



ADVENTURE UPDATE

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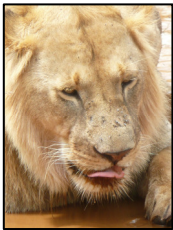
WOW! KENYA REALLY WAS INCREDIBLE!!

Well, we said our safari to Kenya would be incredible, and it certainly was! How do I love thee – let me count the ways!! ...there was the balloon flight over the Masai Mara & the amazing wildlife sightings (including zebras crossing the Mara River as part of the annual migration, a pride of lion stalking & bringing down a buffalo, plus cheetah, elephant, rhino, thousands of wildebeest & flamingoes & sightings of ALL the Big Five!). Then there were the gorgeous lodges, the dhow cruise in Zanzibar; the lucky bracelets, the surprise birthday party with dancing chefs – the list goes on & on!

Not to mention the fabulous company! What a great group and thanks to everyone who joined us, you were a joy to be with...Ron & Halina Berryman; Connie & Graeme Edgar; Lynn Fisher & Max Williams; Alan & Heather Griffiths; Liz Harrison; Rosetta Keenan; Judy Kuit; Denis & Lynne McLeod; Graham & Donna Slessar; & Dani & Eddie Tomczak.

We also had fabulous Tour Guides in Kenya & our thanks to Herbert, Steve & Silas for their company, knowledge & professionalism. And a huge thank you to Margaret of Muthaiga Travel for her expertise, attention to detail & constant smiles! Thanks, everyone, it was beyond fabulous!! Here are some happy memories...

Although we're not planning to lead another tour there soon, we'd be happy to arrange a tour for you with our Nairobi-based friends!



WHAT? CHRISTMAS ALREADY?

Yep, Santa's already packing his sleigh & checking his list. Looking for gift ideas? A Global Gypsies' 4WD training course, towing DVD, monogrammed cap, jacket or t-shirt make great Chrissie presents!

CURRY IN A HURRY IN EXQUISITE INDIA



Hot on the heels of our *Incredible Kenya Safari*, we were still keen to take in more exciting adventures, so we headed off to northern India to conduct a quick 'reckie' for a proposed tour there in 2011. It was our first visit there & what a knockout experience it was...a magnificent, chaotic combination of culture shock, colour, history, poverty, opulence, history & curry (!! all mixed up in one big mind-blowing melting pot! It was SO fascinating that we've decided we are DEFINITELY going to run a tour there in

Jan/Feb 2011. We'll focus on northern India - the Golden Triangle area around Delhi - & plan to see tigers, temples, the Taj Mahal & soak up the sights & sounds of vibrant Rajhistan. There will even be tie-dye & cooking classes! Spaces will be limited so please express your interest early. Again, we'll be working with a local tour operator & will have English-speaking guides. Coach transport, quality accommodation & meals will be included & the tour will be personally escorted by Jan & Jeremy. Don't miss it!!

YUM! BIGHT INTO OUR FIRST OUTBACK TOUR OF 2010!

Our first outback adventure in 2010 will be our "*Brilliant Bight Tour*" from Feb 26 - March 11. This terrific 14-day self-drive 'tag-along-tour' will explore the wild & wonderful, pristine beaches of the Great Australian Bight – we reckon they're some of the best in the world!

Eco-accredited former Tour Guide of the Year Jeremy Perks will lead the safari and experienced Safari Hostess Rebina Criddle will provide her famous 'thousand-star' al-fresco catering. No previous 4WD experience is necessary and convoy numbers are strictly limited.

If you're a nature lover who's always wanted to experience Cape LeGrande & Fitzgerald National Parks, Baxter Cliffs, go 4WD'ing on endless white sandy beaches & more, this is the trip for you! There's even an optional overnight stay at Woody Island! Hope you're tempted to join us & take a bight!

CHINESE TAKEAWAY!

We've now finalised details of our *Secrets of China Tour* in September 2010. Itinerary & prices are now available so please contact us chop-chop if you'd like a copy of the flyer. Our 2007 tour there was wonderful, and we're using it as the basis for our next adventure. However, we've extended the itinerary so we can also visit the western province of Yunnan. Fancy seeing Tiananmen Square, Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors, Giant Pandas; cruising the Yangtze River, visiting Beijing, Shanghai & Kunming & experiencing the ancient culture, history & cuisine of this inscrutable nation? It's guaranteed to be the best Chinese takeaway you'll ever have!! Jan & Jeremy will escort the tour using local operators & English-speaking guides. Coach transport, quality accommodation & meals will be included & once again RAC will be our travel partner. Call us today or it'll be chopsticks at 20 paces!!

GREEN NEWS & VIEWS

A highly recommended & compelling book that we're reading at the moment is *"We are the Weather Makers"*. Written by scientist & 2007 Australian of the Year Tim Flannery, it explains in simple layman's language what is causing climate change & how it is affecting our everyday life. He also makes a pretty strong case for why businesses & individuals have to act NOW before we irreversibly damage our wonderful planet. It may be green but it'll have you seeing red by the time you finish it!

LOVING THE KIMBERLEY!

We're happy to report that once again, everyone had a marvelous time on our Kimberley Explorer tour in August. Senior Tour Guide Terry Brewin & hosty-with-the-mosty Rebina Criddle were joined by Phil Andrew & Ross Vince (Victoria), Rudi & Maureen Schmid (Queensland), John & Sandi Murdoch (UK), and Roley & Glenda Edmeades, Stan & Helen Howells, Diane Jackson and Tony & Margaret Paton (all from Western Australia). Thanks for tagging-along, folks, you were great company!

Highlights on this 16-day adventure through WA's magical northwest included fresh-caught barramundi & crabs thanks to Rudi, Tony & Ross which we enjoyed at Home Valley (our first visit there since major refurbishments); a splendid sunset at Pentecost River; a surprise swim at Galvin's Gorge; a magical Farewell Dinner with white linen & candles at Wolfe Creek Crater; and only one flat tyre on the entire trip!

Stan & Helen Howells later sent us a lovely note which said in part, "Terry & Rebina's knowledge of the area was brilliant and we learned so much about 4WD, cooking, setting up camp etc – they kept us on track and on schedule! The whole trip was so well organised & Rebina's cooking skills are amazing. We've been singing the praises of our tag-along experience ever since!" Thanks for the kind words, folks!



We would also like to thank the traveling 'sparky' who helped us with some electrical problems we experienced with "Gypsy 1" on the Mitchell Plateau. Many thanks, mate! We've since modified parts of the vehicle & trailer wiring system & installed a new fridge compressor. Now we're ready for the next 100,000 kms in the outback!

KIMBERLEY & ALICE CHANGE PLACES!

And while we're on the subject of the Kimberley, please note that since preparing our draft Tours Calendar for 2010, we've decided to swap the dates of our Kimberley Explorer & our Alice Springs Outback Safaris. Dates for the Kimberley Explorer are now **June 3 – 18, 2010** and for the Alice Springs Safari **August 30 – September 12, 2010**. We apologise for any inconvenience, but the change will be better for both destinations weather-wise & scenery-wise & will also enable Jeremy to lead both tours personally. Please click onto our website for the latest info about all our 2010 tours.

HEY! VISIT US AT THE WA 4WD SHOW!!

For those of you who live in WA, please come in to see us at the 4WD Show from November 13 - 15 at McCallum Park in South Perth, at Stand Number 429. We'd love to say hello & you could win a free 4WD training course just by popping in! We hope to see you there!

CRUISE INTO SAVINGS ON TRUE NORTH!

We've recently helped several of our loyal clients save boatloads of money when they book on the luxurious *True North*. As a tour operator we can often get special rates on tourism products, so if you're planning to join one of these superb cruises along the Kimberley coast, think about contacting us first!

TOUR GUIDE TRAINING GOES NATIONAL!

We've been receiving phone calls from right round Australia asking us to run our unique, nationally-recognised weekend Tour Guide Training course in different States. Up to now we couldn't do so because the accreditation from Pilbara TAFE was only recognised in WA. Well, we are happy to report that we have also recently linked up with a leading Registered Training Organisation in Sydney specializing in outdoor education & are now able to deliver accreditation nationally! This is a very exciting development for Global Gypsies and for Tour Guides right round Australia. To find out about arranging, or attending, an accredited two-day course or specially designed Indigenous Tour Guide Training Course in your area, please give us a call.

4WD TRAINING STRIKES GOLD AT THE MINES!

And there's more news on training, but of the 4WD variety. Corporate 4WD training is a growing part of our business & we get excellent feedback from our students. In September alone we trained over 100 people at various remote mine sites in WA! This in addition to heaps of city-based employees who require training for OHS or work purposes & private individuals just wanting to improve their skills for recreational purposes.

We are proud to be part of a national network of professional 4WD trainers & can arrange accredited or recreational basic & advanced courses just about anywhere. We have a commitment to providing the highest level of customer service to our clients and to ensuring that our students are trained to become capable, confident, responsible and environmentally-aware four-wheel-drivers. So if your employees need 4WD training & would enjoy a great team-building exercise, or if you have corporate contacts or good mates who are thinking of booking a 4WD training course, please put the Gypsies at the top of your list!

SONGS ALONG THE HOLLAND TRACK

Our annual Holland Track Expedition escorted by Jeremy & Rebina really outdid itself this year. The weather was perfect, the wildflowers were magnificent & the group was absolutely tops! Thank you to everyone who joined us on this historical (and hysterical!) outback mini-adventure – Patrick & Marilyn Bruce, Hans & Clementia Dames, Janet James, Bill & Ruby Johnson, Adrian & Ruth Phelps, Jenny Rose, Lawrence & Pauline Smith, Albert Tan & Libby Bogle, Ian & Dot Thomson & Bryan (Bravo Tango) Totterdell. Everything was fun but the highlight of the trip had to be the Farewell Dinner & the group sing-along round the campfire. Led expertly by Bryan & Patrick with back-up vocals by Ruby, our talented musical trio kept the group belting out one song after another! Who needs the Eurovision Song Contest when you've got the Four Wheel Drive Divas?

Until next time, happy travels from -



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