



Making Travel Easy with

We all love to travel. It is in our blood to explore and to find new places and different cultures. I have created this sheet to help you plan your holiday or adventure. So whether it is your first time travelling or you are ready for that journey of a lifetime, it is probably time to make that dream become a reality.

I'm told I'm a lucky person being paid to tell people where to go! I'm looking forward to helping you.

June 2011

Ash clouds in Iceland and now the same over Australia and New Zealand. What's happening on planet Earth? It seems that someone or something is trying to stop us enjoying the high value of our dollar during this busy northern hemisphere summer. However as I write this newsletter all seems stable. Fingers crossed.

Cheap flights on youtube

Thanks Anne for giving me this link to a song performed by an Irish folk band about cheap flights. [Play](#).

Backpacking accommodation

My son Lachlan travelled through South-East Asia in the summer of 2010/2011. He kept a note of places where he stayed. If you or anyone you know is interested please [contact me](#).

Travel insurance

To make it easier for you I have added a link on my [website](#). Here you can get a quote and pay for a policy.

Remember it is cheaper to take out cover here than going to the website of Covermore.

You can take out cover even if you have not booked your trip with me. If you prefer a brochure [email me](#).

House for rent in Lorne

A friend of mine has a great house in Lorne. All enquiries are directed to her through this [website](#).

Algeria

Most of you will remember my friend and ex travel partner in crime, Helen. Over the past few years she has led a number of trips to Yemen and Libya. With both countries going through a wee bit of turmoil she decided that Algeria was a safer choice and in October last year she took her first group.

This year on October 10th she is taking another. You can join her for \$5440 per person twin share land only. She is giving a slide show on the 4th July so please let me know if you can join us (see page 2).

I have a number of people who have travelled with her over the past years so if you want to talk to someone before booking [email me](#).

House for rent in Turkey

A friend of mine has a house for rent in Olympos, Turkey. [Website](#).

Cheap London fares

Royal Brunei Airlines has some excellent fares starting at about \$1700 return from Melbourne including tax. On the way back you have a 12 hour stopover which gives

you some time to explore Brunei's capital, Bandar Seri Begwn.

Qantas Frequent Flyer

You get free membership of the Qantas FF programme if you join the Woolworths *Everyday Rewards* programme.

A good book

Solo by Vicki McAuley. A very sad and moving account about Vicki's husband Andrew who set off from Tasmania in a sea kayak, aiming to be the first person to paddle the 1600 kilometres to New Zealand. His kayak was found just 80 kilometres off the NZ coast. His body was never found!

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Thanks again for all your support. If you do not wish to receive my newsletters please write the words "Please take me off your newsletter list" in the subject line of an email.

Please feel free to pass on to friends, family and colleagues.

And in the end...

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Information evenings

Here are a few ideas to get you thinking.

Tuesday 28 June

Central Asia

Central Asia with my friends Greg and Sherrie. They travelled through Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan in September last year.

Monday 4 July

Algeria

I worked with Helen for 15 years and in that time she has lead trips to Yemen (14 times), Libya (3 trips) as well as one to Morocco and Algeria. In October this year she is leading another trip to Algeria. From the city of Algiers on the Mediterranean coast to the remote Hoggar Mountains deep in the Southern Sahara, experience a truly unique journey, with forays into some of the country's more unusual hidden treasures, enjoying an incredible diversity of landscapes, local colour, food and music along the way!

Tuesday 12 July

Pakistan cycling

A cycle down the Karakorum Highway from Kashgar in China, south to Islamabad in Pakistan. Pakistan is not a very popular destination at present but is one of my favourite countries. Join me and others for a look back at one of our best holidays ever.

Tuesday 26 July

Nepal trekking

Trek into the Annapurna Sanctuary or into the land of the Sherpa along the path to Everest base camp. Climb a trekking peak!!

Peter has just returned from climbing Mera Peak which is just south of Mt Everest at a height of 6476 metres. The view from the summit is one of the finest in the Himalaya with five 8,000m peaks visible: Mount Everest, Lhotse, Cho Oyo, Makalu, and Kanchenjunga, as well as many other smaller Himalayan peaks.

Thursday 4 August

The Orient

Japan and China are famous destinations for unique culture, cuisine and scenery. Join Aaron Davis, owner of Venture Events Expeditions and Adventures in Kyoto who will show you how both countries are also great for fun adventures that are both active and affordable. You will be surprised at what is on offer that is not covered by the main stream programmes.

Tuesday 30 August

Antarctica

Fritz Balkau is a compulsive traveller. He spends half his time in Australia and half in Paris. Some of you will have already stayed in his Paris flat while some of you will be staying with him later this year. A few

years ago he travelled to Antarctica followed by some time in the Chilean Fjords.

Monday 12 September

Lhasa to Kathmandu by Bike

Join Sheena Hall who cycled this itinerary a few years ago as part of a larger cycle from Bangkok to Delhi.

Where

1/361 Little Bourke Street.

Time

All shows start at 1830 and travel for an hour or so.

Why pre-book

Seating is limited.

Information factor

High.

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