



Sanheath Tours Newsletter 14 October 2017



Greetings Travellers,

September's tour, which commencing in Arctic Svalbard then exploring the east coast of Greenland before circumnavigating Iceland was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by the group of 14.



It's now time to think about tours for **2018/9**.

North East India (February 2018)

Nestled in the Eastern Himalayas the region is known for its natural beauty, abundant wildlife and cultural diversity. With a strong Buddhist influence, tribal traditions and stunning mountain scenery, this part of India has a distinctive character setting it apart from the rest of the country.



The 23 day tour commences with a day in Delhi before flying into the smoky blue hills of Manipur. There will be three nights in Imphal, making day visits to lakes, cultural centres and a museum. The tour then moves on to Nagaland, which is dominated by three mountain ranges rising from the Brahmaputra Valley. It is known for the colourful weaving of its people and there will be opportunities to visit different indigenous cultural groups. After two nights in Kohima, the tour crosses into the tea state of Assam where there will be a stay in a National Park. The group will then fly north for three nights in Darjeeling where

there will be visits to a tea plantation, a Tibetan refuge and a ride on the Toy Train. The tour then enters Sikkim, the 'handsome brother' among the 'seven pretty sisters' (states). The tour concludes in Kolkata before returning to Australia, via Bangkok.

The revised brochure is attached and bookings are now open. The price is **\$7 480**, twin share and the Single Supplement is **\$2 650**. Please contact the ACR office sales@acrtravel.com.au or Heather for an application form if you are interested.



Namibia/ Botswana (April 2018)

This tour offers a unique experience for **8 people only** and a few places available are still available.

Commencing in the Namibian capital Windhoek, the 20 day tour travels through the Namib Desert to Swakopmund on the coast, via the massive and spectacular sand dunes of Sossusvlei. It then turns back inland to the Spitskoppe Mountains to see Bushman paintings and continues into the desert to find the unique breed of elephants that dwell there. Along the way there will be experiences of Damara, Himba and Bushman cultures. The tour will include two days in Etosha National Park, known internationally for its amazing wildlife viewing. It will then continue to the Kavango region for further wildlife viewing.



After travelling along the Caprivi strip, the group will cross into Botswana and visit Chobe National Park, famous for its vast elephant population. If passengers wish to spend time in the ecologically diverse Okavango Delta there is the option to fly by small plane to a 5 star tented camp located on one of the many branches of the river – a unique and wonderful experience. The tour concludes in Zimbabwe at mighty Victoria Falls, which, after the rainy season, should be at its best.



Namibia and Botswana offer a range of landscapes, a variety of cultures and an abundance of wildlife. These features, along with the quality accommodation (be that hotels, lodges or tented camps), make this

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destination very worthwhile. In addition, Namibia and Botswana are considered to be the safest countries in Southern Africa and a visit to this fascinating part of the world is highly recommended.

The base price, including airfares, transport, accommodation and most meals, is **\$13 490** (twin share). The optional Delta experience would be another \$2 840. Bookings will close on the 15th November. For an application form please contact Heather or the ACR office.

Central Europe (September 2018),

Plans for a tour that will focus on **Romania**, but also take in **Hungary, Slovakia** and **Vienna** are in hand. Romania is rich in history, culture and natural beauty while offering a great variety of landscapes, experiences and activities. Then there is the food (mostly simple dishes made of local produce, utterly delicious and served in generous portions) plus the excellent wines.



The Romanian section of the tour would include surprising Bucharest, the stunning Carpathian Mountains, enchanting northern Romania and the amazing painted monasteries of Bucovina, the natural beauty of the Danube Delta with its teeming bird life and the lively Black Sea coast. Underrated Romania is well worth visiting.

A brochure is being prepared and will be available shortly but expressions of interest are being taken now.

Caucuses (2019)

Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. These are destinations being investigated for Spring 2019. There will be more details in the next newsletter. Expressions of interest will be taken.



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It's another way to find out what is happening, so please go on and 'like' it.

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In the meantime, happy travelling.

Heather

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