‘LIKE THE TARDIS’

A small sign over a red door at 61 Salamanca Place leads you into the unexpected and exciting labyrinth of Andrew Jones Travel. Behind the door are 35 qualified, friendly and inspirational travel consultants who are ready and willing to ensure your travel dreams become a reality.

On the 1st of July our Sandy Bay team relocated to our ever expanding Salamanca office. Having Karen, Monique, Pip, Gabrielle and Dom in the Hobart office has added a wealth of travel knowledge and immeasurable support to our current team.

Next time you are planning a holiday, be it visiting family overseas, a cruise around Australia or an adventure holiday to South America feel free to call into our office, meet the team and discuss your options with an experienced travel specialist. With so many qualified staff under one roof, there is definitely a consultant with the experience and passion of your chosen corner of the ‘Galaxy’.

On another note we would like to thank everyone who returned the TLC feedback forms. We have taken onboard your comments and made changes to many of the 2014 group tours in response.

Kind regards,

Ruth Moon

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Dates for your diary

Saturday 24 August
Hobart TLC afternoon tea
The Royal Yacht Club, 2-4pm

Saturday 31 August
Launceston TLC afternoon tea
Peppers Seaport Hotel, 2-4pm

Tuesday 29 October
Enjoy an evening with author Tony Park and Andrew Jones Travel as they show case the delights of traveling in Africa.
The Republic Bar, 299 Elizabeth Street

Saturday 23 November
Hobart TLC Christmas lunch

Saturday 30 November
Launceston TLC Christmas lunch

Welcome Home!
Europe’s Finest group tour in front of the Trevi Fountain
As members of the Travelling Ladies Club you have the first opportunity to secure a place on one of our tours.

**CUBA AND PANAMA DISCOVERY**
28 March 2014 ● 17 day tour
$9850* pp twin share ● Escorted by Judy Tierney
Join Judy Tierney and take this amazing opportunity to explore two countries off the beaten track. Your tour begins in Panama City, where you will explore El Valle a small mountain village located in an extinct volcano crater famous for its beautiful climate and morning market. Travel by train to the Panama Canal through the jungle visiting museums and local villages along the way. From Panama you will fly to Havana, the capital of Cuba. With an architectural heritage spanning more than five centuries, La Hababa Vieja (old Havana) is a virtual time machine of styles and techniques. Enjoy riding in both a horse drawn carriage and a classic American car, visiting numerous historic sites, including Ernest Hemingway’s hangouts. Visit some of the many Cuban Islands including Treasure Island which served for centuries as a base for English and French pirates. This tour is jam packed full of history and colour!

**SOUTHERN AFRICAN HIGHLIGHTS ‘DESERTS & DELTA’**
29 August 2014 ● 20 day tour
$15,500* pp twin share ● Escorted by Ruth Moon
After the success and interest in Ruth’s 2013 Africa tour, she is excited to release her 2014 tour this time to Southern Africa! Discover the best that Cape Town, Namibia, Botswana and Victoria Falls has to offer on this small group fully escorted tour.

Visit Cape Town and marvel at its majestic backdrop of Table Mountain along with the glorious beaches, vineyards and cosmopolitan atmosphere. From Cape Town you will fly to Walvis Bay in Namibia. Namibia is blessed with sunshine, an abundance of wildlife and an intriguing variety of flora and fauna. Watch the flamingos gather at the rich feeding grounds of the Walvis Bay Lagoon, explore the highest shifting sand dunes in the world by 4WD and stay in some amazing locations, including the Mowani Mountain Camp, distinguished by its thatched dome-shaped structures.

From Namibia travel through to Botswana renowned for the Okavango delta a haven for birds and wildlife. Here we will divide our time between the beautiful water ways of the Okavango Delta, the big-game area of the Moremi Reserve and with the largest concentration of elephants in Africa, Chobe National Park. Also included are two nights in Victoria Falls including a scenic flight!

If you have ever dreamt of visiting Africa then this is the tour for you!

**EUROPE’S FINEST 2014 INCLUDING THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW**
19 May 2014 ● 28 day tour
$12,890* pp twin share ● Escorted by Anne Bourke
Europe’s Finest was such a success in 2014 that we are offering a similar tour next year. It will again appeal to the first time traveller, as well as those who have already visited Europe but would like to further explore the beautiful cities of London, Paris, Provence, Cote d’Azur, Cinque Terre, Tuscany, Venice and Rome. There is plenty of time in each city to relax and soak in the atmosphere, in between visiting all those iconic sites not to be missed! Join Anne on this stunning tour - I’m sure she’ll also have many shopping tips she can share with you along the way!

**CRUISING AUSTRALIA WITH PRINCESS**
22 June 2014 ● 19 day tour
$4970* pp twin share outside cabin
Discover Australia on a 16 day Sea Princess cruise from Brisbane to Perth. It’s interesting how often we head overseas instead of exploring our own backyard. Here’s the perfect opportunity to visit Airlie Beach, Port Douglas, Darwin, the Kimberley Coast, Broome, Bali, Geraldton and Perth. This tour also includes two nights in Fremantle allowing time for you to browse through the markets or stop at one of the numerous cafes and restaurants.

*Conditions apply. Minimum passenger numbers must be met. Single supplements available.*
Are you planning a European holiday and would like the perfect place to relax and re-energise? If yes, consider including a visit to the Cinque Terre staying in the village of Monterosso al Mare.

Firstly, what is the Cinque Terre?
It is a rugged portion of coast on the Italian Riviera and “Cinque Terre” translates to “The Five Lands”. The area is composed of five villages: Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore. The coastline, the five villages, and the surrounding hillsides are all part of the Cinque Terre National Park and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These five amazing villages are connected by ferry and also train, with the exception of Corniglia, which can only be accessed by train due to its geographical location.

Monterosso is the largest of the villages, divided into two distinct parts and funnily enough are known as the old and the new towns! These two areas are connected by a pedestrian tunnel which is also used on the odd occasion by one of the few cars in the village.

The old town of Monterosso is dominated by the ruins of the castle and characterised by typical narrow medieval streets with multi-coloured terraced houses, gorgeous shops, amazing places to dine and gelato bars on every corner! The new part of town, is full of life, and is the reflection of an area that tourism has made rich. There are good quality hotels, amazing outdoor restaurants, even a good hairdresser and numerous bars which overlook the coastline. The local specialties are lemons, wine and anchovies – what a combination!

I was fortunate enough to spend four amazing days in Monterosso in June of this year and cannot wait to go back - it is simply marvellous and an area where time has stood still.

Lynn Ayers

A footnote. I have not mentioned the walking tracks which this area is synonymous for. Unfortunately these tracks are in very poor condition and due to landslides some tracks are closed. Please do not let this deter you from visiting this area, as it is a wonderful place!
Expressions of Interest and Travelling Companions

If any of the following interest you we will either arrange a group meeting of interested members or put you in contact with the person involved. To express an interest in one of the below please contact Ruth or Anne on 6221 3499.

UK, Ireland and Gardens tour - May 2014
Mrs J., who has a particular interest in gardens, would like to invite members to join her on a Trafalgar Tour of Britain and Ireland.

A Nordic Christmas to remember staying at the Ice Hotel
The Nordic Winter Odyssey independent tour is designed to optimise the chances to see the Aurora Borealis. Travel from Oslo, over the North Cape, through the Lyngen Alps, to Tromsø and Swedish Lapland and down to Stockholm.

Stay at boutique hotels such as the ICEHOTEL and Lyngen Lodge, and use various modes of transport taking you through a fairytale winter landscape. During this ‘odyssey’ you have access to all the activities that make chasing the Aurora Borealis so wonderful; snow mobile rides, husky safaris, reindeer riding and various Northern Lights excursions.

Ms T. is travelling on this tour departing Hobart 9 December and has invited others to join her. We are currently holding accommodation for two more like minded ladies on this memorable experience.

Alaska cruise and tour
Ms E. would like to cruise and tour Alaska for approximately 3 weeks and is flexible with the departure date.

Book Review

My copy of ‘A Year in Provence’ sat on our bookshelf for over 15 years before I finally embraced the treasures it has to offer.

Like the book, when you visit Provence there is potential to meet eccentric restaurateurs, creative hairdressers, charming market vendors, partake of the rich gastronomic delights and all the culture France affords the travellers.

Peter Mayles and his wife settle into Provencal life, which is ruled not by commerce, but by the seasons and the opportunities each brings. You will read about goat races, boules, fresh olive oil and of course the local VIN. They learn to adapt to the Provencal pace of life, accepting that builders will return tomorrow and not fuss when tomorrow is next week or next month. When Mayle isn’t chatting with the neighbours, being advised by the local plumber/musician, despairing over how to move his heavy stone table, entertaining friends of friends and obnoxious advertising executives, he is, of course, eating. He experiences culinary wonders in the “good, simple food” served inexpensively in the local restaurants.

They chose to live in Provence on its terms, not theirs.

A Year in Provence shows how richly rewarding even a simple life can be when accepted on its own terms, without ego, assumptions, or demands.

As a traveller, you too can experience the joys Provence, or any of the rich destinations our world and the Travelling Ladies Club has to offer.