

Your guide to a great...

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SUMMER EDITION 2004

START PLANNING NOW

THE TOP DESTINATION FOR 2004

It's now time to get out the atlas and start planning which of your top 3 destinations in the world to visit this year! Europe is the destination of 2004 according to our bookings. This is great news for us as we all love this truly remarkable continent with its excitement, diversity and culture. Between us we have visited almost all Western European countries with our favourites being France, Italy, Greek Islands and Croatia, so if you want first hand advice, we'd be delighted to help. Happy travelling.

LYN MURPHY - MANAGER



DID YOU KNOW?



FLY DUBAI TO MOSCOW

If you're travelling to Russia, remember that Emirates now fly to Moscow. They will also introduce a service to Glasgow in April and to Vienna in May. On the New York service, due to start in June, first class passengers can enjoy the new suites on the Airbus 340-500 aircraft.

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CYCLING AFICIONADOS WITH A TASTE FOR LIFE

Beginning in March, cycling aficionados with a taste for the good life can have their sense of adventure and yearning for luxury travel met at the same time on Continental Waterways' new 5 night itineraries.



The 24 passenger crewed vessel Escargot travels the Canal Lateral, whilst cyclists will ride through charming towns, medieval cities, past historic castles and vineyards. From \$1585 including all meals, bike hire and barge.

PRICELESS TRAVEL

CONQUISTADORS, INCAS & GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Distinctive journeys to places less travelled are featured in the new Bill Peach brochure. There is an unusual 15 day tour combining the ancient wonders of Peru with Cuzco, Machu Picchu and a 4 day cruise on Explorer 11 (100 passengers) to discover the fascinating wildlife and natural wonders of the Galapagos Islands.



Another fascinating trip to Guatemala & Mexico includes visits to Uxmal, founded in 1007 and once home to the Xiu tribe, and Tikal which was mysteriously abandoned by Maya and is now home to many species of wildlife including spider monkeys and toucans. Ask us for full tour details.

FOR UP TO DATE TRAVEL ADVICE www.dfat.gov.au/travel

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Luxury travel for those who enjoy the finer things in life.

FIJI

RELAXING

TROPICAL GETAWAY

Fiji is made up of approximately 300 islands with some truly luxurious resorts and the locals are among the world's friendliest. Yasawa Island offers luxurious accommodation, great food and a remarkable feeling of being away from reality. As well as Namale Filiji Islands Resort we can also arrange all inclusive packages to the award winning resort of Vatulele.



PURE LUXURY EUROVISTA

EuroVista's approach to luxury travel is designed to combine the freedom of individual travel with the peace of mind, comfort, companionship and security of small group travel. Their tours offer amazing quality and service. This will be a holiday with a lasting impression. 2004 brochure out now!

BLANKET BAY

NEW ZEALAND

Standing on the shores of Lake Wakatipu is the luxury lodge Blanket Bay, just 35 minutes from Queenstown. Lodge rooms, suites and 2 bedroom chalets each showcase the magnificent panoramic vistas of mountains and lake. Spend an afternoon at the local vineyards, go fishing, charter a helicopter, explore on horseback or just sit back and enjoy the peace & quiet.

UNDERWATER SPA HUVAFEN FUSHI - MALDIVES

Huvafen Fushi, the world's first underwater spa, will open March 2004.

Each of the 44 rooms will have it's own private pool. Complete spa services by Aquum Spa will be offered as well as fine dining above and below ground!



OVER WATER SPA SOOTH YOUR SENSES

With a tantalising array of treatments and therapies, The Over Water Spa at the Hilton Maldives will offer a calming environment including a glass floor giving views to stun your senses as tension and stresses are soothed away. Contact Angela for details of these and other luxury spa resorts.

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BUSINESS CLASS TO UK / EUROPE

BEST DEALS

FROM

Thai	\$4499*
Emirates	\$5699*
Cathay Pacific	\$5550*
Singapore Airlines (SQ 216)	\$6088*
Qantas	\$6199*

NOTE: PLUS COMPULSORY TAXES APPROX \$220.

* Airfares subject to change without notice. Conditions apply. Valid to 31/3/04.

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PRIVATE OASIS

AL MAHA

DESERT RESORT

This Eco-resort, only 40 minutes from Dubai airport, is an idyllic, exclusive oasis set within a desert conservation reserve. Built in the style of a traditional Bedouin encampment, the main building is a testimony to a way of life which has not changed in thousands of years. Activities include falconry, horse and camel safaris, archery and guided nature walks. Priced from \$683 per person per night.



✈ BUSINESS CLASS ✈ CIRCLE PACIFIC

Travel to USA business class can be expensive, so if you have time, consider a Circle Pacific ticket. You must travel via North Pacific and South Pacific eg Perth, Hong Kong, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sydney and Perth using Cathay Pacific and Qantas. I combined the United, Singapore Airlines, Air New Zealand option last year and flew Perth, Singapore, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Hawaii, Auckland, Perth. Fares from \$6269. I stayed at the magnificent Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas and the elegant Halekulani right on Waikiki Beach and can recommend both hotels highly.

LYN



PARIS

TREAT YOURSELF

It's rare to find an absolute gem of a hotel in Paris. The 4 star D'Arbusson is a 17th century stone mansion in the sought after Left Bank location. The hotel has a wonderful ambiance and offers 50 beautifully furnished standard superior or deluxe rooms, a lounge with exposed beams, an outdoor patio, elegant breakfast room hung with Arbusson tapestries and a piano bar. Treat yourself, you won't be disappointed! From \$504 per room.

🎾 JULY 2004 🎾 WIMBLEDON FINALS

Are you a tennis fan? We can arrange a 3 night Wimbledon package with accommodation and seats at Centre Court for the semi-finals or finals and exclusive membership to The Gatsby Club for 2 days. Finals package from \$9739.

SENIORS - FLY EMIRATES BUSINESS CLASS AND SAVE \$600

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Specialists in worldwide cruising to suit all tastes.



**EVEN YOUR HUSBAND CAN'T REFUSE
SIGHTSEEING, COCKTAILS & DINNER**

With an itinerary including Monte Carlo, Cannes, Portofino, Florence and Cassis, it was impossible to refuse a week on SeaDream II. For those of you who have husbands who won't cruise because they hate the idea of formal nights, then you may be able to tempt him with SeaDream II and its "yacht casual" approach and relaxed atmosphere. The 5 star food, friendly atmosphere (112 guests), attentive service, Balinese beds and the fact that all drinks, tips and port fees were included made this into my Top 5 holiday experiences.



Enjoying a drink on SeaDream II

For the energetic, there were mountain bikes, jet skis and water skiing. The highlight was St Tropez. We joined the chef on a walking tour to the local market and by 11am were drinking local rosé

wine, trying out cheeses and olives! Shopping, lunch in the port, champagne cocktails and dinner on the ship - perfect! SeaDream I & II will be sailing in Europe from May to October.

**SAPPHIRE PRINCESS
COMING
TO SYDNEY**

Sapphire Princess is the largest, grandest and most awe-inspiring Princess ship yet, and she comes to Australia in December 2004. The Sapphire Princess will be the largest passenger ship to enter Sydney Harbour to start her New Zealand sailings.



STAR FLYER

GREEK ISLANDS

Cruise with the Star Flyer around the Greek Islands on one of their 7 night round trips from Athens. Early bird price from \$2180.



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**COMING TO...
FREMANTLE**

Put a note in your diary, the QE 2 is scheduled to visit Fremantle 17 February next year and the Prinsendam will arrive 1 March 2005.

**SILVERSEA
ARE OFFERING
UP TO 40% OFF
EUROPEAN
CRUISES**

For travel in April and May. Selected Cruises only. Call for details.

**OCEANIA CRUISES
COUNTRY CLUB**

Oceania's European itineraries are designed to offer more time in port with overnight stays in places such as Venice, Stockholm and St Petersburg. Carrying just 684 passengers, Regatta and Insignia offer a "country club" atmosphere with a smart casual dress code, you definitely don't need your tuxedo. In August the Insignia will offer 14 night cruises from Venice to Istanbul including the Greek Islands of Corfu, Santorini, Mykonos and Rhodes. Cruise only from \$4280 or for the same price you can join a 14 night cruise between London and Stockholm visiting 10 ports in 10 countries.

GREAT VALUE

COSTA CRUISES

Cruise Italian style on Costa Cruises, which are particularly suitable for families as they offer great value for money. 80% of staterooms have balcony and many of the cruises depart from Savona or Venice, ideal for an add on to your Italian holiday.



**MV MUSTIQUE
KIMBERLEY
CRUISES**

MV Mustique affords a level of opulence and sophistication not usually experienced in expedition cruising. With just 10 guests personalised service is guaranteed. 12 night cruises start from \$12990.

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Unique travel ideas and specials from...



DIFFERENT BALTICS

Now for something completely different! The Baltic Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are the traveller's best-kept secret. Historically and culturally interesting, they are uncrowded, unspoilt and accessible. Or go on an organised self drive in Iceland. For details ask us for the new Bentours brochure.

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Did you know that the 12 month business policy also covers you and your family for up to 6 weeks holiday. \$500p.a.



AUTHENTIC PROVENCE SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES

The new Peregrine Walking and Cycling brochure has some new itineraries including "Gourmet Tuscany" which is a more upscale trip for lovers of Tuscan cuisine, with charming hotels and 4 walks from 10 – 20 kms per day. "Authentic Provence" includes 6 walks where you will experience the character and cuisine of Provence, meet the locals and stay in a variety of interesting accommodation.

DIRECT ACCESS TO A SECLUDED BEACH FAMILY FRIENDLY JUMEIRAH BEACH



The Premium Leisure Club at Jumeirah Beach Hotel, Dubai, provides an exclusive family friendly environment for a small supplement. The club is open 7.30 am to midnight and offers complimentary breakfast, direct access to a secluded beach, early check-in and late check-out. Family

apartments are also available. The Hilton Dubai Jumeirah is also a great beach resort for families, with one bedroom suites taking 2 adults and 3 children. Lyn and Michelle have both been to Dubai and recommend the half day City of Merchants tour.

NEW TOURS

THE AURELIAN

It's unusual for a coach tour to start in Rome and finish in Barcelona, yet this new Globus 10 day tour is perfect if you want to visit Florence, Pisa, Monte Carlo, Aix-en-Provence, Montpellier and Barcelona. From \$2399.

AMMAN AND DESERT CASTLES

This tour visits three of the most impressive desert castles in Jordan. Qasr ALAmra - UNESCO World Heritage site, the black basalt fort of Qasr Azraq and Qasr Al Kharanah. From \$458. Contact Karen who's travelled extensively through Jordan & Turkey.

5 REASONS YOU SHOULD STAY AT CLUB MED

EUROPE? AFRICA? CARIBBEAN? ONLY WITH CLUB MED

- ✓ Only Club members have access to the Village
- ✓ Safe environment for families, singles & couples
- ✓ All inclusive
- ✓ Fantastic Kids Club
- ✓ 3 meals per day including wine & soft drinks.



The new Club Med brochure is now available featuring Europe, Africa, Americas and Caribbean, Club Med 2 and Asia Pacific.

Book early and be rewarded. The earlier you book the higher the saving!

FIRST HAND ADVICE

NEW ZEALAND SKIING

Karen was lucky enough to visit the sensational ski resorts of Queenstown, & Wanaka last winter. If you need first hand advice on skiing in New Zealand, please come in & see her.

TRAVEL TIP SLOVENIA

Between May and October, the high-speed catamarans of Venezia line link the Slovenian port of Piran with the unforgettable Italian city of Venice. Taking just 2 hours and 20 minutes, it's a fast, convenient and comfortable way to travel.

SELF DRIVE FRANCE

144 villages are now part of Les Plus Beaux Villages de France (France's Most Beautiful Villages), a non-profit organisation to protect these villages from development. Discover these on 3 self-drive tours in France:

- PERIGORD DISCOVERY
- BURGUNDY DISCOVERY
- PROVENCE DISCOVERY

BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY IN FRENCH WITH GAELLE OUR FRANCE EXPERT (SATURDAYS 9-12)



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