach
- Soldiers Beach
- Newcastle Motor Yacht Club

Overnight/weekend trips coming up

JUNE 2021

Botticelli – Van Gogh Package 2 nights Canberra

Masterpieces from the National Gallery, London

Package includes 2 nights' accommodation twin share, 2 tickets to the exhibition, PLUS exclusive priority access to the exhibition via NGA members line.

Trip will leave Central Coast at 1pm on Friday 28th May.

Trip includes:

- Bus hire and driver for duration of the trip,
- 2 night's Accommodation in Canberra and
- a la Carte Breakfast each morning
- Visit and lunch at National Arboretum (lunch at own expense). There we'll see several gardens, forests and trees, national Bonsai and Penjing collections.

Optional Extras: Custom guided walks at Arboretum \$9.50 per adult or Ngala Tour a guided bus tour with a guide to learn the stories of the forest and enjoy 2 viewing stops \$10 per adult.

Cost: \$475.00 pp twin share or \$555.00 per person single room

SEPTEMBER 2021

Orange, Mudgee Country Food & Wine 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, Milthorpe, Cowra, and Grenfell.



Japanese Gardens Cowra



Historic building Grenfell



Orange

FEBRUARY 2022

Snowy Mountains and Wildflowers 4 days

1 night in Cooma, 2 nights Thredbo, 1 night Tumut

Whilst in Thredbo choose a walk either to the Summit of Mt Kosciusko, to Dead Horse Gap or just a walk around the village of Thredbo. More information on this trip will be out in September.



Almost at the summit



suggested walks available



scenery on way to Tumut

AUSTRALIAN CRUISING - 2022

Hopefully the Govt will allow cruising around Australia in the coming months.

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



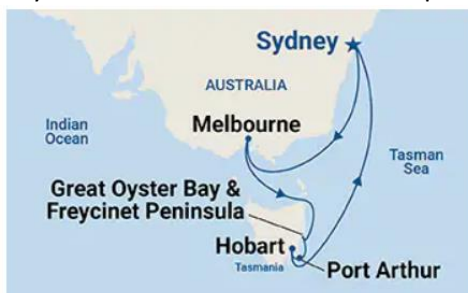
Princess cruises

8 day round trip Tasmania from Sydney

11 day round trip Queensland from Sydney

Royal Princess a Medallion Class ship.

Majestic Princess a Medallion Class Ship



Interior from \$1,699 Balcony from \$1,749

Date: November 12, 2022

Departure Point: Sydney

Interior from \$1,899 Balcony from \$2,499

Date: October 20, 2022

Departure Point: Sydney

Deposit: \$650.00 due on booking.

Deposit: \$930.00 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.

These are only a tiny selection of cruises available; the Tasmanian cruise is very good, and I've wanted to cruise to Whitsunday's for a number of years. Come and try these magnificent ships with me.

As always with our trips, to ensure the best experience for everyone, the tour numbers are limited. If you're interested in any trips 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

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 10 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 120 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!!
