



INSIGHTS TOURS



Flinders Island, Tasmania

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July 2020

Welcome to our Insights' latest news. We hope you've made the most of this coronavirus era and found time at home to do some things you've been wanting to do AND to dream about places you'd like to visit and to reminisce about experiences you've had on previous tours.

We've been busy reviewing our tour program and keeping abreast of the coronavirus limitations. Our Northern NSW tour by chartered railcar which was originally scheduled in May was deferred to October. A big thank you to all our guests who were able to defer their bookings to the new date and also to all those who've booked since! As we continue to monitor the restrictions, we are formulating plans and procedures to ensure we meet and exceed the requirements to ensure your health whilst on tour with us this includes deferring the tour to a later date if necessary.

With most international travel appearing very unlikely until at least this time next year, we are concentrating our efforts on our Australian tour itineraries although we do have a draft 2021 South Island NZ itinerary by chartered train just in case travel to NZ does become a reality next year.

With several state borders yet to reopen for tourism, we have been forced to defer our sell-out *Outback South Australia by Air* tour until late April 2021. Hopefully by then we will have safer conditions allowing all borders to be crossed without restrictions.

We are continuing to monitor the situation in NSW in regards to our *Northern NSW by Train* tour in October. In mid-August we will write to each guest with details of any restrictions that will apply during the tour. You will then be offered either acceptance of the amended conditions or a full refund if you choose to cancel. Hopefully the situation permits the operation of the tour but with circumstances changing quickly, we would like to assure you that your health is our first priority.

Program of Tours

Northern NSW by Train - 24th – 30th October 2020

a few places available

Thank you to all our guests who booked on this tour. We have some places still available so if you've been thinking about it, now is the time to act. Bookings close on 25th August so please call us if you are interested so that we can secure a room for you.

By travelling on this tour you'll be practically and actively supporting many businesses and people who are suffering the effects of the drought, bushfires and coronavirus so you'll be helping others by coming on this tour! Taking business to the Bush.

This tour features relaxing travel on our chartered railcar (pictured) with plenty of space and spare seats so you can relax with a generous choice of seats. There are 102 seats and we have a maximum of 30 guests.

Departing from our home base in the Illawarra but also with a convenient Sydney area departure point, the tour departs on 24th October 2020 featuring railcar touring and our accompanying coach.

We offer you plenty of interesting sightseeing and touring including one of regional NSW's best art galleries at Armidale, an emu farm, Warrumbungles National Park and a chartered cruise on Brisbane Water from Gosford.

Islands of Tasmania - departing 17th February 2021

We have several guests who've expressed an interest in this tour which will operate **17th to 23rd February 2021**. Leaving from Shellharbour Airport, this truly unique tour connects many spectacular, scenic and remote islands. There's a host of special experiences on the ground as well as the flight-seeing from your seat in a private chartered plane.

This 7-day tour visits five of the Tasmanian islands: Flinders, King, Maria, Bruny and Sarah, with comprehensive guided sightseeing throughout the tour. You will experience the diversity of Tasmania's islands, their unique Aboriginal and colonial history and rugged natural beauty.





Southern coastline of Tasmania



Preparing to depart Lady Baron, Flinders Isl

Grand Circle by Train – 6th to 18th May 2021

We are delighted to announce that plans are well advanced for a tailor-made tour featuring travel by chartered railcar from Thirroul. The *grand circle* route will include Wagga Wagga, Melbourne, silo art in the Wimmera, Grampians National Park, Horsham, luncheon cruise at Murray Bridge, Adelaide, Whyalla, Flinders Ranges, Peterborough Steamtown, Broken Hill and Central West NSW.

13 days of exclusive small-group travel. Some of the special arrangements will include a special train through the Pichi Richi Pass from Port Augusta to Woolshed Flat and return, and a steam train on the Zig Zag Railway (pending their anticipated re-opening).

Lake Eyre by Air – 7th to 13th June 2021

3 places available

One of our most loved tours. Not just Lake Eyre but come and enjoy the majestic spectacle of the outback. Iconic places such as Birdsville Hotel and many smaller and lesser known such as the hydro power plant at Thargomindah and the personal tour with the owners Greg and Toni on Kilcowera Station where we stay a night. Do it in style and comfort in our chartered plane. Maximum 6 guests.

Southerly Insights – 15th to 19th March 2021

Cooma, Tumut, Junee, Snowy Mountains, Coolamon and Binalong

Southerly Insights is our next tour in the Petite Insights category. We will spend a night at Cooma and Tumut and 2 nights at Junee. Travelling in a full size coach we'll visit the Snowy Mountains including Australia's highest town, Cabramurra; easy-access Yarrangobilly Caves, Tumut broom factory, Wagga Protea farm, Junee licorice factory and much more!

Our international tours

Swiss Insights – 4th to 21st September 2021

Given the continuing improvement of the situation in Switzerland we have circumspect confidence that it may be feasible to operate this tour. As with all our tours, if we cancel the tour for any reason we guarantee a full refund.

Come with Insights Tours to experience the very best of this most stunning country... scenery, cuisine, culture. See many hidden treasures of this mountainous confederation, hear the alphorn, eat rösti, admire the punctual trains including our very special favourite... the Salon Rouge dining car on the Brienzer Rothorn railway which we charter especially for a degustation lunch during our tour.

Images from and of the Salon Rouge dining car train on the Brienzer Rothorn railway



Patagonian Insights - November 2020

Siberian Insights – July 2021

We have been forced to cancel both of these tours due the ongoing uncertainty regarding the effects of the pandemic in the places and regions where we were to visit. We will reschedule these itineraries once the situation and circumstances give us the confidence to do so.

At this stage we are continuing to plan international itineraries for a time when our guests can safely and confidently travel. More details in our future newsletters about the proposed:

- Islands of the Indian Ocean
- Eastern European Insights
- Central Asian Insights

If you wish to receive a detailed itinerary brochure for any of our tours, please register your interest by via your preferred method: by email, SMS, telephone, post or in person.

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Our best wishes,

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