

TOURS TO BE CONFIRMED OR CANCELLED BEFORE CHRISTMAS

We are starting to reach that time when we have to make difficult decisions about whether to cancel a tour.

For some of our tours, we can only hold space for a limited time before we need to pay a large non-refundable deposit. This applies especially, but not exclusively, to tours which include cruising and we are holding an allocation of cabins. For three of our 2019 tours, we can only hold cabins until mid-December at which time, if we have not reached our minimum number, we will have to cancel the tour.

If you are interested in any of the tours below please be in touch with us now to avoid hearing the disappointing news that the tour has been cancelled.



ADELAIDE AND THE MURRAY RIVER

27 March – 03 April 2019 | 7 nights

This is a short break designed by Penny Pickett, who will also be the tour manager for the tour. It includes a leisurely three nights on a paddle steamer with excursions to markets and a food safari to visit local producers. Foodies will have a great time!

Price per person twin share is \$4,200, single supplement \$890.

Minimum 10 | Maximum 18 people.

CRUISING AND BIKING IN FRANCE

09-27 April 2019 | 18 nights

A relaxing holiday where you can explore places of cultural and historic interest and world-famous wine growing regions of the Loire Valley and Bordeaux by bike or coach, returning in the afternoon to your four star river ship. The biking is graded 2 out of 5 in terms of difficulty and distance. E bikes are available.

Price per person twin share is from \$13,679 per person depending on whether you cycle or not and the cabin choice you make.

Minimum 10 | Maximum 16 people.

ALASKA AND THE YUKON

23 August – 09 September 2019 | 17 nights

Although August seems quite a long way off, we need to secure our cabins on a small expedition ship for our seven night cruise exploring the Inside Passage and Glacier Bay. While there are many large ship cruises in Alaska, there are only a few small ships equipped for shore excursions, opportunities for walking or kayaking and spending time in places that large cruise ships simply can't go. The tour then travels the route of the Klondike Gold Rush to Dawson City to learn about the amazing journey taken by thousands of prospectors in the 1890s.

Price per person twin share is \$18,990 single supplement \$6,359.

Minimum 10 | Maximum 16 people.

Tour Manager: Warwick Silvester





Although it doesn't include a cruise, another tour that we will have to confirm or cancel by mid-December is:

ISRAEL AND JORDAN

04-23 May 2019 | 19 nights

Israel is often in the news, and this tour is an opportunity to find out more about this small country with a deep and rich history. Our primary focus is on the past century, which has seen the return of Jews, the foundation of the state of Israel and the development of a modern and technologically-advanced country. This period has been fraught with difficulties, and we will look at this diverse society close up and learn how the fault lines of history are still strong today – Israeli/Palestinian, Jewish/Christian/Muslim, secular or Orthodox, Zionist or not. There will be opportunities to talk to Palestinians, Jewish settlers and refugees, and learn about efforts to bridge the rifts within the population.

Jordan will be quite a contrast. This hospitable country is home to some stunning landforms and ancient sites, and visiting it is a safe introduction to the Middle East. At Petra you can step back 2,000 years when a now-forgotten kingdom established this city carved into the rock, and at Wadi Rum you can explore the desert home of Lawrence of Arabia.

Israel is a surprisingly small country – about the size of the Waikato – so the distances to travel are never great. We will cross the country from top to bottom and side to side, and take in a slice of Jordan, without having particularly long journeys. It's not a walking tour but there will be some walking involved: around the fascinating Roman and Crusader cities we'll visit, through the old city in Jerusalem, and up the Mount of Olives (though that's not very high).

The accommodation will be mostly in smaller hotels and a kibbutz in the Golan Heights. The food will also be interesting. Israeli cuisine has been shaped by the melting pot of cultures that make up the country. From traditional Jewish Eastern-European to street food brought over by Jewish Iraqi immigrants, these delicious dishes reflect the diversity of its population. There will be traditional Mediterranean and Middle Eastern foods that are familiar, such as falafel, hummus and shwarma, as well as others like msabbaha, shakshuka, and za'atar. You will cook and eat with a local family, and take a culinary evening tour in a colourful market in Jerusalem.

Price per person twin share is \$14,650, single supplement is \$2,780.

Minimum 10 | Maximum 18 people.

Tour Manager: Andrew Matheson

CONFIRMED TOURS

We have confirmed ten of our 2019 tours and eight still have places available. They are:

Walking in the Greek Islands – April/May

The Balkans by Land and Sea – June

Alpine Walks in Three Countries – August

Walking in Japan – The Nakasendo Way – November

Normandy, the Channel Islands and Cornwall – May

Bike and Barge in Five Countries – June/July

Cruise and Bike the Danube – September

Cruising the South Island – December



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