

CCWTC NEWSLETTER

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Hello Ladies,

Well, I can't believe we are almost at the middle of 2023...where is time going?

We've held 3 lunches since the last newsletter - Lakeside Café Murray's Beach and Beach House Restaurant Avoca Beach which were very enjoyable, as usual, we also had 4 new members joining us at Murray's Beach and another 3 new ladies at Avoca. We had a good turnout for both lunches. The Gonyah hotel lunch was a great turnout too, with 15 for lunch including 2 new members.

Seven of our members and myself spent 10 days in Vietnam from the 8th of May to the 17th of May. We spent time in Hoi An, Hanoi and Ha Long Bay. The weather was hot, Hoi An and Ha Long Bay weren't very busy but Hanoi was crowded. We all enjoyed the trip to the Ba Na Hills from Hoi An and the cooking class at the Red Bridge Cooking School was fun...we're all proficient at making Vietnamese food. We prepared and made vegetarian rolls including the rice paper, a green mango and green pawpaw salad and finally a chicken and noodle dish. The latter enjoyed with a glass of sauvignon blanc. Whilst in Hoi An we took advantage of the tailors and the shoemakers where we had shoes and a dress or 2 made – it's something you must do whilst in Hoi An 😊.

We had many highlights on this trip, as we did with the other Vietnam trips, but for this group the cruise on Ha Long Bay was a major highlight. A dinner highlight was the "White Night" dinner at the Deck House An Bang Beach Hoi An where we enjoyed a 7-course meal and the food was amazing.

The night Sharon wanted to try the Morning Glory Restaurant in Hoi An – 2 of us accompanied her. The other ladies decided to spend a night in at the resort. When it was time to leave the restaurant we heard torrential rain on the roof. Not a happy sight given we were not dressed for rain and we had a 10-minute walk to the resort. Luckily there were industrious Vietnamese women outside the restaurant selling plastic ponchos at inflated prices. We bought one each! Ponchos on we stepped out into the torrential rain and flooding streets. We arrived back at the hotel looking like 3 drowned rats and 3 of our travellers were sitting having cocktails – when they saw us they rolled up laughing! How rude of them 😊. We were dripping water all over the floor but the staff were laughing as well and they didn't care about the puddles.

In Hanoi we enjoyed dinner at a lovely little family restaurant and later had a walk through the pedestrian street (closed to cars and motorbikes on Fridays and Saturday nights). After visiting the Red Bridge and the beautiful lake we wandered back towards our hotel. As we started to cross a square a DJ was playing. Sharon decided to have a little dance as we walked, I joined her and the other ladies stopped to laugh at us when a circle of people started to form around us to watch these western ladies dancing. The funniest thing was the DJ stopped playing music because we had taken his crowd. Once we walked away and the crowd dispersed he turned the music back on and that was really amusing. Young people were videoing us so I wonder where that clip could end up. On Tic Toc called "western grannies dancing" or "2 crazy old ladies trying to dance". We enjoyed ourselves and weren't hurting anyone 😊😊 It was a funny few minutes and I'm sure we'll laugh about it for many months. But that's what makes a trip fun and memorable...those things which (within reason and harmless) you probably wouldn't do at home.



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This is just a small snippet of our 10 days in Vietnam there are many more funny stories and anecdotes but I'm sure when you meet these ladies at our lunches they'll impart more experiences from their trip.



Gunyah Hotel Lunch



Avoca Beach Restaurant Lunch

A very small selection of photos from our Vietnam Trip – more photos are on the website.



With our guide at Hanoi restaurant



Sun World Ha Long Bay



Cocktails at sunset Ha Long Bay



"White Dinner" An Bang beach.



Red Bridge Hanoi

Our newsletter is full of fabulous upcoming trips....not all pricing is currently available but as it becomes available we'll add it to the tour on the website and notify our members.

Member Suggestions:

I've received suggestions from our members to hold lunches during the week and dinner some evenings, which is a great idea. I have an offer for a weekday lunch in this newsletter – let's see how we go.

Is anyone interested in a coffee catch up or lunch on either a Tuesday or Thursday once a month or even bimonthly. We have been offered a private area at Club Toukley (The ARY) on those days.

I will do my best to move our lunches and dinners around to other areas on the coast and Sydney as well. We have members from all areas of the Coast, Newcastle, Port Stephens and Sydney. We also have members from other States and overseas.

UPCOMING TOURS 2023/2024

Lunches/Dinners/Day Trips coming up.

Tuesday night 11th July 2023

Dinner at Motel Mezza Social Bar. Serves modern middle eastern food, they also have a large variety of wines, spirits and cocktails on their drink's menu.

Time: 6.30pm

Where: 98 Pacific Highway Wyong.

This restaurant offers a 2-course menu for \$45.00. Pay at the venue. Please let me know if you'll be coming along as we do need to book.

Saturday July 22nd, 2023 & Tuesday 1st August 2023 (Tuesday is dependent on having 5 or more ladies)

Lunch at Ocean Restaurant Seafood Restaurant Blue Bay which is regarded as one of the best seafood restaurants on the Coast. They also serve vegetarian meals and steak. The view is also fabulous!

Time: 12.30pm both days

Where: 102 Ocean Parade, Blue Bay, Central Coast

What: 2 courses (either entrée & main or main & dessert) plus a glass of wine

Cost: \$86.00

A deposit of \$25 is required by 20th June and the balance of \$41 is due no later than 14th July 2023.

Bank account details have been listed at the bottom of the newsletter...if you prefer to pay by credit card please contact me directly.



To make booking easier for everyone we will add each event to Fb page with a button for you to click if you're coming along. We will then get back to you with payment requirements.

Saturday August 12th, 2023

High Tea on Sydney Harbour

Time: 13.30pm

Where: King Street Wharf 1

Cost: \$180.00

Includes:

- Sweet and savoury High Tea with a glass of sparkling wine
- Selection of teas
- 90-minute cruise on Sydney Harbour
- Bus and driver from Central Coast – the pick-up points will be available closer to the time.

If you'd like to join us please let me know before 30th June as these experiences book out very quickly. A deposit of \$110 will be due on booking with the balance due 14th July 2023.

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Overnight/Weekend trips on offer:

The following options are in process of negotiations at the present time:

- Negotiating a 1 night stay in the Hunter Valley
- 3-day weekend in Canberra
- 4 days in Melbourne

Let me know if you're interested as it helps to know possible numbers for pricing.

To have these trips go ahead we need a minimum of 8 ladies otherwise the cost becomes prohibitive for any numbers less than 8 when we're adding bus, driver and accommodation.

Tours in Australia

OCTOBER 2023

ULURU NORTHERN TERRITORY

Package includes:

- Flights from Sydney (if you're coming from interstate we can arrange flights from your capital city to Uluru)
- 3 nights at Uluru resort in either Sails in the Desert or Desert Gardens breakfast included.
- 3-day National Park entry fee
- Free use of the Ayers Rock Resort Shuttle bus service
- Indigenous Activities Program
- Kata Tjuta Sunrise return bus pass ticket
- Sound of Silence dinner
- Field of Light Pass

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Including Perth, Margaret River, Busselton and Rottnest Island

Both these tours are open for Expressions of interest.

Pricing for Uluru and Western Australia will be available mid-July. Once I have the full pricing the information and full itinerary will be placed on the travel Club website.



CRUISING

For all our cruising members we have access to all the special deals sailing around Australia/New Zealand and international ocean cruising or river cruising. Don't hesitate to ask me about any you might be interested in. Our travel club ladies also receive a small discount.

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.

Travel Club Cruises

We have access to all cruise lines sailing Australian waters and International waters. Why not get a group of your friends or family together and join us on this cruise. Cruising is so relaxing with everything being done for you – I always feel thoroughly spoiled when cruising.

NSW – roundtrip Sydney **LAST DATE TO BOOK HAS BEEN EXTENDED - PAY YOUR DEPOSIT BY 30th JUNE 2023**

This is a 3-day Seacation from Sydney departing Saturday November 4th and visiting Eden for a day then returning to Sydney. It's ideal for a min break or first-time cruiser. The ship is Majestic Princess a relatively new and amazing ship.

Interior cabin from \$644.00 per person , per person, Balcony from \$794.00, Deluxe Balcony from \$894.00 per person, mini suite from \$994.00 per person. All these prices are per person twin share.

We have a CALL TO ACTION on this one as the cabins are selling quite fast.

Queensland – roundtrip Brisbane

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IS 30th JUNE 2023

For those that would like a longer cruise I'm also looking at a cruise that commences in Brisbane and cruises to Cairns, Airlie Beach, Port Douglas and Willis Island on **24th November 2023**. We will fly to Brisbane (either separately or together depending on your preference and how long you'd like to stay in Brisbane). Cabins are booking steadily and I'm taking bookings now – if you're keen to do this cruise let me know asap.

We also have a CALL TO ACTION on this one too. There are only a couple of these destination cruises a year. The cabins are selling our very fast now for this sailing. If you want to sail on this cruise let me know asap so cabins can be held with a small deposit as cabins are selling fast.

If you, your friends or your family are interested in either of these cruises please contact me asap.

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Queensland
Roundtrip from Brisbane

7 nights

Port Douglas
Cairns
Airlie Beach
Brisbane

Willis Island
Scenic Cruising

AUSTRALIA

South Pacific Ocean

Brisbane ▶ Airlie Beach (for the Whitsundays) ▶ Cairns ▶ Port Douglas (for the Great Barrier Reef) ▶ Willis Island (Scenic Cruising) ▶ **Brisbane**

2023 DEPARTURE | Coral Princess®
Nov 24 Fri

\$102^{pp} value included each day!	
Princess Retail Price (AUD)	
premier beverage package	\$87 ^{pp}
Wi-Fi	\$15 ^{pp}
TOTAL per day	\$102^{pp}

Fares: twin share per person from:

Interior: \$1,654, Oceanview from \$1917, Balcony from \$2,054.00 only forward staterooms now available, Mini Suite \$2,316 (no balcony available)

- Princess Plus is the best value for your cruise holiday if you need wi-fi and like a drinks package. As you can see by the little highlights box total per day without Princess Plus would be \$102 pp so you're saving around 400 over the cruise.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS 2023-2024

ICELAND – KNOWN AS THE LAND OF FIRE AND ICE



PRIVATE SMALL GROUP TOUR FROM \$7,300.00 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

WITH DRAMATIC LANDSCAPES, STUNNING SCENERY AND JUST MAYBE IF WE'RE LUCKY, THE NORTHERN LIGHTS!

25th FEBRUARY 2024 – 3RD MARCH 2024

Join the CC Women's Travel Club on this wonderful journey to Iceland. We'll take guided tours from local guides to show us around this diverse country with the most active volcanoes. The landscape is characterised by black sand beaches, many waterfalls, geysers, steaming lava fields and volcanoes. The main appeal of Iceland is the landscape.

Fancy a plunge in a geothermal pool? We'll visit the most famous Blue Lagoon geothermal pool or a wine whilst relaxing in the Sky Lagoon?

Highlights:

- ◆ Blue Lagoon visit
- ◆ Ice cave tour
- ◆ Magic Ice Bar visit
- ◆ Northern Lights boat tour
- ◆ Gullfoss waterfalls and geyser hot springs
- ◆ Culinary journey through Iceland
- ◆ Plus much more on this once in a lifetime journey – see full itinerary.

Full Itinerary is available of the website.

INCLUDED:

- ◆ 7 Breakfasts
- ◆ 4 dinners
- ◆ 2 lunches
- ◆ 5 nights Reykjavik accommodation
- ◆ 2 nights South Coast accommodation
- ◆ Private tours with private driver and guide
- ◆ Fully escorted

NOT INCLUDED:

- ◆ Flights
- ◆ 3 dinners and 4 lunches
- ◆ Beverages unless noted.
- ◆ Activities not specified in the itinerary.
- ◆ Gratuities
- ◆ Items of a personal nature
- ◆ Travel insurance
- ◆ Any items not listed above.

With the help of our supplier in Iceland we have put together this incredible tour just for our women's travel club.

The benefits of travelling with your travel club is:

- ◆ Travel with like-minded women
- ◆ Travel with a fun and welcoming group
- ◆ Our maximum tour number is 16.
- ◆ Travelling solo can be daunting but with our small groups you'll never feel alone.
- ◆ Our hosted tours is dedicated to ensuring everyone has an amazing travel experience.
- ◆ Everything is planned for you so you have a stress-free holiday with a group of fun ladies.

If you're interested in this amazing private guided trip please contact me know.

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We're working on other 2024 trips with suppliers so keep an eye on the website for pricing and itinerary. It's not too early to book these trips as popular places and cruises are being booked up already. Travellers are keen to see the world again.

Below is a list of other cruises and international trips on offer for 2024.

CRUISES:

- **FEBRUARY 2024**
 - **New Zealand Cruise from Sydney – 13 days**
- **OCTOBER 2024**
 - **Queensland (Sydney, Brisbane, Airlie Beach, Cairns and Willis Island, Sydney) – 11 nights**
- **NOVEMBER 2024**
 - **Tasmania (Sydney, Eden, Hobart) – 6 nights**

INTERNATIONAL:

○ **FEBRUARY**

- Iceland add Finnish Lapland for a truly magical winter holiday.

○ **APRIL/MAY**

- Japan – **awaiting pricing. Expect the price to be around \$8,000 for your own room.**

○ **JUNE/JULY**

- EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISE 8 DAYS – Douro River starting from \$4,950 lower deck (no single supplement for lower deck cabins).
- CHAMPERS AND CHATEAU TOUR OF CHAMPAGNE Region FRANCE 8 DAYS (includes 3 nights Paris)
- ISTRIA/SLOVENIA SMALL GROUP TOUR 10 DAYS

These European trips will run consecutively so you could choose 1 or 2 or all 3. If you want to join one and then go your own way we can help with that too. Also, if there is a different river cruise you're interested in we can also organise that for you too.

○ **SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

- CAMBODIA/VIETNAM RIVER CRUISE
- NZ LUXURY BUS AND TRAIN TRIP
- NZ MOTORHOME TOUR (Convoy)

Our focus is on small private group tours to ensure our safety and well-being whilst travelling and living our best life. These tours can be for 5 people up to a maximum of 15 or 20 people - priced accordingly of course. IF you don't see what you'd like to do on our list please let us know and we will put a tour together and add it to our list – I'm sure there will be a couple of ladies out there that would join you.

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

We do our best to eliminate single supplements however that isn't always possible...it depends on the supplier.

We have 240 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!! We'd also love feedback on the newsletter and our offers – helps us understand whether we have the right content.

Pricing for all our trips will be added to our website and Facebook page once costing is complete . Please register your interest if you're keen to book your place now. Cruises, especially, book out very quickly.

ARE ANY LADIES INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

- Walking tours in Europe? I have access to a group that walk around different places in Europe.
- Norfolk Island

PAYMENT PLANS

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

- A minimum on international trips is \$300 per month and full payment must be completed before travelling.

That's it from my desk! If you have any questions or have a trip you think we should look at – let me know!

Until next time - keep well, stay safe and I look forward to travelling with you.

Best Regards

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