



**JULY 2010**



**NEWSLETTER**

## **TRANS MONGOLIAN—TRANS SIBERIAN RAIL REPORT**

Our third group tour on the Trans Mongolian/Trans Siberian Rail Journey was again a huge success. Adding the extra days in Beijing gave the group the opportunity to visit the Summer Palace and the Hutongs (Old Beijing) as well as some amazing but intimidating shopping experiences for some.

We joined up with our guide Alex and commenced what all agreed was the greatest adventure they have ever enjoyed travelling from Beijing to St Petersburg via Mongolia and Siberia. In Beijing the group visited the Temple of Heaven, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and climbed the Great Wall.

Our first overnight sleeper train journey took us across China, through the Gobi Desert to Ulaanbaatar, capital of Mongolia for a guided city tour and attendance at a cultural performance with dancers and the unique Mongolian Throat Singers. The remainder of our time in Mongolia was spent in the Terjel National Park sleeping in traditional gers (yurts) visiting a local nomadic family and wandering through the mountains and beautiful grasslands.

The next part of the journey took us to Irkutsk in far western Siberia and Lake Baikal the deepest freshwater lake in the world. To our surprise we found that for this part of the journey and the onward journey to Moscow we would be travelling First Class in a private carriage with two berth sleeping compartments, showers, full kitchen and two delightful hostesses, what a bonus. The train is normally a 4 sleeping berth cabin with many shared facilities. I am sure all the group were very surprised by this unexpected upgrade.

At Lake Baikal we visited the Museum of Wooden Architecture stayed in a local guest house and took a cruise on a local fishing boat around part of the lake in bright warm sunshine. We finished our stopover with a city tour of Irkutsk.

Back on the train with an expected continuous 4 day 3 night journey to Moscow, we again received a bonus with a full day stopover in Ekaterinburg a city of over 1 million inhabitants on the edge of the Ural Mountains and historically known for the fact the city was where the last Czar Alexander and Czarina of Russia and their family were murdered on 16 July 1918. A beautiful church has been constructed on the site as a memorial.

Back to the train for one more night and day on the journey to Moscow. A beautiful European style city with unique architecture. We visited Red Square, St Basils Cathedral, The Kremlin with its beautiful buildings and museum. Exploring the Moscow Underground was a highlight with stations that resemble museums and galleries. We cruised the Moscow River and enjoyed a full city sightseeing excursion.

The final stage of the journey took us to St Petersburg where we enjoyed a city tour, visited the Hermitage Museum with its beautiful art. Ending the holiday with a day at the Petroverts Summer Palace. A wonderful holiday!



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**30 DAY BEST OF SOUTH AMERICA**

**DEPARTS 6 FEBRUARY 11**

**PRICED FROM \$12850  
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**SANTIAGO-LIMA-CUZCO  
MACHU PICCHU-PUNO  
LAKE TITICACA-LA PAZ  
RI de JANEIRO-IGUAZU FALLS  
BUENOS AIRES  
EL CALAFATE  
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**14 DAY CALIFORNIA AND MEXICO CRUISE**

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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE  
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**16 DAY ANZAC DAY AT GALLIPOLI AND TURKEY**

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TROY-PERGAMUM  
EPHESUS-PUMUKKALE  
CAPPADOCIA  
ANKARA**



**28 DAY CANADA AND ALASKA CRUISE AND ARCTIC CIRCLE**

**DEPART 17 MAY 11**

**PRICED FROM \$12200  
Per Person Twin Share**

**VANCOUVER-VICTORIA  
BANFF-LAKE LOUISE  
ATHABASCA GLACIER  
ROCK MOUNTAINEER RAIL  
ALASKA CRUISE  
DENALI PARK  
ARCTIC CIRCLE VISIT**



**21 DAY CANADA / ALASKA TOUR AND CRUISE**

**DEPART 31 MAY 11**

**PRICED FROM \$9375  
Per Person Twin Share**

**VANCOUVER-VICTORIA  
SUN PEAKS-BANFF  
LAKE LOUISE-JASPER  
ROCKY MOUNTAINEER  
INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE  
JUNEAU-SKAGWAY  
GLACIER BAY-KETCHIKAN**



**22 DAY EASTERN EUROPE AND SWEDEN**

**DEPART 30 JUNE 11**

**PRICED FROM \$8440  
Per Person Twin Share**

**PRAGUE-CESKY KRUMLOV  
KRAKOW-AUSWICH-WARSAW  
VILLNIUS-TRAKI CASTLE  
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**11 DAY DARWIN AND  
KIMBERLY EXPLORER**

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Per Person Twin Share**

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FITZROY RIVER-GEIKE  
GORGE**



**21 DAY VIETNAM  
PANORAMA**

**DEPARTS 15 AUGUST 11**

**PRICED FROM \$5280  
Per Person Twin Share**

**SAIGON-VUNG TAU  
LONG TAN-MEKONG DELTA  
CHU CHI TUNNELS  
DALAT -NHA TRANG-SON MY  
QUI NHON-HAI AN-HUE  
CHINA BEACH-HANOI  
HALONG BAY**



**19 DAY RED CENTRE  
KIMBERLEY & DARWIN**

**DEPARTS 24 AUGUST 11**

**PRICED FROM \$5465  
Per Person Twin Share**

**CAMPING TOUR  
AYERS ROCK-KINGS CANYON  
TANAMI TRACK  
BROOME-CABLE BEACH  
GIBB RIVER ROAD  
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**21 DAY CHINA & TIBET  
HIMALAYAN EXPRESS**

**DEPARTS 22 SEPTEMBER 11**

**PRICED FROM \$6200  
Per Person Twin Share**

**CHENGDU-PANDAS  
LHASA-POTALA PALACE  
GYANTSE-SHIGATSE  
TIBET RAILWAY  
XIAN-TERRACOTTA WARRIOR  
BEIJING-SUMMER PALACE  
GREAT WALL**



**13 DAY CHRISTMAS IN  
SLOVENIAN ALPS**

**DEPARTS 17 DECEMBER 11**

**PRICED FROM \$7300  
Per Person Twin Share**

**MUNICH-SALZBURG  
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**5 Nights Vanuatu 'Breakas Beach Resort' Return Airfares, Continental Breakfast, Village Tour, Reef Walk, 1 massage, Intro. Scuba Lesson, Cooking Class. Sale to 31 July. Various Travel Dates. \$899 PP Twin Share (VH)**

**5 Nights Cook Islands 'Club Raro Resort' Return Airfares from Sydney direct, Return Transfers, Breakfast Daily Use of snorkelling gear and tennis courts. Sale to 31 July—Departures 1-29 August. \$899 PP Twin Share (OP)**

**5 Nights Fiji 'Sonaisali' Island Resort, Return Airfares from Brisbane, Transfers, Full Breakfast daily, One Jungle Cruise and Scuba Splash per person. Offer ends 14 August—Travel 1 Nov to 5 Dec. \$939 PP Twin Share (QFH)**

**8 Nights Phuket 'Mercure Patong Phuket' Return Airfares ex Brisbane flying Thai, Transfers, Breakfast Daily, Offer ends 13 August, Travel between 22 July and 16 September. \$1320 PP Twin Share. (FR)**

**10 Day Fully Escorted Tour—Adelaide, Barossa Valley, Kangaroo Island and 4 Night Murray River Cruise on the Murray Princess Paddle Steamer—Priced from \$2699 PP Twin Share. (TPOINT)**

**13 Day 'Waterways of the Czars' River Cruise Moscow to St Petersburg with Viking River Cruises. From \$3229 per person twin share. Based on twin share category 'F' Cabin—For new bookings made prior to 31 October for cruise departures in 2011.—Package does not include airfares or transfers for arrival or departure.**

**7 Night South Pacific Cruise on Royal Caribbean 'Rhapsody of the Seas' all meals and entertainment, port and government charges, gratuities, Noumea & Isle of Pines. Cruise Departs 27 Nov 10. From \$999 Inside Twin**

**10 Night Cruise from Darwin to Broome on 'Oceanic Discoverer' down the Kimberly Coast. Includes meals and most shore excursions. Save 20% - Priced from \$6600 per person twin share.**

**7 Night Queensland Coast Whitsundays, Cairns, Port Douglas, Willis Island on Pacific Dawn. Departs 28 August Inside 4 berth cabins from \$699 per person—Balcony Outside 4 berth from \$799 per person**

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