

CCWTC NEWSLETTER



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Hello Ladies

Welcome to our October/November newsletter. You're probably wondering what happened to our July/August/September newsletter. Well, two things...COVID-19 and Lockdown (: Finally, we are reopening to the rest of the world so it's time to look at travel ideas and options for our Travel Club.

I can't believe we are more than three quarters of the way through 2021 and have been in this pandemic for 18 months! As each month passes by, I am conscious that I'm that much older and still have so many places to visit. So, with that in mind, the fact State Premiers have agreed to end snap lockdowns in future (hmmm), and the fact some State borders are finally opening I've started to think about Australian trips from February 2022 and overseas trips from May/June 2022.

At the end of May 2021 several of our members and I ventured to Terrigal for High Tea at the Crowne Plaza Terrigal. The sun shining into the Lord Ashley Lounge kept us very warm on what was a cold May day. Seems so long ago!

Unfortunately, the Pearl Farm trip was cancelled the day before due to extreme weather conditions that weren't conducive to taking a tour along the Hawkesbury in a relatively open boat. Steve, from the Pearl Farm, very kindly phoned to say a weather alert was current and it wouldn't be a pleasant experience. On behalf of everyone I opted to rebook for a later time – rough water and seasickness is not something I enjoy!! If you wanted to join us and thought you'd missed out.... you hadn't!!

June was the month I had my first vaccination of Astra Zeneca...a couple of slight side effects for a day but other than that nothing further. Receiving the second jab was exciting because it meant I was ready for travel!

July, August, September and October have been very quiet months for the travel club as we sit through another lockdown in NSW. As a member of the travel industry, I receive many emails and travel updates promising travel will come back bigger and better soon....so I have hope and I'm positive that we'll be heading off somewhere exciting in the new year. We have some great international tours on offer and they're all private group tours.

So exciting to come out of lockdown on 1st November.... this newsletter is coming to you from poolside at SALT Beach Kingscliff.

Enough from melet's look at the selection of day trips and tours planned for the rest of 2021 and 2022.

UPCOMING TOURS 2022/2023

TOURS IN OUR BACKYARD

Day trips coming up

As I write this newsletter day trips are still being organised....so our offerings in this space are limited.

To keep our prices for local lunches reasonable we've decided not to include transport. When we do use the bus for our day trips and away trips, we'll organise pick up points. Please let me know your thoughts on this and whether transport for local lunches would make the decision on whether you attend or not.

Lunch at Lake Restaurant Rafferty's Resort

When: 12.30pm Saturday 27th November 2021

Cost: 63.00 lunch only does not include transport*.

Includes: 2 courses, 250ml glass of wine and coffee/tea.

If you'd like to join us let me know by: 18th November 2020

*To try and keep our prices for local lunches reasonable we've decided not to hire a bus.

Brooklyn Pearl Farm, Hawkesbury River cruise and Lunch

When: January 2022 I was hoping for December however, even though the Pearl farm is open several restaurants that fit with the schedule remain closed – once we have secured the booking, I'll update it via Facebook and the website as well as contact the ladies previously booked for this day trip.

Meeting/pick up time: TBA

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

Bookings Close Date: TBA

Inclusions

- ✚ Bus and driver - sorry...coach captain!
- ✚ Pick up/return to a central point
- ✚ 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'

- Lunch at Mirra wines with Dessert at Sabor February 2022
- L'isle de France Terrigal March 2022
- Newcastle Motor Yacht Club April 2022

These choices could change if, for any reason, a restaurant does not reopen.

Overnight/Weekend trips coming up

FEBRUARY 2022

Snowy Mountains and Wildflowers 4 nights 5 days

Date: Friday 18th February – Tuesday 22nd February.

Price per person: from \$990.00 per person twin share. There is a single room supplement is \$388.00.

Inclusions:

- Bus and driver for the duration of the trip
- 1 night in Cooma, 2 nights Thredbo, 1 night Tumut (4* accommodation)
- 4 breakfasts
- 2 dinners
- 1 lunch and schnapps tasting at Wild Brumby Distillery
- Visit Snowy Mountains Hydro Discovery Centre
- Chairlift ticket to the summit of Mt Kosciusko
- Entry to Kosciusko National Park
- Access to Thredbo hydrotherapy indoor pool
- Take a scenic drive through Talbingo

Whilst in Thredbo choose a walk either to the Summit of Mt Kosciusko, to Dead Horse Gap or just a wander around the village of Thredbo. We'll also visit the Wild Brumby Distillery, near Jindabyne, for a schnapps tasting and lunch.

I will be contacting the ladies that were interested in this trip last year.



Almost at the summit



suggested walks available



scenery on way to Tumut

Ty and I did the summit walk last March and really enjoyed the day. The view is amazing from the summit.

AUSTRALIAN CRUISING – 2022/2023

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 our members who love cruising would be happy to give a new cruiser their tips on enjoying their first cruise! Whether it's an ocean cruise or a river cruise I love it...nothing better than unpacking once and relaxing onboard or taking an excursion to some fabulous place.



Princess cruises

8 day round trip Tasmania from Sydney

Royal Princess a Medallion Class ship.



Interior from \$1,699 Balcony from \$1,999

Date: November 12, 2022

Departure Point: Sydney

*prices based on the 'saver fare'

Deposit: \$650.00 due on booking.

11 day round trip Queensland from Sydney

Majestic Princess a Medallion Class Ship



Interior from \$1,899 Balcony from \$2,299

Date: March 22, 2023

Departure Point: Sydney

Deposit: \$930.00 due on booking

If you and your family/ friends 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 several years. Come and try these magnificent ships with me.

PLUS – the Melbourne Cup cruise is booking for 2022. Eight of us have already rebooked cabins. Yes, we're keen to cruise, pay \$30pp to hold your cabin with nothing to pay until May 2022 why not join us? If you're interested in other short cruises around Australia, please let me know...I'm happy to put a few more cruise offers and brochures on our website for anyone who is interested.

I firmly believe cruising will be safer than ever before. European and US cruise companies have ships cruising the Atlantic and the Mediterranean safely for 8 months or more. Scenic has also successfully completed a river cruise on the Rhine.

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 2022-2023



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

HOI AN VIETNAM WITH HALONG BAY OVERNIGHT CRUISE

Mid 2022 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

*** 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.

SMALL GROUP SICILY FOOD AND WINE TOUR 2023 8-day **PRIVATE** hosted tour starting in Catania ending in Palermo

Prices start at \$4,474.00 pp* twin share (based on 5 travellers). Single supplement of \$794.00 applies

Would you like to:

- Delve into the Sicilian culture and learn cooking tricks in a typical Sicilian family trattoria
- Discover the best of Sicily through its rich cuisine and colourful street food.
- Taste the best Sicilian wines and learn how it is produced
- Be treated like royalty on a small private tour with your own guide

If you answered yes, this tour is for you! Why not organise a group of your girlfriends and take this fun tour? Everything is taken care of all you need to do is arrive -- with your luggage!

This tour is focused on your travel group (min 5 - max 8). A small group tour is perfect to ensure you're travelling in comfort, have your own space, personal attention, and priority access to sites.

COVID-19 safety health and safety measures are in place from the private vehicles, local suppliers to the guides safety is assured on these tours!

What's included:

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 4* Accommodation twin share
- English speaking driver and guide
- Transport in a Mercedes minivan throughout the tour
- Covid-19 health and safety measures
- Meals: 7 breakfast, 6 lunches, 1 dinner
- Tours: Taormina lifestyle gourmet walking tour, Cooking class, Etna food & wine tour, Noto walking tour with seafood lunch, Ortigia food & wine tour, Syracuse Winery tour with lunch, Palermo Street food tour

Not included:

- Flights are not included however EYS is able to organise flights for your trip.
- Meals not mentioned above
- Items of a personal nature



Catania



Noto



Syracuse

Contact Kerin for further information and to book. kerin@ccwtc.com.au or ph 0421 581 611

*Payment plans are available – no extra cost.

All travellers must be double vaccinated and a negative covid test taken 72 hours before departure.

2022 we will have a mini-Champers & Chateau trip spending a night in 2 Chateaux and 3 nights in Paris. In 2023 the fabulously indulgent 10 days 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 or a trip to Italy.

We work hard, life is short - we're entitled to sample the luxurious things in life - that's one of my mottos 😊
We've also been unable to travel for 19 months so there's a lot of catching up to do!

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

You'll notice we're focusing on small private group tours to ensure our safety and well-being whilst travelling and living our best life. These tours can be for 2 people up to a maximum of 10 people - priced accordingly of course.

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 130 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!!

Something I must mention: Airlines, tour operators and suppliers require their customers to be double vaccinated before allowing us to make any bookings.

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

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

An interesting article I came across recently....

1. The weird things Aussies have lost on their travels

Never take anything with you that you don't mind losing. That was Mum's advice to me on my first trip away from home.

Her dad used to often buy the lost luggage from the airport and Mum was aware of all the essentials people lost — and why a present from my grandad could be a bit sketchy at times.

So we asked our readers what they'd lost on their travels. The responses included a tonne of sunglasses, the odd passport (eek), engagement rings and luggage. But some people lost some rather interesting things too.

Katherine lost her bikini bottoms swimming off Whitehaven Beach. Hopefully she wasn't travelling alone. Do hail a friend and look like you're drowning, or do you try and swim back to shore and make a run for your towel?

Daniel lost his dog's beloved toy chicken on a road trip and now the poor puppy searches for it desperately FOR HOURS every time the suitcases come out.

One woman bemoaned the loss of a custom push up bra, which meant her entire holiday she went around flat-chested.

Another had her panties eaten by a moose in Canada (they were drying on a line).

On a trip to Melbourne, Queenslander Alysse lost her dignity after a trip to the loo ended with her growing a tail of toilet paper that flapped in the wind when she walked. Poor thing now cringes whenever Melbourne is mentioned, which given their many lockdowns, must be a lot.

While Roberto lost seven kilos (unintentionally) after a stomach bug saw him hospitalised in the Dominican Republic for three days, another complained of losing his waistline after too many hotel buffets.

Poor Renee lost one glove at the beginning of a trip to Iceland and had to keep giving her hands a turn of the beloved glove.

Others tell tales of how they lost their sanity, patience, sleep, their virginity (saucy) and even the odd husband.

And one poor sod lost their 'adult' toy and had to describe to hotel staff.

- Article from TravelTalk mag 9/9/22
