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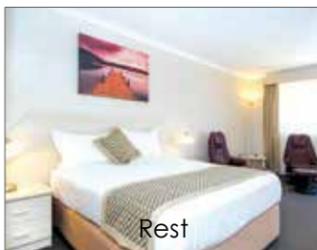
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Jennifer Merigan

FINLAND has been declared the world's safest and most secure travel destination according

to the Global Travel and Tourism Report by the World Economic Forum. Qatar was ranked the second safest country, followed by United Arab Emirates, which came as a surprise given their location on the Persian Gulf.

Iceland, which is one of the best places in the world to see the Northern Lights, came in fourth and Austria was named the fifth safest

destination.

Overall the safest countries were generally found in Europe, while the least safe were found in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

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Our journalist Frank Smith has shared some travel tips about the hazards of motoring in Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Beware the ox cart, he says, particularly in the evening. Frank

says that the drivers are often asleep – no matter the oxen know their way home – but they are not crash hot on hand signals or road rules, so they may turn across your path with no warning if you try to overtake.

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Frank is about to embark on a journey to England to spend some time with relatives and then is taking a cruise to Iceland, Faroes and Shetland.

Have a great holiday Frank and we look forward to reading about your trip in these pages later in the year.

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Another interesting report came across my desk from the Commonwealth Bank about misadventure costing Aussie travellers nearly one billion dollars every year. Good news is that the Baby Boomer generation is the least likely to

be the target of theft (23 per cent) when travelling overseas and 76 per cent take out travel insurance.

The 75 plus demographic are the people who really put their safety first with 42 per cent not travelling to a destination if there is any risk to their safety and 84 per cent taking out travel insurance.

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like to share some information, don't hesitate to contact me on the email below. If you're a facebooker than like *Have a Go News* at www.facebook.com/Haveagonevs.

Happy trails

Jennifer Merigan
Travel Editor



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Unique opportunity to pay tribute to the Anzacs

CRUISE and Maritime Voyages (CMV), in conjunction with Albany-based travel agent Travel with Purpose, is providing a unique opportunity to pay tribute to the Anzacs.

The cruise ship *Astor* will make a special extended visit to Albany in January during a four-night return cruise that will depart from Fremantle on 21 January, 2018.

She is scheduled to arrive in to King George Sound, Albany at 4am, on Tuesday, 23 January, 2018, in time for guests to witness a special dawn service from a unique vantage point off Middleton Beach.

Astor will extend her stay until 10pm, allowing plenty of time for passengers to explore Albany and follow its Anzac story.

A special RSL afternoon tea will be hosted with Regimental Colonel Brigadier Geoff Hand AM RFD as the guest speaker.

Passengers can then attend a special dusk service, complete with the playing of the last post, at Mt Clarence.

Local Albany historian and Anzac tour guide John Doust will be on board providing lectures about Anzac families from Albany.

John Spark from Travel with Purpose said he believed that people don't need to wait for a special day to remember and respect the sacrifices made by our troops in WWI.

"I don't think dawn services and opportunities to pay our respects to the Anzacs should be reserved for one day of the

year," he said. "People travel to Gallipoli throughout the year and still find it a moving and emotional experience. This will be no different. Albany is home to the National Anzac Centre which plays a big part in the war history and is easy to explore during a visit."

CMV is offering a special 'Buy One Get One Free' deal for the cruise.

Twin inside cabins start at \$929, with the second person traveling for free.

Twin ocean view cabins are available from \$1119, with the second passenger again travelling for free.

Grant Hunter, CMV's CEO in Australasia and Asia said that the company, including its crew, was excited to be able to get involved in a unique op-

portunity to celebrate the spirit of the Anzacs.

"*Astor* will return to Fremantle in December for her fifth summer of cruising based in Australia. Over the past four years she has become entrenched in the WA way of life," he said. "Anzac Day and remembering the sacrifices that Australians made for their country is a big part of that."

"Each year though, *Astor* is cruising the northern hemisphere, from London, when Anzac Day falls, so this is a great opportunity for us to be a part in something that could not be more Australian."

"We are proud and excited to be able to offer this itinerary."

The schedule is 21 Jan, 2018 – Depart Fremantle 5pm, 22 Jan, 2018 – at sea, 23 Jan, 2018 – celebrate the Anzacs, arrive in to Albany 4am.

Depart Albany 10pm 24 Jan, 2018 – at sea, 25 Jan, 2018, arrive Fremantle 8am.

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group in building and maintaining the facilities and equipment.

There is a men's shed but in addition to this to this there is carpentry, painting, plumbing, gardening, ground care, pleasant company and sometimes vigorous conversation about saving the world or just trains.

Summer is a little warm but morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea can be in the shade looking across the Canning, watching birdlife and the fish jumping.

The railway is self funding through open public days, school holidays, running for charity events and private bookings.

They would like the Wednesday gatherers known as the A Team to become members and graduate to station attendants, guards, drivers, signal operators and track maintenance support.

CMR does its own bridge rebuilding at a leisurely pace. They offer a learning experience and the public gain picnic grounds, walking trails and access to fishing spots apart from entertaining children and themselves.

Now... who would like to do a spot of gardening and to eventually drive the trains?

There are 50 to 60 passenger wagons and a selection of 20 or so locomotives from steam to diesel which are impeccably maintained with contributions from the A-Team. Some steamers are quite large. Working on the railway is a dream many of the members have had. It can be a very rewarding experience and contributors will definitely get their hands dirty.

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Boulder and beautiful - a comfortable train trip on the Prospector



Kalgoorlie, land of the silky pears, from left to right; Statue on handsome Burt Street, Boulder - Kalgoorlie's well known Hannan Street - travel on the Prospector is enjoyable and comfortable - Kalgoorlie Museum

by Steve Collins

SPEEDING along the track somewhere north of Coolgardie I was mesmerised by the blatant harshness of the landscape; gnarly, stunted trees fighting for their existence trying to find nourishment in the ancient, red earth. I was returning from Kalgoorlie-Boulder, enjoying the comfort of the Prospector, pondering just how tough those original inhabitants and the first pioneers must have been to conquer such a scrawny, unwelcome land.

It was greed that built Kalgoorlie. The lust for gold. The dream of unlimited wealth.

Engineering, in the form of the pipeline from Mundaring, allowed the city to first survive, then ultimately thrive.

For a city that started out as a scattering of basic tents near a few tough diggings, Kalgoorlie-Boulder has morphed into a magnificent, yet unique, city.

Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie is a grand boulevard that is lined with magnificent colonial buildings. It's well known to those who have visited Kalgoorlie, with angle parking still very easy to find.

My biggest surprise was Burt Street, Boulder, which must definitely be one of Western Australia's prettiest streets.

Burt Street oozes charm. Three flower-lined blocks of heritage buildings; it is a street far narrower than Kal's well-known Hannan St, but far more enticing. Boulder is Kalgoorlie's poorer cousin,

the town is where most of the miners lived, but Burt Street certainly does not reflect that status. Renovations have been carried out with care. Wealth from gold built Burt Street, civic pride has seen it be magnificently maintained.

Just a short distance away from Burt Street is the public entrance to Kalgoorlie's biggest attraction, the Super Pit.

For the casual visitor entrance is free. Just drive on up, park the vehicle and wander over to the fence. The noise of mechanical activity does give you a clue that this is a busy place as you approach the lookout, but the sight of this expansive hole is almost overwhelming. To put this massive gouge into perspective, if you placed Perth's tallest building, Brookfield Place, on top of itself, you are still not at the pit's lip.

This geo-engineering marvel plummets to a depth of 500m. To watch ore-laden trucks slowly wend their way to the top of the pit is quite mesmerising. To see them in microscopic form way below on the mine floor is fascinating.

You can also do a tour in which you explore the mine by descending into it, which I would certainly do next time.

Hannans North Tourist Mine gives you an insight into Kalgoorlie gold mining from the very first diggings to modern day.

This was one of the first mines in Kalgoorlie, opening in 1893 and continuing operations until 1991. Although it has a deep shaft, reaching a depth of 395

metres, only the exhibits on the surface are open for inspection for self-guided tours.

Living conditions during the pioneering days were harsh. Facilities very basic, and work back breakingly gruelling.

As difficult as life was for the miners, women must have found conditions in the goldfields exceptionally stark. There was no adequate sanitation. Until the completion of the pipeline water supplies were meagre and expensive. There was virtually no privacy. With the amount of dust swirling around, the incessant, wearying summer heat, the mere act of keeping clean must have been an almost impossible endeavour.

Close to the re-creation of an early mining camp is an example of the modern way to mine.

Clambering aboard a giant haul truck, which can carry almost 400 tonnes in its tray, gave me an appreciation for the technology that went into building such a behemoth. For these saurotrucks (you can only compare them to the largest of dinosaurs) to carry such an enormous

load up a steep incline with apparent ease almost stretches belief.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder is certainly one of Australia's most iconic outback towns, and it celebrates its uniqueness. I know of no other place in Australia that actively promotes tours of its brothels.

Unfortunately, I can't give an accurate description of the interior of any of Kal's brothels as I missed the opportunity to parlay myself into any of the prostitute's parlours.

My understanding is that the name Kalgoorlie is an aboriginal word meaning 'land of the silky pears', but I have no recollection of seeing any of them. What I did see was a city in which there is great civic pride and a town that oozes good fortune.

Visiting Kalgoorlie-Boulder was a pure pleasure due to its vibrancy. I regretted not staying longer and I was not ready to leave, but my main purpose was to ride the Prospector, so another visit is being planned.

Travelling on the Prospector was pure bliss for me. I'm a train geek, and this is a great trip. The

carriages are very clean, and supremely comfortable. Seats are roomy, and each passenger has a screen on which to watch movies or shows. Not for me, as I am a window watcher who loves to see where we are going and to admire the country as we move through it. However, I did love accessing Drivercam to get a driver's eye-view of the journey.

The journey is quiet but undertaken mostly on a single track. This means occasionally waiting for a goods train to pass, but when the train gets a good run it can reach speeds of over 160kph (that screen tells you the current speed), and it is quite a thrill to watch the countryside whizz by.

The Prospector has a refreshment kiosk, large picture windows and clean, roomy toilets. I loved watching the countryside constantly change. When I undertook the trip, summer storms had just drenched the region so there was plenty of water around. Lakes were not dry but blue with water, and waterfowl were abundant. The foliage was green

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Papua New Guinea – a place that's untouched by the 21st century



From left to right; You'll be delighted by the boys dancing in PNG - The grand lady, Pacific Eden looks imposing in the islands of PNG

by Ann Rickard

PRISTINE beaches where tropical growth meets white sand, and turquoise waters abound with colourful fish in subterranean coral gardens sounds like the dream destination. But such idylls are usually overdeveloped or over-run by tourists.

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Being there is a simultaneously uplifting and humbling experience.

taneously uplifting and humbling experience.

At our first port, Alotou, the capital of PNG's Milne Bay province, the dancers were there to greet us, their feathered headgear waving to their stomps, their fierce bone-nose adornments at odds with their beetle-nut stained smiles.

Next stop, Kitava where the locals had come down from the hills and out of surrounding villages to display their hand-crafted products on the white sand. It seemed horribly wrong to pay so little for an exquisitely carved, wooden bowl inlaid with shell. It must have taken days, even weeks to craft but the old man selling it asked for just 20 kina (about \$12).

The children had obviously been given the day off school for *Pacific Eden's* arrival and were dressed in grass-mat skirts and skimpy

loin cloths, adorned with feathers, beads, and bits of nature's bling. A group of exuberant boys danced, banging bamboo poles to the beat of a drum, their choreography rhythmical, perfect. They giggled and laughed as they danced making the world seem a more innocent place.

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At our next island, Kiriwina - where women enjoy higher status than men, and pigs are an indicator of wealth - it was

the teenage girls from the nearby school who danced for us, their colourful skirts and feathers swaying with their dainty movements while a local musician accompanied them on an old guitar.

At all the islands, the snorkelling was some of the best in the world, right off the beach, or further out by canoes where one of dozens of enthusiastic boys offered to paddle us out for a few kina.

After reluctant farewells at each island, it was a joy to return to *Pacific Eden* where colourful cocktails, grand dinners, live theatre and non-stop entertainment waited for us.

Unfortunately, huge swells at Conflict Islands prevented us from getting off the ship, a disappointment, but also the perfect excuse to return one day.

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Otta-WOW - limber up for a roller-coaster visit to Canada's exciting capital



Left to right; Byward Markets - Parliament Hill - Fairmont - Rideau at night

by Roderick Eime

OTTAWA is the city fun forgot, according to the first local we met. Well, I don't know where they got that idea from because now, on my second visit to the capital, I've found it a most welcoming and vibrant city, with plenty of fun things to do.

Aussies who have travelled to Canada know this already - especially the hordes of young ski bums and bunnies who regularly jet into the various ski resorts in the country's western regions - Canadians love us. That Commonwealth affection is similarly returned.

Getting around Ottawa is dead easy. It's a simple city to walk, cabs are easy and there is the famous Uber rideshare just like almost everywhere else. I chose the familiar hop-on, hop-off double decker tourist bus as seen in so many major cities and tourist destinations. Stamped with 'Lady Dive' signage, the buses have a live guide and make 15 stops at key locations around town.

In a jam-packed summer's day, I join the throngs for a sample of Ottawa's fabulous hospitality and activities.

My morning is taken up with whitewater rafting, a three and half hour trip that departs from Britannia Park (a lovely beach and park about a 15-minute drive west of downtown) and ends just west of the Canadian War Museum and downtown Ottawa. We crash through a series of small whitewater rapids within view of the city skyline in inflatable boats, while the daredevils among us do the famous cliff jump and bridgehang. A great family adventure.

Come lunchtime, I was ready for some of Ottawa's

famous fare and the place to go is the ByWard Market, one of the oldest and largest farmers' markets in Canada, as well as the name of the eclectic neighbourhood that surrounds it.

Ottawa's entertainment district is filled with great restaurants, clubs, bistros, coffee shops, boutiques and food retailers. In the height of summer, up to 175 outdoors stalls sell plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables as well as art and crafts. You'll find ByWard Market vendors outside, no matter the weather, 363 days per year (closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day).

Check out some of the staple food shops - some of which have been around since the early beginnings of the Market: Saslove's Meat Market, House of Cheese, Lapointe Fish, and more. And make sure to visit the ByWard Market Square building, which

features a wide selection of food vendors, artisans and boutiques. Don't miss the cobblestoned courtyards behind the shops of Sussex Drive. From south to north, the Clarendon Courtyard, Jeanne d'Arc Courtyard, Tin House Courtyard and Beaux-arts Courtyard each have their unique charms - from restaurant patios to quirky public art.

My choice is the funky Sidedoor Restaurant, a contemporary kitchen and bar in York where I dine on such novel dishes as tuna sashimi with yuzu marmalade and Thai basil sausage tacos.

There's plenty of choice for the afternoon too, so let's head to the National Gallery of Canada, one of the country's finest art museums and the permanent home of the world's most comprehensive collection of Canadian, including Inuit, art. The Gallery sits in

one of the most spectacular sites in Ottawa, and its award-winning architecture (designed by Moshe Safdie), features the luminous Great Hall, spacious galleries, and interior gardens and courtyards. You can't miss the iconic Louise Bourgeois sculpture, Maman, a mammoth nine and a quarter metre bronze spider.

Back on the bus, it's time for the Canada Aviation and Space Museum, home to the most extensive aviation collection in Canada and one which ranks among the best in the world. Canada's rich aviation heritage is revealed through exhibits of vintage aircraft from the museum's permanent collection. Interactive activities, films, demonstrations, and guided tours offer visitors a chance to explore the story of flight. Open-cockpit biplane rides and helicopter rides are offered for an extra fee, weather

permitting. The museum is also home to the Canadian - the mechanical arm used on the NASA Space Shuttle. Star Trek fans can get a dose of their favourite TV series with a special exhibition until mid-September.

Otherwise, I could venture to the Canadian War Museum located along the Ottawa River just west of the Parliament Buildings and a living memorial to Canada's proud military history - from the earliest days of New France to current-day operations. It features large artifacts such as tanks (including a super rare German Panther) and airplanes, as well as a stunning collection of war art (including a gallery of nose art from World War II Lancaster bombers).

If I have the courage, I might take a tour of local ghost stories and Ottawa's darker history when the

lights are low and the atmosphere is just right for a good ghost story. The tour guides wear cloaks and carry a lantern as they lead their group from one haunted spot to the next.

Before I head out tomorrow, there's time to join the crowd for the ceremonial changing of the guard up on Parliament Hill or perhaps visit the Diefenbunker, a Cold War shelter built to house the entire government in the event of nuclear attack.

And before you head there, brush up on a little of your high school French as Canadians will be delightfully tolerant of your rusty pronunciation. Even the everyday greeting is "Hello, bonjour".

Other activities to consider for a fun-filled visit to Ottawa:

Historic biplane sight-seeing flights from the Aviation and Space Museum. Take a tour of the in-

side of Parliament's centre block.

Visit the Bytown Museum to learn about Ottawa's early history.

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On the road to old Canton... the good and the bad of a shore excursion



Clockwise from left; The locals in this part of China tend to ignore tourists altogether - Xiamen is tagged the Dubai of the Orient - Visiting a mosque took up half the day - Modern Guangzhou, formerly Canton - The ancient Temple of the Six Banyan Trees

by Dallas Sherringham

MOST travel stories paint the destinations in glowing terms with words like "stunning", "amazing" and "superb".

This is not a story like that. This is the story about how wrong a day trip can go if you have a bad guide, a shambolic destination and an itinerary that is virtually impossible to follow.

Yet, it all started so well when I booked the day trip to Xiamen on our cruise ship. It ran something like this: "Tour and shop

in the exciting new city of Xiamen before experiencing the beautiful Chinese landscape as we take a leisurely trip to Guangzhou (formerly Canton). Lunch at a traditional..."

You get the drift. I should have known something was wrong when our young Chinese guide led us off the ship and started running towards a fleet of buses. Carrying a knee injury, there was no way I was running and at least half the tour group fell behind with me.

Now, when you get to

a line of buses and everyone is wearing the same outfit and all look the same, holding signs in Chinese, it gets a bit confusing. I finally found our bus after 10 minutes but rounding up the rest took a lot longer.

"We are running late so we will have to change the itinerary," shrieked the tour guide.

Our shopping and sightseeing tour of downtown Xiamen lasted just one lap of the main street while we gawked out of the windows. Xiamen looked like an interesting

place and I was beginning to wish I had just spent the day there exploring independently.

The city is a modern port that has boomed from a seaside town. The air pollution is horrendous.

Our bus turned back on to the freeway and became embroiled in an hour long traffic jam.

Finally we sped off in the direction of Guangzhou at high speed. Our exploration of the countryside consisted of a toilet stop where the Chinese just glared at the

tourists without any expression at all.

Suddenly the PA system blurted to life again: "We are running late so we will have to change the itinerary," she shrieked again.

We finally arrived at Guangzhou and it turned out to be an impressive older city with no air pollution to speak of. We promptly stopped at an historic Muslim mosque. Just why she seemed to think we would be interested in spending an hour and a half in the ruins was beyond me, but there we

sat slowly cooking in the hot sun.

Finally we moved off and she proudly announced we would be visiting a traditional old shopping and market precinct. After spending so long at the mosque we were finally going somewhere interesting.

We hopped off our bus at the top end of the market and she shrieked: "Five minutes here!"

I said: "No, we want longer" and most of the group stood firm with me. But not for long, she started to run flat out towards the bus double parked 100m away and most of the group went with her, all running down the street. It looked ridiculous. It was ridiculous.

I took a couple of photos and sauntered back to the bus at my own pace. There was a glare from the guide and the bus driver that made me shiver.

She jumped on the PA and screamed: "We have to change the itinerary because (glaring at me) some people have held us up."

Next stop was the historic Temple of the Six Banyan Trees. We parked about ten blocks away and once again our guide ran off down the street with some tour members trying to keep up. The rest were strung along a two km route. I did make it to the temple, took one photo and then started walking back.

Finally I had some time to chat with a couple of locals, visit a few shops and enjoy a coffee and an ice cream. Life in Guangzhou

is very traditional in every way and it was quite a culture shock for some of the less travelled members of the group.

People lived on the street, they cooked on the street, they tossed leftovers in the street... you get the drift.

After what seemed an eternity, our guide and her loyal band of followers returned and she yelled at my breakaway group: "You didn't wait for me, I couldn't find you."

"Well, I guess we now are even sweetheart," I said and climbed aboard the bus with some applause and laughter.

There are lessons to be learnt here and most of the problems were caused by my lack of research.

I wrongly thought the cruise line knew what it was doing, but, like many cruise lines, they had no idea how to organise a shore tour. Yet they still charged \$175 for a disaster.

Next time I will research all the tours properly or maybe organise a local guide to show me around for \$50. If the shore tour doesn't reach expectations, tell your shore tour manager on board. Enough complaints and he or she will have to act.

PS: I found out some days later when I made a complaint on board ship that the tour guides were actually college students who were learning English and did the tours to make extra cash and talk the talk. That explains a lot. Maybe they also training for the athletics at the Olympics?



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Enjoy the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show and Spring Festival in September



Western Australian street artist Amok Island's epic 25-metre-high wildflower inspired mural across the CBH Grain silos in Ravensthorpe

WITH spring not far away, now is the time to plan a visit to the annual Ravensthorpe Wildflower Festival. The Spring Festival opens on the afternoon of 9 September with a street parade and evening concert culminating on the 24 September with a long table lunch and celebrity guests

Sabrina Hahn and Angus Stewart (ABC Gardening) in attendance.

The Shire of Ravensthorpe is renowned for its abundance of flora and fauna. A key part of the shire is the world class Fitzgerald River National Park, which, hosts some 1800 different plant species, showcases it-

self along a wild and beautiful coastline. Some species not to be missed include the unique Qualup Bell (Pimelia physodes), the Royal Hakea (Hakea victoria) and the Weeping Gum (Eucalyptus sepulcralis).

Recently refurbished, the National Park features surfaced coastal roads, interpretive displays and spectacular lookouts and first class camping is available in the park.

The festival features the world renowned Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show which is now in its 35th year.

Visitors can view more than 600 hundred botanically identified plant species on display and this could be the world's largest wildflower show. The festival promises vibrant floral beauty, exciting events and activities for the whole family.

The Wildflower Show has a new home in the Ravensthorpe Town Hall and has the addition of a brand new state of the art Herbarium as an annex to the hall.

Perth based award-winning florist Matthew Landers will be training up locals prior to the Wildflower Show to design and present floral sculp-

tures featuring three botanic based chandeliers and 12 mannequins, sponsored by the Ravensthorpe Regional Arts Council, these Sculptures will be exhibited in the Town Hall from 10 - 23 September along with those amazing wildflowers.

Internationally Renowned Western Australian street artist Amok Island has painted the epic 25-metre-high wildflower inspired mural across the CBH Grain silos in Ravensthorpe. This is the second in a series of Western Australian silo murals by FORM and CBH Group. It depicts the six stages of the Banksia baxterii and its pollinators.

There will be many activities during the spring festival to help visitors discover the hidden treasures and hospitality of the region. The opening of the show will be celebrated with a street parade and family-friendly concert on the afternoon of Saturday 9 September.

Devonshire teas and soup lunches will be available daily from 10 -23 September. There will be a 4x4 tag-a-long tours conducted with expert local guides to see some of the best

floral routes around. (4x4 required or they can possibly find a seat in another vehicle). Bookings essential. A guided bush walk will be available to discover the wildflowers of the area. The Festival closes with Long Table Lunch on the 24 September with Wildflower Show Patron; the fabulous and fun Sabrina Hahn along with celebrity guest Angus Stewart (ABC Gardening presenter) and this will be held at the Jerdacuttup Hall. Bookings are essential for this event.

Ravensthorpe is situated 295km east of Albany and 185km west of Esperance - a perfect place to stop and break up your journey. The beautiful coastal town of Hopetoun is 50km's from Ravensthorpe and is considered the gateway to the Fitzgerald River National Park. The park can also be accessed via the South Coast Highway (en route from Albany).

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Ahead of the wildflower season... meet an expert botanist

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Dr Neville Marchant AM, has a degree in Botany from UWA and a doctorate from Cambridge University, was Director of the WA Herbarium until 2006 and is now an Honorary Research Fellow at Kings Park.

He will speak on "The South West Corner of Australia - a remarkable plant species hotspot" and show examples of many wildflowers, including insect eating plants, orchids and many familiar plant species.

National Seniors' branch president John Dingle says: "Dr Marchant has whetted our interest by pointing out that the south west became a virtual island, separated from south eastern Australia by a Great Australian Bight followed by the Nullarbor Plain.

"Here tens of thousands of plant species developed to survive in a summer dry environment with very poor soils. As a result, we have one of the most diverse wildflower areas in the world.

"We are all looking forward to hearing him. And, by the way, the Wildflower Society will be on site selling native plant tube stock for those wishing to grow their own wildflowers," he said.

The meeting will be held at Mt Claremont Community Centre, Montgomery Avenue. It starts at 9.30am for 10am and finishes at 12 noon on Thursday 13 July. There is a splendid morning tea and all for just \$5, which also includes door prizes and warm fellowship.

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Mechanics Institutes were the forerunners to public libraries



ESTABLISHMENT of Mechanics Institutes has been attributed to a Dr George Birbeck. In 1799 when only the wealthy and clergy had access to education, he decided to give a series of free lec-

tures to working men in Glasgow.

Twenty years later, in 1821, the world's first Mechanics Institute was established in Edinburgh, Scotland and originally called the School of Arts of Edinburgh. In Australia the first Institute was established in Hobart in 1827, followed by the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts in 1833.

Interestingly the purpose of the institutes was not as one dimensional as the name indicates. They were in fact the forerunners to public libraries, adult education and a means of promoting cultural development in the community. The Institutes revolutionised access to education in science and technology for ordinary folk by providing technical instruction for both working people and professionals.

Perth followed the worldwide trend and established the Swan River Mechanics Institute in 1851. It was the colony's first cultural centre and its founding president was Surveyor-General John

Septimus Roe.

Born in Berkshire, England, Roe had wanted to be a teacher but the cost of education was beyond his family at the time. Eventually his father secured him a place at Christ's Hospital London where he excelled in mathematics. He went on to become the surveyor-general to the Swan River Colony and a highly respected member of community. So much so, that he retained his position as president of the Institute he had founded until his death in 1878.

The expansion of Institutes in the colony continued and in 1862, the first meeting of the Guildford 'Swan Mechanics Institute' was held in the Guildford Government School building. William Brockman, a prominent local pastoralist, was elected president.

Brockman was born in Kent, UK to a prominent family with a history which goes back to the 14th century. He migrated to Australia in 1829 with his wife and eldest son. He also brought with him

a prefabricated house, seven servants and some sheep. Through the Colony's land grant program he received 20,000 acres in the Upper Swan district and named his grant Herne Hill.

The Guildford Institute was a hive of activity with weekly discussion and music groups, periodic lectures by local or visiting speakers and occasional performances by travelling actors or musicians.

In 1865 the present Institute building was constructed to provide a permanent meeting place for the Institute's members. The hall was designed by the Colonial Clerk of Works (Government Architect) Richard Roach Jewell and built by John Welbourne, who also built Guildford Gaol in 1841 and the Stirling Arms Hotel in Meadow St.

The hall was officially opened on 7 September 1865 with a grand concert featuring the Glee Club; Fremantle pianist Mr Kochanovsky, singer Mr Grieves, and the Negro Melodists from Perth.

Not long after it opened

it gained another purpose, serving as Guildford's unofficial town hall, hosting meetings of the Town Trust, wine judging of the Guildford Agricultural Show and the public library.

In 1889, four extra rooms were added to the Institute with the president of the time explaining it was for the convenience of the public, and the residence of the caretaker. In 1930, William Padbury, the only surviving trustee and president of the Institute, handed the building over to the Guildford Town Council.

It became the home to the Swan Guildford Historical Society which opened a museum in 1965. Due to lack of space, the museum was relocated to the courthouse in 1980, since when, the Institute building has been used by a number of local groups.

As time passed, mechanics' institutes gradually lost their pre-eminence, with local and state governments taking up the role of providing libraries, education and community spaces.

Whilst the Institute as an organisation no longer exists, nor does the original building on the corner of Hay and Pier Street, thankfully some of the other buildings do and have been repurposed. The Institute Building in Guildford is a community hall, as is the old Mundaring Weir Mechanics Institute, and in South Perth, the Old Mill Theatre was also once a Mechanics Institute.

You will also find Mechanics Institute buildings throughout regional Western Australia so if you are travelling, take some time and seek them.

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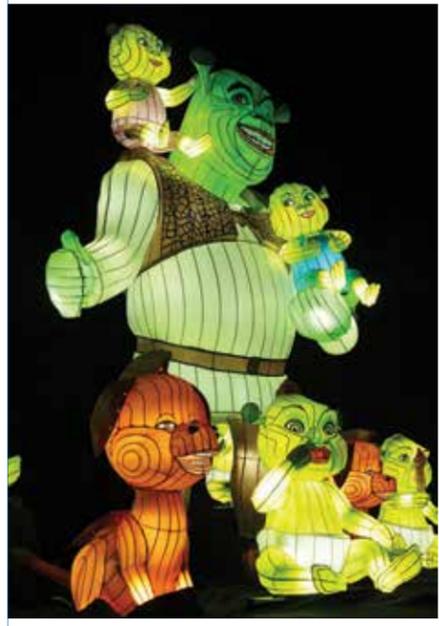
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Event director, Keith Brown is thrilled that Western Australia could be included in this first-ever tour Down Under. "The *Lights by DreamWorks - The Experience* is an event for the whole family. We can't wait to bring this spectacular event to Perth," he said. *Lights by DreamWorks - The Experience* incorporates a rides precinct featuring some of Australia's premium attractions. The selection of rides has been carefully chosen to ensure minimal queuing and consistent traffic flow. There are also a wide variety of attractions to suit children of all ages. Tickets on sale now through the Lights by DreamWorks booking office, Ticketmaster: Telephone 136 100 or www.ticketmaster.com.au

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Herring aplenty



Beach fishing in Albany

by Mike Roennfeldt

A TRIP to Albany for a few days early last month was my first for a few years. While it wasn't strictly a fishing trip, I did manage to sneak a couple of rods into the car with the idea of having a try for salmon if there were any about. I never go anywhere without taking a little single handed spin rod or two as well, because there are always opportunities for small stuff like herring, whiting, bream, flathead and flounder.

The sightseeing was pretty time consuming but a promise is a promise and I dutifully did the rounds of places like The Gap, Natural Bridge, Whale World and the fantastic Anzac Centre. Adding to the fishing woes was the fact that big swells were taking quite a few of the salmon spots out of the equation, but I did get a chance to try a couple of the local light tackle fishing possibilities while I was there.

It soon became apparent that family fishing is a big thing in Albany. The weather was great for a couple of the days and it seemed that almost everywhere we went there were couples or small family groups wetting a line. Herring and whiting were the main target species and there seemed to be plenty of them about. Most of the King George were smallish but legal and the herring were generally big. Spots turning up a few King George included picturesque Emu Point and equally picturesque Ellen Cove in the corner of Middleton Beach.

A place that I'd been wanting to visit for a long time is Nanarup and what a beautiful spot that turned out to be. We drove around the edge of the calm expanse of Taylor Inlet and checked out the stark white beach that stretched away into the distance on either side of the sandbar at the entrance. It was apparently very popular with 4WDs and I reckon earlier in the season it would have been an ideal beach for spotting salmon schools in the crystal clear shallows.

We clipped on a couple of 20g Halco Twisty lures and started casting. The air was crisp and invigorating and but our faint hopes of tangling with a salmon were rapidly fading. No schools swam past but there was some compensation in the form of wall-to-wall herring. They were big and fat and almost suicidal. It was impossible to wind in without the lure being continuously hit by ravenous fish.

I haven't seen a herring bite like that near me on Perth's north suburban beaches for some years and I have moved Albany up quite a few notches on my list of desirable spots to visit in WA. One thing though, much as I like herring, my next visit will be smack bang in the middle of salmon season.

It's time to enjoy some wine for winter



by Frank Smith

SOMETIMES I struggle to understand branding. We all know Jacob's Creek as a cheap and cheerful brand encompassing a whole range of grape varieties. Drinkable but not over exciting, with a recommended retail price of \$11.99 and available much cheaper from discount liquor stores. So why use the same brand name for more upmarket wines?

There is a lot more to Jacob's Creek than first appears. Other wines in the range are a cut or three above the classic Jacob's Creek

range. This month I had the pleasure of tasting wines from the Jacob's Creek Barossa signature range. The winemaker has focussed on expressing the character of region, in this case Eden Valley in South Australia.

Jacob's Creek Barossa signature Chardonnay 2016 is a modern full-flavoured Chardonnay showcasing the classic regional characters of the Barossa. The colour is bright green with purple hues. The aroma is intense honeydew melon, stone fruit and citrus. The palate is well balanced with mixed fruit flavours and

a touch of cashew nuts. RRP \$19.99.

Jacob's Creek Barossa signature Riesling 2016 is a Riesling made in the classic Barossa style with premium fruit from vineyard blocks in the Eden Valley. It is pale green straw in colour with a flowery nose and offers intense aromas of lemon and green apple. The palate is lemony, zesty and

generously flavoured, with a textural mouth feel. RRP \$19.99.

Jacob's Creek Barossa signature Shiraz 2016 is red crimson with purple hues. The aroma is a mixture of savoury plum with cedar and spice and the palate is medium to full bodied with flavours of cloves, dark chocolate and rich ripe plums. RRP \$19.99.

Jacob's Creek Barossa signature Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 is deep crimson with purple hues. The aroma is a complex mix of ripe plum, dark chocolate and blackberry complemented by cedar with notes of vanilla and crushed leaf. The palate offers dense ripe black fruit and mocha complemented by silky sweet tannins. RRP \$19.99.

The range also includes a Shiraz-Cabernet blend and a Sauvignon Blanc. I also tasted two other inter-

esting wines. *Huntington Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012* from Mudgee in New South Wales is deep purple-red with aromas of spice, black fruit and grassy notes. The palate is vibrant with fine tannins giving a firm but subtle structure. Dark fruit flavours persists in mouth. RRP \$26.

LaBise Adelaide Hills Sangiovese 2015. Sangiovese is Italian for the "blood of Judas", this red variety is the main component of Chianti the signature wine of Tuscany. It is fruit driven with cherry characters. It is an earthy, medium bodied wine which goes well with pizza and pasta. The palate displays spice, white pepper and briary red fruits like mulberry. It's a mouth full of flavour. RRP \$25.

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Left to right; Gantheaume Point - The late Malcolm Douglas - Old lugger

by Michael Osborne

WHAT better way to get to Broome than on board the cruise ship *Sun Princess*. A part of what attracted us to our grand adventure on *Sun Princess* was the

ports of call. And Broome is one of the remotest towns around. Extremely difficult to access by road and flying in can be expensive. The excitement was high as we sailed from

Darwin and along the wonderful Kimberley. Most passengers had never visited these areas and our next stop was Broome

Broome is one of those destinations that is more a state of mind than a glittering tourist trap.

If you go there at the speed of city life, you will be disappointed: you will never find its hidden treasures. If you relax and let it in, you will be rewarded with an experience that transcends the modern world with all its stresses and strife.

You see, Broome is really a relaxed outback Australian town that happens

to find itself set beside a warm turquoise sea.

We stepped out from our air-conditioned *Sun Princess* into a world where the first thing that strikes you is the heat. This is the kingdom of the sun. It rules everything. The locals welcome its coming every morning and revel in its majesty all day. In the evening they bid it "goodnight" while watching it disappear in an amazing display over that very same still sea.

Now, we have all read about or seen the stunning images of Cable Beach but when you first gaze over it and even after I had been here several times

before, you are entranced. The combination of red sand and blue water is a photographer's dream. If you know where to look on the rocks at the end of the beach, you realise just how old this place is. Here you will find dinosaur tracks embedded in the rock of Gantheaume Point. The tracks are 130 million years old.

Such history abounds in Broome. It first came to prominence in 1889 when the cable from Java finally came ashore on that very beach, connecting northwest Australia with the world. The old cable house still sits in a shady setting in town.

Pearls then drew thousands of people from all over the globe to the burgeoning port town. Amongst them were many Japanese who were experts at extracting the alluring, translucent orbs from the clutches of the seabed. Driving out to the surprising local cemetery I came to realise the price

they paid.

The cemetery is a tourist attraction because of its mass of Japanese shrines, commemorating the lives of those who died in search of nature's living treasure.

The working pearl luggers have disappeared from Broome, but you can still find two that have survived and been beautifully restored at the Pearl Luggers Museum in the heart of Chinatown.

More recently, Broome had its brush with infamy when it was bombed by the Japanese in World War Two and many innocent women and children died while sitting offshore in flying boats in Roebuck Bay.

Those dark days of WWII had their brighter side. Bored American servicemen based in the town came across the abandoned Sun Picture Gardens, a relic of the early days of outdoor theatres where you watched the silent 'stars' under the stars. The servicemen fixed the vandalised projector and started showing films to their fellow soldiers and local civilians. The only problem they faced was the tide which occasionally rushed into the grounds, forcing patrons to lift their feet to keep dry.

Today the Sun Picture Gardens is still going strong and is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest surviving outdoor cinema.

Just 15 minutes out of town is the modern veruision of the late Malcolm Douglas's crocodile zoo which once was the prize attraction at Cable Beach.

The Wilderness Wildlife Park is a fitting tribute to one outback man's amazing life. You see, I knew Malcolm Douglas as a friend. He was very kind to us when we were filming a travel show with my travel writing mate Dallas Sherringham some years ago.

His death in 2010 shocked Broome and it seemed his dream of the wildlife park would die with him. But, in the true outback spirit, his family and friends took on the challenge to complete and triumphantly open the park.

However Broome's greatest attraction awaits you at the going down of the sun. Out to sea, cruise boats and an old lugger lazily drifted across the horizon, adding a third dimension to an already stunning scene.

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Are too many of us failing to see the wood for the trees?



Left to right; Lee Tate - Children love the forests

by Lee Tate

THERE can be nothing as bewitching, surely, as spending time with true nature: Clean, country air, towering timber, bountiful blooms, beautiful bird-song.

These great attractions are on our doorstep. And mostly free. We are truly the envy of the world. But how often do we take them up?

Recently returned from foraging in our forests, our family party feels fully refreshed, enlightened even. We have no after-effects from a long flight nor a taxing time trooping around big cities.

We have been in the State's south, rather an

obvious destination for Perth holidaymakers searching for a taste of timber. But the extent of our State's forests cannot be underestimated: natural national parks are within easy reach in every direction.

Are too many of us failing to see the wood for the trees? How easy, even habitual, has it become to board a plane or a ship for a holiday break?

Have we lost the taste to explore what is natural, what is ours and what is good for us? Forests can be fun for families: walk the trails with your kids and grandkids. They will have a different perspective and they will learn.

And they will want to do it again. So will you.

We've driven to Denmark by a circuitous route from Perth, maximising time on bush roads and tracks. It's highly recommended: a break from the normal routine of picking a destination and simply heading from A to B. And not watching your watch.

We didn't need to know what national park we were in as we travelled. We might decide to enter a fee-paying park, subject to the charge, but every time we have, we haven't regretted it.

Whether it's a paid park or free, they will inevitably engulf and amaze the visitor. Don't be surprised

to find few fellow travellers wandering the tracks and trails.

Between Denmark and Nannup is so green, so lush and so natural. Despite the years of toppling tall timbers, visitors can still enjoy the real West Aussie bush.

It's not all trees, bushes and flowers in these regions: along the tracks and roads are quaint farmhouses, wonderful decaying cottages and barns, abandoned farm machinery and great choices of locally-grown fruits and tourist tucker.

Enjoying our wonderful wildlife and world-unique forests can be achieved even within a short walk from your car. The natu-

ral, leafy trails abound with birds, great flocks lifting over the trees when disturbed.

Detailed planning and knowledge of forest foraging is not mandatory because the tourism stops set-up by State and local governments and staffed by many volunteers are genuine helping points.

Most of our national parks are visited by small numbers of travellers and park names are little-known to West Aussies:

On our trips we've noted D'Entrecasteaux National Park, Walpole-Nornalup National Park, Mount Frankland National Park, Shannon National Park, Beedelup National Park, Warren National Park, Boyn-daminup National Park and Gloucester National Park.

Our national parks often operate on an honesty system for motorists: place your money in the box and drive in. But why should we pay? We pay taxes?

But our parks are precious, we want them to be comfortable with basic facilities and we want people to use them lest they be neglected or abandoned. Fallen or forgotten parks are open

to other uses including forestry and redevelopment with loss of trees, bushes, wildflowers and wildlife.

In the rapidly-developing and strained world, national parks show evidence of becoming a much higher priority for tourists, locally, national and international.

Our towns are being restored, arts and crafts are burgeoning, farm-gate goods are flourishing and country eateries and venues have reached higher standards.

Standing and staring at our mightiest timbers, our party feels inspired, spurred to be more active and perhaps healthier in future. The kids are wide-eyed at what they find under a tree's bark, a log or within rotting leaves along the trails.

We step out again with the kids when it's raining, looking up through the branches, watching the raindrops bounce off the leaves and birds huddled together.

The youngest kid picks up a big, impressive gold and green bird's feather and pokes it into her rain hat.

We are delving deeply into the bush along the coastline. Waves crash into boulders the size of

elephants while birds flit happily amid myriad tree varieties.

We in our party confess to suddenly feeling ignorant about the varieties of trees, wildflower and wildlife. We are thankful for information boards with their illustrations and the educational material available in the tourist stops in the towns.

Some trails are suitable for mountain biking or for the kids to hurtle along on their bikes. Very occasionally you'll come across a dedicated artist with brushes, bent over an easel.

The great thing about being a forest visitor is that you can enjoy what you see without being an expert. To simply indulge. To just take it in.

In WA you can take a dozen different trails every day of your life and you will hardly be scratching the surface in what is our backyard.

It is easy for the travel writer to gush. Inspiration flows so naturally from our natural parks.

Coming out of the forest, our party feels renewed. I almost feel inspired to write a poem. But given the level of my poetry skills that would be barking up the wrong tree.

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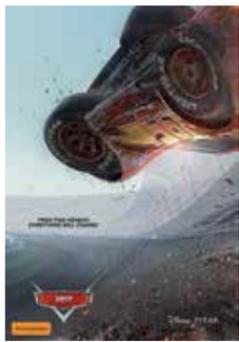
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An Italian Bed and Breakfast that's genuinely palatial



Wonderful view of Lake Como from Palazzo Del Vice Re Lezzeno - Luxurious breakfasts like this make for a great start to the day - Just five spacious suites await at the end of a day's Lake Como sightseeing.

by David Ellis

GUARANTEED to grab the attention when you're talking of your holiday in Europe is to toss in about your stay in a palace in Italy.

And to mention that your palace sat alongside post-card Lake Como, with your genuinely palatial suite having begun life as a one-time flag-tower from which ancient guards looked out for enemy troops during Italy's war with the French some five centuries before...

Plus how you of course took a glass or three of wine - sorry, vino - each



evening in a bar that had been built into your palace back in the 1700s, and which like so much of the place has been now restored to how it all was in its heyday those five hundred or more years ago.

Our palace is the Palazzo Del Vice Re Lezzeno (it means the Palace of the Deputy King in Lezzeno) and is now a luxurious boutique B&B with just five spacious guest suites that combine the charm of yesteryear, with the creature comforts of 21st century today.

Just when the once-aristocratic residence had been abandoned by its royal occupiers is not clear, although it is known that it lay empty and rundown for many decades before being acquired by the Pertusini family around the end of the 18th century.

They lived there until 1963 when it was virtually abandoned again apart for occasional holiday use - and at one stage great-grandfather Pertusini running a restaurant in the

building that he called Trattoria Delle Colonne after the two stone columns at the palace's entrance... and even making his own wine there for his diners.

Then around seventeen years ago, 29-year old architect Cristiano Pertusini let it be known that he and his family planned to restore their rundown one-time palace, and to turn it into the grandest of boutique B&Bs. But rather than being received with excitement and "Bravos" amongst locals, his announcement had many of them chortling "that Cristiano, you know, he's crazy."

But today it's the Pertusini family can do the chortling, for their Palazzo Del Vice Re Lezzeno attracts guests from as far afield as England, America, and Australia too, guests who happily pay Euros330 a night for a luxury suite, that price including Wifi, taxes and the most magnificent of gastronomic Continental breakfasts featuring fresh-squeezed juices, cereals, freshest of pastries, fruits and so much more...

And in what an ambience do they find themselves. For after a night in their vast suite with its mix of the past with its grand antiques, wood-beamed ceilings and by contrast today's mod cons, that gastronomic Continental breakfast is offered either outdoors in a delight-

ful courtyard overlooking Lake Como, or under a domed ceiling featuring a fresco of the Roman Goddess Juno and the strong and courageous Hercules together on a cloud.

The remarkable fresco had actually been painted over, and Cristiano engaged two students from the Brera Academy of fine arts in Milan to spend weeks patiently clearing away that paint to reveal the magnificent and priceless fresco.

And then there is the bar that dates back to the 1700/1800s and which has also been conserved as it was originally, with its decorative art works depicting floral motives and contrasting grotesque and dragons. A wonderful place to take a pre-dinner drink before heading off for dinner at a nearby restaurant on foot, by bus or by taking the ferry across to Como township.

Those buses and ferries will also get you to so many other picturesque hamlets and places of interest - or grab one of the bicycles the Palazzo has available for guests seeking perhaps a bit of exercise, or the chance to personally explore wider afield.

And no matter what you have an interest in, the staff here are absolutely unbelievable in their enthusiasm (and knowledge) to ensure you see the very best of their region, or if you want to sit down with them for a chat about the history and culture of this most charming part of Italy.

So friendly and enthusiastic in fact are they, that you'll quickly find yourself feeling you are being welcomed into becoming part of the Pertusini family!

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There's a strong perfume of lavender that invades the soul when you enjoy a week in Brittany



Walking along the canal at Le Roc-St-Andre - Local market in Malestroit - Café in a small village in Brittany - Josselin medieval town - Montterlot drinking with the locals

"Leaning out the window of our accommodations on the rural outskirts of Bordeaux we're assailed by two things: a cat which wants to come in and share our comfort, and the scent of the garden. First to hit me is the strong perfume of lavender; it is everywhere. There was a mist or a bit of rain last night and the dewy drops have settled on the willow plants and their purple flowers growing in the garden outside and are squeezing the aroma from the leaves. Picking up the acquiescent cat to slowly wander around the acre or so that makes up the gardens of our abode, there's another scent; the "lawn" or grass meadow is scattered with mint and as we walk it assails our nostrils with the most marvellous scent. Stopping to take it all in there's yet more

to tease the senses: the herby aroma of bay laurel mingles with the spice of sage growing wild; a huge fig has dropped over-ripe, purple fruits in profusion onto the ground where they've splattered and the rich heady perfume has joined the cacophony of scent. The air itself seems to celebrate the bounty, and as I type the thyme convinces us that it's time to explore a little more. There is so much more to discover in this verdant countryside".
Australian journalist Jackie Gill and photographer friend Debra Mitchell, along with a group of Aussie friends, found much to love during their recent visit to France. Part of their five week stay included a portion organised by a Frenchwoman, Pascale Gerson, who lives in Australia and has

a passion for introducing her home country to visitors through her popular "Visit My French Village" tourism venture. The Aussie contingent enjoyed a stay in a property on the outskirts of Bordeaux - which prompted the opening paragraph of this story - and then a week in Brittany. The wonderfully rustic accommodations were once the oxen stables of a large 13th century chateau which still looms on the landscape behind the chestnut trees. The accommodations are a short wander to the town of La Chapelle-Caro; and a only a few more steps in other directions to other, equally delightful little towns. Most of the pathways wind through woodlands, or along the side of century-old canals. A half hour walk

takes the thirsty visitor to another of the tiny enchanting French villages, with a pub which looks over the canal. It's very easy to settle in and enjoy a vin rouge in the afternoon sunlight. "Every distant vista has a steeple. From every road there is a horizon cut by green forest and field, and brown paddocks ploughed and ready for planting and, everywhere the evidence of people. Houses - small and large and sometimes enormous - dot the countryside and everywhere there are villages; towns that are home to sometimes a handful of houses and sometimes thousands. Throughout the county identical houses jam the roadsides, dressed in shades of cream and light yellow with high sloping v-shaped roofs of slate. It's hard to go five kilometres without passing through another enclave; many appear to be un-named and unknown as towns to anyone but those who reside there. We have learnt how to tell the difference. True villages are defined by the churches around which all are built. And what churches they are. With Roman, Gothic and Medieval roots they soar above the centre of the town with arched windows and high oak doors.

Located in the centre of each village, usually near the town square, and almost always, we have noticed, with a cat, their bell towers pierce the sky, and stone or slate, the steeples make their mark on the horizons of the French countryside." From the accommodation the visitors ranged across Brittany; exploring ancient megaliths and standing stones; oyster beds at the wide, clean beach; staring awe-struck at Mont St Michel in the afternoon light; wandering through a forest called Broceliande where Merlin the Magician is said to have died. Pascale's promise is that visitors to her "French Village" will get a taste of the real France. That was certainly the case. With its crepes and apple and its cider and cornfields; its window boxes full of geraniums it was a glorious experience. "Visit My French Village" organised the accommodations, pick-ups and drop-offs and all the little extras that ensure a brilliant, hassle free experience for the visitor. www.visitmyfrenchvillage.com.au Journalist Jackie Gill writes a blog called The Blue Hats (www.thebluehats.holiday or FB The BlueHats).

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