



# GYPSY ADVENTURE UPDATE

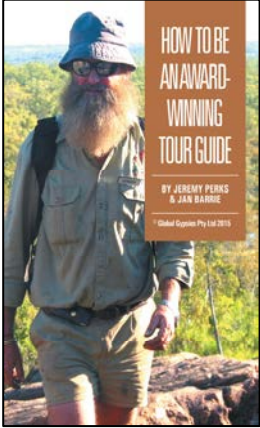
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## AUTHOR! AUTHOR!! APPLAUSE & FANFARE!



**WOW!** We've published a book! *How to Be an Award-Winning Tour Guide* is designed for novice or aspiring guides, working guides keen to brush up their skills, educators, students, or entrepreneurs considering starting their own tourism business in cities, regional areas, the outback or on stations. It's easy-to-read, fun, educational, personalised, conversational & full of sound advice, tips, inside knowledge, anecdotes & photos from real-life situations.

Our 200-page 'how-to' handbook has been recommended by leading academics, tour operators & professional guides & we're thrilled because it's selling like hot-cross buns, not just in Oz but around the world!

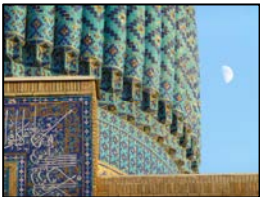
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Information can also be obtained from our website at <http://www.globalgypsies.com.au/how-to-be-an-award-winning-tour-guide-book/> & free sample downloads are available so you can "try before you buy". So if you, or someone you know, wants to transform their tour guiding skills from basic to brilliant, order a copy today!

## 'LEARN TO TOW BEFORE YOU GO' AT C&C SHOW!

The Caravan & Camping Show is happening again at Claremont Showgrounds from March 16-20. This year Global Gypsies has been invited to run a series of free towing demonstrations at an outdoor display area just near the Silver Jubilee Pavilion. With more than 40,000 people expected to rock up to the Show, we reckon we'll have lots of spectators! So if you live in Perth or surrounds come on down & say hello – you could win a free towing course worth \$385!

## SMOOTH AS SILK! TRAVEL THE SILK ROAD IN 2016!



We love our wonderful *Silk Road Safari* but this year we've run out of time to escort it! So we've asked our dear friend in Uzbekistan, Dilmurad Sabirov, who's helped us run the last two Silk Road safaris, to personally lead the next exotic tour for us!



**Silk Road 2016** (Aug 19 – Sept 13) will begin in Xian & end in Tashkent & visit all the amazing destinations along the ancient trade route in between, travelling from western China through to Kyrgyzstan & Uzbekistan. Dilmurad is one of the best guides you could find for this remarkable journey – he grew up along the Silk Road, runs a successful travel company in Tashkent, speaks a number of languages & is a fascinating, well-educated & well-travelled companion. Anyone who joins him on this awesome eastern adventure will have an authentic Silk Road experience they will never forget! And because of the relatively short notice, we're offering the tour at a very special price. Ask us for a tour flyer today!

## TWENTY YEARS OF WILD ADVENTURES!

Can you believe it? Next year will be our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday! That's two decades of gypsy tours, training, amazing destinations, wonderful experiences, fabulous clients & incredible memories! So does that mean we're going to put on our slippers & curl up in front of the tellie with a cup of hot cocoa? HAH! You gotta be kidding! This is just the beginning! To celebrate this massive milestone, we're organizing two very special events & we hope you'll join us!



The first special event is a 'peep show' called **"20 Years of Wild Adventures"**! Rather than being retrospective, it will peek into the gypsy crystal ball at all the wild & wonderful things we've got planned for the future! Yep! We're going to be offering all sorts of exciting new tours with great new themes & we'll be announcing them at an evening show-&-tell presentation in May 2016 (details TBA). Keep your eyes peeled because if you're on our mailing list you'll be receiving a personal invitation! Then, in 2017, which is our official anniversary, we're going to be hosting the mother of all parties! It could be bigger than Ben Hur, more controversial than Elizabeth Quay & wilder than Donald Trump's hair! We're still finalizing the details so stay tuned!

## BACK TO BOTSWANA

In mid-March we're heading back to Botswana with a great bunch of people. Apart from the scenery, wildlife & spectacular experiences we'll be sharing, there's also some heart-warming news surrounding our visit. When our group visited Botswana in 2014, one of our tour guides named Frank told us about his niece, Mitchell, in Zimbabwe who desperately wanted to finish her university studies in metallurgy (a tough choice for a woman in Africa!). One of the clients, Berenice Ritchie who is heavily involved in the Soroptimist Club, decided to help Mitchell & began raising funds to help her achieve her dream. Through a lot of hard work & the support of our clients on that first tour along with donations from many other caring folks, we are delighted to announce that Mitchell has just completed her degree! She now has a bright future & we wish her all the best with her career! We'll be taking her some congratulatory gifts from Berenice & the Soroptimists when we go "Back to Botswana" in a few weeks' time & giving them to Frank to pass on. Well done, Mitchell! Well done, Berenice! And we're pleased to have played a small part in this happy success story!

## WHAT'S NEW IN WA TOURISM?

*Heaps!* The State Government has allocated \$20m to develop a tourism precinct in Kalbarri National Park which will include two 100m-high skywalks; 'Swimming with Humpback Whales' is going to be trialed at Ningaloo Marine Park; a brilliant new 'glamping' experience is available in Pemberton - <http://www.wawilderness.com.au/>; we have an enthusiastic new Tourism Minister in Liza Harvey; several new indigenous tours are now available here - [http://www.westernaustralia.com/en/Things to See and Do/top 10/Pages/Top 10 Indigenous Experiences.aspx](http://www.westernaustralia.com/en/Things%20to%20See%20and%20Do/top%2010/Pages/Top%2010%20Indigenous%20Experiences.aspx); AND there are several very cool new mobile 'apps' including Park-Finder WA, Trails WA & Camping Mate. Go WA!

## WOOF WOOF! JOIN OUR NEXT DOG-A-LONG TOUR!

Bark, bark, woof-woof. Our next Dog-Along-Tour is happening from **May 5 – 8, 2016!** So grab your pooch & join us for a fantastic four-day canine escape in the beautiful forests of Manjimup & surrounds. You don't need a 4WD to participate – 2WD's, caravans, camper trailers or tents are all welcome. The price is just \$495 per vehicle/van (2 persons plus doggies) which covers the cost of your campsite at lovely Fonty's Pool, complimentary Welcome Dinner, heaps of doggy-friendly activities & loads of fun for dogs & owners! All the humans who have joined us so far have raved about this tour while canine client Rosie said, "Grrr rrrr aarp aarp!" which her owners Mary & Martin translated as, "I loved it!". Numbers are strictly limited so don't paws for too long - book your place today! For more info visit <http://www.globalgypsies.com.au/tours/Australian/Dogalong-tour/>.

## BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE DOGGY NEWS!

Here's an interesting snippet – or should we say sniff-it? Sniffer dogs are usually only seen in airports & drug raids right? True, but they could also be the next big thing in tracking endangered native fauna! A Queensland ecologist has trained her two kelpie-cross 'fur kids' to detect the odour of the endangered northern & spotted-tail quoll. Traditionally, scientists search for these elusive animals on foot using visual observation & camera trapping – a long, slow process with mixed results. Incredibly, University studies proved the dogs to be *100% accurate* in sniffing out quolls – they found fresh scat in areas where quolls had been considered extinct for 10 years! And if you like that story, see "*Oddball*", the delightful film about the maremma sheepdog that saved a penguin population on an island off Victoria! So our best friends have more amazing skills! Well, I'll be doggoned!

## INDIA BY ENFIELD!

Our *Exotic Marigold India Tour* in February 2017 is filling up fast – there are only FOUR places left on this magical adventure. So make your booking soon – or you'll be sari! And to continue on that note....



We started thinking about the fact that we'll be in Delhi anyway, plus we've been monitoring the growing interest in motorcycle tours AND we had some great feedback from friends who recently joined an escorted motorbike tour through India. *SO!* We've partnered with our mates at Nevermind Adventures (motorcycle touring experts) & will be offering a motorcycle tour through Rajasthan just before our Marigold tour! We're still fine-tuning details of our '*India by Enfield Tour*' in January 2017 but we can tell you it will be a two-week joy-ride of awesome scenery, great fun & incomparable experiences. Just about everything is provided including a classic Enfield bike, fuel, food, accommodation, support vehicle, local guides & travelling mechanics. Naturally, Jeremy - an avid motorcycle rider albeit on Harleys - wouldn't miss out on this mind-blowing two-wheeled experience so will be joining the group as an escort & to help out the Leader of the Pack. The price will be VERY affordable, too. Express your interest early in this one as we can only take limited numbers. Girls, guys, singles, couples – all are welcome & pillion passengers get a 25% discount. Oh no! Will people now start calling us the *Gypsy Jokers*? Or even the *Gypsy Jodhpurs*?

## ESCORTED, SELF-DRIVE 4WD SAFARI IN NAMIBIA!



Another amazing new tour we've got in the works is an escorted, self-drive 4WD wildlife safari through Namibia! This joint venture will be run with our friends at *Self-Drive Safaris* who excel in Africa DIY tours & have been running them for several years. On this unreal eco-tour, practically everything is included – recent model, well maintained 4WD (1 – 2 people), fuel, food, pre-planned itinerary, camping fees, park entry fees, professional escorts/mechanics & two Aussie tour escorts (us!). This adventure will be happening in September 2017 (details TBA) & we can only take EIGHT vehicles. One place is already reserved for some loyal clients which means there are only seven places left! We hope to have the tour flyer ready soon but in the meantime, if you're keen to join us, please let us know so that we can pencil you in!

## FABULOUS CARAVAN FOR SALE!



### KIMBERLEY KRUISER T3!

As new! Purchased in Oct 2013, has travelled approx 12,000 km & only been off-road road *once* for 20 km! Has all T3 features plus updated inverters, new pull-out awning & solar panels plus too many other modifications to list. Owner is doing more overseas travel than expected to visit aging rellies & this beauty is left sitting in the garage! Replacement cost in excess of \$155K - yours for just \$120K! Check out the T3 video at [www.kimberleykruiser.com](http://www.kimberleykruiser.com) & phone Nathan on 0414 800 849 for more details or to arrange an inspection.

## HA HA! ACTUAL CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THOMAS COOK VACATIONS!

- We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers - they all spoke Spanish & we couldn't understand them!
- The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything up when we returned to our room.
- No-one told us there would be fish in the ocean. The children were scared!
- It took us nine hours to fly from Jamaica back home to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair.
- The brochure said, '*No hairdressers at the resort.*' We are trainee hairdressers & think this is mean & discriminating.
- My fiancée and I requested twin-beds when we booked our hotel but instead you gave us a room with a king-sized bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed because I got pregnant. This wouldn't have happened if you'd put us in the room we asked for!

## ALEX THE GREAT FOR LESS THAN \$8K!



Join us as we retrace the footsteps of Alexander the Great through safe, spectacular & historic Greece! On this historic, fun & educational adventure which continues in our Silk Road theme, we'll visit Alexander's birthplace, tour Thessaloniki, Macedonia & Thrace, explore the romantic Aegean islands of Crete, Mykonos, Delos & Santorini & get to know Athens, one of the world's most vibrant and ancient cities, like a local. The tour will be personally escorted by Jan & Jeremy & English-speaking guides & as always, quality transport, meals, accommodation & activities will be included. '*In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great*' is from Sept 19 – Oct 6, 2016 & costs just AUD\$7999 per person (plus airfares which are cheap as dolmades on the internet!). For us, Greece is definitely the word! We did a 'rekkie' of this tour last year & now can't wait to return. Ask for a tour flyer & book yourself on this great trip today!

## HEY CRITTER LOVERS! APRIL SCIENCE SAFARI!

If you'd like to make like Dr Doolittle & talk to the animals, don't miss our next **Research, Conservation & Science Safari** from **April 17-24!** There are still a few places left on this escorted, catered, accommodated, hands-on 'voluntour' to Perup Sanctuary which is just a 2½ hour drive from Perth! It's your chance to help the scientists from Dept of Parks & Wildlife to capture, process, re-release & monitor a range of endangered native species AND make a generous donation to the conservation effort. You don't need a 4WD to participate & we guarantee you'll have a wonderful time! Make your booking today – the critters will love you for it!

## CANNING & KIMBERLEY CALLING!

The Outback is calling! We'll soon be heading off on our **Canning Stock Route Expedition** & our **Kimberley Explorer Tour**. There are still one or two places on each of these wonderful self-drive, self-catered remote area adventures & we'd love to have you along for the ride!



Our Canning expedition begins in Wiluna on July 6 & ends in Halls Creek on July 27. In between there are sand dunes to conquer, history to learn, wild scenery to enjoy, 4WD challenges to overcome, wildlife to see, campfires to light & legends to share. It's the iconic Australian outback experience & a journey that everyone who loves the Great Outdoors should make (at least!) once in their life.



Our spectacular Kimberley Explorer tag-along-tour begins in Derby on August 8 & ends in Broome on August 24. In between there are waterfalls to admire, billabongs to swim in, mind-boggling sunrises & sunsets to admire, new friends to meet, stations to visit, water crossings to tackle, the famous Gibb River Road to traverse & cozy nights spent round the campfire to swap stories & practice your camp-oven cooking.

People always ask us what is our favourite destination. We can never answer because we love them all, but these two tours have got to be pretty near the top of our list!

## AND A MINI-TOUR! OUR HOLLAND TRACK EXPEDITION!

If the Canning & the Kimberley are a bit too long or maybe a bit too daunting & you're looking for a mini-outback adventure to see how you'll enjoy a tag-along-tour, we've got just the thing for you! Our annual **Holland Track Expedition!**



Run in conjunction with the RAC, this fun, five-day, escorted & catered escape is ideal for 4WD novices wanting to practice their skills or city slickers hanging out to get back to nature! Our small convoy will meet up in Hyden on May 19, then we'll make our way slowly north on the century-old Holland Track arriving in Coolgardie on May 23. \*\*\*1000-star\*\*\* catering will be provided by Camp Oven Goddess Jo Clews while Jeremy will lead the convoy in his trusty Landcruiser, "Gypsy". We'll camp out under the stars, visit all the historical spots, go for bush walks, check out the night sky & relive the experiences of the prospectors who made their way through the bush to the Goldfields over 100 years ago in search of their fortune. For more info check out our website! Oh! And RAC members receive a special discount!

## HOW TO STAY HEALTHY WHEN YOU TRAVEL!

We came across a great list of tips advising how to stay healthy when you travel so we thought we'd share them with you. Some we've omitted – they were just TOO paranoid & Howard-Hughesy weird, but we thought the following tips made a lot of sense. Hope you find them useful!

- Think about what you put into your body leading up to your trip. Eat healthily & try to be in the best possible condition before you depart.
- Consider taking probiotics to boost gut health & to help prevent (or at least minimize)"Bali belly".
- Do some exercise every day. It builds up the immune system, releases endorphins (the chemicals that make you feel good), & keeps your mind sharp.
- Use hand sanitizer & disinfectant wipes during your flight & throughout your holiday.
- Use eye drops & nose spray throughout your flight & on your holiday.
- Bring your own travel pillow – the one on the plane is probably full of someone else's germs!
- Keep a healthy distance from other travelers who are sneezing, coughing, blowing noses or who look unwell.
- After you've washed your hands in any public bathroom, try to avoid touching door handles & other surfaces with your bare skin - use a tissue or your shirt.
- Don't put your bags on the bathroom floor! Hang them on the hook on the back of the door.
- When it's time to clear Customs and you're asked to remove your shoes, have a pair of socks handy so you don't have to walk around barefoot.
- Before boarding, buy a few bottles of water. Although the water on planes is much better quality than it used to be, random samples often pick up germs & bacteria (yuk!).
- The seats on planes/trains/buses are teeming with germs. Give the armrests, seatbelt, seat back, headrest, tray table, remote control, air vents, TV screen, handles on overhead lockers & seats a good clean with disinfectant wipes before you settle in. You'll probably get a few strange looks but your body will thank you.
- Use disinfectant hand wipes after reading the in-flight magazine. Lots of other people have read it before you!
- Drink lots of water while you're flying, even if it does make you go to the loo! It's a good excuse to walk around! And don't hit the grog – it will dehydrate you!
- On the plane, brush your teeth with bottled water, not tap water from the bathroom sink.
- Take a walk up and down the aisle every hour or so – it keeps your blood circulating & helps prevent DVT.
- Wear stretchy DVT knee-high stockings when you fly.
- Find a little hideaway & do a few stretches and squats during the flight to reduce the risk of leg cramps & DVT.
- Always wear socks in the plane, never go barefoot.
- Try to get enough sleep – before you travel, on the plane & once you reach your destination. You'll get sick quicker if you're tired than if you're rested, & you'll recover quicker from any nasty grooblies if you're rested rather than if you're tired!

Until next time, happy travels from –

*Jan + Jeremy*



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