



ADVENTURE UPDATE

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GLOBAL GYPSIES PTY. LTD.

*This issue: Kimberley & Kennedy Reports * Scientists Research Gypsy Magic * Second Kenya Safari* Tour Guide Training * and more!*

IT'S BORNEO OR BUST!

As you read this hunched up over your computer screen, imagine us in the jungles of Borneo, cruising down rivers in small boats, snorkeling in crystal waters and getting up close & personal with orangutans. WOW! It should be an amazing experience for our 16 intrepid travellers, and we'll tell you all about in the next newsletter. In the meantime, here's what's been happening in our world since our last newsletter!

KENNEDY RANGES REDISCOVERED

You may remember that we organised a 'discovery tour' to the Kennedy Ranges in July to celebrate the 150th anniversary of its discovery by Francis Thomas Gregory. Eighteen brave pioneers joined us on our 12-day adventure which began & ended in Carnarvon & investigated the western part of the ranges that we hadn't traveled through before...but then neither have many other people!! The Department of Environment & Conservation even asked us to prepare a report on the area it is so infrequently visited!



The scenery was spectacular and the group was brilliant. When it came time to do some track rehabilitation, every-one pitched in to help. Check out this oestrogen-charged work crew! Because we were exploring, we ran

the tour slightly differently to normal and the group seemed to enjoy the slower pace & the extended time spent in five camps (rather than a new place each night) which gave us more time to smell the roses & admire the scenery along the way. We also raised almost \$400 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service through our 'fun' fines for various misdemeanours & dodgy client activities.

Thanks to Angie & Brian Brocklehurst, Jeff & Linda Chilli, Charlie Gilbert, Kelvin Hicks, John & Judy Hunter, Dave & Dot Leeson, Diane Schudmak, Noreen Leyden, Val Milne, Peter Neesham, Jenny Rose, Malcolm & Germaine Seymour & our Office Manager Pam Vassi for your company!

We had such a great time that we've decided to run two more discovery tours in the near future –to the Flinders Ranges in South Australia next March & back to the Kennedys in 2010 to check out the areas we didn't get to this year. Register your interest early to be part of our brave exploration teams!

VISIT US AT THE PERTH 4WD SHOW!

For those of you who live in WA, please drop into the Global Gypsies Stand at the 4WD Show from November 14-16 and say hello! Pam, Rebina & the crew will have copies of our new 2009 brochures as well as special offers on gypsy shirts, caps, vests, jackets & our caravan training DVD – just in time for your Christmas shopping! And one lucky visitor will win a free 4WD training course worth \$275!! See you there!

GYPSIES LAUNCH NEW ANTI-STRESS PRODUCT!!

Are you suffering from insomnia? Feeling stressed? Having trouble with your memory? Having trouble with your memory? What you need is a fabulous two-week trip to Greece with Global Gypsies!! Spend a week on the mainland soaking up the history, then another week exploring the romantic isles of Mykonos & Santorini. Only a few places are still available on this awesome Greek Odyssey personally escorted by Jan & Jeremy that's guaranteed to cure all your ailments! Dates are April 19 – May 4. The price of \$4900 per person includes quality accommodation, most meals, ground transport & local English-speaking guides. Great trip, great value. Be quick!

TOUR GUIDE TRAINING

Wanna be a Tour Guide or know someone who does? Then sign up for our unique, introductory, weekend Tour Guide Training Course happening on December 6-7! Funded by the State Government and developed in partnership with WA Industry Skills Council, the course is the first of its kind in the country. Short, sweet & simple, it has been designed by some of WA's top Tour Guides to appeal to both urban & remote area guides. Express your interest now & we'll send you further info as it becomes available.

SCIENTISTS RESEARCH GYPSY MAGIC!

We had an interesting assignment in May this year – taking 30 international scientists with a special interest in Physical Impact Assessment on a post-conference technical tour through the Pilbara!



The tour took over six months to plan and included visits to mine sites, tours of Karijini National Park, visits to the towns of Newman and Karratha and a memorable marine experience at beautiful Ningaloo Reef.

Because we don't have our own passenger vehicles, we chartered 4WD touring coaches from our friends at Australian Adventure

Travel & ran the tour as a joint venture. They provided the Tour Guide & the catering & we worked behind the scenes on tour coordination, marketing & client liaison. It was a great success & the delegates were 'blown away by WA!' The tour was not only fun for us to work on, but has led to several inquiries from other groups wanting charter trips organised by a company they know & trust. Bring on the microscopes & test tubes!

KIMBERLEY BOUND!

Nicole Kidman & Hugh Jackman aren't the only VIP's in love with the Kimberley! We just had 22 very important clients traveling through the area on our Kimberley Explorer tag-along-tour, not to mention Jeremy & Rebina. What a fantastic trip! What unforgettable experiences! Here are just a few of the happy memories of our August adventure:

- Helicopter flights over Mitchell Falls & the Bungle Bungles
- Time spent at Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek - thanks, Shane, for reading the Jundamarra poem as we soaked up the atmosphere!
- The spectacular sunset cruise on Lake Argyle
- The 360° sunset at Wolfe Creek Crater - with a full moon!
- A cool & welcome swim at Bells Gorge (see the photo!)
- The feeling of teamwork from the group, particularly at the King Edward River water crossing.
- Raising almost \$300 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service



Our thanks to the clients who made the trip so special – Jim & Lisa Bond, Tony & Gabrielle Brown, Andrew & Michelle Cole, Kirsten Harris, Tim & Libby Hantke, Andrew Hedges, Shane Hoare, Grant & Debra Hutson, Noreen Leyden, Peter Miles, Bill & Marion O'Neil, Richard Pen-Dennis & Sandra Collette, Frank & Patricia Wolffe and Val Milne. So many of you folks are repeat clients and we SO appreciate the fact that you keep coming back for more!!

EVER SEEN A DUTCH CATERPILLAR?

A 'herd' of hire vehicles hit the outback in June when one of the largest convoys of Britz hire vehicles ever 'mustered' explored the Kimberley region. Jeremy led a private tour of 24 Dutch clients in 11 hired 4WD's over 5500 kms in 27 days from Alice to Alice through such remote areas as Rabbit Flat, Wolfe Creek, Broome, Cape Leveque, Gibb River Road, Mitchell Falls, El Questro, Kununurra & Gregory National Park. The tour was organised by Netherlands-based tour company Fivesenses and journalists said our convoy looked like a "Dutch Caterpillar"! With the assistance of our Safari Hostess Rebina, we not only provided 4WD training & guiding services, we also prepared and served over 2000 meals in the bush! Fivesenses were so happy with the expedition that they intend making outback treks led by Global Gypsies a permanent part of their tours calendar. *Dank je wel & proost!* (Which for you non-Dutchies means thanks & cheers!).

MINI-MESSAGES

First, a thank you to all the clients who are so generously donating to Carbon Neutral to help offset carbon emissions generated by our tours. And second, a reminder that Father's Day is on September 7th. Why not make Dad's day and buy him a Gypsies' caravan training DVD, a Gypsies' cap, polo shirt, fleecy vest or fleecy jacket? Details are on our website.

HOLLAND TRACK EXPEDITION – LAST SAFARI FOR 2008!

At the time of writing there are only a couple of places left on our last safari for 2008. If you'd like to join us on our annual Holland Track Expedition and retrace the steps of the early gold prospectors, call us today & reserve your place. The tour will be escorted by Jeremy & Rebina, begins in Hyden & ends in Coolgardie & runs from Oct. 2-6. Cost is \$450 per person plus \$40 per person per day for catering.

ANIMAL MAGNETISM

We had no sooner advertised our August 2009 Kenyan safari than it was fully booked. That was great for us, but the problem was that there were disappointed clients who were unable to join the tour. So we thought, why not run a second Kenyan safari in September 2009? And that's what we plan to do if we get sufficient numbers!

'*Incredible Kenya 2*' will be escorted by long-time gypsy friend & business associate, Jonathan Percival Howden. Born & raised in Kenya, Jonathan is the grandson of one of East Africa's Great White Hunters, Philip Percival, who took such celebrities as Teddy Roosevelt (see photo) & Ernest Hemingway on safari in the early 1900's. He even became part of literature as "Pop" in Hemingway's novel *The Green Hills of Africa* and was mentioned in *True at First Light*.



So if you've always wanted to visit Africa & would like to relive history with Jonathan, here's a wonderful opportunity to do so! The 14-day safari will take in such iconic destinations as the Masai Mara, Lake Nakuru, the Aberdares, Samburu-land and exotic Zanzibar Island. The price of \$6500 per person includes meals, quality accom-

modation in lodges & safari camps, ground transport, services of a professional guide, local English-speaking guides, game drives & more wildlife than you can point a camera at!! Please express your interest early!

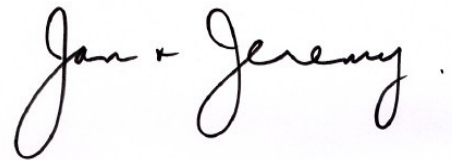
HOW DO INCREASED FUEL PRICES IMPACT ON YOUR OUTBACK 4WD TOUR?

With all the recent media 'hype' about fuel prices, several clients have asked us how it affects the cost of 4WD touring so we decided to get out our calculator and do some sums. On a fairly long Global Gypsies trip of say 16 days' duration, we might cover about 2000 kms. A robust 4WD would use maybe 350 litres of fuel on the trip. So if the price of fuel goes up by even as much as 50 cents a litre, this is still only going to cost an extra \$175 for the whole tour! That's less than \$11 a day! Not much when you're taking the holiday of a lifetime & exploring some of the best places on the planet!

'GREENWASH' GUIDE

Heard of 'greenwashing'? It's the new buzzword for marketing campaigns used by companies who claim to be green but may not be quite what they seem. Now there's a free online guide to help you avoid the pitfalls of 'greenwashing'. Click onto this web site for more details: http://www.futerra.co.uk/downloads/Greenwash_Guide.pdf

Until next time, happy travels from -



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