



ON YOUR BIKE?

The team at Calder & Lawson Tours had our Christmas party on e-bikes this year and we are as enthusiastic as ever on biking as a great way to have an active holiday. Most of our passengers now choose e-bikes which help to open up a whole new world of biking holiday options.

Due to a late cancellation we have a cabin available on our Sail and Bike Slovenia & Croatia departing on May 19th. Leen and Di Van Duin will be your tour managers and for anybody who has travelled with them you know how much fun you will have! You will get the best of all worlds, cycling beautiful landscapes and vineyards, visiting UNESCO world heritage sites such as Dubrovnik and Split and spending 7 nights on a luxurious yacht exploring the Croatian coastline. Give us a call if you would like to secure the final cabin on this confirmed tour.

We also have availability on our Bike and Barge Northern Italy & Provence in September. Travelling by river barge through Northern Italy and then into Provence in France. You will explore quiet backroads but also see the iconic cities of Milan and Venice. Jenny Newby Fraser is taking this tour.

CONFIRMED WALKING TOURS WITH SPACE AVAILABLE

John Matheson is once again taking his favourite walking tour to Italy on May 22nd. This is a delight for all the senses but in particular your taste buds as you reward yourself with delicious Italian cuisine each day, but of course you have earned it after walking 3 or 4 hours through stunning scenery. **This is a confirmed departure.**

If you are looking for a walking holiday a bit closer to home, we are running a repeat of our Walking the Red Centre of Australia tour. Escape the winter on a 27 June departure and immerse yourself in the rich colours of the outback. We will visit Uluru (Ayers Rock), the West MacDonnell Ranges and Kings Canyon before finishing up in Alice Springs. It is easy to extend a stay to visit friends and family in Australia pre or post tour. **This is now a confirmed departure**



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

You will have seen a lot of reporting in the media about the Coronavirus. Please be assured that we are monitoring it closely including advice from airlines, MFAT and the World Health Organisation. We are pleased that Chinese authorities have acted far more swiftly, definitively and openly than during the SARS outbreak in the early 2000's. Outside of the current restrictions for China travel there are no other international travel restrictions and all our confirmed tours are progressing as planned. If you do have questions please feel free to call the office.

TOUR SPOTLIGHT:

AMERICA'S SOUTH WITH KEVIN PALMER

8 – 23 October 17 nights \$13,799 twin share

I have always had a strong interest in the United States, it's history, music and culture which has so permeated the rest of the world. Having lived there for 9 years and being married to an American, my connections remain as strong as ever and I am very excited to offer a newly developed itinerary for 2020 that I will be the tour manager for.

The Southern states are very different to any other places you may have travelled in the United States. They have had a turbulent past, and we will explore this whilst following the footsteps of Dr Martin Luther King along the Civil Rights Trail. Starting in Atlanta we will visit Dr King's birthplace and the National Centre for Human and Civil Rights built in his honour. Further stops in pivotal sites of the civil rights struggle such as Montgomery and Birmingham Alabama. We will visit the museum of the Tuskegee Airmen; their story of tragic treatment and heroics is one of the lesser known but most fascinating stories of World War 2.

The Lorraine Motel in Memphis Tennessee is where Dr King was assassinated and has been converted into an incredible museum whilst still preserving as a time capsule the room in the motel where Dr King spent his last evening.

The South has a storied musical history. Sun Studios, Elvis Presley's home of Graceland and a concert at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, the longest running radio show in the world, are on our programme, as is a traditional jazz concert at the famous Preservation Hall of New Orleans. Standing in the same spot at Sun Studios where legends recorded, seeing the Jungle Room of Graceland and its incredible collection of Elvis memorabilia will be a joy for any music lover. Add to this an autumn colours cruise on a paddle steamer, a "choo choo" ride in Chattanooga, walking tours with local guides, Antebellum plantations and exploring the Louisiana Bayou and we have a full itinerary to make the most of a varied and fascinating area.

What really sets this tour apart is that much of the history has taken place within your own lifetime. This will be an unforgettable



journey into the heart of the South. An added "bonus" will be that the country will be in the final throes of what promises to be a captivating and pivotal Presidential election.

For more inspiration on this destination, there are some amazing films and documentaries on Civil Rights, the South and the great musicians from that region including:

- Green Book – a look into the segregated South and the winner of the Oscar for Best Picture 2019
- Elvis Presley – The Searcher – a two-part documentary about the life and musical legacy of Elvis
- Selma – a movie about Martin Luther King and the Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches of 1965
- To Kill a Mockingbird – the book by Harper Lee and 1962 movie adaptation starring Gregory Peck
- A Streetcar named Desire – set in New Orleans and starring Marlon Brando and Vivien Leigh.

HOLIDAY BOOKINGS

As much as we love to see you on our tours, we know you also like to travel independently or to visit family. We can help with those arrangements too! If you have any travel needs, whether it be flights, cruises, safaris, rail tickets, you name it.....Penny can help.

Email her: penny.pickett@hot.co.nz or call her on **0800 853 276**

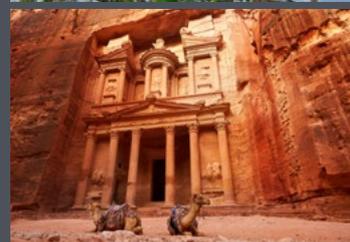
SINGLES LOOKING TO SHARE

Man, to share on Bike New York, Cape Cod & Vermont – **confirmed departure 1 October**

EGYPT AND JORDAN

In our Christmas newsletter we noted that we needed two more registrations to make our tour of Egypt and Jordan a confirmed departure. We are very pleased that we have **confirmed this departure for May 18th**. We have also added an extra night to visit El Alamein and Alexandria. This tour is comprehensive, you will of course see the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx but so much more, the Luxor temple complex, the Valley of the Kings and the temples at Abu Simbel. We stay in the Sofitel Old Cataract where Agatha Christie sat on the patio and wrote "Death on the Nile". We have four nights on a luxury Nile river ship before then completing our journey with five nights in Jordan to see the incredible "Red Rose" city of Petra, the desert landscape of Wadi Rum, home of "Lawrence of Arabia" and have a soak in the Dead Sea.

It has been many years since we last took a tour to Egypt, and our tour manager Sue Hayman is excited to experience it with you. **Please call the office if you would like to secure a place.**



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