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## NEW VENTURE, OLD FACES!

Hello everyone,

We hope you are all enjoying a safe, healthy and happy 2018. As many of you will be aware, Pat Mangan has sold Swagman Tours after 30 successful years in business. Karen Elliott, with 15 years experience in the travel industry, has embarked on a journey establishing a new venture - **Vagabond Travel**. Karen is extremely pleased to have Pat on board with his wealth of expertise in the travel industry to assist moving forward with planning and preparation of upcoming tours. We have very much enjoyed working together for the past 15 years and look forward to many more in the future.

For 2019 we are planning farming tours to Europe, - more specifically Portugal, Spain, France & Italy along with Canada including the Calgary Stampede and the Yukon & Northwest Territories. In addition we will continue working with Paul & Lizzie Pincini, formerly of Merimbula Coach Tours, who have recently re-branded and are now known as Platinum Journeys, to include some fantastic outback Australia accommodated tours. Pat Mangan & Geoff Raven will once again



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be escorting 4WD trips along the Canning Stockroute & Gunbarrel Highway and the Simpson Desert. We are also introducing unique journeys to a variety of destinations in 2019. On page 4 see our brief details about our Oberammergau trips for 2020, please contact for further details. Also on page 4 see a fantastic value for money ensuite lodge holiday in Southern Africa put together by Pat with his African contacts. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards, **Karen Elliott & Pat Mangan**

**NB:** Pat's other business activity of building stockcrates etc is illustrated on the last page of the newsletter.

## \* 2019 FARMING TOURS \*

### EUROPE - Portugal, Spain, France & Italy

25 Days

12 Jun

\$11,875pp inc air



**Farm & Technical Visits;**

- Cattle farm, Toledo
- Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian
- Toro Bravo bull farm
- Dairy farm & goat cheese producer
- Agco-Laverda harvester factory
- Spanish Iberian pig farm
- Sheep farm
- Maschio factory visit

**Tour Highlights;**

- Madrid guided tour
- Lisbon & Evora city sightseeing
- Palace of the Popes, Avignon
- Italian Lakes District & Verona
- Toledo ancient walled city
- Alcazar Castle, Seville
- Breathtaking Gorges of Ardeche
- Guided walking tour of Venice

### CANADA Inc Calgary Stampede and Yukon

20 Days

10 Jul

\$10,595pp land only



**Farm & Technical Visits;**

- The Calgary Stampede
- Beef & sheep feedlot
- Hutterite Colony
- Family owned oilseed & grain property
- Large scale cereal farm
- Flexicoil factory, Saskatoon
- "Ag In Motion" Farm Expo

**Tour Highlights;**

- Head Smashed Inc Buffalo Jump historic site
- Canadian Rockies & Banff National Park
- Gondola ride on Sulphur Mountain
- Lake Louise & Icefield Parkway
- Whitehorse & Dawson City sightseeing
- Inuvik & Tuktoyaktuk – Northwest Territories
- Visit the Arctic Circle

# \* 2019 OUTBACK MOTEL TOURS \*

## ICONIC PUBS OF THE CORNER COUNTRY 13 Days 04 May



### Tour Highlights;

- Back O Bourke Exhibition Centre
- Royal Mail Hotel, Hungerford
- Eulo Queen Hotel
- Toompine Pub
- Windorah & Betoota
- Birdsville Hotel & Big Red sand dune
- Cordillo Downs woolshed
- Burke & Wills Dig Tree & Cameron's Corner
- Tibooburra & Silverton Hotels
- Innamincka on the edge of Cooper's Creek
- Wayside Inn at Packsaddle
- Menindee Lakes & Maidens Hotel

**\$4,645pp**

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BURKE & WILLS 16 Days 12 Jun



### Tour Highlights;

- Graves of Burke & Wills - Melbourne
- Mungo National Park & Menindee Lakes
- Mining township of Broken Hill
- Tibooburra & Cameron's Corner
- Burke & Wills Dig Tree at Innamincka
- Birdsville – Big Red sand dune
- Burke & Wills camp tree
- Spectacular Lawn Hill Gorge – 2 nights
- Ride the historic Gulflander train
- Historic Normanton sights
- Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria
- Millstream National Park

**\$6,445pp**

## CAPE YORK – Travel to the Tip! 12 Days 30 Jun & 10 Jul

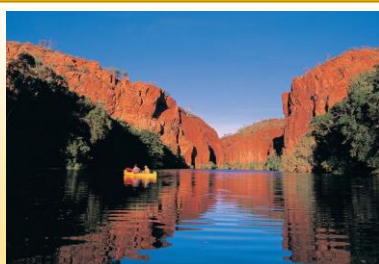


### Tour Highlights;

- Cairns
- Kuranda Scenic Railway
- Atherton Tablelands
- Cooktown sightseeing
- Split Rock Aboriginal site at Laura
- 2 nights Weipa with guided eco cruise
- Bramwell Station
- Fruit Bat Falls
- Visit Seisia & travel to the Tip of Cape York
- Thursday Island guided tour
- Cape Tribulation day tour
- 3 nights Port Douglas

**\$5,645pp**

## GULFLANDER – CAIRNS TO DARWIN 14 Days 13 Jul



### Tour Highlights;

- Cairns
- Kuranda Scenic Railway journey
- Atherton Tablelands scenery
- Chillagoe Caves
- Silent boat ride – Cobbold Gorge
- Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria
- Gulflander Train trip
- 2 nights in spectacular Lawn Hill Gorge
- 3 nights at Lorella Springs Wilderness Park
- Mataranka thermal pool
- Litchfield National Park
- Darwin

**\$5,495pp**

## KIMBERLEY DISCOVERY 15 Days 01 Sep



### Tour Highlights;

- 2 nights Jubilee Downs Station
- Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek
- Geikie Gorge cruise
- Bungle Bungles sightseeing – 2 nights
- Kununurra sightseeing & town tour
- 55km Ord River cruise
- El Questro & Zebedee Springs
- Travel the Gibb River Road
- Emma Gorge & Home Valley Station
- Manning & Galvans Gorges
- Spectacular Bell Gorge
- 3 nights Broome with sightseeing

**\$7,585pp**

## \* 4WD ADVENTURES \*

### CANNING STOCKROUTE & GUNBARREL HIGHWAY

20 Days

04 Jun

\$8,775pp in vehicle

\$4,325pp tag along



**Tour Highlights;**

- Giles Meteorological Station
- Aboriginal community of Warburton
- Heather & Gunbarrel Highways
- Two nights Carnegie Station
- The Canning Stockroute
- 2 nights Durba Springs & Lake Disappointment
- The "Haunted Well" – Well 37
- Len Beadell's Talawana Track
- Tanami Track & Rabbit Flat

### SIMPSON DESERT CROSSING

12 Days

02 Sep

\$4,475pp in vehicle

\$2,550pp tag along



**Tour Highlights;**

- Oodnadatta on the original Ghan rail line
- Peake & Dalhousie Station ruins
- Swim at the oasis of Dalhousie Springs
- Visit Andado & Annandale Stations
- Cordillo Downs Station
- Birdsville incl Big Red & the Pub
- Burke & Wills Dig Tree on Cooper Creek
- The Strezlecki Track & Innamincka
- Cameron's Corner, murals at Tibooburra

## \* 2019 UNIQUE JOURNEYS \*

### EGYPT & JORDAN inc Nile River Cruise 20 Days 01 Mar



**Tour Highlights;**

- Nile River cruise
- Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon
- Temples at Amada – Wadi El Seboua
- Cross the Tropic of Cancer
- Visit Ramses II Temple at Abu Simbel
- Visit the Great Pyramids & Sphinx, Giza

**\$11,215pp land only**

- Cairo Museum & King Tut treasures
- Tour of Amman & Jerash, Jordan
- Hidden City of Petra
- Visit the Dead Sea on Jordanian side

### ICELAND & GREENLAND

14 Days 18 Jun & 16 Jul



**Tour Highlights;**

- Sightseeing tour of Reykjavik
- Gullfoss – "Golden Waterfall"
- Vatnajokull National Park glaciers
- Collection of local stones, Petra
- Lava formations at Dimmuborgir
- Colourful city of Akureyri

**\$11,620pp land only**

- Arctic Sea views & black coastline
- Siglufjordur Fjord & timber buildings
- UNESCO Lake Thingvallavatn
- Ammassalik & Kulusuk, Greenland

### CROATIA & DALMATIAN COAST CRUISE

Oct 19



**Tour Highlights;**

- 7 day cruise – Split to historic Dubrovnik
- Vis – inlet of the Dalmatian archipelago
- Pakleni Islands & city of Hvar
- Marco Polo's home town of Korcula
- Montenegro & guided tour of Kotor
- Zadar – tour of Wave Monitor & Sun Dial
- Zagreb – visit Plitvice National Park

**Taking Expressions of Interest**

**ESCORTED BY PAT MANGAN**

**7 Day Cruise & 11 Day Tour**

Contact Pat or Karen for further details on this amazing holiday package to this truly unique & wonderful part of the Mediterranean

\* VALUE \* VALUE \* VALUE \* VALUE \*

FULLY  
GUIDED

# SOUTHERN AFRICA

\$5,975pp  
Incl air

SOUTH AFRICA – ZIMBABWE – VICTORIA FALLS 17 Days 31 May 19



### Tour Highlights;

- Kruger National Park – 3 nights
- Zululand – 3 nights & Battlefields – 2 nights
- Guided tour of Soweto and the Apartheid Museum
- Travel through the Kingdom of Swaziland

- Zulu culture & 4WD game drives
- Guided tour of Rorke's Drift & Blood River battlefields
- Private Lodge in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe
- Victoria Falls – 2 nights & guided tour of the Falls
- Chobe National Park day trip

**SMALL GROUP TOUR** - See all the magical highlights of Southern Africa in the comfort of 3½ star ensuite lodge accommodation and visit the premier game reserves of Kruger National Park in South Africa and Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe. Also visit Soweto & the Apartheid Museum, the Kingdom of Swaziland and the cultural centre of the Zulu Kingdom plus the historic battlefield sites around Dundee. End your wonderful African experience enjoying the beauty and splendour of Victoria Falls including a day trip to Chobe National Park in Botswana. All in all a great value, relaxed holiday experience not to be missed!

## OBERAMMERGAU inc Passion Play 24 Days Jul/Aug 2020

\* SPAIN \* FRANCE \* ITALY \* AUSTRIA \*



### Tour Highlights;

- Tickets to the renowned Passion Play
- Alhambra Palace & Toledo sights
- Madrid sightseeing
- Pamplona – Cathedral of St Mary
- UNESCO Pont du Gard aqueduct
- Spectacular Gorges of Ardeche

### Taking Expressions of Interest

- Avignon incl Palais des Papes
- Breathtaking villages of Cinque Terre
- Venice sightseeing incl St Marks Square
- Capital of the Alps, Innsbruck, Austria
- Munich sightseeing



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## \* SWAGMAN STOCKCRATES \*

### CUSTOM MADE STOCKCRATES



- \* Single deck bruise free cattle crates
  - \* 2x1 sheep/cattle crates
  - \* Stockcrate repairs and refurbishment quotations on request
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