



# Sanheath Tours Newsletter 15 December 2017



Season's Greetings Travellers,

Christmas is rapidly approaching and the New Year will be upon us in no time so perhaps it is time to remind you of the tours on offer for 2018/19.



## 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.

There are places available on this tour, if you are quick, but the tour is likely to be repeated in **November/December 2018** to coincide with **Hornbill Festival** in Nagaland.



## Namibia/ Botswana (April 2018)

You will also need to be quick if you wish to take advantage of this unique experience for **8 people only**.

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. The tour concludes in Zimbabwe at mighty Victoria Falls.

Namibia and Botswana offer a range of landscapes, a variety of cultures and an abundance of wildlife. These features, along with the quality accommodation, make this destination very worthwhile.



The price, including airfares, transport, accommodation and most meals, is **\$13 490** (twin share). For an application form please contact Heather or the ACR office.

## Romania and Hungary (September 2018),

This tour will commence in **Romania**, continue into **Hungary** and conclude in **Vienna**. Both Romania and Hungary are rich in history, culture and natural beauty while offering a great variety of landscapes, experiences and activities. Romania also has glorious food (mostly simple dishes made of local produce, utterly delicious and served in generous portions) along with excellent wines.



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The itinerary for the Romanian section of the tour includes surprising Bucharest, the stunning Carpathian Mountains, enchanting northern Romania and the amazing painted monasteries of Bucovina. The Hungarian component of the tour is still being negotiated but it is hoped that a brochure will be available early in the New Year. Expressions of interest are being taken now.

## Caucases (May 2019)



Lying at the cross roads of Europe and Asia are the Caucasus, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. From the shores of the Caspian Sea and historic Baku, through the vineyards of Kakheti and into the spectacular Caucasus Mountains, the tour will be following in the footsteps of Silk Road traders, Crusader Knights and Ottoman Princes. The region is packed with legends, stunning scenery and hospitable people.

Plans for the proposed tour are underway and expressions of interest are being taken.



Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and happy travelling in the New Year.

Heather



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