

SPONTANEOUS TRAVEL

We have a few places left on the Flinders Ranges tour and Camino de Santiago trail in September this year for all those spontaneous travellers out there, or if you've been thinking about doing either of these trips for a little while.

Flinders Ranges: September 5, 2010 – discover the magnificent Hans Heysen Trail and the raw beauty of this painter's beloved landscape on this weeklong tour. Stay in a range of luxurious outback accommodation and enjoy amazing food and wine. This trip is comfort personified, set against a backdrop of magnificent ochre ranges and unique flora and fauna.

Camino de Santiago: September 26, 2010 – this ancient pilgrims trail across Northern Spain is a journey of remarkable natural beauty and outstanding cultural and historical significance. We walk the most fascinating and scenic sections of the trail staying in charming hotels and historic Paradors, enjoying a fabulous diversity of regional food and wine.

Please let us know if you'd like more information on either of these trips, departing in just a couple of months.

**KERALA AND SOUTH INDIA WITH CHRISTINE MANFIELD**

Following the success of this year's tour of Rajasthan with Christine Manfield, we are now offering a tour of Kerala and South India. Christine will guide us through the vibrant city of Cochin, take us on her favourite houseboat on the splendid Kerala backwaters, taste local delicacies and experience true family hospitality at Philip Kutty's Farm. Kerala, often referred to as "God's Own Country", is blessed with great natural beauty, a harmonious and culturally diverse people and an exotic delicate cuisine

"This rich tapestry of life is reflected in the complexity and diversity of its food, where you will be seduced each day by some extraordinary and exotic flavours, and some of the best food I have found anywhere in India. It won't take long to realize you have discovered one of the most vibrant and compelling regions of the world, a spirit and joy de vivre that is infectious and beguiling." – Christine Manfield

Departing February 6, 2011, 14 days / 13 nights

**KUMAON VILLAGE WALKS**

Get an insight into rural life in the Himalaya, whilst staying in converted village houses in the beautiful foothills of North India. The breathtaking beauty and serenity of this majestic landscape and the grace and warmth of the local people offers an experience that is enriching, inspiring and deeply rewarding.

Departing November 19, December 17, January 14, February 18, 2010/2011

**RAJASTHAN**

Our journey takes you through the breathtaking majestic landscape of Rajasthan with its stunning palaces and forts and important cities of Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur. Rajasthan delivers the quintessential Indian experience with its vivid colours, swirling crowds, spectacular deserts, tranquil lakes and rich cuisine.

Departing November 4, November 15, December 2, December 30, February 3, 2010/2011



THE LARAPINTA TRAIL

Our season on the Larapinta Trail is in full swing, as we've been enjoying the beautifully nourished landscape and some exciting wildlife encounters.

Our stunning new permanent campsite is home to some gorgeous little native quails; red-tailed black-cockatoos squawking outrageously; an elusive dingo prince and pup, too shy to show themselves, but singing into the night; at the base of our rock wall there are some rare snails; and coming with the territory, an ever clever raven, who watches over our kitchen during the day's walking – luckily a scarecrow created on a recent trip is keeping him at bay.

"A wonderful adventure. Guided each day by Gemma and Zoe on amazing walks with spectacular scenery, native flowers and picnic lunches and then returning to a welcoming and well-organised campsite to enjoy Jennifer's delicious meals and relax before retiring to our very comfortable swags. Gazing at the stars whilst drifting off to sleep was very special." – Lorraine Mallon, June 2010



THE GREAT OCEAN WALK 2010/2011

It's time to start thinking about the Great Ocean Walk again for the upcoming summer months. As the only tour operator who has accommodation with ocean views, stay in the magnificent Rotten Point House for the ultimate indulgent weekend away and take in the beautiful stretch of coastline that is South-Western Victoria.

This trip can also be arranged privately for groups of four to eight, so it's perfect for those of you looking for a mini-break with a couple of friends or the family. We have some exciting new ideas for a unique weekend away including cooking classes, yoga, or celebrating special events like birthdays or anniversaries. So consider rewarding yourself after a busy year in this dream house, and let us cater a trip to your desires.

The season begins at the end of October for Cup weekend, with weekly departures until May 2011 of 3, 4 and 6 days trips.



CHRISTMAS GETAWAYS

Though it's still a few months away, it's never too early to start planning for the Christmas holidays. A weekend away of walking, good food, wine, and company is the perfect way to relax, clear your mind and enjoy beautiful natural surroundings. As the working year often rushes by, a walking holiday provides the perfect opportunity to take some time for yourself, and friends, and be undisturbed by usual everyday activities.

If you're looking for the perfect present for a friend, family member or work colleague, we have vouchers available that can be used on any one of our trips. It's a great way to treat someone who may be tricky to buy for, or who badly needs a holiday.



GREAT OCEAN WALK

CALENDAR



<p>July 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larapinta Trail weekly departures • Ladakh Himalaya Village Walk 	<p>August 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larapinta Trail weekly departures • Flinders Ranges and the Hans Heysen Trail • Ladakh Himalaya Village Walk
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<p>September 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flinders Ranges and the Hans Heysen Trail • Camino de Santiago • Ladakh Himalaya Village Walk 	<p>October 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colours of Andalucia • Basque Culinary Tour • India's Seductive South • Kumaon Himalaya Village Walk • Sikkim Himalaya Village Walk
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<p>November 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India's Seductive South • Kumaon Himalaya Village Walks • Sikkim Himalaya Village Walk • Majestic Rajasthan Spiritual Varanasi • Victorian High Country • Great Ocean Walk 	<p>December 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Ocean Walk weekly departures • India's Seductive South • Majestic Rajasthan Spiritual Varanasi • Kumaon Himalaya Village Walk • Sikkim Himalaya Village Walk • Kerala Cultural and Culinary • Victorian High Country
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<p>January 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Ocean Walk weekly departures • India's Seductive South • Majestic Rajasthan Spiritual Varanasi • Kumaon Himalaya Village Walk • Sikkim Himalaya Village Walk • Kerala Cultural and Culinary • Victorian High Country 	<p>February 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Ocean Walk weekly departures • India's Seductive South • Majestic Rajasthan Spiritual Varanasi • Kumaon Himalaya Village Walk • Sikkim Himalaya Village Walk • Kerala Cultural and Culinary • Victorian High Country
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