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## ***THE BRITTANY COAST OF FRANCE - CENTRE-BASED WALKING AT AUDIERNE***



The granite cliffs of **Brittany**, close to our resort of **Audierne**, offer some of the best **coastal walking** in France. The plummeting cliffs, golden-sandy coves and colourful fishing ports will be instantly recognisable to anyone familiar with Britain's Cornish coastline. Quiet inland villages retain their traditional churches and strong **Breton** character. Our guided walks will take you to the Pointe de Raz, the 'Lands End' of France where you can admire the crashing Atlantic waves and views to the dramatically perched lighthouses that guard this treacherous coast.

We stay in the charming harbour town of **Audierne** where colourful houses crowd around the working port on the Goyen Estuary. Our hotel is located a stones-throw from a glorious, **unspoilt sandy beach** and has outstanding sea views.

**2005 Departure dates:** 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July, 7 August 2005  
**Cost per person for 7 nights:** \$1285 (twin share) \$350 Single room supplement

## ***NORTHERN TUSCANY, ITALY - CENTRE-BASED WALKING ALBIANO***

Our Classic Walking and Sightseeing holidays to Albiano in northern Tuscany offer great walking and visits to some of the most famous cities in Italy. Guided walks in the Garfagnana National Park pass peaceful river valleys, rich woodland and

tiny hilltop communities. Sightseeing visits include the elegant city of Florence, centre of the Renaissance and Pisa with its famous leaning tower. The sleepy hamlet of Albiano is our tranquil base where you'll be absorbed into a traditional way of life and relaxed Tuscan lifestyle. Nearby lies the historic walled town of Barga where you can wander around the narrow cobbled streets to the historic cathedral.

**2005 Departure dates:** 4, 11, 18, 25 September, 2 October  
**Cost per person for 7 nights:** \$995 (twin share) \$105 Single room supplement

These centre-based classic walking 7 and 14 night holidays are designed to be flexible. Up to 2 different guided walks will be offered each walking day, varied according to length and degree of difficulty and each group's abilities. If you are new to walking, start at the easiest level, where the pace is the gentlest and we have plenty of stops to enjoy the views and to rest. As your holiday progresses you may feel confident to try a more challenging level, or stick to the same level - it's entirely your choice.

**Local transport and admissions:** Local transport is not included in the cost of your holiday - please allow €60 per week for local transport during the week, excluding your free day.

**Tour price includes:** Accommodation with en-suite, breakfast & dinner each night, guided walking as described and sightseeing as available (see above re local transport)

## LETTERS WE RECEIVED

**From Italy....***"Thank you so much for your instant response to my problem of travelling alone. Martyn you were certainly right about the tour operator (HF Holidays). They run a really good operation. Tour guides are tops, they really understand the dynamic of groups. Plus they are kind and considerate.*

*They offered a hard and easy walk every day - and for those who are fit and use to walking in Australia "Hard is not Hard" it may be long but not hard. I did both easy and hard walks. The thing I loved about the tour was that there was NO PRESSURE - no one tried to "jolly" one into to walking or doing the harder walk. This trip is just ideal for a couple who perhaps have different interests for example - a mad fit partner doing the hard walk and the lay back partner spending time sketching the local village and doing a easy walk every second day. There were couples from 55 to 85 with a sprinkling of singles all of whom were HF holiday walkers and did 2 or three trips with them per year.*

*Norcia is a lovely little town. The town is flat and it was a delight after all the hill towns of Umbria. On my free day a group of us organised a tour to Assisi and Spoleto . But in reality I wish I had just stayed put and enjoyed where I was. Assisi is still lovely though. It has not lost its pilgrim feel.*

*The tour was great -The countryside was beautiful, the group easy and the guides excellent. - they had the philosophy of the group goes as slow as the slowest walker - and the guides made sure everyone was happy." **Maura (from Tasmania) – walking in Italy***

**From New Zealand.....***"Just wanted to say a really big thank you for organising everything so brilliantly. The trip was fantastic - every bit of it. Both the B&B's in Nelson were just gorgeous and very hospitable - it was such a wonderful experience staying in such lovely places - authentic but with all the mod cons.*

*The walk was also great. A little sedate for my liking, but still great to experience the national park. And the company do extremely well. We also saw orca (killer whale) on the way back on the boat, which was a real treat and will make a great addition to the article - apparently we were pretty special as that is very rare!" **Lisa (from Sydney) – Abel Tasman Walk.***

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## SPAIN WALKING WITH YOGA &/OR PAINTING HOLIDAYS – PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER

We have an English operator new to Australia who specializes in walking holidays with yoga and/or painting (landscape water-colours & oils) in rural Spain. They have only a few remaining tours with places available this autumn as follows – costs are @ AU\$2355 per person fully inclusive:

Sept 11	Subbetica	Andalucia	Painting
Sept 11	Cap de Creus	Catalonia	Painting
Sept 11	La Garrotxa	Catalonia	Walking
Sept 18	Grazalema	Andalucia	Beginners Painting (includes @ \$600 worth of free high quality equipment)
Sept 25	Grazalema	Andalucia	Painting
Sept 25	Subbetica	Andalucia	Yoga and Painting
Oct 9	Alpujarras	Andalucia	Walking

## FRANCE - SMALL GROUP CYCLING HOLIDAYS – AVAILABILITY UPDATE

There's no availability left on any of the small group guided Burgundy cycle tours this year. We have full tours in Dordogne 26<sup>th</sup> June and Loire 3<sup>rd</sup> July. All others have at least a couple of places left & in particular on Loire 21<sup>st</sup> July and Dordogne 14<sup>th</sup> August but please check with us. All others in Bordeaux, Provence, Languedoc and the Loire up to September 25<sup>th</sup> have availability and are confirmed to definitely go ahead. Also Languedoc 16<sup>th</sup> October is available.

**STOP PRESS – STOP PRESS - Paris 2-hour, half or full day guided cycling tours - including bicycle hire. Away from the hubbub of the city of Paris with its myriad tourist routes and tour buses, there are traffic free streets, quiet and peaceful neighbourhoods, parks and gardens that give the capital the look of a charming flowered village.**

**Exploring the city by bicycle with an expert guide allows you access to an unusual, un-touristed and secret aspect of the city. Call Outdoor Travel today for a 10% discount voucher on Paris Fat Tire Bike Tours – available daily all year round.**

## HORSE RIDING IN SPAIN

The Can Jou Riding Centre in NE Spain (inland from Barcelona) is offering an 8-day riding tour 'Mountain Sea trail' departing on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2005. This is a tour designed for those with good riding skills requiring up to 5-hours in the saddle each day.

This is a spectacular trail ride, which was very popular last year particularly with English riders. It includes a ride of between 4 and 7 hours each day – so you need to be fit and used to full days in the saddle. The first three days are spent riding through impressive mountain scenery. On the fourth day you reach the Mediterranean in the Bay of Roses, where you will canter and gallop 8-km down to the beach to your beautiful seafront hotel. The last two days are spent riding through the rolling plains of the Ampurdán, open countryside dotted by pretty stone villages. You start and finish at Can Jou and stay in characteristic local inns and inspiring hotels. (All but one of the inns has ensuite rooms).

The costs including riding, accommodation & meals are AU\$1740 per person plus an (optional) single room supplement AU\$340. The price includes full pension in all of the hotels and picnics when appropriate, baggage transfer and four-wheel drive support on the trail rides PLUS a fully equipped well-trained trail riding horse & a (BHS) qualified guide. Maximum group size is 10 clients on these trails (minimum 4). Ages vary from trip to trip.

The return airport group transfer is AU\$140 – this is based on a pick up from Girona airport (used by Ryanair etc from London) at 19:30 on Sunday 25 September and at Barcelona's main airport at 18:00. The return transfers will leave you at the airport the following Sunday at 12.00 AM.

## FULLY SELF-CONTAINED FARMHOUSE APARTMENTS IN TUSCAN, ITALY



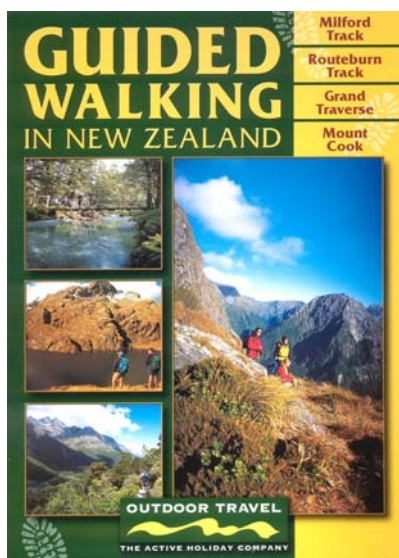
Castellare di Tonda – just a few minutes drive from San Gimignano in Tuscany – is a wonderfully restored farming estate dating back to the Strozzi, a noble family of the Florentine period. Working with the finest craftsmen from across the region, twelve traditional old farmsteads have been lovingly restored and converted into tasteful, fully equipped, self-contained 1, 2 and 3-bedroom apartments each with access to a swimming pool / barbecue area. Set in a typical hillside landscape, this 280-hectare historic estate - at 300 metres above sea level - is within easy driving distance of Florence, Siena, Pisa and the Tuscan coastline.

There are plenty of evening activities, a golf practise field, a full equipped riding stable, massage centre, a beautiful landscaped fishing and boating/canoeing lake, a typical Tuscan restaurant, vineyards and wine tasting, olive groves and over 30 kilometres of walking or mountain biking trails within the estate. A professionally staffed children's club provides a large indoor and outdoor play area and daily activities.

Daily or weekly rates are available all year round. With quality accommodation and fittings, this is an ideal base for your family holiday or for a group of friends to explore Tuscany and Umbria.

**Prices start from just AU\$730 per week for a 2 bedroom apartment for 2 adults & 2 children** which includes the use of the apartment & all facilities, heating/cooling, domestic appliances, cutlery/crockery etc, water, gas, electricity, linen (changed weekly), (non-fenced) swimming pool and public areas. Cleaning costs and activities are at extra cost. There is a small supermarket on site and nearby shopping if required.

## WALKING IN NEW ZEALAND



## NEW BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE:

You may have noticed the famous Milford Track and other South Island guided walks disappearing from travel agent shelves as the operators restrict the support they give to agents around the world.

Outdoor Travel has worked with these tracks for over 20 years and our new brochures feature the Milford, Routeburn, Grand Traverse, Ultimate Hike, Abel Tasman and also the Hollyford Valley walk.

We also offer reservations on the Queen Charlotte Walk, Stewart Island Kiwi Trek, Humpridge Track and, on the North Island we offer the Tongariro Track with weekly departures based at the wonderful Chateau Hotel.

**To celebrate the launch of our new brochure we have two exclusive offers for you:**

**MILFORD TRACK NEW ZEALAND – SAVE 5% ON ALL NEW BOOKINGS IN JUNE** - For all new bookings on the Milford Track Guided Walk booked and paid in full during the month of June, we are offering a discount of 5% off our published tour price PLUS book a second New Zealand walking tour – such as the Abel Tasman, Hollyford Walk and Routeburn Track - and receive another 5% off that tour too!

The Milford Track Guided Walk is a 5-day / 4-night Queenstown to Queenstown all-inclusive guided walk through the heart of Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound. The package includes all transport, accommodation, meals, snacks, backpacks and rain jackets. Accommodation is in our luxury lodges and our expert guides will lead you. Group guided departures are daily from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2006

## WALK QUEEN CHARLOTTE & ENJOY A GOOD BOTTLE OF MARLBOROUGH WINE....OR TWO

For all new bookings made on the Queen Charlotte Walk from Picton on the north coast of the South Island made before the end of September 2005 we will offer each passenger a **FREE** bottle of Marlborough Region Sauvignon Blanc – one of the world's finest & our favourite white wines.

See full details of our New Zealand walks on our website: [www.outdoortravel.com.au](http://www.outdoortravel.com.au) / **What's New** - for the latest prices / booking forms for 2005/6.

## NEW ZEALAND - BALL PASS TREK - GUIDED MOUNTAIN WALKING HOLIDAY - 2005/06

Mount Cook National Park offers New Zealand's most spectacular alpine scenery. With all but one of its 29 peaks over 3000m, it is New Zealand's climbing Mecca. Most peaks are accessible only to experienced mountaineers. However, hiking or trekking is possible close to Mount Cook on the guided Ball Pass Trek.

Ball Pass is a demanding 3-day trek, which crosses the Mount Cook Range from the Tasman to the Hooker Valley. The route follows the Ball Ridge, via a vis the Caroline Face of Mount Cook, and overlooks the Tasman Glacier. Guided walkers spend two nights at the fully furnished Caroline Hut at 1830m/6000ft. This walk offers breathtaking views of Mount Cook and New Zealand's highest mountains, rich alpine flora and unique bird life, with moderate snow & glacier travel. The Ball Pass Trek is a good alternative to the Copland Pass Track, which is now only accessible to experienced mountaineers. You need to have previous backpacking, tramping or bushwalking experience. All equipment is provided.

**Tour Cost in Australian Dollars (share room) \$665 Per person**

### Departure Dates 2005

Nov: 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 16, 21, 23, 24, 27, 30

Dec: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30

### Departure Dates 2006

Jan: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30

Feb: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 27

Mar: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30

Apr: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27

**Fitness:** A high level of fitness is required.

No mountaineering experience is required, but this trek is suitable for experienced hikers or trekkers only.

**Group Size:** Minimum 2 participants - Maximum 8 participants; 4 participants per guide

## NEW ZEALAND - MILFORD TRACK & ROUTEBURN TRACK - INDEPENDENT FREEDOM WALKS - 2005/06

Renowned as the world's finest walking track, New Zealand's Milford Track is 55 kilometres from Lake Te Anau to Milford Sound in the Fiordland National Park. The well-maintained trail follows the Clinton River to its source in Lake Mintaro, crosses the MacKinnon Pass before descending to the Arthur Valley and Milford Sound. The nearby Routeburn is an historic alpine track through both the Fiordland and Mount Aspiring National Parks. The Routeburn Track follows a trail through the Southern Alps pioneered in the 1860's gold rush era.

The New Zealand Department of Conservation (DOC) maintains huts along these tracks providing basic but comfortable multi-share accommodation. Walkers are required to pre-book a bed for each night (spaces are limited) and provide & carry all their own food, basic cooking equipment and bedding. Departing daily from Queenstown and catering for independent 'freedom walkers', Outdoor Travel have put together unique packages with pre-booked 'DOC' beds on these tracks and all the necessary bus and boat transport from nearby Queenstown.

**Milford Track** Freedom walk - 4 days (3 nights) - Tour Cost in Australian Dollars - \$615 per Adult

**Routeburn Track** Freedom walk - 4 days (3 nights) - Tour Cost in Australian Dollars - \$575 per Adult

Our *Freedom walks* are also suitable for older children (10-14 years). Please ask for child costs when making a booking.

## NEW ZEALAND - TONGARIRO TREK - GUIDED NORTH ISLAND WALKING HOLIDAY - 2005/06



Experience the majestic beauty of one of the world's most dramatic volcanic parks.

Enjoy fully guided walks through low-lying forests as well as the unusual rock, tussock and alpine herb fields - often buried by snow on the upper reaches. And after each day's walk through this World Heritage listed National Park, return to the comfort of New Zealand's most luxuriously elegant hotel - The Bayview Chateau Tongariro.

The Tongariro Trek involves four days of guided walking, returning each night to the Bayview Chateau Tongariro. You'll be guided on each walk, and your guide will explain about the areas of historical and natural significance.

Cost per person: Twin share room AU\$1250  
Single room AU\$1670

Departure Daily: From 1 December 2005 to 30 April 2006

**Cruise News...** *Celebrity Chef Rick Stein was on board our Hotel barge Anjodi on the Canal Du Midi in France recently as he filmed for his new television series "Rick Stein's French Odyssey". The Anjodi is almost always full each season so early bookings for good food, good wine, great scenery and the odd celebrity guest for 2006 are essential.*

## DISCOUNTED HOTEL BARGE CRUISING IN FRANCE

**TWO CRUISE FOR THE PRICE OF ONE  
OFFER NOW AVAILABLE ON A RANGE OF BARGES IN FRANCE UP TO & INCLUDING 27 AUGUST 2005**

**MV ANACOLUTHE – PARIS & BEYOND - See Monet's Garden, Van Gough's home & the village of Chablis**

For cruises departing on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> July or 6<sup>th</sup> August 2005 Outdoor Travel are offering new bookings a **discount of \$2725** per cabin off the price of the Anacoluthé cruise – now two people sharing a cabin can travel for the price of one on these dates.

**MV LITOTE – BURGUNDY - See the wines of Burgundy, Beaune and Dijon, charming medieval villages**

For cruises departing on 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> July & 27<sup>th</sup> August 2005 Outdoor Travel are offering new clients a **discount of \$3135** per cabin off the price of this cruise – now two people sharing a cabin can travel for the price of one on these dates.



**MV LORRAINE – ALSACE - See Colmar, Saverne, Stasbourg & Petit France, wine & beer tasting**

For cruises departing 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> \* July 2005 Outdoor Travel are offering new clients a **discount of \$3180** per cabin off the price of this cruise – now two people sharing a cabin can travel for the price of one on these dates.

(\* Note the 30<sup>th</sup> July departure is designated a **FAMILY** cruise – families with children are welcome for this modified cruise itinerary).

**MV LIBELLULE – BURGUNDY - See River Saône & Lower Burgundy, Beaujolais Vineyards, Beaune & Dijon**

For cruises departing on 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2005 Outdoor Travel are offering new clients a **discount of \$3180** per cabin off the price of this cruise – now two people sharing a cabin can travel for the price of one on these dates. (\* Note the 30<sup>th</sup> July departure is designated a **WINE** cruise – those interested in wine are welcome for this modified cruise itinerary).

## STOP PRESS – STOP PRESS

**One-week Family Holiday cruise with activities suitable for children available on the River Thames from Oxford and Windsor near London aboard the Go Barging Hotel Barge Actief - Call 1800 331 582 to secure a brochure or reservation**

## BIKE & BARGE CRUISING - PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

**France, Belgium, Holland - Three countries and dozens of waterways - The Fleur cruises in France until the end of September. After that we slowly cruise back to the Netherlands.**

**FLEUR - CHAMPAGNE BIKE & BARGE TOUR IN FRANCE**

Cabins still available for 1-week cycling tours from Paris with comfortable hotel barge accommodation:

Departs: June 25 - July 2 & July 9 - July 16 2005

Cost: AU\$1675 per person (single supplements available on request)  
Includes: All meals (picnic lunches with drinks) as shown, 21-speed hybrid bike hire, twin cabins with ensembles, easy to moderate guided sightseeing with English speaking guides  
Itinerary: Paris – Meaux – La Ferte sous Jouarre – Château Thierry – Epernay - Reims  
Highlights: Paris – Brie de Meaux – champagne wine cellars in Epernay – Reims Cathedral

For more information see [www.outdoortravel.com.au](http://www.outdoortravel.com.au) under 'What's New'

### FLEUR – FROM PARIS TO AMSTERDAM

We sail back from Paris to Amsterdam in 14 days. For the real go-getters there are still bikes available on board, but it is also possible to book this cruise as "barge only".

Duration: 15-days / 14-nights  
Cost: \$2405  
Departs: Paris – Amsterdam 15 – 29 October 2005  
Includes: breakfast, lunch, dinner, bed linen, tour guide  
Itinerary: Paris – Compiègne – Noyon – Oudenaarde – Ghent – Antwerp – Dordrecht – Amsterdam  
Highlights: Paris - Royal palaces and gardens – Belfort Ghent – City of Rubens – Kinderdijk windmills see the canals of Amsterdam

### BIKE & BARGE CRUISES IN HOLLAND – Other cruises also available

From September 17<sup>th</sup> until 24<sup>th</sup> for 1-week:

- Southern Holland Tour, in a 'StandardPlus' cabin
- Holland – North from Amsterdam, in a 'Standard Plus' cabin

From September 24<sup>th</sup> until October 1<sup>st</sup> following tours still are available:

- Southern Holland Tour in a 'StandardPlus' cabin
- Southern Tour Relax in a 'Comfort' cabin
- Holland – North from Amsterdam, in a 'StandardPlus' cabin

## SEA KAYAKING ADVENTURES



Small ship expedition cruising offers adventurous travellers the chance to explore some of the world's most remote, rarely visited spots. Whether venturing deep into a majestic polar fjord among towering icebergs, or circumnavigating rugged sea stacks at the extreme fringes of the Scottish Isles, excursions using on-board kayaks add spice to the adventure.

Sea kayaking holiday specialist, **SOUTHERN SEA VENTURES**, has now added a fascinating Scottish Isles trip to its range of mother ship kayaking itineraries, which includes Antarctica, the High Arctic and Greenland. The trips combine the comfort and easy access afforded by cruising with an intensely intimate experience of these wild, beautiful and humbling environments from the seat of a kayak.

The comfortable 54-passenger expedition mother ship, Polar Pioneer, is home to a fleet of sturdy plastic kayaks, and her enthusiastic Russian crew are among the world's most experienced ice navigators. Onboard lectures by naturalists and historians unlock the mysteries of the areas you visit, and the cosy bar is a great place to relive the day's adventures. These expedition cruises enjoy flexible itineraries that are adjusted to suit weather conditions, and to take advantage of spontaneous opportunities.

Suitable for paddlers with some previous experience, around ten passengers may opt to kayak on each voyage, accompanied by an experienced guide. Kayak equipment is provided, including waterproof dry-suits for polar paddling.

From the Orkney and Shetland islands up north, to windswept specks like Foula and St Kilda, and to the Hebrides and Skye in the west, Scotland's rugged islands and intricate waterways are a paradise for sea kayakers. The company's 11 day **WILD SCOTLAND** voyages operate between Aberdeen and Oban, and with long summer days, you'll spend as much time kayaking as possible. Enroute, you'll visit World Heritage Neolithic sites, remote crofting communities,

picturesque villages and ancient castles. You'll paddle beneath rugged cliffs of some of the world's largest seabird colonies, where gannets and terns fill the air, or sit as seals play nearby in waters patrolled by whales and dolphins.

**ANTARCTICA** is simply the most humbling and powerful place on earth. Each day holds new wonders, from face to face encounters with whales, penguins and seals to serene paddles among brash ice and through narrow fjords dwarfed by enormous icebergs. These 11 and 12-day voyages depart from Ushuaia in southern Argentina. You'll have the option to kayak every day that conditions permit - or even twice a day - while you are in the Antarctic Peninsula.

Life explodes during the brief **HIGH ARCTIC** summer, and sea kayaks are a superb way to see walrus, reindeer and millions of migratory birds. Departing from Longyearbyen, Norway, this 11 day **CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF SPITSBERGEN** takes you within 600 miles of the North Pole, well into the realm of the polar bear. Making the most of 24 hours of daylight, you'll paddle through narrow ice-choked fjords beneath towering mountains, hike over flower-speckled tundra, explore a fossil-rich polar desert, and visit 16th and 17th century whaling remnants.

**GREENLAND** is home of the original qajaq, a whalebone and sealskin contraption developed as an Inuit hunting boat. So it is appropriate to explore by kayak during this 14-day expedition voyage to the world's largest fjords. After 2-3 days in northwestern Spitsbergen, the ship sails for Greenland. Here, you'll paddle in Scoresby Sound where massive icebergs are born, visit remote Inuit communities, and watch for musk oxen, reindeer, arctic fox, polar bears, walrus, whales and narwhale.

The mother ship Polar Pioneer fills extraordinarily fast, particularly for Antarctica, so it's wise to plan a year in advance.

**SOUTHERN SEA VENTURES** offers mother ship supported kayak adventures in the Scottish Isles, Antarctica, the Norwegian High Arctic and Greenland. It also offers sea kayaking and camping holidays in Fiji, Panama, Tonga and Australia. In Turkey, it offers a combined trip involving a camping segment and a gullet cruise.

#### **2005/06 TRIP DATES & PRICES**

Scottish Isles – 11-day voyages in July (2 departures) from US\$3685 (triple share)

Spitsbergen, High Arctic – 11-day voyages in July-August (2 departures) from A\$5240 (triple share)

East Greenland, Spitsbergen & Iceland – 14-day voyages in August-September (2 departures) from A\$6240 (triple share)

Antarctica – 11&12-day voyages in December-January (3 departures) from US\$4985 (triple share)

Panama – 9-day trips run in December-January, cost AU\$2350 (including internal flight to San Blas islands)

Fiji Yasawas – 9 day trips operate between May and October, cost AU\$1920

Fiji Vanua Balavu – 9-day trips operate between October and November, cost AU\$2120

Tonga – 9 and 11-day trips operate between June and December, cost from A\$2140

Australia's Hinchinbrook Island – 7-day trips operate between May and November, cost AU\$1650

Prices include twin share accommodation, meals, kayaking and camping equipment, but exclude airfares (except the internal Panama flight). Single travellers don't pay a supplement if they share with another person. Participants are generally aged from 20 to 60. Beginners welcome on the warm water Pacific Islands and Hinchinbrook trips. The Scotland, Polar, Turkey & Panama trips require previous paddling experience, though you do not need to be expert.

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#### **SAILING YACHTS IN FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND**

*Those majestic humpbacks have started arriving in the Whitsundays for their annual holiday, and you should not miss this once-in-a-lifetime chance to see these amazing creatures up close and personal!*

We have only a limited number of yachts left for charter during the humpback season, and are celebrating the whales' arrival with a whopping **15% off** all July charters! See our website [www.outdoortravel.com.au](http://www.outdoortravel.com.au) under **Sailing & Boating** for sailing & accommodation & walking options.

Our **MileCatchers** calendar for 2005 is almost completely full. However there is still a chance for smart sailors to grab one of the few remaining spots on what has proven to be the most popular season of passage sailing ever!

**Passage: Port Douglas to Horn Island**

Depart Port Douglas: 12 September 2005  
 Arrive Hamilton Island: 22 September 2005  
 Vessel: Jeanneau 45  
 Cost - \$3,500pp

**Passage: Horn Island to Port Douglas**

Depart Port Douglas: 25 September 2005  
 Arrive Hamilton Island: 5 October 2005  
 Vessel: Jeanneau 45  
 Cost - \$3,500pp

**Passage: Port Douglas to Hamilton Island**

Depart Port Douglas: 7 October 2005  
 Arrive Hamilton Island: 17 October 2005  
 Vessel: Jeanneau 45  
 Cost - \$2,500pp

All onboard tuition, accommodation onboard and meals are included in the price for the duration of the voyage.

**WALKING IN THE FLINDERS RANGES & THE HEYSEN TRAIL**

7-day easy/moderate walking & farm stay accommodation.



The Flinders Ranges are a spectacular and rugged range to the north of Adelaide, a part of Australia's unique outback. They are traversed by the Heysen Trail, a long distance walking trail stretching over 1,500 kilometres through South Australia's best walking country.

For our walks we select the most interesting and scenic sections, visiting historic mines and settlers ruins, Aboriginal rock carvings and cave paintings. We walk through deep gorges of red quartzite, under towering bluffs and to hidden springs and rock pools.

We visit the crater-like formation of Wilpena Pound, an important feature in Aboriginal mythology, historic Blinman, and the ruins of Kanyaka Homestead. Sightings of euros, red kangaroos, emus and flocks of colourful parrots are common.

We stay at an historic, outback, pastoral property and experience this very Australian lifestyle. We walk without packs and return to soft beds, hot showers and good food each night. This is the landscape that inspired Sir Hans Heysen, our most famous artist.

Included: Transport (ex Adelaide), accommodation, entry fees, all meals, wine, and guide.

2005	17/09/05 to 23/09/05 from Adelaide	\$1290.00	Limited spaces still available
	03/10/05 to 09/10/05 from Adelaide	\$1290.00	
2006	24/04/06 to 30/04/06 from Adelaide	\$1350.00	

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