



Your guide to a great...

# ESCAPE



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## CRUISE & TRAVEL ADDICTS



Someone recently asked me if travel agents still exist, they thought we had become extinct! However, despite all the turmoil and world events, people are still travelling to all corners of the globe and are becoming more adventurous than ever. This makes our job really interesting, offering new ideas to stimulate your travel imagination. We remain travel and cruise addicts too, which means we have first hand experience of many destinations and ships. We remain as busy as ever, so we must be doing something right!

LYN MURPHY Manager

*PS. Thank you to all of you who have referred family and friends, it is really appreciated.*

## TASTY TREATS FOOD ADVENTURES

Whether you are an adventurous eater or just love food, we have a brochure to whet your appetite!

Food-centric trips are full of tasty local treats and authentic food experiences, from bite size breaks to Urban Food Safaris, Eat with a Vietnamese family or with the locals at a centuries-old cantina in Spain, bake bread in a village's communal oven in Galicia. "Ethnic neighbourhoods in Los Angeles, Florence for Foodies, Tokyo "After 5" or Bites & Sights in Budapest" are just some of the food adventures on offer around the world.



## PRIVATE JOURNEYS COX & KINGS

There are huge advantages in travelling with a small group. You can stop for impromptu photos, explore local eating options, get to know your fellow travellers and gain a better understanding of local cultures.

We've had extremely positive feedback from guests who have enjoyed Cox & King's tours this year. There is a vast choice. China Experience includes travel by Maglev bullet train, lessons in Chinese calligraphy, paper-cutting and tai chi as well as a river cruise past Guilin's green limestone hills. Golden Land of Burma includes learning to meditate with a monk in Rangoon, a sunset cruise on the Irrawaddy River and lunch at a local Intha's family restaurant.



*Japan and Poland are just two of two of the many places you can visit.*



For the adventurous, stay with a nomad community in Mongolia, visit the temples of Bhutan or discover the magic of Madagascar. Those less adventurous may prefer more traditional tours such as Splendours of Poland, Andalucia and Chile or Japan's Cultural Treasures.

## FUN FAMILY ADVENTURES

Teen family trips, single parent departures and young family adventures (for 2-5 year olds) are now on offer.

If you're stuck for ideas for holidays with your family, we can help. Over 170 options are available worldwide including Slovakian Snow Adventure, Tiger Trails & Taj Mahal and Everest Teen trek. There's even a "Young Photographer" departure. Call in for your copy of this special brochure dedicated to ensuring your family has a holiday they will remember forever!



*Did you know... We receive more great feedback about "Paris Charms & Secrets" Electro-bike tour than anything else in Paris! Discover the hidden side of this city for yourself next time you visit.*



*Remember - Without a travel agent you're on your own!*





## ABERCROMBIE & KENT

Claremont Cruise & Travel is proud to be the ONLY West Australian member of Abercrombie & Kent's Connoisseur Club. We specialise in and have personally travelled with A & K.

A & K now offer options which are great for couples, singles, groups of friends, and extended family groups. Whether it's Gourmet Food Lovers, Art & Artistry, In the Wild, Adventure, Luxury Rail or meandering along Canals you are looked after from beginning to end and beyond.

"Escapes" (4-8 days) are ideal for when you just need to get away close to home.

"Connections" are a selection of Worldwide Small Group Journeys, no more than 28 travellers.

"Tailor Made Private Journeys" are itineraries prepared to your specific requirements with that A & K touch you expect and deserve.



Ask about special Qatar Airways fares offered in conjunction with your cruise booking.

## COMFORT ADVENTURES REAL WORLD EXPERIENCES

If you are an intrepid traveller – enthusiastic and curious, with an insatiable thirst for uncharted territory – then look no further. Whilst most accommodation is 3 or 4 star, there is also the opportunity to stay with a local family, mingle with locals and dine on traditional cuisine. It's not luxury travel but real world experiences ... with a softer landing! Meet endangered giant pandas in Chengdu, sip tea in Munmar while soaking up the spectacular scenery, shop in a colourful market at Arusha, discover the strange tides of Fundy National Park. Filled with inspirational ideas for stays of 2 – 21 days, ask us for your copy of the Comfort Adventures brochure.



## GOLF HOLIDAYS

Have you played golf in Thailand, Cambodia, New Zealand or Dubai? A golf holiday is the perfect gift for the golfer who has everything! The best golf resorts and courses have been selected by avid golfers. Siem Reap is the golfing centre of Cambodia and, with the magnificent temples of Angkor in close proximity, it's an ideal location.

Thailand is tough to beat when it comes to value for money so try Blue Canyon in Phuket or Black Mountain in Hua Hin. Vietnam offers tropical year round golf weather, New Zealand is a dream destination and why not stop for a few days golf in Dubai on your way back from Europe. Call in for your personal Golf holidays brochure.



## TIMELESS VILLAGES



## FIT AND HEALTHY

In our quest to be fitter and healthier, a walking or cycling holiday is an ideal holiday. Whether cycling on the quiet backroads between the timeless villages of Umbria, discovering the history of the Mediterranean islands or lingering amid the châteaux of the Loire you can enjoy the scenery at your own pace. With new itineraries and opportunities to indulge in delicious regional cuisine and wines (as it's not good to be too fit and healthy!) try a healthier holiday in Europe next year.

## GREAT TRAIN JOURNEYS

Rediscover the glamour, romance and adventure of Luxury rail travel.

Today it's no surprise that many of the world's great travel experiences are by train. Sit back in comfort; enjoy great food, wine and company while magnificent scenery passes you by. From the legendary Orient-Express (now offering Venice to Stockholm) to the Royal Scotsman, Danube Express, El Expreso de La Robla to the Palace on Wheels and more. We have a brochure dedicated to Great Train Journeys of the World. Perfect for those of you who don't like cruising!



## GASTRONOMIC ITALY SLOW FOOD TRAVEL

When I was in Lucca our local guide took us to a "Slow Food" restaurant which was definitely off the tourist track. Whilst savouring some of the tasty home cooked dishes the guide explained what is required for a restaurant to have a "slow food" dish registered. So I was delighted to come across a gastronomic Slow Food tour of Sicily, which embodies the Slow Food principles of high-quality and sustainably produced local cuisine. You'll be introduced to an array of local producers dedicated to preserving the island's traditional flavours. Staying in Sicily's most charming medieval towns enjoy classic food in family-run restaurants, sip superb red wines and enjoy the many impressive archaeological sites and scenic countryside.

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Specialists in worldwide cruising to suit all tastes

## ENJOY A REGENT SUITE LIFE

**My husband and I are shortly embarking on our 4th Regent Seven Seas Cruise.**

We mentioned our cruise and love of Regent to a couple of friends and now we have 10 of them joining us. It is a wonderful way to celebrate friendships, or a special birthday or anniversary. Unpack once and enjoy fabulous new places with the luxury of relaxing on a ship that has everything at your fingertips.

Don't worry, No dinner suits or ballgowns required! The ONLY "All Inclusive" luxury cruise experience you will find, because your fare Includes:

- FREE** Unlimited Shore Excursions
- FREE** Pre Paid Gratuities
- FREE** Unlimited Beverages throughout the ship including wines and spirits
- FREE** Specialty Restaurants



Alison



## MS PAUL GAUGUIN

**Polynesians have broad smiles, generous souls and always offer a warm welcome.**

Whilst Tahiti is not the easiest place to get to, it's perfect for 10 days relaxation. Practice your French in the exotic islands of Moorea and Bora Bora on a 7 night cruise around Tahiti and the Society Islands. Snorkel in the crystal clear waters, kayak In Tah'a, take a 4WD tour in Moorea. There's plenty to do to work off the delicious cuisine served on board MS Paul Gauguin. Just ask Alison or Lyn who have both cruised on this ship enjoying the spectacular scenery of this region.

*PS. Did you know the fabulous MV Tere Moana (90 guests) has some fabulous itineraries in the Mediterranean?*

## THE JAHAN

**Why not do something different and cruise the Mekong from the Delta in Vietnam to Tonle Sap Lake, Cambodia on board the new boutique river cruiser, The Jahan.**

Designed with a distinctive British Indian colonial theme, the vessel accommodates just 52 guests in supreme comfort. Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the Mekong; the rustic villages, the ever smiling people, the colourful floating markets and the Languid life of the boat people.

## AZAMARA CLUB CRUISES

I recently joined Azamara Journey in Rome to cruise to some of the best ports in the Mediterranean. With mixed nationalities, a slightly younger age group and an informal yet elegant atmosphere, this cruise was one of the best I've ever experienced. Longer stays and overnights in ports enables you to discover what makes each port unique. Savouring fresh pasta inside an ancient castle in Chianti, listening to 3 local tenors was definitely one of many highlights - and it was free for everyone! The "white night" farewell on deck, surrounded by the lights of Monte Carlo, was quite magical. All I can say is that for those of you who are 35 - 65, who have never cruised before, try it! You'll become addicted.

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## EXPERIENCE PONANT



With 6 destinations in the spotlight, Japan, Vietnam, Indonesia, India, Thailand and Myanmar, it's a perfect way to experience Compagnie du Ponant cruising. The small ships offer an intimate, authentic and luxurious experience in Asia and Europe. Ask us for their Asia brochure and cruise on their newest ship Le Soléal from October until March 2014.

## AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT

**In spring 2014 the American Queen Steamboat Company will expand to the Columbia & Snake Rivers.**

The soaring mountains, dramatic landscapes and abundant wildlife are the perfect complements to the cultural history and quiet towns on the Mississippi, Ohio Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers. The American Empress travels between Portland, Oregon and Clarkston Washington. Get to know America's hidden treasures on a unique steamboat.



## BARGES, GULETS AND YACHTS

Imagine experiencing Croatia's spectacular coast aboard your own privately chartered gulet, sailing yacht or motor cruiser, surrounded by friends and family. If you prefer to be independent, self skipper a barge in Europe and enjoy the countryside at your own pace. We can arrange all types and sizes of vessels to suit your ideal holiday, just tell us what you would like and we'll do the rest.

Remember - Latest cruise specials - [www.claremontctc.com.au](http://www.claremontctc.com.au)



## Where have we been lately?

Here we are in beautiful Italy. A & K Guardian Angels are amazing. Nothing is left to chance. Our private driver and guide are just so friendly and know everything there is to know about seeing the Best of Rome. Our highlight was a surprise visit to The Knights of Malta Gate. What an experience one of Rome's best kept secrets.

There is no better way than A & K!  
Ciao Alison



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### Ski Club Med

I've just been to Club Med Vallandry and now here I am in Club Med Valmorel.

We've just been on a snow-walking trek, enjoying the scenery and wildlife, a rest from skiing. It's so picturesque and I'm looking forward to a Raclette evening tonight.

It's a complete Club Med experience, everything on your door step and a true hassle free holiday!

Charlotte



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## DISCOVERING CUBA WITH LYN

Earlier this year I escorted a small group around some of the best parts of Cuba. One of my group describes their experience:

"Nothing can prepare you for the vibrance of Cuba, nor the genuine warmth of it's people. Be it a musician in a local café or the lady pushing a reconditioned pram selling macaroons - a smile is never far away. It's hard not to travel in Cuba without smiling, it's infectious.

I hadn't anticipated such diversity in the country, from bustling Havana, to cool mountain retreats, cobblestone streets of Trinidad and the pristine waters of the Caribbean.

Throughout our travels we explored the lot, also experiencing the less touristy side of Cuba with our intrepid guide and driver.

We all recognise the images of Cuba - vintage cars, Che Guevara and the Lady with a cigar. Cuba is so much more than this..." JO



Outside La Bodeguita del Medio, best mojitos in Havana!  
...and at a little Cuban town called Australia.

## LONDON & NEW YORK

"It's easy to fall in love with London in the springtime!"

I had a wonderful time as there are so many galleries, museums, palaces and other attractions - something around every corner. Highlights were a cruise on the

Thames to Hampton Court Palace, a cup of tea at Fortnum and Masons, and I was lucky enough to catch the pomp and circumstance of the Trooping of The Colour, and even caught a wave from her Majesty!

"New York had a different feel. It is an exciting, vibrant, multicultural, 24hr city."

The shopping was fantastic, the Broadway shows were spectacular and the subway is so easy to use and safe. I also cruised around the Island of Manhattan and over to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, both highly recommended.

I will definitely return to both amazing destinations!

LOUISA

We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.

Jawaharlal Nehru