

We have finally published some of our Special Edition – one time only – tours.

We have **Special Edition Italy** – Fully Escorted by John / Janice Burt from Australia on 7 October 2008 on Singapore Airlines. It is a 19 day, well paced, excellently designed tour taking in 5 nts in Florence, when we visit the best places in Tuscany - Sienna, San Gimignano, Lucca, the wine district of Chianti (cooking class included), then we have 2 nights Venice (great 4 star hotel on the canal), 3 nts Rome (4 star central again), 3 nts Milan (including the Last Supper visit!!!), and 3 nts Amalfi Coast.

We have included all breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners, so you have time to wander and enjoy Italian food in little local places.

See the brochure included here today.

Call **Freecall 1800 673 337**

(Brisbane 3876 1122) for FAQ's, a DVD, information, and special Booking Form.

Don't miss out on this Special Edition tour – you will not find better value and program anywhere.



The famous Leaning Tower at Pisa.

Special Edition

SOUTH AMERICA

At last! We have designed a **Special Edition Made Easy Tour of 22 days exploring the best of Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Brazil.**

This is Fully Escorted by John / Janice Burt from Australia, flying from Australia on 8 August 2008 on Lan Chile Airlines, into Santiago, Chile. We visit Lima (Peru), then Cuzco (the ancient Inca capital), the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, La Paz (Bolivia), Buenos Aires and Iguazu Falls (Argentina), and Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

We have included all breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners, staying in central First Class/Tourist Class hotels. 3 weeks is a long tour, but to fly so far, we feel it is important to see the best there is in the South American countries.

We are offering 2 optional pre-tour extensions for those who can leave earlier – to the Amazon Jungle or/and to Galapagos Island.

Call John on **Freecall 1800 673 337 (Brisbane 3876 1122)** if you have any questions.

www.madeeasytours.com.au

Some letters from clients.

✉ We have just returned from the holiday in Vietnam and would like to thank you for a wonderful holiday. Everything went according to the itinerary you put together- very smooth and very exciting - good guides and drivers- some better than others!! Loved the vibrancy and the people. Would definitely book through your company again-- regards Alison & Russ.

✉ Hello to you all at 'Made Easy', On behalf of my wife Lorraine and myself, please let me offer our heartfelt thanks for a most enjoyable visit to Turkey in April. It exceeded our expectations and rates very highly against any other trips we've had. Much of the success was no doubt due Denis McCarthy. The advice and expert commentary provided by Denis was absorbed willingly by all. His knowledge and explanations at the many venues left nothing to be desired. Nothing was a trouble. To have been invited to assist in the reading "We're All Australians Now" under shady pines overlooking Suvla Bay, was to me, the proudest moment of my life. Here we toasted firstly all Anzacs then lost relatives. This was enjoyed with an Australian Merlot. Once again permit me to thank you all for a memorable tour, so very well conducted and so ably led. Kind Regards, Keith and Lorraine.

Transits in Singapore

Many of our flights to Europe, Middle East etc involve a stop in Singapore or Bangkok. Sometimes this is 2 – 5 hours which is ideal for stretching your legs.

For longer transit times, 5 – 8 hours can seem a bit too much to simply wait it out at the airport. But there are alternatives in Singapore.

There is a special Economy Class Lounge – Rainforest – where for SGD25 you have 4 hours use of the lounge to relax on comfortable recliner chairs, have a shower and freshen up, use the internet, or have freeflow of finger food (cereal, soup, sandwiches etc) and nonalcoholic drinks.

Changi Airport also has the Ambassador Transit Hotel selling rooms in 6 hour segments at approx. SGD66 double for this time. The room is cool, quiet with private facilities and you can get a solid sleep before taking on the long haul to Europe.

There is a budget option with shared facilities for SGD41 single. They give a wake up call and you can use the pool or gym for an hour as well.

If you have at least 5 hours in transit, you can register on a 2 hour FREE sightseeing tour of Singapore. This is near the transit Counter.

Look at www.changiairport.com



Recent photo of Machu Picchu. Thanks Pat Lyons.

Dear Travellers,

It has been a busy few months, and we have a lot of pleased people booked on various tours, but sadly we are now turning many people away. Many of our tours are full and closed. We always try to keep group sizes pleasant and comfortable, and sadly this means we must restrict the numbers.

**OUR APRIL TOURS
WESTERN FRONT**

Our 5 day special **Other Anzac Day in Villers Bretonneux** is closed, our 7 day **Anzac Day in the Somme plus Ypres** is full, and our annual 10 day **Following the Anzacs** is also full and closed.

TURKEY

Our 5 day **Mini Turkey with Anzac Day** is now closed and full.

We have **5 spaces left** on our **Highlights of Turkey** flying Malaysia Airlines from Brisbane. This is **2 nts longer** than the other similar tour.

We are now offering one more **Highlights of Turkey** tour, flying Qantas/Turkish, at \$3990 p.p. twin share. This means we have 25 seats available on our large deluxe coach, with an Australian escort/manager and a full time Turkish guide. Passengers can join **from any state**.

Call now if you are interested in this popular tour. Our top quality **Splendours of Turkey** tour – 18 days departing 12 April, taking in Cappadocia, Antalya, the white travertines of Pamukkale, Bodrum, Ephesus, Gallipoli for Anzac Day and Istanbul – **has only 8 spaces left**. This is **the tour** to do if you want to see the best of Turkey.

LIBYA & EGYPT

17 days ex Australia or extend from Turkey, visiting Tobruk, Cyrene, Leptis Magna, the Sahara, then El Alamein, Alexandria and Cairo also has some places left. **Denis – OUR specialist war history escort** – is once again looking after this tour.

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Jordan and Egypt

Attention any **SINGLE TRAVELLERS** considering Jordan and Egypt this year. We now have a single man and a single woman booked on this tour, waiting for someone to share a room.

The cost of the single cabin for the Nile Cruise always means a Single Supplement payment unless we can twin share the travellers. This is a great 16 day tour with deluxe Nile Cruise, Petra, Cairo etc.

So, please call **Freecall 1800 673 337** now if you are interested.

TIBETAN PRAYER FLAGS

Tibet is a harsh, starkly beautiful country that is devoutly Buddhist. The people show their devotion in simple, obvious ways.

Pilgrims walking hundreds of kilometres over rocky mountains, circling holy sites, and full length prostrations on the ground are all ways of showing devotion. The images of Buddhism most commonly seen are prayer flags and prayer wheels.

Prayer flags are long banners of small flags coloured red, blue, white, yellow and green, and each of these has prayers written on them.

When they are strung and the breeze makes them flutter, each flutter sends one of the prayers to heaven. At high passes in the Himalayas, hundreds of prayer flags each over 30 m long give the barren landscape colour, movement and a feeling of the strong Buddhist culture. Prayer wheels are rolls of prayers wrapped tightly in a spinning wheel which is spun as pilgrims walk. Each spin once again sends a prayer to heaven.

Easy and colourful ways to keep in touch with god.



TIBET

We already have bookings for our *Tibet with Kathmandu* tour next June/July. Neil is leading this tour, and his expertise in the subcontinent guarantees everyone a fantastic trip.

With the Beijing Olympics next September, the tourists from China, then the rest of the world, will no doubt change this unique country forever.

Come with us next June, as this culture, history and even the wonderful landscape may be only distant memories after next year.

Call 1800 673 337 to be pencilled in and to be sent a special Tibet DVD and FAQ's on this tour.

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Flights

Yes we make all **flight bookings** and are as competitive as any other travel agent. We book all airlines including Singapore, Thai, Qantas, Emirates, Etihad, Swiss, Air New Zealand etc. All the airlines have now released their Early Bird Specials so call if you want to book ahead. Remember you have to ticket these early to get the best prices.



Tours & Cruises

We actually specialise in **international Travel**, but this includes holidays in Europe, Asia, USA or **absolutely anywhere**, and we have all of the new river cruise products that have sparked everyone's interest lately. We have excellent product with *Scenic Tours, Avalon Waterways, Wendy Wu, Travel Indochina, Trafalgar, Insight, Cosmos, Globus, Bench African Tours* etc. We also have more budget operators like *Kumuka Travel, Gecko, Imaginative Traveller* etc.

So if you and your friends are thinking of a holiday – and the value of the Australian dollar makes overseas travel very attractive at the moment! – give us a call on 1800 673 337.



If you have ever been on one of our Fully Escorted Tours, you are eligible to **join our Travel Club**, where great discounts make your travel even easier.

We are easy to stay in touch with,

by **calling in at our office** at 180 Moggill Rd, Taringa, Brisbane,

by **e-mail** (madeeasytours@gil.com.au) or

by **phoning** on our Freecall 1800 673 337.

RIVER & OCEAN/ISLAND CRUISES

Cruises have increased in popularity in the last few years, and everyone with the time and spare dollars has either done one or has been planning one for the future.

Now the idea of a cruising holiday where you mix with similar minded people, have all meals included, see great scenery, visit new ports and cities, and at other times have a great variety of entertainment on offer, all cumulate to make one fantastic holiday.

The other very important plus is "you only unpack once!!" A cruise is far removed from the 1 night/1 city approach of some tour companies, where the tired, late night unpack and the early morning repack --whether your rinsed out undies are dry or not - all make some tours stressful and tiring.



Some experienced companies like *Scenic Tours, Avalon Waterways*, and *Russia & Beyond* all offer great choices of cruises. There are cruises down the great rivers of Europe – the Rhine and Danube, the canals of Holland, the Yangtze with sojourns into China, the Galapagos Islands, and many other interesting waterways. Bookings are already heavy for 2008.

Call us for a brochure & more information.

Health/First Aid Kit

Please take health advice seriously. If medical treatment is required overseas, get receipts for all treatment and medication, to facilitate Travel Insurance claims. Contact your Travel Insurance company if you require Emergency Assistance. You will have a contact number on your policy or card. A basic medical kit for travel overseas might include:

- ◆ Any normal regular medication eg. migraine tablets.
- ◆ Handful of bandaids (for blisters, cuts)
- ◆ Antibiotic or antiseptic cream.
- ◆ Analgesics eg. aspirin (headaches etc)
- ◆ Vaseline or chapstick (for dry lips).
- ◆ Throat lozenges & cold/flu tablets (to dry up head colds).
- ◆ Cough mixture (Pholcodiene) or cough lozenges if you are inclined to get coughs which keep you awake.
- ◆ Some anti-nausea tablet (*Maxolon*)
- ◆ Some anti-diarrhoea tablet (*Imodium* as a "stopper").
- ◆ *Noroxin** (*Norflloxacin*) is a very highly recommended antibiotic for diarrhoea.
- ◆ Broad spectrum antibiotic eg. *Rulide**.
- ◆ Some constipation remedy.
- ◆ Insect repellent, tweezers, sun-screen, nasal spray, eye drops.

*These are prescription drugs.