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SPAIN - BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR WALKING TOUR

Departs 1st November 2005 – 2 places now available

We have a couple of places available due to a late cancellation on this fascinating tour in Spain, which is just a few weeks away. Anyone interested in taking these places, please let us know as soon as possible. Cost is AU\$3650 for 8-days / 7-nights (land only).

2005 is the bi-centenary of the Battle of Trafalgar when the Combined Fleet of 33 French and Spanish ships of the line was decisively defeated on 21st October 1805 by 27 of the British fleet, commanded by Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson. The scene opens in 1793, the year of the French Revolution, led by **Cdr David Harris MBE (former Commanding officer of HMS Victory)** there will be a series of presentations taking you through the sequence of events leading up to the battle and its aftermath, with slides and sound effects.

Most of the week will be based in Hugh and Jane Arbuthnott's beautiful and comfortable house at Almuña in the hills of **Southern Andalusia**. From the terrace there are glorious views stretching to both the **Mediterranean and the Straits** not far from where the battle took place. Jane is an exceptional cook using fresh organic produce from their kitchen garden to provide well-balanced and delicious meals accompanied by quality wines from most regions of Spain.

We then travel to Cadiz where the Combined Fleet was boxed in for weeks before the breakout. We shall visit related historical sites in this ancient city and listen to another version of events from a Spanish maritime historian.

We move on to the beautiful and rugged Cabo de Trafalgar, looking out to sea to re-enact the battle and reflect on the great storm, the wrecks, and the fate of the survivors washed up on the beach below.

Finally, we spend a day in Gibraltar, the port to which the British fleet retired with the body of Nelson after the battle, to study the Gibraltar Chronicles of the period, **visit the Trafalgar Cemetery and the Governor's residence**. At times during this tour there will be optional walking excursions.

DRIVING IN ITALY? YOU MAY NEED TO CHANGE YOUR PLANS

New licence requirements

We have received confirmation from **ACI** - the Italian Motor Registry that driving in Italy with an Australian or New Zealand drivers licence alone is not permitted. Australian and New Zealand drivers licence holders wishing to drive in Italy have two options:

1) Obtain an international driving permit

An International Driving Permit (IDP) is proof that you hold a valid driver licence in your home country at the date of issue of the IDP and should be carried with your domestic driver licence. IDPs are issued through state and territory motoring clubs and the cost to obtain one ranges from about \$20 to \$50.

To obtain an International Driving Permit, please contact the relevant IDP authority in your state:

New South Wales - NRMA

Queensland - RACQ Ltd.(Royal Automobile Club of Queensland Limited)

Victoria - RACV(Royal Automobile Club of Victoria)

South Australia - RAA(Royal Automobile Association of South Australia, Inc)

Western Australia - RAC(Royal Automobile Club of Western Australia (Incorporated)

Tasmania - RACT(Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania Limited)

Northern Territory - AANT(Automobile Association of Northern Territory Inc)

New Zealand - Automobile Association (AA)

2) Obtain a valid translation into Italian of your Australian or NZ drivers licence from an accredited translator

A valid Australian or New Zealand driver's licence must then accompany the translation. To obtain information on accredited translators please contact your local Italian Consulate of Embassy.

INDIAN SUMMER IN CANADA

Horse pack walks available this Autumn

September and October signifies **Indian Summers** in the South Chilcotin Mountains Park in Western Canada. Warm days, cool nights, crisp fall colours, and perhaps even a dusting of snow on the Mountain peaks can be enjoyed during our **Indian Summers**.

A Horse Pack Trip is the ultimate wilderness adventure! Ride into the backcountry **like explorers with packhorses in tow**. Follow game trails, ride through valleys echoing with the whistlers of scurrying marmots, and travel mountaintop passes once used by pioneers and later for prospectors. Experience the wide U-shaped valleys with their **mosaic of autumn leaves**, wild hay meadows and big game mineral licks. There are many opportunities to view **abundant wildlife** such as Mountain goats, Bighorn sheep, Grizzlies, Mule deer, Moose, Wolf and Black bear.

We have all-inclusive packages which include accommodation, meals, guides, tack & related gear, as well as return transportation between Vancouver and our Ranch. We offer 4, 7, 10 and 13 day adventures, as well as combinations such as a 4 day Ranch followed by a 7 day Horse Pack Trip.

NEW HOTEL BARGE CRUISES IN FRANCE

4-day / 3-nights Paris highlights in October

Limited cabins available for a cruise departing from Paris on 15th October 2005 – just AU\$920 per person twin share.

SATURDAY - Meet in Paris at a pre-arranged point at 4pm. Transfer to Esprit de Europe moored in the heart of Paris. Welcome aboard reception with time to relax and unpack. Unforgettable Paris by Night cruise at the end of dinner aboard.

SUNDAY - After breakfast, a cruise along the river Seine to Conflans St Honorine at the junction with the river Oise. After lunch on board a visit to the house and gardens of Clause Monet, probably the most famous of the Impressionist painters. It was here that he found the inspiration for such masterpieces as "Water Lilies". We return to Conflans with time to stroll in this charming small town before dinner aboard.

MONDAY - A delightful morning cruise brings us to Vernon. After lunch a visit to Les Andelys and the imposing Chateau Gaillard, built in 1196 by the King of England and Duke of Normandy, Richard the Lionheart to block the route to Rouen from his French enemy Phillippe Auguste. We return to Esprit d'Europe for our farewell gala dinner on board.

TUESDAY - This morning, after breakfast, return to Paris by motor coach, arriving at the Regina Hotel around 11am.

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF 1 NORMANDY CRUISES

New departure date available

Cabins are now available on a new departure from Paris on 22nd October 2005 on our Normandy cruise aboard the sleek and elegant hotel barge *Esprit d'Europe*.

Two passengers can travel for the price of one on these departures (normal cost AU\$2725 per person – twin share) or a single passenger can travel at just AU\$1675 (usual cost is AU\$3520)

Costs include round trip transfers from Paris, all meals from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 7, wines (red & white) with all lunches and dinners and excursions as per our program, fully guided and including entrance fees. Highlights include Paris by night cruise, Giverny (the home of Claude Monet, Rouen the historical city of Joan of Arc and Honfleur where we moor in the heart of the very picturesque town.

[STOP PRESS.....We have just 1 cabin left on the Paris to Amsterdam cruise departing 15th October for 2-weeks – fully inclusive for just \\$2405 or take 1 week from just \\$1495 from Ghent to Amsterdam. Cruisers or cyclists welcome..... 1800 331 582](#)

ARE YOU A SILVER SURFER?

Over-fifties snub agents for web: study results

The original package holiday generation is snubbing travel agents to book on the Internet, as it perceives the high street to be too expensive.

According to UK publication Travel Weekly, the 50- to 69-year-old market is turning its back on the high street – the booking medium it used to make commercial air travel successful in the 1950s and '60s – to become 'silver surfers'.

Research conducted exclusively for Travel Weekly by marketing agency Millennium, which specialises in the mature market, reveals a derisory 13 per cent of the market sector normally books their holiday through the high street while 43 per cent never use agents.

Nearly all of those who not using an agent, 97 per cent, use the Internet instead, with 70 per cent citing price as the most important factor.

Other reasons given for using the web instead of the high street include speed, ease of use, breadth of content and detailed descriptions.

The research also reveals the mature market prefers to book with large online brands.

We would love to hear your comments from an Australian perspective..... Email Martyn (aged 51) at info@outdoortravel.com.au

SEA KAYAKING IN CROATIA

Following a recommendation from clients who had previously joined our Abel Tasman walking & seas kayaking trips in New Zealand we thought you might like to consider an alternative holiday in Europe in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

ELAPHITE ISLAND HOPPING BY SEA KAYAK

8-Days / 7-Nights

Difficulty level: moderate-challenging

Paddling the clear blue Mediterranean around the Pearl of Adriatic, Dubrovnik - Croatia by our sea kayaks with friendly guides is a holiday you will love. We invite you to join us on our paddling tours to Dubrovnik Old City Walls or green Elaphite islands, close to the shore.

Day 1: Arrival

Transfer from Dubrovnik airport; free time in Dubrovnik; late afternoon: transfer to the island Lopud
Overnight: private accommodation on the island of Lopud

Day 2: Island of Lopud

The second largest island from the Elaphite group, Lopud will delight you with its rich vegetation, mild Mediterranean climate and the two splendid sandy beaches. With the exception of some bikes, there is no traffic. The only inhabited part is a small picturesque town Lopud, situated at the western side of the island. Two 16c castles give the place a picturesque air, one on the narrow peninsula to the west of the town (known as the English castle) and the other on the hill to the east (known as the Spanish castle). Palm trees, bougainvilleas cypresses, citrus fruit trees and subtropical plants that flourish here surround the stone houses.

Overnight: private accommodation in Lopud

3 Day: Sunj (island of Lopud)-island of Kolocep

The island of Kolocep (Elaphite Islands) is a little over 2.6 square kilometres in area, and has a population of under 150, concentrated in two main villages: Donje Celo, on the north side of the island where the ferry docks, and Gornje Celo, to the southeast. From here you can follow innumerable paths into dense, fragrant pine and deciduous forest that covers the Southern part of the island. Overnight: private accommodation in Lopud

Day 4: island of Lokrum

We take the local boat to Dubrovnik. From Dubrovnik we paddle to the island of Lokrum.

We offer you a unique experience of paddling close to mighty Dubrovnik city walls surrounded by crystal blue Adriatic. From historical Port of Dubrovnik we proceed to the island of Lokrum, under special protection as a nature park. Dense pinewoods cover the whole island, but on the southern part there is a gorgeous botanical garden containing sub-tropical and Mediterranean species. Among many attractions there are: salty lake, old Benedictine monastery and a mighty fortress constructed by napoleon forces in 19c.

After the tour you can enjoy exploring majestic city of Dubrovnik. In late afternoon we return to the island of Lopud by local boat. Overnight: private accommodation on the island of Lopud

Day 5: Lopud – Sipanska Luka (island of Sipan)

From Lopud we paddle to the inner side of the island of Sipan. On the way you enjoy the wild beauty of this wooded island and turquoise sea. We stop at small charming bay where the kayakers can have lunch in an authentic Dalmatian tavern. The expedition proceeds to a lovely Mediterranean village of Sipanska Luka, where the guests stay overnight.

Overnight: private accommodation on the island of Lopud

6 Day: Sipanska Luka (island of Sipan) – Lopud

We paddle along outer side of the island of Sipan, passing very close to impressive steep cliffs. This side of the island is not inhabited, and one can really experience the true, unspoiled nature. We stop for lunch in Sudjuradj and in the afternoon the expedition proceeds to Lopud. Overnight: private accommodation on the island of Lopud

7 Day: Dubrovnik

This day is scheduled for exploring fascinating medieval city of Dubrovnik and its many cultural sites, like museums, galleries, concerts, or walking along the city walls. Overnight: private accommodation on the island of Lopud

8 Day: Departure

Transfer to Dubrovnik airport

Rate per person from \$950, which includes:

- * Fully equipped sea kayaks (life jackets, spray decks, snorkelling gear) for 5 days
- * Basic insurance on kayaks
- * Sea kayaking guide service for 5 days
- * 7-nights in private accommodation on the island of Lopud on a bed & breakfast basis
- * Transfers to and from the airport
- * Tent and sleeping bag

THE ISLANDS OF LOPUD, KOLOCEP, SIPAN

5 Days, 4 Nights Tour

Difficulty level: easy - moderate

Day 1: Arrival

Transfer from the airport to Dubrovnik and to the island of Lopud (by local boat).

Lopud is the second largest island of the Elaphite group. This island delights with its rich vegetation, mild Mediterranean climate and the two splendid sandy beaches. With the exception of some bikes, there is no traffic. The only inhabited part is a small picturesque town Lopud, situated at the western side of the island. There the guests can walk along a picturesque boulevard with palm trees, small restaurants with seaside terraces, visit the renaissance garden or swim on the lovely sandy beach. Overnight: private accommodation on the island of Lopud

Day 2: Sea kayaking around the island of Lopud

Morning: optional kayaking to Trsteno (on the mainland, paddling distance: **8 km**); or exploring the island of Lopud. Trsteno is celebrated for its excellent Botanical Park, the oldest in Croatia, laid out in the Renaissance manner in 1502. The Park contains sub-tropical and Mediterranean species, like oleander, jasmine, eucalyptus, cinnamon, camphor, bougainvillea... Among many attractions, there are: large baroque fountain, depicting Neptune with sea nymphs; two colossal plane trees, 400 years old and a Renaissance villa, once residence of noble family Gucetic.

Afternoon: Paddling to Bay of Sunj (on the opposite side of the island). Along the way we explore the hidden beauties that can be seen from the seaside only. Overnight: private accommodation in Lopud.

Paddling distance: **7.5 km**

Day 3: Island of Lopud – Island of Kolocep

This tour starts with a morning walk from the town of Lopud to a lovely bay of Sunj. Along this pathway one can experience the beauty of untouched nature. There are no cars on the islands and the only sound that can be heard is birds' singing. After about 20 minutes we reach romantic bay of Sunj, with a sandy beach and palm trees. Our kayaking expedition starts here and we paddle to the island of Kolocep. The first stop on this island is a small fishermen village, Donje Celو. Here one can swim, explore the picturesque village or simply relax on a sandy beach. After a break of about 1 hour the expedition continues and we paddle around the outer side of the island, stopping at the fabulous blue cave. Crystal blue water and a play of sunrays make this place unique in the Mediterranean. After a break of about half an hour

we proceed to small village of Gornje Celo, where the guests can have lunch in one of the local restaurants. After lunch we paddle back to Lopud. Overnight: private accommodation on the island of Lopud.

Paddling distance: **14 km.**

Day 4: Sunj (Island of Lopud) - Sudjuradj (Island of Sipan)

The expedition starts again with a walk to Sunj. From Sunj we paddle towards the town of Lopud along the outer side of the island. After a short "swimming and coffee break", we proceed to the largest island of the Elaphite group Sipan, passing by a small wooded islet of Ruda. Sipan is rich with pine trees and lush Mediterranean vegetation, stone houses and old churches. Two villages, Sudjuradj and Sipanska Luka are connected with a road. A pleasant bicycle ride is possible, passing through wine yards and island fields. We stop in the picturesque village of Sudjuradj, where the guests can have lunch. Later on, we paddle to a small island of Ruda (approximately 5 minutes from Sudjuradj) and around it. In the afternoon we return to Lopud. Overnight: private accommodation in Lopud

Paddling distance: **12 km**

Day 5: Departures

Return by local boat to Dubrovnik, transfers to the airport

Rate per person: \$720, which includes:

- * Fully equipped sea kayaks (life jackets, spray decks, snorkelling gear)
- * Basic insurance on kayaks
- * Sea kayaking guide service for 3 days
- * 4 overnights in private accommodation in Lopud (bed & breakfast)
- * Transfer from and to the airport
- * Boat ticket to the island of Lopud

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LOOKING FOR AN ACTIVE HOLIDAY IN NEW ZEALAND?

3 options for you to consider in 2006



MULTI-ACTIVITY: ALL NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURE

14-days departing 20th March 2006 including walking:

Over 14 days we will take you sailing, caving, rafting, jet boating, hiking, drop you on an active volcano and introduce you to the Maori culture! You will dine in some stunning locations, and get to taste our world-class wines. To ensure good nights sleep we have hunted out some great locations for you to lay your head, so you will be fresh and rearing to go in the morning. Don't fret about not being able to do the activities; our multi-activity holidays are pitched at the beginner to intermediate. If you want to give something a miss, then that's cool as well - we will do our best to find you something else to do instead.

Departures alternate between Auckland and Christchurch, with tours starting on Mondays and ending at Sunday lunchtime. Does this sound like the adventure vacation for you? This is what is included:

Sailing on Auckland Harbour - Auckland is called the City of Sails and these 1.5 hours shows you why! This part of the trip used to be where we showed off our Americas Cup prowess, but now we don't talk about that! A great icebreaker for what follows.

4WD self drive experiences - Ever wondered about all this 4WD Off-roading stuff? Here is your chance to try it out. Alternating with a buddy, you get to drive your own 4x4 through a myriad of trails as the convoy explores the purpose made bush tracks with the occasional spectacular adrenaline diversion enroute.

Visit a living, breathing Volcanic Island - 49 kms off-shore is a smoking, hissing island, the proverbial weak point in the earth's crust. Complete with hardhat and packed lunch we have a daylong exploratory trip on this bundle of excitement and its lunar like landscape.

Experience one of New Zealand's cultural icons with a Maori concert & Hangi on a genuine Marae - Armed with our guides briefing on the cultural significance of the greeting and protocol, we join a small audience for a traditional challenge and welcome onto a Maori Marae. Our tribe needs to come together with our own song before relaxing to the entertainment of a concert followed by a Maori feast. Food cooked in a hot pit over 3 hours is uncovered and presented in the dining hall for your enjoyment.

Experience the thrill of a white water rafting trip or a drift trip in the heartland of Lord of the Rings country - If you enjoyed the scenery of Lord of the Rings with the huge canyons carved in the mudstone of the central North Island. This has created two diverse rafting opportunities for you to choose from. Try the grade 5 white water of the upper gorge or the sedate drift trip of the lower river with one of New Zealand's best rafting companies.

Visit Kapiti Island our predator free conservation icon - After an exhaustive programme to eradicate all introduced wildlife from Kapiti Island, the Department of Conservation have set about re-colonising the island with endangered birdlife. Be guided around the island by a local nature guide, who is able to give an insight into the Maori and European history of the region. The birdlife is prolific and this day offers us one of the few opportunities to see the land as it was before the arrival of man in New Zealand.

Relax on the Interisland ferry across to the South Island and then water taxi to your waterfront lodge - No better way to enjoy the crossing between the two islands. Once clear of Cook Strait we enter the sheltered waters of the Queen Charlotte Sound, home to our next two nights adventures. Picton at the end of the sound is our destination before boarding a second water taxi and being whisked up to our waiting lodge.

Take a full day or half-day hike on the Queen Charlotte walkway - From the lodge we have a number of choices. A full days walking on the Queen Charlotte Sound walkway around the coast or the shorter half-day option. Of course the chance to sit on the deck and sunbath and swim can be seen by some as an attractive choice as well! Tomorrow we also do a half-day sea kayak tour in the shelter of the sound.

Explore a West Coast cave and ride the underground river on a tube - Underworld rafting is an opportunity to enjoy the thrill of caving with a float trip down the underground river until it emerges into the surrounding rainforest. Complete with wet suit and headlamp this is an awesome way to explore an underground wonderland.

Crunch across the surface of a glacier as it races to the coast at centimetres per day! - Do you want ice with that? Experience walking on 1000-year-old ice as it races to the sea. This is a 4 hour round trip starting from the glacier snout and hiking through the surrounding rainforest before descending onto the ice with our guide. We stay clear of any big holes and have a fun time looking for hobbits and other rare creatures.

Visit remote Fiordland by jetboat - What better way to enjoy the remote, rugged scenery of the Southern Alps than by jet boat? From where the river ends at the Tasman Sea, to the turn around point, our purpose built jetboat is the perfect vehicle to enjoy the surrounding mountains and the rolling, tumbling rapids.

Relax in Queenstown home of Adventure - as well as some of the worlds best Pinot Noirs - There has to be one day off on your holiday, and this is it! Queenstown has not earned the reputation as the Adventure Capital of New Zealand without good reason! Choose from the extensive adventure menu on tap; from Bungy jumping off the original 42m Kawarau Bridge, or the knee trembling, mouth so dry I can't spit, 135m Nevis jump, to down hill Mt Biking, paragliding, hangliding, fly by wire, you see what we mean, and we have only scratched the surface of what's available! Or if you want, you can just relax.

Hike beneath New Zealand's highest mountains in the heart of the Southern Alps - Mt Cook/ Aorangi is our highest mountain at 3754 metres. It dominates the skyline of the park. We hike up the Hooker valley to the west, beneath the ice cliffs of Mt Sefton, to the glacial lake, which has formed at the foot of the Hooker Glacier.

Spend a night with a local farming family on their farm - As we all know, all good things do eventually come to an end! Still, it's hard to imagine a better way of spending it than with a local farming family on their farm, situated near the small rural town of Fairlie. Here enjoy the ambience of being on a real working farm, meet the animals, and perhaps help out in the shearing shed or feeding out.

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CYCLING PLUS: MILFORD WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

10-days - Departs 22nd March 2006:

Explore the vast Mackenzie Basin by cycle and discover the grandeur of walking beneath Mt Cook. Stop at the old historic Cardrona Hotel, explore picturesque Arrowtown, and relax at beautiful Glenorchy at the head of Lake Wakatipu, before travelling onto Te Anau and Milford Sound.

Overnight in the magnificent fiord onboard your own floating hotel. Walk amongst the towering peaks and trails of this area before cycling back to Walter Peak Station and arriving at Queenstown on the lake steamer SS Earnslaw. Optional start or finish at Queenstown for a five day shortened trip.

- 10 days of soft adventure, cycling and walking
- 1 to 6 hours of cycling each day
- Farmstay on a typical New Zealand farm
- Comfortable lodge accommodation
- Walk beneath majestic Mount Cook
- Optional jet boat, cycle tour or a rest day available
- Tussockland high country and lakes
- Enjoy the 15 km, 1000 metre downhill into Milford Sound
- Take on the challenge of the Key Summit walk
- Overnight on the magnificent Milford Sound Mariner ketch
- Return to Queenstown on the S.S. Earnslaw

HIKING: NZ SOUTHERN ALPS HIKE

7-Days departing 26th March 2006 - a more challenging hiking tour:

We have travelled extensively and been on many guided adventure trips and have also done numerous bushwalking, but this has been the most exciting, challenging and rewarding experience ever. Every component of the trip exceeded our expectations. Each day's walking offered new challenges, changing terrain and stunning scenery. We could not have asked for any better!"

There is little doubt that some of the worlds finest alpine walking is found in the South Island of New Zealand. A region of untamed beauty with alpine meadows that extend to the glaciers and snowfields beneath the picture perfect summits of Mt Cook, Mt Aspiring and other peaks that form the Southern Alps.

In consultation with our local guides we have created special day walks undertaken from the comfort of base huts, and while you carry only a daypack there are many challenging options to ascend the higher flanks of the mountains. Helicopter transfers are also included to ensure we cover as much ground as possible.

Experience some of the best of New Zealand trekking in this compact 7 day itinerary finishing with an awesome heli-hike from the Remarkables above Queenstown.

- Dine al fresco outside of our private hut set amidst the foothills of the Southern Alps.
- Trek to the summit of a 2000 metre peak with a panorama of views across the tussock lands and beautiful lakes to Mt Cook, our highest peak.
- View Mt Cook from close up in the Hooker valley beneath the glacier slopes and the terminal face of the glacier.

- Delight in the antics of the kea, New Zealand's mountain parrot – while at all times keeping an eye on where you last put your precious boots and personal belongings.
- Overnight on magnificent Milford Sound on board a purpose built ketch and the chance to watch dolphins and seals frolic in the sea.
- Enjoy the awesome mountain vista of Mt Aspiring National Park and the panorama through to Lake Wanaka from the summit of Black Peak.
- Thrill to the delight of three heli-hikes allowing you to experience the best of hikes without the sweat of a heavy pack.
- Complete the journey in Queenstown, home to some of the world's best adventures and stepping stone for more excitement.

FREE WINE OFFER

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 / What's New](http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/What's%20New) - for the latest prices / booking forms for 2005/6.

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AUSTRALIAN SAILING ADVENTURES - 2006 MILECATCHERS VOYAGES ANNOUNCED

Our Sunsail 2005 MileCatchers are almost fully booked and we have received rave reviews by all those who participated. See our past customers comments and view places left for this year by contacting Outdoor Travel on 1800 331 582. Following are the dates to join one of our 2006 MileCatchers Voyages along the east coast of Queensland.

You will gain valuable hands-on sailing experience, enjoy breathtaking scenery, accrue sea miles and make new friends while learning great sailing skills.

Dates	2006 Voyages (all one-way)
5-15 May 2006	Hamilton Island to Port Douglas
18-28 May 2006	Port Douglas to Hamilton Island
2-12 June 2006	Hamilton Island to Port Douglas
15-25 June 2006	Port Douglas to Hamilton Island
1-11 July 2006	Hamilton Island to Port Douglas
14-24 July 2006	Port Douglas to Hamilton Island
1-11 Sept 2006	Hamilton Island to Port Douglas
14-24 Sept 2005	Port Douglas to Cape York
27 Sept-7 Oct 2005	Cape York to Port Douglas
10-20 October 2005	Port Douglas to Hamilton Island

* MileCatchers start from AUD\$2,500pp including meals, tuition and onboard accommodation.

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Sail between 1 August and 31 October 2005 and:

Pay for 7 and sail for 9 nights - **2 NIGHTS FREE!**

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** One ways from Phuket to Langkawi or return also available.*

** MileCatchers from Koh Samui to Phuket via Singapore and Lankawi also available*

For more information or bookings, just contact our friendly Reservations team on 1800 331 582

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The apartments are proving to be hugely popular & last minute booking for September / October 2005 are still available – click on:

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- () Stewart Island Kiwi Trek
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