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Welcome.....

Difficult to believe how time quickly goes by— here we are almost to the middle of 2011.

On our first page we feature “Chinese Whispers” from Wendy Wu Tours and we look at the World Heritage listed city of Hoi An in Vietnam.

Also on this page we give you an insight into some great travel products that you may not be aware are available.

For my cruising section “Let’s go cruising” page 2 I have sought out the BEST cruise specials for the remainder to this year.

We are very fortunate to have our column “Tourism Destinations” this edition written by Nic from Real Travel and he has elected to write on South America and has a 15% saving to offer.

Darrell Redman Editor

“Chinese Whispers”

Our office receives many flyers and emails from supplier and operators as well as tour companies however one of the more interesting to read is from Wendy Wu Tours. The March 2011 issue has a great inside story “Incredible wonders” and features the enchanting city of Hoi An in Vietnam.



Hoi An

Located on the Thu Bon River Hoi An’s history dates back to the 1st century and is one of South East Asia most unique and charming cities. Declared a World Heritage Site in 1999 this city is a prime example of a Vietnamese town completely preserved. Today you will find a fascinating town with winding laneways, historical buildings and architecture of foreign influences from many centuries ago. Hoi An is also well known for its tailors.



Hoi An

Wendy Wu tours has 12 tour programmes visiting Hoi An.

These range from a short 9 day “Vietnam Impressions” tour commencing in Hanoi and finishing in Saigon with 2 nts. in Hoi An fully inclusive from Sydney from \$2854/p/p twin share . If you have the time and wish to experience as much as you can in Hoi An then the 18 day “Vietnam Highlights”, which starts in Saigon and has three nights in Hoi An before concluding in Hanoi is perfect. This tour has a “Sapa Extension” of four nights with the o/night return train included. The 18 day tour is \$3,976 p/p twin share fully inclusive from Australia. Call into our office and we would be pleased to show you all the Wendy Wu Tours.

Darrell Redman - Editor

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Would you like us to talk to your group?

We would be pleased to accept an invitation from your group or organisation to provide a ‘travel talk’. Our talk would be on any tour, or destination or cruise that is topical or popular.

If you are not certain on what topic you would like just let us know and we will provide your group with the latest and best of the travel “specials” or “bargains” available at the moment or coming up in the future. There are many specials that we



hear about and which you or your group, we are sure, would enjoy. We would enjoy the opportunity to assist. Please give us a call or email to discuss. Our contact details are at the bottom of this page.

Darrell Redman - Editor

Travel Product Updates

One of our most innovative suppliers has come up with an array of new products to make travel that much easier. Airport lounges were once for the exclusive use of Business or First class passengers however it is now possible to use these lounge if you have a lengthy transfer and at a reasonable cost. Airports such as Changi Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Hong Kong are just a few that are available.



Hot showers, hot food, internet connections, massage chairs & comfortable seating are available. Transfers have always been available however these have been extended to include long-haul such as Singapore -Kuala Lumpur and other more unusual transfers such as Hong Kong (Kowloon) to Macau and Wellington to Picton NZ by ferry. There are many options to



Siem Reap Cambodia

be considered especially if you are travelling independently or on a budget and easily prebooked.



Tour guide – Brisbane Australia

There are too many to list here however we would be please to assist. Call into our office and discuss the possibilities.

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Let's go cruising

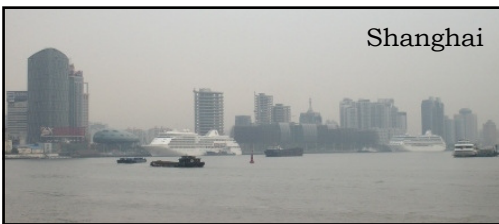
With Darrell Redman

Marketing & Sales R & D World Travel

"Asia Sale-New cruises April-July 2011"

This is what Royal Caribbean International cruises are calling some very exciting cruise destinations and cruises. However the best news is the price—7 nights twin share Inside cabin from \$449 p/p, what a great price! The cruise dates are from a 7 night one way cruise from Shanghai to Singapore from \$449 to mid July. There are some rarely visited and unique destinations in "Gems of Asia", a 5 night cruise in July from Hong Kong to Taiwan and several departures in May from Singapore up the west coast of the Malay peninsular to Phuket with 4 night cruises from \$359p/p to longer 7 nts from \$678p/p.

RCI are a great cruise line and here is the opportunity to visit some uniquely different destinations and have the chance to add pre and/or post cruise city time. Don't forget you need to add your airfare. We would be please to package up any of these cruises into a great and enjoyable holiday.



Tourism Destinations: South America

This edition of "Tourism Destinations" has been kindly written by Nic from Real Travel.

Thanks Nic. Renato Garner - R & D World Travel

There is a growing trend for small group or independent travel and to destinations that offer an understanding of cultural values and traditions of countries visited. With this in mind we have developed a comprehensive South American program which we have called "Circuit travel."

There are nine circuits in our brochure & I have selected the 15 day "Circuit 1" to highlight here. We have three guaranteed departures for October, the best time of the year for South American travel.

"Cruise Hawaii—7 nts Hawaiian Islands"

Whilst on the subject of 'specials' NCL's "Pride of America" have reduced (again) their popular cruise from Honolulu.

The cruise commences every Saturday visiting Maui, for an o/night stay, then two ports on the 'big island' of Hawaii sailing past the Kilauea volcano and up to Kauai, again for an o/night, stay and back to Honolulu.

Obviously the itinerary is a very relaxed one with ample opportunity to explore, for example, Maui with the overnight stays.

You should not miss the opportunity to extend your holiday with a pre or post stay in Honolulu. We have a number of hotels on Waikiki beach which we can recommend and book for you which are certainly not expensive again considering the strength of the Australian dollar to the US dollar.

This fact is often overlooked and it provides excellent "value for money" in today's currency environment.

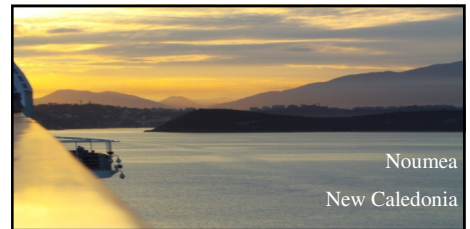
Prices range from \$979p/p Inside to \$1399p/p Balcony twin share. Again you need to add your airfare to these prices as well as any pre or post Honolulu accommodation.

Please call in and discuss with either Renato or myself the opportunities to enjoy Hawaii at a great price and saving.

RCI's "Rhapsody & Radiance of the Seas" early cruise season from Sydney

Our last column of cruise specials again features Royal Caribbean Int. and their two ships that will arrive in our waters later this year. *Rhapsody* has a 10 night cruise over Christmas followed by their 9 night New Year cruise. Both are South Pacific cruises and both from Sydney.

We have noticed that suppliers provide specials on both these cruises however obviously they are quickly 'snapped up' and have short booking durations.



"Radiance of the Seas" has an excellent cruise itinerary for their 12 night South Pacific cruise departing Sydney on 3rd January. Once again 'specials' are not available for long periods and you do have to be quick to secure a booking.

Our office would be more than happy to discuss and book any RCI cruise. Please call and discuss.

"Smooth seas and fine weather"

Darrell Redman (AKA 'Captain Speaking')



This tour commences in Lima then a flight up to Cuzco and magical Machu Picchu (pictured above) with the inclusion of a morning sailing on Lake Titicac before crossing the Bolivian border to La Paz. On day nine we fly across to Buenos Aires with an opportunity to immerse in "The Paris of South America". Day 11 we fly up to Iguacu and visit the falls from the Argentinean side. We cross into Brazil and a morning flight up to Rio de Janeiro for our last two nights.

There are a number of "Optional extensions" that you may consider, for example 4 days to Easter Island or 4 days to Iquitos Amazon

Forest. I have purposely saved the best till last - **PRICE**. Our normal tour price, twin share land only, "middle class" is \$4,790.00 p/p however with the strong Australian dollar I consider it only correct to pass on the savings and have **reduced all "Circuit" tour costs by 15%!** Obviously you will need to add airfare to the cost and seat/flight availability can be difficult so I suggest you call R & D World Travel and discuss this and other "Circuits" with Renato or Darrell.

Nic

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