



ADVENTURE UPDATE

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WOW! CONTAINS 2010 TOUR DATES!



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PICTURE PERFECT!

We're always looking for new products & services to help our clients enjoy their outback adventures even more. So when we met up with Dale Neill, Photographer Extraordinaire & experienced photo lecturer, a great idea developed (if you'll pardon the pun). We thought, 'Why not join forces & run WA's first *Outback Photography Course*?' So we did – and it was a huge success. Now we're 'enlarging' our idea!

To put you in the picture (ewww!), we will soon be offering extended "*Outback Photography Courses*" as a joint project with Dale & Margaret Neill of Wildheart Adventures. The first 'cropped' version will take place on November 21-22 when we'll run a 2-day weekend session in the York/Toodyay area. The second "panoramic" version will depart Perth on May 7 when we plan to take a small group of happy snappers up to spectacular Karijini National Park & Monkey Mia for 10 days, returning to Perth on May 16. Dale & Margaret will provide their photographic expertise through a combination of tutorials, workshops & practice sessions in spectacular destinations offering scenery & wildlife photo opportunities.

Participants will travel as passengers in a comfy safari vehicle with all meals & the services of a professional Tour Guide included. The short trip will be accommodated & the Karijini outback adventure will – naturally - be camping, with gear supplied. Details & prices to be advised. So SMILE & say cheese!!!

CANNING CRAZINESS!



As you read this, our Canning Stock Route guru & Senior Tour Guide, Charlie Gilbert, is leading a happy (if somewhat dusty!) band of intrepid gypsies along the Loneliest 4WD Track in the World. From his regular satellite phone calls, he tell us all is going extremely well, well, well, well... 23 Wells in fact!

This year's expedition had such a good response that we've decided to run two Canning tours back-to-back in 2010 in July & August with Charlie in the lead. They will each be 20 days of outback fun & challenging four-wheel-driving from Wiluna to Halls Creek (and return) & we'll only take a limited number of vehicles. These will be the only self-catering tours on our calendar, simply cos we can't tow the catering trailer there! Price will be the same as this year - just \$3200 per vehicle. Great trip, great value. So if you're crazy about the Canning, go take your medication & sign up today!

A FISTFUL OF DOLLAR\$\$\$!

In the last issue we made a generous offer - recommend any of our Australian tours of 14 days or longer to your friends, tell them to mention your name when they book & when they finish their tour, we'll pay you **\$200 in cash!!!** Well, we're serious! We've had numerous bookings but we're not sure if they were referrals from you folks. So don't be shy, please tell us if you've referred a new client to us so that we can send you your cheque! It's our way of saying "thank you" for your loyalty & support!!

PSST!! WANNA SEE A FREE ADULTS-ONLY DVD?

Bet that got your attention! Truth is, we had a fabulous DVD put together by our good friend Marion O'Neil about our services & products which we send to corporate clients with business proposals. But it's such a little ripper, that we thought all our other clients would love to see it, too! It features photos from many of our tours, a cruisy soundtrack & gives a good overview of who we are & what we do. If you'd like a copy to show family & friends or to add to your DVD library, just give us a call or send us an email & we'll send it to you absolutely free.

AND EVEN MORE FREEBIES!!



While on the subject of freebies & the O'Neils, last year Bill & Maz set a world record – they chalked up their 10th tour with Global Gypsies! So as a thank you, we gave them another trip free!

In April they joined us as our guests on a 3-day/2-night *Recession-Buster Weekend* & what a corker it was! Stephanie & Paul Allen from Norwich UK and Ric Page & Paula Ransome from Bunbury also joined in the fun with Jan & Jeremy which included a visit to the Gin Gin Observatory to check out the stars, a tour of the Pinnacles, four-wheel-driving on the dunes at Lancelin (followed by sundowners, of course! – see photo) camping at rustic Willowbrook Farm, an eco-cruise on the Moore River & lashings of yummy home-cooked food! We'll be running these weekend tours again next summer so why not join us? By then let's hope that everyone will be saying "*Recession? What recession? Let the good times roll!*"

JOIN OUR LAST OUTBACK SAFARI FOR 2009!

There are still places available on our annual *Holland Track Expedition* from October 15 – 19. Take a mini-break & check out the wildflowers on this great eco-adventure!

U.S. DIPLOMACY GETS IN-TENTS!



A happy group of gypsies helped strengthen international relations recently when they joined us on a specially designed, private *Luxury 4WD Bush Weekend*. Perth-based US Consul General, Ken Chern, Ronni Chern & visiting colleague Dan Clune, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim for the US Embassy (Canberra) 'roughed it' in swags & tents, went 4WD'ing, checked out the critters at Yanchep National Park, visited the Pinnacles & generally got back to nature. Rumour has it that colleagues are now calling Ken "*Crocodile Chern*" but he would neither confirm nor deny the alligator...

LAKE EYRE BY AIR

We keep getting calls from clients wanting us to take them to Lake Eyre – after all, it's the first time the world's largest salt lake has filled for over a decade! Located 700 kms from Adelaide & normally inhospitable to wildlife, when it fills, Lake Eyre is transformed into a massive oasis brimming with flora and fauna.

Local operators tell us that the best way to see this amazing spectacle is not from the ground, but from the air. So rather than organise a traditional Global Gypsies terra firma tour, we're offering our clients an aerial tour instead. We've made a special arrangement with an Adelaide-based travel agent who specialises in private tours to the area. They have 3, 4 & 5-day packages available, but take a deep breath cos they aren't cheap! But if you've always wanted to see Lake Eyre in all its glory this is a great way to do it, & could be the last time you'll see water in it for years! For more info on "*Lake Eyre by Air Tours*" give us a call today.

GREEN NEWS & VIEWS

We receive so much news & information about environmental issues that it's sometimes hard to know what to pass on to you folks. But two things recently made us sit up & think & we figured you might find them of interest, too.

The first was a thought-provoking presentation called "*The Story of Stuff*". It raises questions about all the consumable 'things' we own, how much of it we really need and what happens to it once we throw it away. The production is *very American*, very long and very biased, but if you can get past all that it's worth watching. Check it out on <http://www.storyofstuff.com>.

The other green issue that caught out attention is a resource development project proposed for our precious Kimberley region. Woodside is in the advanced stages of planning a major liquefied natural gas processing plant near Broome which could have significant long-term environmental implications for the area. *60 Minutes* covered this story a couple of weeks back & if you tend to 'lean green' you might have found it just a tad disturbing.

To find out more or to have your say, go to www.savethekimberley.com; www.woodside.com.au or kimberleystrategy@dec.wa.gov.au.

EXQUISITE INDIA!

Think Taj Mahal, tigers, tumeric & tea, Bollywood, Slumdog, sitars & saris. What an amazing, exotic & colourful place India must be! As we've always wanted to go there, we've arranged a brief 'famil' right after our Kenyan Safari - kind of a curry in a hurry! If we like what we see, we'll put an "*Exquisite India*" tour on our calendar. We're taking expressions of interest now, so please let us know if a tour to this magical destination personally escorted by Jeremy & Jan gets your head bobbing!

US MOTORHOME TOUR TEMPORARILY STALLED

The GFC & the dodgy dollar convinced us to temporarily put the brakes on our proposed Motorhome Safari through Southwest USA. However, we DO intend to put this great trip back on the schedule now that the economic situation is improving. We already have several keen takers so please let us know if you'd like to be added to the list. Stay tuned for more news on this top trans-Atlantic adventure!

HITCH UP FOR OUR AUSSIE CARAVAN SAFARI!

Meanwhile back in Oz, we run motorhome safaris for the Winnebago Club, NRMA & the Caravan Industry Association. And next year we'll be running a caravan safari for Gypsy clients! So block off your diaries from May 14 – 23 cos we're heading for Karijini with a convoy of keen caravanners! Lots of special features will be included in this "*Karijini Rocks*" self-catering, self-drive adventure. Details TBA. Wagons ho!!!

TOP MARKS FOR INDIGENOUS TOUR GUIDE TRAINING!

We recently celebrated another first by successfully running Australia's first, short, nationally recognised *Indigenous Tour Guide Training Course*. Commissioned by Tourism Western Australia for aspiring Pilbara guides, the 3-day course took place in Karratha & Millstream National Park in early June. There was a 100% pass rate & inaugural graduates Aaron Hubert, Deborah Lewis, Wayne Stevens, Alec Tucker and Jill Tucker will now receive Certificates of Completion from Pilbara TAFE in the Unit of Competency *Lead Tour Groups* under the Certificate III in Tourism. Well done, everyone!

We were so impressed with the students' guiding skills that we've offered to assist them with ongoing product development & hope to include their bushwalks in future gypsy tours.

2010 TOURS CALENDAR

We've just finalised our *2010 Tours Calendar!*
Check it out on the next page!

Until next time, happy travels from -

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PROPOSED GLOBAL GYPSIES 2010 TOURS CALENDAR

Month	Activity
January	
15 – 17	4WD Bush Weekend
30 – 31	Caravan Confidence Training
30	4WD Training
February	
13 – 14	Tour Guide Training
26/2 - 11/3	Brilliant Bight (Tag-along Tour)
27	4WD Training
March	
To 11/3	Brilliant Bight Tour
18 – 22	Caravan & Camping Show
20 – 21	4WD Bush Weekend
27/3	4WD Training
April	
8 – 30	Private Tag-along Tour for Five Senses Expeditions
17 – 18	Tour Guide Training
24	4WD Training
May	
7 – 16	Karijini Outback Photo Safari with Dale Neill (passengers)
8 – 9	Caravan Confidence Training
14 – 23	'Karijini Rocks' Caravan Safari
29	4WD Training
June	
3 - 16	Perth – Alice Outback Safari (Tag-along-tour)
26	4WD Training
July	
1 – 14	Kennedy Discovery Stage II (Tag-along-Tour)
1 – 20	Canning Stock Route Expedition #1 (Tag-along Tour) (Wiluna to Halls Creek)
22 – 31	Winnebago Club Safari to Karijini National Park
31	4WD Training

August	
2 - 17	Winnebago Club Safari through Kimberley
10 – 31	Canning Stock Route Expedition #2 Tag-along-Tour (Halls Creek to Wiluna)
24/8 - 8/9	Kimberley Explorer (Tag-along Tour)
TBA	Private Kenya Tour for Aviators Club
28	4WD Training
September	
To 8/9	Kimberley Explorer
20/9 – 7/10	Secrets of China Tour (accommodated, coach)
25	4WD Training
October	
To 7/10	Secrets of China Tour
21 – 24	Holland Track Expedition (Tag-a-long tour)
30 – 31	Tour Guide Training
30	4WD Training
November	
5 – 7	4WD Bush Weekend
TBA	4WD Show
27 – 28	Caravan Confidence Training
December	
3 – 5	4WD Bush Weekend
11 – 12	Tour Guide Training
25	Merry Christmas!



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