

THE CONCIERGE TRAVELLER EDITION • ISSUE #4

Concierge Traveller brings you suggestions and great offers
that are just perfect for all of life's **SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

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Celebrations can relate to any important milestone in life. Birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries & retirement are the obvious ones.

Some of us choose to celebrate our passions, but important changes and achievements are equally good reason to celebrate.

Your own celebration may involve a pilgrimage to your favourite place or to a long-dreamed-of destination. Perhaps it means creating wonderful memories with family and friends, reaffirming the relationship with your partner or even a journey to reward colleagues. You might choose to get back to nature or immerse yourself in the best of city life.

Concierge Traveller has good reason to celebrate. We have two Advisors who won prestigious Australian Travel Industry 2009 awards in March: Julie Richards for Best Travel Advisor, Arabian Peninsula and Erika Affolter, runner up for Best Travel Advisor, Rail.

Concierge Travel Group is also proud to announce that it was made a finalist in the National Travel Industry Awards 2009. It was a significant achievement for the Group in our endeavours to deliver a best quality travel experience to our clients. We look forward to celebrating an even more successful 2010.

Whatever your priorities, you can craft a special celebration through unique experiences and destinations. In this issue, our Advisors provide their personal expertise, ideas and exclusive offers to ensure that your celebration is timely and memorable.



Throughout the Edition, this key represents a Concierge Traveller exclusive package or bonus privilege, unique to Concierge Traveller

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL QUOTED COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE.

In May a special birthday celebration became a hard-earned reality in two unique locations in Australia. This event reunited three generations of a globally dispersed family. Guests were invited to share in a program of events for the pleasure of surprising a much-respected family member. The willing invitees travelled from the UK, Europe and Australia. All they were provided with was the reason for the journey, the meeting place, date and clothing advice.

Twelve people were flown to an outback property to kick off the festivities. The chartered flights gave the passengers a birds-eye view of some of Australia's most stunning natural beauty and ensured the smooth running of the whole journey.

The first stay was at a working cattle farm that offered gourmet food, fine wine and soft sheets. The group was able to join a muster then relax and share the grand occasion of a candlelit birthday dinner on the terrace.

Next stop was a luxurious island. Some of the pre-arranged surprises meant a day's fishing for the men and some spa time for the ladies. Optional walks, snorkelling and diving were also available. On the final evening another birthday celebration was staged on the beachfront. This meal was the carefully staged crescendo of the program: first the champagne, then a spectacular dégustation menu was served.

One final flight brought them all back to reality in Cairns. Some stayed on for more touring and others beat a reluctant path homeward.

It all added up to effortless enjoyment but the success of the event was all in the months of careful and enjoyable planning.

Whether you want fireworks, flowers or simple festivities, Concierge Traveller can help turn the ordinary into a celebration worth planning. Ideas can be turned into concrete and memorable practicalities at the hands of our expert Advisors.

Guy Batten loves to bring people together. He suggests this package as the basis for a similar celebration:

BEDARRA ISLAND PACKAGE INCLUDES • 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A HILLSIDE VILLA • ALL MEALS • A SELECTED RANGE OF PREMIUM ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES • SELECTED ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MOTORISED DINGHIES, SNORKELLING, FISHING, TENNIS, SELF-GUIDED WALKS, & GOURMET PICNIC HAMPERS • RETURN LAUNCH TRANSFERS FROM DUNK ISLAND • COST AUD\$3,400.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • VALID UNTIL 31ST MARCH 2010.



Contact Guy for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email him at: gbatten@conciergetraveller.com.au



A HAND-MADE CELEBRATION



CELEBRATE AN ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING, HONEYMOON OR ANNIVERSARY

In these pages, John Checkian outlines his thoughts on where best to mark a romantic or a milestone occasion.



HEAD OVER HEELS AND UNDERWATER IN THE MALDIVES

This lavishly contemporary retreat sits on its own lagoon on a tiny island in North Malé Atoll. Its sleek, over-water beach bungalows feature designer linen, furniture and Bose music systems. The friendly, laid-back staff add another dimension of cossetting bliss to what is already paradise perfect, where all guests get pampered with FISH (Fast Island Service Host).

Huvafen Fushi also offers the world's first underwater massage treatment room, Aqua Spa. Its most dramatic treatment room is a glass-walled aquarium-like space, in which you can idly watch the reef fish swimming below. Concierge Traveller especially recommends the "Maldivian Monsoon," a 150-minute adventure that might prove to be a winning opportunity for a proposal, if the location alone hasn't provided that already.

HUVAFEN FUSHI PACKAGE INCLUDES • 7 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN AN OCEAN BUNGALOW WITH PLUNGE POOL • RETURN ECONOMY CLASS AIRFARE & TAXES EX SYDNEY WITH SINGAPORE AIRLINES • ROUND TRIP BOAT TRANSFERS FROM MALE • FROM AUD9,075.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • BONUS • 60 MINUTE COUPLES MASSAGE AT LIME SPA AND A THREE COURSE LUNCH AT RAW RESTAURANT • VALID 16 MAY - 31 JULY 2010, BOOK AND DEPOSIT PRIOR TO 12 JANUARY 2010.



MAURITIAN HONEYMOON - BRIDE STAYS FOR FREE

Concierge Traveller knows of a resort set in 25 acres of tropical gardens hemming a long, palm-fringed beach. The Residence Mauritius is a graceful hotel with the charm and character of a colonial home, evocative of Mauritius in the 1920s. Its elegant style harks back to a bygone era but it has the sophisticated accoutrements of the 21st century. True to its name, it feels more like the home of a wealthy friend than a typical luxury resort, not least due to the personal attentions of five hundred staff members, servicing fewer than two hundred guest rooms. A honeymoon is a much-anticipated time to unwind and privately celebrate. The bonus inclusions of this package make planning decisions delightfully easy.

THE RESIDENCE HONEYMOON PACKAGE INCLUDES • 7 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A COLONIAL OCEAN FRONT ROOM • RETURN ECONOMY CLASS AIRFARE & TAXES EX SYDNEY WITH AIR AUSTRAL • ROUND TRIP AIRPORT TRANSFERS • FROM AUD9,075.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • BONUS • COMPLIMENTARY STAY FOR THE BRIDE, BREAKFAST & DINNER DAILY, FRESH FRUIT & CHAMPAGNE ON ARRIVAL, 1 BEACH BAG PACK FOR THE BRIDE & GROOM, A CATAMARAN CRUISE INCLUDING LUNCH AND SOFT DRINKS • VALID 16 MAY - 31 JULY 2010, BOOK AND DEPOSIT PRIOR TO 12 JANUARY 2010.



WEDDING PARTY - MATANGI ISLAND, FIJI

It's always a joy to visit the scenic outer-islands of Fiji, to experience a truly exotic and calming sense of detachment from the hectic environment of everyday life. Lovely beaches, clear blue lagoons, dazzling snorkelling and diving reefs and jungle-clad volcanic peaks aside, it is the warmhearted native Fijians you will remember most.

The island is an intimate delight for a romantic wedding where you can celebrate with a group of family and friends. There are nine beachfront and ocean view bungalows, three tree house bures and a villa overlooking the beach and ocean. All are built with loving attention to the natural landscape and incorporate outdoor lava-rock showers.

Nothing could be closer to perfect for an intimate wedding.

MATANGI PRIVATE ISLAND PACKAGE INCLUDES • ALL ECONOMY CLASS AIRFARES & TAXES EX SYDNEY • 1 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION AT THE SOFTEL FIJI RESORT IN A STUDIO ROOM • PRIVATE CAR TRANSFERS IN NADI • 7 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN AN OCEAN VIEW BURE AT MATANGI • ALL MEALS PLUS MORNING BURE AT MATANGI • AFTERNOON TEA DAILY AT MATANGI • WELCOME DRINK, FRUIT & SALU ON ARRIVAL AT MATANGI • FROM AUD6,295.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • BONUS • ROMANTIC CANDLELIT DINNER WITH WINE FOR THE BRIDE & GROOM • VALID 01 NOVEMBER 09 - 31 MARCH 2010.



ANNIVERSARY - PIMALAI IN THAILAND

Pimalai Resort & Spa is accessible from Krabi, Phuket and from Trang. Located on Koh Lanta, it's a wonderful compromise between the once natural but now busy town of Phuket and more remote wilderness areas.

The gardens, the woods, and the beach take centre stage. No bold design statements, just a warm, contemporary and identifiably Thai style, with full-length windows and wraparound terraces or balconies on all rooms, suites and villas.

Spa treatments, diving expeditions snorkelling, and cooking classes are some of the activity options and the restaurants offer fresh seafood-based cuisine.

For anyone who is a first time visitor or who is already fond of Thailand, this is a slice of heaven, perfect for recapturing romance.

PIMALAI RESORT & SPA KO LANTA PACKAGE INCLUDES • 7 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A ONE BEDROOM VILLA WITH PRIVATE POOL • RETURN ECONOMY CLASS AIRFARE & TAXES EX SYDNEY TO KRABI WITH THAI AIRWAYS • ROUND TRIP BOAT TRANSFERS FROM KRABI • BREAKFAST & DINNER DAILY • FROM AUD7,995.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • BONUS • 1 COMPLIMENTARY NIGHT, TROPICAL FLOWERS, ANNIVERSARY CAKE & SPARKLING WINE • VALID 01 NOVEMBER 09 - 15 DECEMBER 09 & 05 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 2010.

Contact John for more information on all of these packages on (02) 8270 4800 or email him at: jcheckian@conciergetraveller.com.au



CELEBRATING WITH FRIENDS



GIRLS' GETAWAY

Some jokingly refer to Byron Bay as the most northern suburb of Sydney - everything you can find in the big smoke is right on the doorstep here too. But there's also a charming and peaceful vibe about this place that attracts stressed-out city dwellers. Add in the amazing beaches and you've got one of Australia's best-known destinations. If you want to realign your chakras, feel younger with some yoga or generally sooth your tired self, this is definitely the right place. Alternative therapists have set up shop all over town, and there are more yoga teachers here, per capita, than anywhere else in the country.

Julie Richards recommends Byron as a standout spa retreat right inside a tropical rainforest.

BYRON AT BYRON PACKAGE INCLUDES • 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A SUPERIOR SUITE WITH FULL BUFFET BREAKFAST DAILY • A BODY PRODUCT GIFT PACK, A BOTTLE OF WINE AND CHOCOLATES IN YOUR ROOM ON ARRIVAL • A 1 HOUR HAND OR FOOT THERAPY IN THE SPA & WELLNESS CENTRE • A LATE AFTERNOON CHEESE PLATTER AND GLASS OF WINE ON THE SECOND DAY OF YOUR STAY • DAILY YOGA CLASS AT 8AM • BONUS • EXTEND YOUR STAY AND RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY BUFFET BREAKFAST DAILY • FROM AUD1,155.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE. VALID UNTIL 23 DECEMBER 2009.

Contact Julie for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email her at: jrichards@conciergetraveller.com.au



MATES CATCH UP TO MAKE A GOOD CATCH

Right on your doorstep on Lord Howe Island, the fishing is world class - king fish, trevally, wahoo and tuna. The best time of the year to fish is between November and May and always weather dependent, but this won't phase real anglers! 4, 6 and 8 hour charters are available on a 9 passenger, purpose-built vessel.

Outdoor activities such as walking to the summit of iconic Mt Gower, rated as one of the top day walks in Australia, are available if the swell really prevents a fishing expedition. And remember, there is no mobile coverage on the island!

Paul Patane can recommend a number of properties on the island but his favourite is the rejuvenated Capella Lodge.

PACKAGE INCLUDES • 7 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A CAPELLA SUITE • DAILY GOURMET BREAKFAST • SUNSET DRINKS AND CANAPÉS • 3 COURSE DINNER WITH SELECTED WINES • NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES • ISLAND AIRPORT TRANSFERS



BONUS • STAY 7 NIGHTS AND PAY FOR 6 • FROM AUD3,540.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • OFFER VALID EXCLUSIVELY UNTIL 30 NOVEMBER 2009, FOR CONCIERGE TRAVELLER CLIENTS.

Contact Paul for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email him at: ppatane@conciergetraveller.com.au



GOOD FOR BODY & SOUL

Urban escapists head to Bali for stress-easing jungle tranquility. Ubud is well known amongst locals for the medicinal plants that grow there. So it makes perfect sense that the heavenly hideaways which double as well-being resorts dedicated to health, activity and adventure should be located there.

All bent out of shape? Get yourself straightened out at Uma Ubud. This zen retreat close to the action of Ubud is a perfect choice for guests who want town and country, peace and pampering. The Balinese staff, who are innately hospitable, start adoring you as you walk in! Uma is centred on an inviting 25 metre swimming pool and sounds of the forest and river below are your early morning wake up call.

Julie knows how to please a spa devotee or novice and she recommends this package.

UMA UBUD PACKAGE INCLUDES • 4 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A GARDEN PAVILION WITH DAILY BREAKFAST • A DAILY 8AM YOGA CLASS • ONE GUIDED MORNING WALK • COMPLIMENTARY USE OF GYM, STEAM, SAUNA & POOL, AND DAILY SHUTTLE INTO UBUD • BONUS • STAY 4 NIGHTS AND PAY FOR 3 • FROM AUD690.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • VALID TO 19 DECEMBER 2009.

Contact Julie for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email her at: jrichards@conciergetraveller.com.au



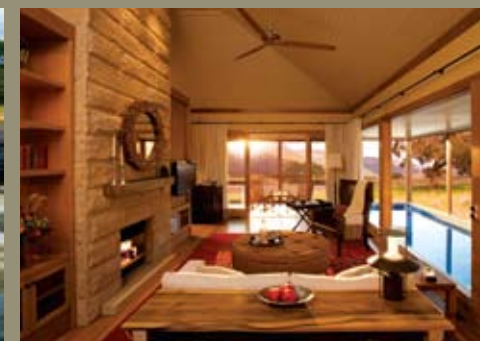
PEPPERS SPICERS PEAK LODGE SCENIC RIM

Located 90 minutes south west of Brisbane and surrounded by a national park, Spicers Peak Lodge is a 10 suite retreat. The cuisine reflects the sensational diversity of Australian culture. Walk, hike or enjoy facilities that include a tennis court, mountain bike tracks, an infinity pool, a library, a massage room and extensive lounge and dining areas.

Indulge in the spoils of a crisp and refined oasis of style and good living, 180° away from the brashness of the Gold Coast.

PEPPERS SPICERS PEAK LODGE MIDWEEK PACKAGE INCLUDES • 3 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A LODGE SUITE • A GOURMET A LA CARTE BREAKFAST • A 3 COURSE LUNCH • A SIGNATURE 7 COURSE DEGUSTATION DINNER • ALL BEVERAGES THROUGHOUT THE STAY INCLUDING WINES WITH DINNER • FROM AUD3,2700.00, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY • VALID FROM SUNDAY TO FRIDAY.

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WOLGAN VALLEY RESORT & SPA

In time for this, our celebration Edition, Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa opens this month and we would like to be amongst the first to quietly trumpet its delicious, natural, sensual virtues.

This groundbreaking and secluded resort is happily less than three hours drive from Sydney in the much-treasured World Heritage area of sandstone and softly hued forest valleys in the Blue Mountains, just north of Lithgow. It is a haven of abundant wildlife, natural beauty and relaxation where you can soak up the rich heritage of the region, all in balming comfort.

One of the outstanding treats is being able to "spa" (perhaps with your partner), and benefit from the myriad of restorative therapies on offer. Otherwise, you can explore the natural attractions of the area on foot, on horseback, in a 4WD, on a bicycle and then simply stargaze in the evenings.

Get yourself there in your own car, by chauffeur-driven car or even by helicopter! It's a million miles from the bustle of Sydney and just around the scenic corner.

Paul Patane loves easy-to-get-to places and he is delighted with the following introductory offer.

EMIRATES WOLGAN VALLEY RESORT & SPA PACKAGE INCLUDES • 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN ANY SUITE TYPE • DAILY BREAKFAST • LUNCH DAILY • DINNER DAILY • NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES • A CHOICE OF UP TO 2 ON-SITE NATURE-BASED ACTIVITIES PER DAY • BONUS • STAY 3 NIGHTS AND PAY FOR 2 • FROM AUD1,950.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • VALID TO 23 DECEMBER 2009.



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12 MONTH CALENDAR

Nov 2009 - Oct 2010

Our well travelled Concierge Advisors are available to discuss any of the destinations listed below to tailor an itinerary to suit your interests and requirements ...make a diary note now.

For more information contact Erika Affolter direct on (02) 8270 4845 or email eaffolter@conciergetraveller.com.au

NOVEMBER

APART FROM WINERIES AND RESTAURANTS AND GOLF, ENJOY A ROCK 'N ROLL EXTRAVAGANZA THAT HEADLINES MENTAL AS ANYTHING AT BIMBADGEN ESTATE IN THE HUNTER VALLEY.



NOVEMBER

GRAB YOUR BAGS, YOUR HAT AND GALLOP INTO ACTION AT THE MELBOURNE CUP. WE HAVE A STABLE OF INTIMATE HOTELS FOR POST RACE PAMPERING.



MAY

MONACO GRAND PRIX ROARS AROUND THE CITY STREETS EACH SPRING. YOU CAN HAVE LUNCH LOOKING OUT OVER THE CIRCUIT AND EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT FIRST HAND!



MAY

A 2 COURSE LUNCH FOR GBP20 + VAT AT A MICHELIN STARRED RESTAURANT AT A DISTINGUISHED LONDON HOTEL. TAKE MUM TO THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW AFTERWARDS.



DECEMBER

SILVERSEA'S PRINCE ALBERT II IS AN EXPEDITION SHIP, PERFECT FOR EXPLORING ANTARCTICA. CAN'T MAKE THE 29 NOVEMBER OR ONE OF THE TWO DECEMBER CRUISES? THEN BOOK FOR 2010 NOW!



DECEMBER

EVER CONSIDERED A WHITE CHRISTMAS? SWITZERLAND HAS SKI RESORTS, PASTORAL LANDSCAPES, TINGLING AIR, CRUNCHY SNOW, CHRISTMAS MARKETS AND GREAT HOSPITALITY.



JUNE

THE TROOPING OF THE COLOUR, ROYAL ASCOT & WIMBLEDON. WE RECOMMEND A FAMILY-RUN, CHARMING HOTEL, A BASTION OF QUALITY - SOMETIMES THE CHOICE OF ROYALTY.



JUNE

TAKE A SMALL SHIP CRUISE AND REALLY EXPLORE REMOTE AREAS OF ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE WITH ITINERARIES AND EXPERIENCES NOT OFFERED BY LARGER CRUISE LINES.



JANUARY

NOOSA IS PERFECT FOR CELEBRATING A SEASIDE SUMMER. LEARN TO SURF, DROP INTO HINTERLAND MARKETS OR HAVE A HOLIDAY GATHERING ON A SUNSHINE COAST BEACH.



JANUARY

CATCH THE END OF THE SYDNEY TO HOBART RACE THEN MAKE A BEELINE TO THE HOTTEST DESTINATION ON THE PLANET, THE BAY OF FIRES.



JULY

TOUR DE FRANCE STARTS IN ROTTERDAM ON 3 JULY THEN HEADS INTO FRANCE. TAKE A PARISIAN OR PROVINCIAL VILLA TO ENJOY THE ATMOSPHERE AND LIFESTYLE.



JULY 11

A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE WILL CROSS ASIA THEN CURVE THROUGH THE PACIFIC. ALL EYES WILL BE ON TAHITI, EASTER ISLAND AND CHILE.



JULY

FIFA WORLD CUP. SOUTH AFRICA HAS BEEN WAITING TO SHOWCASE ITS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY. TAKE A TOUR INTO KRUGER TO SEE GAME OF A DIFFERENT VARIETY.

FEBRUARY

PARK HYATT HOTEL - WHISK YOUR PARTNER OFF TO A ROMANTIC BOLTHOLE ON THE EDGE OF SYDNEY'S HARBOUR. TAKE TIME TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



FEBRUARY

CATCH THE WINTER OLYMPICS IN VANCOUVER AND EXPLORE VANCOUVER ISLAND, FROM ITS CAPITAL TO ITS LUSH TEMPERATE RAINFORESTS, AND ITS WILD, WEST COAST.



AUGUST

THE STELLENBOSCH WINE FESTIVAL. THE WINE ROUTES OF THE WESTERN CAPE DAZZLE IN WINTER SUNSHINE. STAY IN NEARBY FRANSCHOEK AT A SUMPTUOUS HOTEL RESTAURANT.



AUGUST

WHILST YOU ARE IN THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD, TAKE A FLY-IN DESERT AND DELTA SAFARI IN BOTSWANA, FINISHING AT SPECTACULAR VICTORIA FALLS.



MARCH

NEW ZEALAND CELEBRATES GRAPE HARVEST SEASON IN HAWKES BAY ON SATURDAY 20TH MARCH. WE CAN ORGANIZE A PRIVATE, LEISURELY TOUR THAT FOCUSES ON THIS REGION.



MARCH

THE MS VOLENDAM, A MODERN, MIDSIZED 5 STAR SHIP, HAS A MONTH LONG, AROUND AUSTRALIA CRUISE THAT DEPARTS SYDNEY ON 14TH MAR.



SEPTEMBER

THAILAND BOASTS CITIES, MOUNTAINS, BEACHES, ISLANDS AND NATIONAL PARK FORESTS THAT ARE POPULAR WITH ECO-TOURISTS. IT'S CLOSE TO HOME FOR A FAMILY WITH DIVERSE INTERESTS.



SEPTEMBER

FIJI BOASTS OVER 300 ISLANDS WITH THE TRADITIONS AND CULTURE OF A FIERCELY HAPPY PEOPLE WHO ADORE KIDS! ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGES MAKE FAMILY HOLIDAYS SIMPLE.



APRIL

CATCH THE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL IN ADELAIDE OR THE BAROSSA VINTAGE FESTIVAL 11-19 APRIL. STAY AT AN IDYLIC VINEYARD RETREAT WITH A SHOWCASE RESTAURANT.



APRIL

IT'S SPRING IN SPAIN ON THE PLAIN! TAKE A COOKING CLASS WITH AN AUSTRALIAN WHO HAS BEEN LIVING AND WORKING IN SEVILLE SINCE 1995.



OCTOBER

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL IS A CELEBRATION OF OUR AMAZING FOOD SCENE. THE WORLD'S BEST CHEFS WILL BE BEATING A PATH TO OUR DOORSTEP.



OCTOBER

SHANGHAI, HIPPER THAN HONG KONG, MORE ALLURING THAN BEIJING AND WITH AN ELECTRIFYING PACE OF GROWTH, WILL PRESENT AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPO MAY TO OCT.



A BEACH HOUSE

We know about a slice of heaven 100 kilometres north of Sydney, on the Bouddi Peninsula. It is a sensitively-designed cluster of 3 pavilions around a main house where meals are provided by a talented chef. Each pavilion is a private retreat for guests with the social point of contact in the central dining area. Surrounded by ethereal stands of gums and overlooking tracts of coastline bays, this blissful hideaway, with pools and decks is perfect for small group celebrations.

John Chekian is a fan of stylish value and he loves the panache of this nirvana.

BEACH HOUSE NIGHTLY RATES INCLUDE
• 1 NIGHTS PAVILLION ACCOMMODATION
• ALL MEALS • MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA • NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
• A LIMITED SELECTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES • FROM AUD1,700.00, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY • NON-PEAK PERIOD VALID TO 10 DECEMBER 2009 AND FROM 17TH JANUARY 2010 UNTIL EASTER.

Contact John for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email him at: jcheckian@conciergetraveller.com.au



CELEBRATING FREE TIME EMPTY NESTERS

ANYONE FOR GOLF?

New Zealand is an easily accessible destination for Australians. We know a luxurious plantation-style lodge overlooking the Pacific Ocean with its own dramatically designed, world-class championship golf course. Kauri Cliffs Lodge, along with its sister property, Cape Kidnappers, is the ideal place to enjoy the company of mates, friends and family alike. Post golf rounds, from dégustation meals to gourmet picnic hampers, all tastes are catered for.

KAURI CLIFFS PACKAGE INCLUDES • 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A SUITE • PRE DINNER DRINKS DAILY • A LA CARTE DINNER DAILY • COMPLIMENTARY MINI BAR (EXCLUDING LIQUOR & WINE)



CONCIERGE TRAVELLER EXCLUSIVE BONUSES • ROOM UPGRADE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY • A PRIVATE 4WD TOUR OF THE 6500 ACRE PROPERTY AND PICNIC FOR TWO EXCLUDING WINE • COST NZD1,912.50 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • VALID UNTIL 14 DECEMBER 2009.

THE FARM AT CAPE KIDNAPPERS PACKAGE INCLUDES • 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A SUITE • PRE DINNER DRINKS DAILY • A LA CARTE DINNER DAILY • COMPLIMENTARY MINI BAR (EXCLUDING LIQUOR & WINE)



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Paul Patane wisely says golf enthusiasts should consider these packages. And don't forget your dinner jacket!

CANADA & ALASKA

The scenario of an "empty nest" or retirement is the perfect chance to get a taste of the "out of the ordinary" and to be able to look forward to special, new experiences. With the wisdom of years, time on your hands and hopefully a bit more cash in the bank, you can broaden your horizons by visiting places you've never seen!

Concierge Traveller and Scenic Tours, one of Australia's premium touring companies, offer opportunities to get inside breathtaking larger-than-life landscapes and indulge in adventures which can colour a future lifetime of memories.

British Columbia is vast and is perhaps Canada's most scenic province. Visitors are moved by the sheer enormity of towering mountains, dense forests and uncountable kilometres of serrated coastline. Together, Alaska and Canada seem to act as a magnet for travellers. Both places showcase wilderness and wildlife and pine forest scents infuse your senses. On the surface the sights of Canada and Alaska are so different that you seem to be in a world with very little in common with your own. Fall in love with a glacier or a glorious mountain, photograph cliffs full of nesting gulls and thrill to the sight of wildlife from bears to ocean-roaming whales. Your on-tour options may be as simple as a guided walk through a rainforest or as thrilling as a scenic floatplane flight.

Historic rail journeys such as the renowned Rocky Mountaineer, from the Pacific Coast to the Canadian Rockies, comfortably move you through landscapes of mountains, waterfalls and lakes. This classic two day journey is one of the highlights of many of Scenic Tours Canada & Alaska itineraries.

Coach touring allows you to enjoy new destinations where everything has been thought about ahead of time. Scenic Tours itineraries are

enhanced with two night stays so that you can really enjoy what is "grand" about the selected hotels and locations. Many of the hotels are the elegant and iconic grand dames of travel, but Scenic Tours also offers a range of accommodation options. Tipping and gratuities are, of course, included in your prepaid costs.

Cruising is a luxurious and convenient way of travelling in Alaska because of difficult coastline terrain. From the comfort of a lounge area, an observation deck or even your own balcony, a cruise is effortless and the rewards are panoramic and stimulating views of the best of North America's last great wilderness.

For the best-matched coach, rail and cruising opportunities Scenic Tours offers a unique program of inclusive as well as exclusive, optional events and activities. Ask our Advisors about finishing touches that can transform a good plan into an extraordinary journey.

Julie Richards rates this package and its extraordinary bonuses highly.

SCENIC TOURS 14 DAY ROCKIES PACKAGE INCLUDES • 13 NIGHTS LAND/RAIL ACCOMMODATION • ALL RAIL AND COACH TOUR TIPPING • ALL LISTED SIGHTSEEING • BONUS • UPGRADE TO GOLD LEAF LEVEL ON ROCKY MOUNTAINEER SECTORS AND LAKE VIEW ROOMS IN LAKE LOUISE AND BANFF • FROM AUD8,595.00 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE • EXCLUSIVE ADDITIONAL BONUS • A COMPLIMENTARY HOTEL NIGHT IN VANCOUVER.

WE ALSO HAVE AN OPTIONAL ADD-ON 7 DAY ALASKAN CRUISE ON THE MS ZUIDERDAM. • FROM AUD3,045.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • BONUS • A FREE UPGRADE TO A VERANDAH CABIN.

Contact Julie for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email her at: jrichards@conciergetraveller.com.au



NORTH STAR CRUISES - WILD IN STYLE

North Star vessels are purpose-built for accessing shallow river systems and offer 36 passengers more than casual comfort and fine dining. 20 Australian crew deliver professional and attentive service. An on-board helicopter and numerous tenders allow guests to capitalize on close-up wilderness opportunities.

Some True North adventure-cruises venture into the stunning waters of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Sea - grab the chance now to avoid the crowds and see pristine jungle, volcanoes, reclusive tree kangaroos, and unique cultures.

John Chekian loves the unique style of this adventurous journey.

NORTH STAR ADVENTURES IN PARADISE CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUDES • ROUND TRIP CHARTER FLIGHTS (DASH 8) EX CAIRNS • 7 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN AN OCEAN CLASS CABIN, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY • TENDER EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES • ALL MEALS • FISHING & SNORKELLING EQUIPMENT, CYLINDERS & WEIGHT BELTS (ON DIVE TRIPS) • BONUS • 20% DISCOUNT ON ALL CRUISES AND CABIN TYPES BOOKED INSIDE 3 MONTHS OF DEPARTURE. SO, FOR 4 NOVEMBER 2009 DEPARTURES ON THIS CRUISE • FROM AUD7,996.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE IN AN OCEAN CLASS CABIN, DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY.

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**BILL PEACH JOURNEYS
- GREAT AUSTRALIAN AIRCRUISE**

Imagine conquering the vast, dusty distances of Australia without having to waste time on lengthy airport check-ins. 25 years ago, Bill Peach came up with what was then the novel and very successful idea of private air journeys around Australia.

This 12-day journey allows smart travellers to visit destinations like Longreach, Katherine Gorge, Kakadu, the astonishing Bungle Bungle National Park, the Kimberley, Broome and Uluru. On the final day, literally "drop in" at the Birdsville Hotel for a cool ale.

Alan Tubery is an enthusiast of effortless travel. He recommends this as one of Australia's finest journeys.

BILL PEACH AIRCRUISING PACKAGE INCLUDES • 11 NIGHTS BEST AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATION • TRAVEL BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT • ALL MEALS • TRANSFERS WHILST ON TOUR • PORTERAGE • SIGHTSEEING AND ENTRY FEES • SERVICE OF JOURNEY DIRECTORS • FROM AUD12,295.00, TWIN SHARE • VALID FOR AIRCRUISES MAY TO SEPTEMBER 2010. • BOOK AND PAY IN FULL BY 30 NOVEMBER 2009 • BONUS • AUD100.00 VISA CASH CARD PER BOOKING.

Contact Alan for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email him at: atubery@conciergetraveller.com.au

**WOLGAN VALLEY
RESORT & SPA**

Wolgan Valley is popular with those who love bushwalking, biking and horse riding in the Blue Mountains. Emirates Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa was built using a design reminiscent of traditional, rural Australian homesteads.

The attention to detail in the creation of the resort is mirrored in the levels of luxury and service. If you are seeking a haven where the restorative elements of nature complement sensational spa treatments you will discover a real sense of place just three hours drive from Sydney.

Paul Patane believes this breathtaking resort will justifiably earn a stellar reputation.

EMIRATES WOLGAN VALLEY RESORT & SPA PACKAGE INCLUDES • 1 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A HERITAGE SUITE • DAILY BREAKFAST • LUNCH DAILY • DINNER DAILY • NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES • A CHOICE OF UP TO 2 ON-SITE NATURE-BASED ACTIVITIES • FROM AUD975.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • VALID TO 31 MARCH 2010.

Contact Paul for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email him at: ppatane@conciergetraveller.com.au

**VOYAGES LONGITUDE 131°**

Just as fire destroys and is also the harbinger of new life, Voyages Longitude 131° has bloomed anew. This unique desert hideaway straddles an isolated red dune in a dress circle position at Uluru. With elegant home comforts and delicious cuisine, guests can immerse themselves in the Australian wilderness through guided eco-walks, visits to artists' communities and outdoor dinners hosted by an in-house astronomer.

Romantic, eco-sensitive, uber-luxury camping! Celebrate Australia's vast cultural soul in this uniquely "starred" resort.

Erika Affolter recommends this once-in-a-lifetime camp where you can have your own private view of the sun rising over Uluru.

VOYAGES LONGITUDE 131° PACKAGE INCLUDES • 3 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A LUXURY TENT • ALL MEALS • A SELECTED RANGE OF PREMIUM ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS • AN EXCEPTIONAL TOURING PROGRAM • ENTRANCE TICKETS TO ULURU AND KATA TJUTU NATIONAL PARK • RETURN AYERS ROCK TRANSFERS • FROM AUD2,676.00 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE • VALID TO 30 NOVEMBER 2009.

Contact Erika for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email her at: eaffolter@conciergetraveller.com.au

**PAPERBARK CAMP**

Paperbark Camp, 3 hours drive south of Sydney, is a peaceful bush retreat in unspoiled Jervis Bay - think camping with creature comforts! Tented accommodation offers private en suite facilities, pure wool doonas, insect screens and solar powered lighting. The deluxe tents feature verandahs and outdoor bathrooms. Be as active as you like or as idle (the in-tent massages are a popular option). After dark, guests gather in a handsome restaurant set in the treetops for mod Oz tucker.

Elizabeth Grieder recognizes that nature with a gourmet twist appeals to many of us.

JERVIS BAY DISCOVERY PACKAGE INCLUDES • 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION • ALL MEALS • A DOLPHIN CRUISE • A PICNIC LUNCH ON 1 DAY • FROM AUD1,065.00 IN A TWIN SHARE ORIGINAL SAFARI TENT OR AUD1,325 IN A DELUXE TWIN SHARE SAFARI TENT • VALID TO 30 NOVEMBER 2009.

Contact Elizabeth for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email her at: egrieder@conciergetraveller.com.au





CELEBRATE ON A COMFORTABLE CRUISE

QUEEN VICTORIA SYDNEY TO FREEMANTLE (1)

On 20th February 2010 Sydney will watch the distinct black and red livery of the Queen Victoria sail away on an 8 night Australian cruise. Celebrate the chance to make a stately entrance in the ports of Melbourne, Adelaide, Albany and Freemantle.

Reminiscent of a more gracious era, this ship sees modern technology combine classic yet contemporary interior design.

Elizabeth Grieder thinks the "at home" appeal of this already iconic ship should not be overlooked.

QUEEN VICTORIA CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUDES • 8 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A STANDARD OCEAN VIEW CABIN WITH PRIVATE FACILITIES • ALL MEALS ON BOARD • PORT TAXES • FROM AUD2,089.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • FROM AUD2,510.00 PER PERSON TO UPGRADE TO A BALCONY CABIN.



Contact Elizabeth for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email her at: egrieder@conciergetraveller.com.au

ORION (2)

The MV Orion is a state-of-the-art expedition ship. This vessel is fastidiously maintained, has spacious cabins, acclaimed cuisine and a casually elegant ambience. Zodiac excursions take you to places normally accessed only by smaller ships.

Visit the islands of Maluku, Alor, Satonda and Komodo, famed for its dragons, pink sands, volcanoes and unique flora and fauna. The "wow" factor is huge.

Julie Richards, our Cruise Master, declares this one of the best cruises in our region.

ORION SPICE ISLAND CRUISE INCLUDES • 10 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN A STATEROOM WITH PRIVATE FACILITIES • ALL MEALS ON BOARD • 24 HOUR ROOM SERVICE • EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS • PORT TAXES • FROM AUD7,770 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • BONUS • 15% DISCOUNT UNTIL OFFER EXPIRES.

HOLLAND AMERICA CIRCUMNAVIGATES AUSTRALIA (3)

Sail from Sydney on the flower-filled MS Volendam in March 2010. Circumnavigate our continent, visit Komodo Island, the fabulous Top End and then Cairns on the way back down to Sydney. Spacious public rooms are perfect for sociable conversation whilst elegant staterooms and quiet deck areas provide for private contemplation.

Julie Richards applauds the itinerary and the understated luxury of this mid-sized vessel.

HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUDES • 34 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN AN OUTSIDE, TWIN BEDDED CABIN WITH PRIVATE FACILITIES • ALL MEALS ON BOARD • PORT TAXES • FROM AUD7,340.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE • AND FROM AUD5,998.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE FOR A STANDARD INSIDE CABIN WITH PRIVATE FACILITIES • DEPARTS 14TH MARCH 2010.

NORTH STAR KIMBERLEY WILDERNESS CRUISES (4)

From March to September there are a range of 6 and 13 night Kimberley cruises. Options include panoramas of rugged mountains, spectacular gorges, waterfalls, fabulous rock art, extraordinary wildlife and monster barramundi! Fine dining completes this sensational cruise experience.

NORTH STAR HUNTER RIVER TO BROOME CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUDES • AIR TRANSFER FROM KUNUNURRA TO HUNTER RIVER • 6 NIGHTS IN AN OCEAN CLASS CABIN • TENDER EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES • ALL MEALS • FISHING & SNORKELLING EQUIPMENT • BONUS • 10% DISCOUNT ON ALL CRUISES AND CABIN TYPES BOOKED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE • FROM 9,450.00 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE.



Contact Julie for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email her at: jrichards@conciergetraveller.com.au

CRUISE CALENDAR June 2009 - 2010



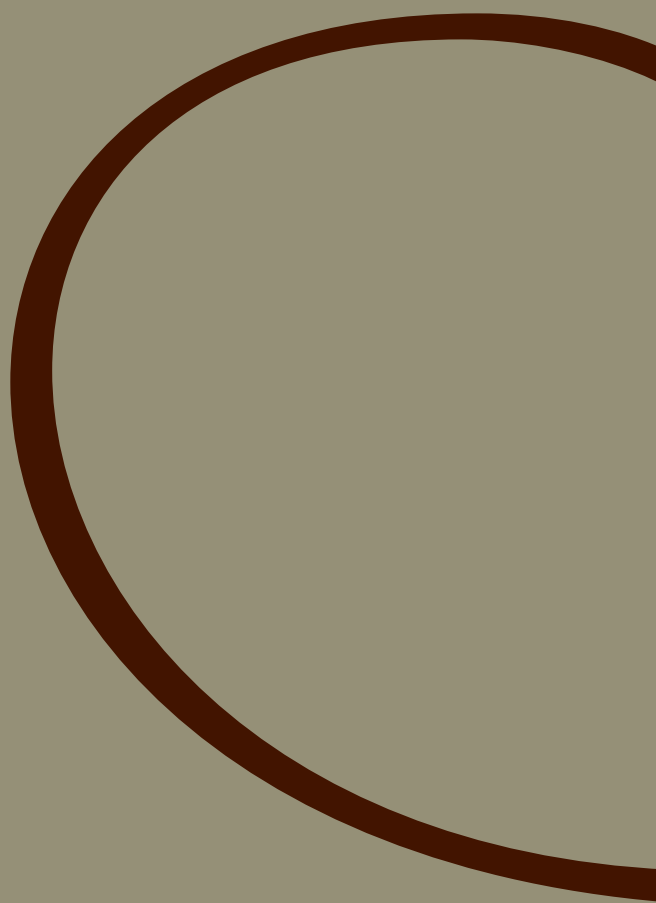
There has always been something special about travelling by sea. For the best holiday on water we have an unparalleled portfolio of cruise options that includes river cruises, Antarctic cruises and the gamut of small and large ship cruises.

This calendar is a sample of interesting cruises and if you want to plan a sea journey with an adviser who can expertly read the "currents", please contact our qualified Cruise Master, Julie Richards. She has a wealth of first-hand experience to navigate your cruising horizons.

Contact Julie Richards for more information on (02) 8270 4800 or email her at jrichards@conciergetraveller.com.au

2009-2010	VESSEL	GUESTS	VOYAGE TITLE	NIGHTS	SAMPLE PORTS OF CALL	COST
Jan-May +Sep-Dec	Royal Lotus	130	Nile Explorer	8	Cairo, Aswan, Nile River, Luxor, Kom Ombo	AUD4,699.00pp
March to September	True North	72	Kimberley Wilderness	7	Broome to Wyndham or v.v.	AUD10,495.00pp
March to October	Viking Century Sun	306	Imperial Jewels of China	11	Beijing, Xian, Yangtze River, Shanghai	AUD3,940.00pp
March to November	Viking Primadonna	148	Eastern European Odyssey	14	Oltenitsa, Belgrade, Budapest, Vienna, Linz, Passau	AUD4,620.00pp
March to November	Viking Spirit	150	Paris & the Heart of Normandy	7	Paris, Giverny, Vernon, Normandy beaches, Conflans	AUD2,700.00pp
May to September	Scenic	180	Bavarian Highlights and Passion Play experience	18	Munich to Budapest river cruise and coach tour	AUD11,400.00pp
May to September	Spirit of Columbia Serenity	78	Seattle to Juneau or v.v	10	Misty Fjord Nat. Park Petersburg Tracy Arms Sitka Glacier Bay Nat.	USD3,799.00pp
May to October every Sunday	Island Passage	20	Vanuatu Cruise	6	Santo to Santo	AUD2,800.00pp
May to October	Viking Legend	189	Grand European Tour	14	Amsterdam, Cologne, Nürmeberg, Vienna, Budapest etc.	AUD5,600.00pp
May to October	Viking Kirov	210	Waterways of the Czars	12	Moscow, St Petersburg, Kizhi, Goritz, Uglich	AUD7,390.00pp
August	Prinsendam	740	Amsterdam to Harwich UK	13	Tallin St Petersburg Helsinki Stockholm Copenhagen Oslo	AUD4,600.00pp
August	Queen Mary II	2620	Trans Atlantic	6	New York to Southampton or v.v.	AUD2,600.00pp
November to March	MV Fram	300	Antarctic Voyage	11	Ushuaia to Ushuaia with flights to Buenos Aires	AUD9,000.00pp
6 November & 4 December	True North	72	Adventures in Paradise	7	Cairns to Papua New Guinea	AUD10,995.00pp
21 December	Scenic Ruby	169	Christmas Markets Special (& New Years)	15	Amsterdam to Prague via Germany/Austria	AUD8,700.00pp
All year round	Trinity Bay	48	Cairns to Cape York	5	Cairns to Bamaga Cape York and back to Cairns	AUD1,550.00pp
All year round	Aranui	200	Tahitian Paradise	13	Papeete to Papeete via outer islands	AUD5,400.00pp
All year round	Aqua	22	Amazon Cruise	7	Iquitos to Iquitos	USD4,900.00pp
All year round	Mystique Princess	72	Fijian Waters	3	Lautoka to Lautoka	AUD2,100.00pp
All year round	Tui Tai	22	Northern Fijian	7	Savu Savu to Savu Savu	AUD3,800.00pp

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