

# Making Travel Easy with

I'm told I'm a lucky person being paid to tell people where to go! I'm looking forward to helping you.

## February 2013

Life is full and busy with every day bringing new ideas, new itineraries, new destinations, new people and way too much fun. Our dollar is still travelling well and airfares are not much more that they were ten years ago. I'm looking forward to March!

### European River Cruising

This is one area in travel which is increasing in popularity. So busy in fact that we are now taking bookings for 2014! Common trips are from Moscow to St Petersburg and Amsterdam to Budapest. You can look at two family owned companies, [APT](#) which is based in Melbourne and [Scenic Tours](#) which is based in Newcastle.

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### Antarctic cruising

Best time to travel here is from November to March. However you would be lucky to find a cabin for the 2013/14 season. Otherwise start planning now for the 2014/15 season.

Look at companies such as [Aurora Expeditions](#) which is based in Sydney and [Peregrine Adventures](#) based here in Melbourne. For those who would prefer a penchant for seasickness on a small sailing boat then look at [Spirit of Sydney Expeditions](#) (Australian owned) and [SIM Expeditions](#).

### Airfares

Royal Brunei Airlines is still the cheapest way to travel to London.

## Walking in Scotland 2013

There are spaces left on my walking tour along the West Highland Way. I now have two dates with the earlier one being a shorter and easier walk.

First trip starts 30 August with a price of \$1299 per person if two people sharing a room. My second, and longer one, one starts on the 9 September. If you are interested please [email me](#).

### A Scottish Proverb

A smile costs less than electricity and gives more light.



Walking in Scotland – note blue sky!

## Adventure Travel Film Festival

The 2013 took place in Brighton from 15-17 Feb. It will have similar dates for next year. For 2013 details [click here](#).



Cycling along the KKH in Pakistan

### Another airfare idea

Premium Economy to Paris with Cathay Pacific from \$3750 inc. tax.

## Yunnan

Last November I spent two weeks being shown around this Province of China. The capital is Kunming and it borders Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam.



Tiger Leaping Gorge

It is very mountainous with peaks as high as 5,000 metres. Yunnan is home to Tiger Leaping Gorge, a scenic canyon on the Jinsha River which is a primary tributary of the Yangtze River. It is located 60 kilometres north of Lijiang. Other places to see are Dali and Shangri-la.

The Chinese have built a new Motorway from Kunming to Dali and almost onto Shangri-la which means the old road is great for those not in a hurry and who want to see the real Yunnan.

And for those who love walking and cycling there are some marvellous opportunities. I have an operator based in Kunming and the owner Tony lives half the year there and the other 6 months here in Melbourne.

### And in the end...

Thanks again for all your support. If you do not wish to receive my newsletters please write the words "Please take me off your newsletter list" in the subject line of an email.

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