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Globetrotter Spotlight: Anita Mendiratta

Self-confessed nomad Anita Mendiratta has become one of the most sought after advisors in travel. Packing no more than a carry-on case, expert advice, and lot of optimism, this Canadian born globetrotter is working with governments and travel professionals to change and open the world, one destination at a time.

Incapable of operating in a bubble, the tourism industry is under the constant influence of world events. Economic crisis, regional conflicts, revolutions, and natural disasters can close the door swiftly on a popular destination. Syria, for instance, was a popular choice for Middle East travellers as recently as ten years ago, while Afghanistan was touted through much of the 70's as a backpacker's dream holiday, praise that seems unthinkable now.

On the flipside, former 'no-go' destinations can re-emerge with impressive speed. Colombia's troubled 90's now seem like the stuff of ancient legend. Its second-largest city Medellin, once synonymous with the drug trade and cartel violence, was ranked one of the world's ten most liveable cities by Metropolis Magazine in August of this year. It is also playing host this month of the UN World Tourism Organisation's General Assembly. A strong endorsement of the strong future ahead for this role model recovery.

Anita Mendiratta is a self-confessed nomad

Packing no more than carry on, Anita flies around the world, talking about tourism as an engine of change.

Meanwhile, few observers inside or outside Myanmar would have foreseen the country's rapid return to Asia's tourism map. In 2015, the ASEAN Tourism Forum, arguably the region's most important event for tourism's movers and shakers, was held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar's capital. It was a huge step for a country that just five years ago had been resisting contact without outsiders. Myanmar is already feeling the profound effects of this change.

For Canadian-born globetrotter Anita Mendiratta, Colombia and Myanmar are living examples of tourism's power to revive and restore communities, and take them to new heights. Anita is all about smarter travel, both for herself, and for an industry that now provides over ten percent of the jobs in her adopted home, South Africa.

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Goway offers great travel ideas for 40 European countries including Principalities

Europe #2 - Growing

Downunder, representing Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands is the #1 destination for Goway travellers. In fact the company claims they send more people to Downunder than any other specialist travel company. However, their rating within Goway could change in the near future states Bruce Hodge, founder and president of the 45 year old company. "Whilst Australia and New Zealand are "hot", our European demand is growing faster" said Hodge. He continued "Next to Downunder we offer more travel ideas to Europe than Africa or Latin America or Asia, and we expect to keep growing our European product. For all destinations we offer, we want to be the Globetrotters one-stop-shop for whatever they want to do and we pride ourselves as experts in designing personalized itineraries. Past Goway travellers know this and take advantage of "past traveller discounts" ".

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Snow Monkeys are happily preoccupied kings of their own domain in Japan. See Story Page 5

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An African Story

When I created Goway in 1970 I made the conscious decision to give up my wandering ways and address the responsibilities of a startup business. I had the opportunity to be a driver/guide on overland journeys such as 11 week Trans African Expeditions between London and Nairobi. In those days such adventures were relatively safe compared to today, or then travelling south through places like Rhodesia. And nobody wanted to visit South Africa, that pariah of a country under White Rule. I also took on extra responsibilities by marrying a young lady who happened to grow up in both Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and South Africa.

Although the London Nairobi journey no longer exists, Goway's AFRICAExperts today offer several truck and camping adventures (relatively budget) between Nairobi and Cape Town.

As time went by many opportunities developed where Goway could grow our range of travel ideas and today for instance our AFRICAExperts Travel Planner is the most comprehensive in North America. I personally have been to Africa nearly 20 times and being a history "buff" have always been intrigued by what happened in the last 200 years. Cecil Rhodes' commitment to British Colonialism and the idea of a railway from Cape Town to Cairo always fascinated me.

By good fortune my commitment to business paid off. My amazing top quality team of staff have allowed me to return to my wandering ways and my wife Claire and I will be travelling from the bottom to the top of Africa in January/February 2016 with a small exclusive group who presumably share a lot of my interests.

I have always tried to inject into Goway the spirit of a globetrotter who by definition travels far and wide. Since you are reading this specialized magazine I suspect you are a globetrotter. By way of this magazine our various brochures and our Website, I hope that the next time you go globetrotting you will use our services and become part of a fraternity of real travellers – Globetrotters – about whom we care very much.

BRUCE J. HODGE
Founder & President

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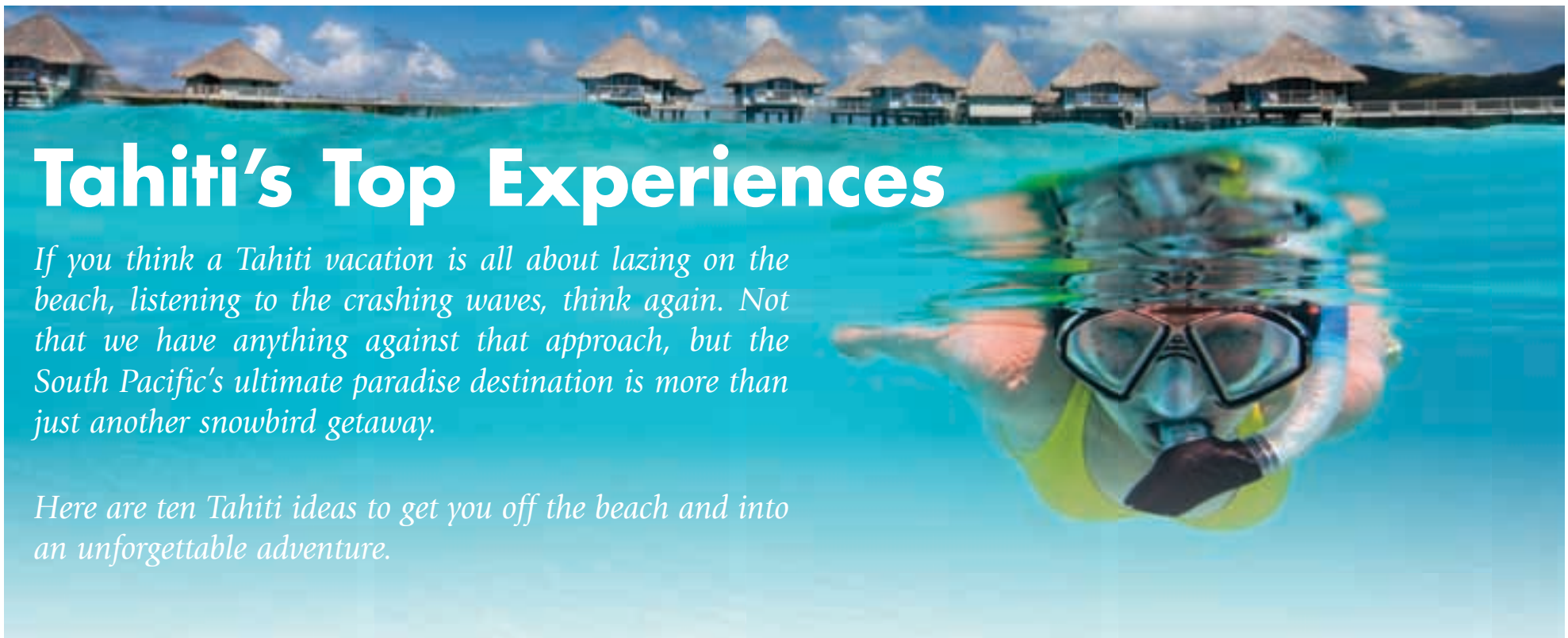

Tahiti's Top Experiences

If you think a Tahiti vacation is all about lazing on the beach, listening to the crashing waves, think again. Not that we have anything against that approach, but the South Pacific's ultimate paradise destination is more than just another snowbird getaway.

Here are ten Tahiti ideas to get you off the beach and into an unforgettable adventure.

Bike along the reef in Bora Bora

Diving and snorkelling opportunities are more or less par for the course when you visit the world's great island destinations. But how about cycling a living reef in an eco-friendly underwater scooter? On Bora Bora's unique Aquabike Adventures, you won't need a diving certification, flippers or a snorkel, as you comfortably cruise ten feet below the surface. You won't even need to get your hair wet! Each Aquabike is topped by a transparent observation bubble, keeping your head high and dry as you explore.

Get married underwater

If you're not content to simply visit the fish, you can always invite them to your wedding. There are countless opportunities to enjoy a traditional Polynesian wedding on the islands, but this is the only one that takes the ceremony to the lagoon floor. Sporting white helmet dive suits (which, like the aqua scooters, require no special certification or training), couples exchange their vows via waterproof audio and hand signals – though they'll have to wait til they surface to seal the union with a kiss!

Swim with Manta Rays

Few underwater sights rival the majestic wings of a Manta Ray, and the waters of Bora Bora are an excellent place to spot, or even swim alongside these harmless giants.

Explore Moorea on an All Terrain Vehicle

The island of Moorea is something of a triple threat, having a less 'touristy' feel than other popular Tahitian islands, while still being both affordable, and hopelessly romantic. While an ATV ride through the countryside might not be everyone's idea of a honeymoon activity, it is a great way to see the island, and a more relaxed side of Tahitian life. Tours typically last between two and four hours, or can be customised for a private tour.

Take in paradise from above – at 120 miles per hour!

Skydiving might not spring to mind when you think of Tahiti, but it offers an incredible way to see the islands from above. Experience all the thrills of this extreme sport while taking in sensational views of Moorea or Bora Bora. A tandem jump with an experienced instructor will have you parachuting safely into paradise, with about six to eight minutes of air time, and incredible views.

Go drift snorkelling at Taha'a island resort

Old fashioned snorkelling too sedate for you? How about riding the swift current through some of the world's most beautiful coral systems? Guests at Taha'a resort can explore the old fashioned way, or ride the drifts right to the middle of a coral garden.

"Shoot the Pass" at the Blue Lagoon

The Blue Lagoon is a Tahiti legend, the kind that drivers must visit, that is, not the kind that doesn't exist. You'll find it on Rangiroa, the world's second largest atoll, where the current rushes between the sheltered lagoon and the surrounding ocean, allowing adventurous divers to be transported amid schools of tropical fish to meet the larger species in open water. It's called 'Shooting the Pass' and it has been described by some as the world's greatest adrenaline rush. If you're not so keen, or not certified to dive, the Blue Lagoon still offers an impressive showcase of the many species that live in Tahiti's waters.

Have breakfast delivered to your overwater bungalow by canoe

Bora Bora has made the overwater bungalow famous, but why hurry to come ashore for breakfast? The staff at several of the island's best resorts can deliver the most important meal of the day right to your bungalow – and they come by sea, in a traditional canoe.

Eat cheap at Les Roulottes in Papeete

On a tight budget, but still want to experience Tahiti? It can be done. Bora Bora might not be the land of the thrifty, but the namesake island, which supports most of French Polynesia's population, offers its own delights at a fraction of the cost. No stay in the capital is complete without an evening grazing Les Roulottes, a collection of food trucks on Papeete's waterfront that will satisfy even the most demanding culinary hipster. Polynesian and French flavours naturally star, but you'll find cuisines from every corner of the globe served with a uniquely Polynesian twist.

Get a Polynesian tattoo

If you're looking for a souvenir that's both long-lasting, and quintessentially Tahiti, tattoos have been part of Polynesian tradition for centuries. A little research and local advice will ensure you're getting the real thing. Just remember, Polynesian tattoos are shrouded in cultural meaning, so get the full story behind your choice of ink, and come away with the ultimate personal memento.

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Africa Adventure Train

Like the unusual southern African travel experience it offers, the name Shongololo Express is uniquely African. Meaning "centipede" in Zulu, the name was given by the indigenous people to the first trains they saw – when viewed on the horizon, the train resembled for them the appearance and movement of the Shongololo.

The name means "centipede" in Zulu

A unique concept introduced in South Africa in 1995, the Great Shongololo Express Adventure offers foreign tourists a taste of some of the best tourist destinations and most breathtaking sights.

Traveling by rail at night enables guests to cover a lot of ground during a 16-day stay in Southern Africa. Interminable hours in dusty tour buses on remote roads are eliminated, saving travellers precious holiday time. Every day brings the excitement of a new destination, without the bane of continually having to pack and unpack suitcases.

A fully serviced traveling hotel train, Shongololo is designed to give guests time to unwind with like-minded people from all over the world, while taking in the magic of Africa.

Aboard the train at night original African cuisine is served by candle light-from Cape Dutch and Malay to authentic African dishes from many regions of the continent.

Occasionally when they're not dining on board the train, the guests are treated to a traditional South African "braai" (barbeque).

Variety and flexibility are trade marks of the Shongololo experience. Breakfasts are served on board from 06h15 to 08h15 to accommodate early and late risers. A variety of daily touring options included in the overall tour price are available at each destination. Partners have the option of splitting up for the day with one able to choose a battlefield tour, while the other might prefer a mountain hike.

A choice of exciting optional extras are also available - you could float by hot air balloon over the Namib desert with a champagne breakfast to follow, or cruise to a wonderful Indian Ocean Island, scuba dive, horse ride, do biking on sand dunes or even bungee jumping.

Shongololo trains are not luxury trains, but they offer comfort and great value for money. The twin bedded apartments have plenty of cupboards and hanging space and there is a shower and bathroom just down the corridor. The style is informal on board. It is not a tiara and dinner jacket environment – guests are encouraged to bring casual wear for their trip into the heart of Africa.

Commodore Cabin, Shongololo Express

Daily excursions are undertaken by Shongololo's own modified coaches, which travel aboard the train ensuring a prompt and efficient departure each day.

The Shongololo *Southern Cross* tour is perhaps the greatest of the three travel experiences currently offered. Covering 6 countries in 17 days, this carefully crafted route delivers such stunning views as the Victoria Falls, The Zimbabwe Ruins and the Matopos Hills in Zimbabwe, Piggs Peak in Swaziland and the Blyde River Canyon and God's Window in South Africa. The tour offers a rare insight into the cultural geographical kaleidoscope of southern Africa with stop-overs among others, in Mbabane in Swaziland, Botswana's Chobe Nature Reserve, Livingstone in Zambia, Maputo in Mozambique and the Kruger National Park in South Africa.

The *Good Hope* trip of 14 days takes in no less than 23 of the 25 sights marked as "must" for visitors to South Africa by South African Tourism. Starting in Cape Town, it crisscrosses the country the country from the Cape Winelands, Bloemfontein and Kimberly, the Drakensberg, Durban, Zululand, the Kruger National Park, Pretoria and Johannesburg, with a brief stop-over in Swaziland.

The daily excursions on offer have been designed to cater for a variety of tastes. Nature lovers can sample the cream of South Africa's nature reserves with visits to areas like the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point and the Garden of Eden in the Western Cape, to the Amphitheatre and Royal Natal Park in the Drakensberg in Natal, and the internationally renowned Kruger National Park.

Souvenir hunters have plenty to choose from on excursions to the craft shops in the Indian Market in Durban and the curio shops and road-side traders in and around the Kruger National Park. Some of the most scenic and entertaining local sights are covered including a trip up Table Mountain, a tour of the diamond capital of the world, Kimberly and Big Hole and a Soweto Shebeen tour.

The Shongololo *Dune Express* also sets out from Johannesburg en route to Bloemfontein and Kimberly. After a visit to the Augrabies Falls nature reserve, the train crosses the border into Namibia, stopping over at the world's second largest canyon, the Fish River Canyon on its way to the quaint coastal town of Luderitz. In the Kalahari Desert guests visit a San settlement Intu-Africa and then on to Sossusvlei with its unusual inland vlei surrounded by red sand dunes – the highest dunes in the world. A trip through the Etosha National Reserve provides an opportunity to spot some of the 114 mammal 340 bird species resident in the area. Stopovers are made in Swakopmund and Windhoek.

The Shongololo Express is a unique way of sampling the best of what Africa has to offer for foreign and local tourist alike.

Goway offers a great 2 for 1 deal on the Shongololo rail journey from Cape Town to Johannesburg departing 22 March starting from US$3156 in Ivory Cabin Accommodation.

Dining Car, Shongololo Express

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Incredible Egypt - Thank you Goway!

We wish to thank Goway for organizing a wonderful trip to Egypt and Jordan for us. I was nervous having heard of problems through the media. While in Egypt and Jordan we were escorted everywhere by excellent local guides organized by Goway. Standard security measures where in place and I was never worried. This is a great time to visit Egypt and Jordan as there is only a limited amount of tourists and the major sites are not the least bit crowded..

A. Smulders

South Africa Sampler

Tour was excellent value for the price. Provided an overview of South Africa (included all of the highlights+). Your tour company provided a super guide and driver. Food was excellent (perhaps too good) while the accomodations were perfectly acceptable. The only disappointment was the Kruger Park optional game drive. It was a waste of time and money. All of the other optional tours were well worth the money..

Brian

Kenya/Rwanda/Uganda trip of a lifetime

This amazing African adventure organized by Goway featured a week exploring Kenya - through safaris, viewing of the animals at a salt lick, and visits to animal sanctuaries. A nature lover's dream. Rwanda was surprisingly beautiful; both on the gorilla trek and the natural beauty of endless hills. We included a trip to the Genocide museum to gain an understanding of this tragic part of their history. Uganda was also very beautiful, and the gorilla trekking was a different experience from Rwanda. Just be prepared for long rides on undeveloped roads. If you only have time/resources to go on one gorilla trek, choose Rwanda. All in all an incredible experience.

Mrs. Ingrid Rinaldi

The best travel insurance

I arrived in Paris with a tooth problem which I put up with for 4 days. Finally I called our Embassy in Paris to see if they could recommend a dentist. They were closed for the weekend. I called the emergency number at GoWay and they got back to me almost instantly. They found a Hospital which was not able to help, but did recommend a dental clinic which was willing to see me.

Bottom line I saw a dentist in Paris on a Sunday, waited about an hour for treatment which he did in about 20 minutes, and saved my holiday. Then I got a nice follow up email from Goway asking if they could be of any additional assistance. This is the way travel insurance is supposed to work and seldom does. My sincere thanks to Goway

F M Groundwater

Fabulous Peru Trip

Peru is a great place to visit. The Incan history and ruins/sites are amazing. The Catholic churches are wow! Great tours, great staff who speak English, and all the hotels they booked (Arawi in Lima & the Casa Andina Collection in the other cities) were fantastic. I learned so much about the history of the Inca's, the 1990's history of Peru and the current state of Peru. Machu Picchu is a must, but also the Maras Salt terraces and the terraced slopes just outside Ollantaytambo. We did the Reed Islands on Lake Ticcacca in Puno too, but very tourist oriented. Not really worth the trip. Basically felt forced to buy a tapestry or knitted item. It is definitely worth booking your whole trip with GoWay and Condor. So nice to know each day you are going to be picked up and taken to all the sites, and have a knowledgeable guide. *Pauline O.*

Fabulous time in Australia

Goway arranged all my travel plans before and after a business trip--everything from flights, transfers to hotels and day trips in Sydney and Cairns/Port Douglas. I had a marvelous time and felt extremely safe. The tours were first rate. I would have never been able to fit so much in without Goway's assistance. I look forward to taking another trip through Goway!

Ms. C. Bellman

Exellent service!

Goway helped me book my honeymoon package to New Zealand and Fiji. It was a great experience, and the trip was smooth without any problems. Will definitely book any other trips in the future with goaway travel. *Mr. Fahad Hameed*

Wonderful Experience

i had a wonderful experience with Goway travel. I recently went to Thailand for a week .Everything was so organized and the staffs were friendly. My travel agent were very helpful throughout the entore process. I would highly recommended to sign up with GOWAY travel if you are planning on your next get away. I had a lot of fun and cannot wait for my next adventure with Goway :) *Mimi Hoang*

A Taste of Southeast Asia

My boyfriend and I thoroughly enjoyed Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. Each country had its similarities and differences that helped us learn about their cultures. We had the best experiences with the cities that were lined up for us and took advantage of what each place had to offer. Our tour of Vietnam gave us a great over view of the country and provided us with many cultural learnings and fun packed experiences. I didn't know these countries were so scenic. Best time of my life.

Ms. Danielle Thompson

A family trip from Berlin to Frankfurt

Goway Travel arranged a wonderful 10 day family trip from for us from Berlin to Frankfurt in early August. We spent the first half exploring Berlin from a Winter Hotel located on Zimmerstrasse near Checkpoint Charlie, conveniently located to both historic and more contemporary and rebuilt areas of the city by transit and walking. Local tours were of interest to all of us. Our drive took us from Berlin to Dresden to Leipzig to Dessau to Frankfurt. As well as having the joy of driving really fast on the autobahn between the cities, the hotels were well located; the one in Leipzig being particularly enjoyable for its urban and historic ambience. *Mr. Robert Glover*

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Japanese Alps: *Home of Snow Monkeys*

Snow Monkeys in Japan - probably the most relaxed in the world

By Adam Waxman

The mountainous region of Nagano looks like a freeze-frame of exploding fireworks. Red maple and yellow ginkgo trees drape the rugged terrain. Clean waters and cool air attract those escaping summer heat. Even a monkey can enjoy the region's beauty—and its resident snow monkeys do exactly that.

Descending from the trees, the world's northernmost monkeys plunge into the hot springs of Jigokudani to stake their claim. When the temperature drops, they luxuriate in thermal springs, pampering and grooming each other. We hike for half an hour along an ascending wooded-path to see them. They're probably the most relaxed monkeys in the world and while they're aware of us, they are happily preoccupied kings of their domain.

Many visit Nagano to get out of the city and into nature, and fruit picking has become a popular activity. Cherries in June, peaches in August, grapes in early fall, and then apples. Almost a quarter of all Japan's apples come from Nagano. The most prized are called Sun-Fuji. Straight out of a fairy tale, they are noted for their translucent golden honeycomb centre and intoxicating sweetness. Participants in the apple-picking course at Shinshu Fruits Land in Shinshu Nakano are handed a "special peeler" and unleashed into the orchard.

Nearby Matsumoto Castle was once maintained as a military fortress. Square windows were used for muskets, while rectangular ones were for archers. Seven thousand samurai once surrounded the oldest castle tower in Japan. Today it is a national treasure, housing munitions and samurai armour. Visitors ascend six floors of steep stairs to the top floor, where the warlords would meet to strategize. Views from here stretch for miles, over the clear moat below and the lush land beyond, all the way to the snowy mountain peaks that crown the valley on the horizon.

Matsumoto Castle is one of Japan's premier historic castles.The building is also known as the "Crow Castle" due to its black exterior.

Outside the city is the Daio Wasabi Farm, the largest wasabi farm in Japan. These 15 hectares produce 500 kilograms of Japanese horseradish per day, up to an annual yield of 150 tonnes per year. The fields of green roots dotted with pretty watermills look deceptively sweet, but pack a sinus-burning heat. We sample wasabi treats ranging from lollipops, cakes, potato croquettes, frankfurters and ice cream, washed down with a refreshing but spicy juice.

Hida-Takayama, in nearby Gifu, is a wealthy merchant town from the Edo period that has preserved its traditional character. Strolling narrow Sannomachi Street, one can find centuries-old trinket shops and sake breweries where we can sample and compare premium artisanal sake with notes of melon and banana. The key ingredient is the water, and its purity can be tasted in every sip. A highlight however is the prized Hida beef. Distinguished by its high-quality marbling, lustre and texture, a robust juice and aroma fills each mouth-watering bite. Various shops grill beef skewers sold by the grade of their firmness.

Old folktale villages such as Shirakawa-go and Gokayama dot the countryside of Gifu and Toyama prefectures. These UNESCO World Heritage sites are fairly isolated. Long ago, prisoners who were banished from the rest of civilization were sent here. Their thatched-roof houses are shaped like the cupped hands of one in prayer. Locals cultivate silkworms and make rice paper. Quiet and remote, these towns feel far removed from the high-octane pace of Tokyo, just a few hours away.

Shirakawago is famous for the traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses, some of which are more than 250 years old.

The Japanese way is not one of opulence, but one of shrugging off the unnecessary clutter. From cherry blossoms to fall foliage, a trip through the Nagano region of the Japan Alps will reinvigorate any traveller's sense of well-being and wonder.

Goway can customize your Japan itinerary to include a visit to the Nagano Region.

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Japan. Endless Discovery.

Team Goway Celebrate their teamwork at Exile Island

Goway Fundraises for a Magical Wish

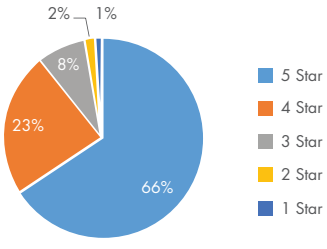
Earlier this year, a team from Goway committed to raising $10,000 to grant a wish for the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. The recipient, Cassie, wished for a trip to California and also met the team who made her wish come true at a signature Fundraising Event (seen above)

At "Exile Island" the Goway team participated in games to "Outsmart, Outplay, and Outpledge" other teams, all intent on being the ultimate survivor, and raising the most money.

Also this year, Goway received a Valued Partner Award from the Foundation at their Annual General Meeting, held in St. Johns, Newfoundland. Learn more about Children's Wish Foundation of Canada at www.childrenswish.org.

To learn about our other Social Responsibility projects, visit "Who We are" at goway.com.

Service Commitment



Goway recently partnered with Trustpilot, the independent review site. As travellers return from their journey, they are sent a link to review their experience with Goway before, during and after their trip. Now with over 300 reviews (at time of printing, the company is pleased with the results.

General Manager, Customer Experience, David Zolis (davidz@goway.com) commented "Goway enjoys an excellent position, with 89% of reviews rating their experience as 4 or 5 Stars. We will continue to champion excellence in service internally, and strive to increase that level well above 90% over the coming years."

Tourism Can Make a Difference

Goway's new voluntourism trips to Nepal are changing lives, communities, and the way travellers see the country.

Goway Travel is offering its globetrotters the chance to experience Nepal, while assisting first-hand with the country's post-earthquake recovery.

Over 40 years in travel, Goway has seen the effect tourism can have on the recovery of a region affected by natural disaster. Now, the company is inviting its travellers to go one step further and play an active role in Nepal's post-earthquake recovery. Flying to Kathmandu, volunteers on the Rebuild Nepal trip will stay five nights in Gorkha, one of the country's hardest-hit communities, where they will help to rebuild a family home.

No technical skills are required, as these aspects of the rebuild are handled by skilled professionals. However, a wide range of opportunities exist for volunteers at a variety of skill levels, and a willing and able pair of hands is always appreciated. The new houses are also built to be eco-friendly, and easier to maintain. Materials used include stone, wood, bamboo, and support rods, often taken from damaged structures to maximise resources.

With a focus on voluntourism, the weeklong trip includes airport transfers, one night's hotel accommodation in Kathmandu, comfortable tent accommodation in the village of Gorkha with daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner, ground transport, taxes, a farewell dinner, souvenir duffel bag, a contribution towards expenses for rebuild support staff, and a US$300 donation for building supplies. Goway can also assist guests with international flights, visas, and travel insurance.

The Annapurna Trek in Nepal can be added to the "Rebuild Nepal" trip

Travellers wishing to experience more of Nepal may wish to extend their stay with the Rebuild Nepal plus Annapurna Trek. This two-week voluntourism package adds a 4-day trek through the Himalayas to the Rebuild Nepal trip. Hikers will stay at comfortable guesthouse accommodation, with a night in Pokhara on either end of their trek. Approximately two departures per month on each option are currently available up to and including May 2016.

Goway Travel is a proud member of Tourism Cares, the travel and tourism industry's community for giving and volunteering. The company is proud to be a supporter of the Tourism Cares Nepal Recovery Fund.

Western Australia

With the largest and most diverse expanse of outback landscapes in Australia, the opportunities for self-drive and motorhome adventures in Western Australia are endless and not to be missed. If you have travelled to Australia before and looking for an excuse to return, then Western Australia is the perfect reason. Self-drive vacations are a great way to get out and explore the State's sweeping white beaches, carpets of colourful wildflowers, cavernous gorges, vast cattle stations and the most dazzling star-filled skies you'll ever see. Pick a region and let your adventure begin...

Pink Lake in Western Australia

The South West

Rolling vineyards set against a backdrop of ocean and forest let you easily hop from one experience to the next. Catch sight of the amazing humpback whale, explore ancient caves and then stroll through forests of timber giants. Climb over the ancient rocks of the Granite Skywalk or spend the day at one of Margaret River's great wineries, where you can relax with a glass of the region's world-renowned wine, matched with local truffles and crayfish.

There are plenty more gems waiting to be unearthed in the South West. Just two and a half hours from Perth by road, it's so easy to include Margaret River region and the South West in your extraordinary holiday.

Coral Coast

Follow the coast along the Indian Ocean and discover some of the world's most diverse marine habitats just metres away from pristine beaches. Visit the world's largest fringing reef Ningaloo Reef, meet the famous dolphins up close in Monkey Mia, but also venture through dramatic Outback landscapes and some of the best wildflower displays from July to November.

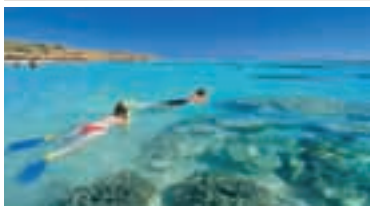
Karijini National Park is not to be missed with it's dramatic creeks, spectacular gorges and towering sheer sided chasms and aboriginal culture.

Broome & the North West

One of the World's Last True Wilderness areas and the place to go for an authentic Aussie outback adventure. Start your adventure on breathtaking Cable Beach, with a camel ride along the beach at sunset.

Venture East of Broome through the Kimberley region where beautiful gorges and outback landscapes await your discovery.

See one of the world's best kept secret, Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park which remained a hidden secret until 1983. This National and World Heritage National Park is 350 million years in the making and is one of the most unique and captivating ranges on Earth. These spectacular orange and grey, beehive domes are striking whether experienced on the ground walking through the valleys or by scenic flight.



Top: Kangaroo on Lucky Bay Beach; Below: Snorkelling on Ningaloo Reef.

Top 10 Camping Spots

From 5 star serviced glamping, catered camping, eco stays and outback station experiences, to simply pitching a tent yourself or staying in your own campervan, the wide variety of camping options available means there's something for everyone and WA's great climate means you can do it all year round.

1. *Leeuwin-Naturaliste Nat'l Park*
2. *D'Entrecasteaux National Park*
3. *Cape Le Grand National Park*
4. *Cape Range National Park*
5. *Francois Peron National Park*
6. *Fitzgerald River National Park*
7. *Purnululu National Park*
8. *Karijini National Park*
9. *Lane Poole Reserve*
10. *Beelu National Park*

This truly is a naturally beautiful area of the world, experience on a pre-booked self drive, organized tour or go at your own pace with a motorhome rental. **Goway offers 10 amazing self-drive itineraries available at www.goway.com.**

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Relaxing on Martins Bay Spit, Hollyford.

Hiking in New Zealand

With cascading waterfalls, emerald-green forests, and miles of untouched black-and-white sand beaches, New Zealand is a picturesque, majestic, and awe-inspiring destination. For the adventurous, active traveller, exploring New Zealand by foot is, by far, the most rewarding way to fully experience the country's jaw-dropping, natural beauty. New Zealand offers a variety of unspoiled trails, and each path provides a range of terrain diversity and natural splendour. New Zealand may seem like the edge of the world to many, but for the explorers who set out to walk its paths, the natural treasures found along the country's "Great Walks" are beyond compare.

Abel Tasman National Park

Featuring 30 miles of golden beaches and lush subtropical bush,Abel Tasman National Park is New Zealand's only coastal national park. The Abel Tasman Coast Track is considered one of the least strenuous of New Zealand's hiking paths, but it is just as rewarding. Covering 33 miles of immaculate coastline with azure waters, through manuka groves, estuaries, and granite cliffs, the Abel Tasman trek offers natural wonders around every corner. For those who appreciate the serenity and seclusion of beachside hiking, the Abel Tasman trek on South Island may be ideal.

The Coromandel Peninsula

Located 34 miles from Auckland, the Coromandel Peninsula extends 53 miles north into the Bay of Plenty. Due to its natural beauty, coastal scenery, and temperate inland rainforests, the peninsula is a popular tourist destination. The area is underdeveloped and sparsely populated, making Coromandel Peninsula ideal for hiking excursions. Hikers of Coromandel Peninsula can choose from a variety of inland trails and coastal paths, many of which feature natural hot springs along the way. Hikers can also take a dip at Hot Water Beach, aptly named due to the underwater hot springs that warm its waters.

Fiordland on South Island

Known for its white-capped mountains, pristine coastlines, lakes, and sweeping meadows, South Island is ideal for the more adventurous hiker who appreciates the path less travelled. Although South Island offers a variety of hiking options, including the trails of Marlborough, Nelson, and Kaikoura, Fiordland National Park is renowned for its wild, rugged, and remote hiking paths. Covering almost 3 million acres, Fiordland is one of the largest national parks in the world, and visitors are treated to a range of picturesque trails that weave through New Zealand's most famous natural attractions.

Hollyford Valley: One of the most popular Fjiordland trails is the walking path through Hollyford Valley. Typically lasting roughly three days, the Hollyford Valley Trek is never cut off by snow, and the trail allows visitors to experience both the misty mountains and the secluded seas of New Zealand. Starting among the sheer rock faces of the Darran Mountains, the path follows the Hollyford River as it empties into Martins Bay. For hikers with limited time to experience New Zealand's diverse topography, abundant wildlife, and untamed coastline, the Hollyford Valley trek offers a range of natural highlights and is passable year-round.

Beach walking is fun and easy

The Milford Track: Ideal for experienced hikers who enjoy the challenge and reward of rugged terrain, steeper climbs, and spectacular views, the Milford Track encompasses the mountainous areas of Fiordland National Park. The five-day trek is known as the "The Finest Walk in the World", and hikers will experience New Zealand's most famous natural wonders, including ice-carved Clinton Canyon and Sutherland Falls, the world's fifth tallest waterfall.

After the invigorating trek through the mountains, hikers are then rewarded with a visit to Milford Sound, described as the "Eighth Wonder of the World" by writer Rudyard Kipling. Formed by glaciers thousands of years ago, Milford Sound is flanked by cascading waterfalls and skyscraping mountain peaks. It is truly one of the world's most beautiful natural wonders.

As home to the world's "Great Walks", New Zealand caters to all types of adventure travellers and hikers, offering a range of lodging options to suit your needs. Hiking New Zealand is an experience like no other and an ideal getaway for the passionate, active traveller.

If you're passionate about travel and discovery, explore Goway's large selection of customizable New Zealand adventure packages and take a walk to remember.

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Why Fiji is a perfect winter escape

By Carolyn Weppler

1. It's really not as far as you think. Fiji Airways flies daily from Los Angeles to Nadi on a brand spanking new Airbus 330 equipped with state of the art entertainment, Fijian inspired cuisine and a lie flat business class if you are splurging. The 11-hour flight is overnight, so a meal, a movie and a nap can take you all the way to Fiji. If you really want to break things up, Fiji Airways also fly from Honolulu (a 6 hour flight) allowing you to create a very nice Hawaii and Fiji combination trip. Those flying in from the east coast might even spend the weekend in California before heading out, which usually adds no more to the airfare.

2. Fijians are among the friendliest people in the South Pacific… maybe even the world. They also love children, so it's a great destination for families. When I took my two young toddlers, all the staff at the hotel paid loads of attention to them, and they have great child care services at relatively decent prices.

3. You can get a great package holiday – True! There isn't just tailor made travel here, what about packages from $1609US or $1989CA? Fiji caters to all travellers with a wide range of types of accommodation, from hostels to high-end hotels.

4. You can stay busy. There's more to Fiji than lazing on a beach! It can offer you the perfect adventure vacation as well. This diverse country offers loads of active, fun, outdoor adventure ideas such as rafting, diving, hiking, cruises, wind surfing, stand up paddle boards and more.

So once you've had enough relaxing on the beach, in your private bure or at one of Fiji's fabulous spas, Visit Cloud 9, a floating bar and restaurant in the Mamanuca islands, easily accessed from Denarau and several island resorts. Here you can enjoy drinks or a pizza with an incredible view, and spend time relaxing and swimming in the ocean.

Go Shark Diving at Beqa Lagoon, named one of the best Shark Dives in the world. This famous (and very safe) shark dive offers you the exhilaration of sharing close quarters with up to eight species of shark, as well as over 400 types of fish, rays, morays, and more. Beqa Lagoon is also known as the Soft Coral Capital of the World, with spectacular reef landscapes to explore. This dive is easily accessed from the Coral coast, and Royal Davui Resort.

Sigatoka River Safari is a great excursion for those staying on the Coral Coast. This is Fiji's original, and the world's first, Jet Boat & Village Safari. Enjoy a half-day eco and cultural adventure that transports you deep into the heart and soul of Fiji, aboard a custom-built safari jet boat. Cruise your way up the magnificent Sigatoka River to visit authentic Fijian villages, and experience a day in the life of the real 'kaiviti' (Fijian).

Visit the Garden of the Sleeping Giant and Vuda Lookout. This popular half day tour takes you into Nadi's scenic heartland, through the beautiful Sabeto Valley to the Garden of the Sleeping Giant, housing the largest and most varied orchid collection in Fiji. Visit the Vuda Lookout which affords a 360 degree bird's eye view of the West's mountain ranges, Nadi Bay, Nadi International Airport and the beautifulYasawa Group of islands. Relax in a FijianBure and enjoy a tropical fruit juice and seasonal fruits from the orchard. This makes a great extension for stopover clients staying in Nadi.

Try Flyboarding and 'surf the sky.' Flyboarding is the newest 'extreme' water sport to take the world by storm. Imagine surfing the sky up (through a jetpack) to 30ft in the air, performing all kinds of cool tricks, or swimming beneath the sea like a dolphin… all possible within 15-20mins of training. This perfectly safe activity can be enjoyed from select island resorts, such as Tropica Island Resort in the Mamanucas.

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Discover Samoa: The Hidden Gem of the South Pacific

Looking for a different kind of beach escape? Why not consider the island nation of Samoa? Located halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand, the islands of Samoa offer distinct and stunning environments; from lush jungle-covered mountain peaks, to cascading waterfalls, roaring blowholes and sparkling white sand beaches. Samoa's natural beauty was showcased to millions of North Americans during the 19th season of the reality show "Survivor" in 2009, as a remote and near impossible region to visit… which it really isn't.

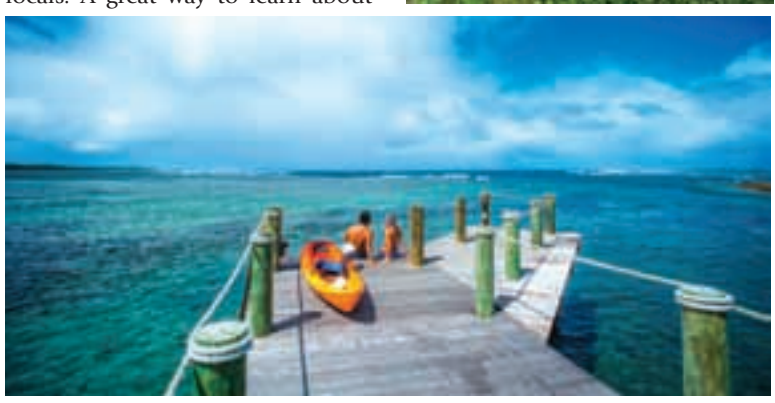
Samoa offers warm-hearted residents who still follow traditional Polynesian culture as the many generations before them, and there are plenty of opportunities for those seeking an idyllic, "off the beaten path" island escape. Samoa even offers one resort with over water bungalows at the Coconuts Beach Resort, comparable to their neighbours in Tahiti.

Although Samoa is comprised of 11 islands, two draw the majority of overseas visitors, and even then, there's few tourists to this island paradise. Samoa's International Airport, located on the island of Upolu, is 35 km's from the main centre of Apia, Upolu's capital and largest city. Ideal for all types of travellers including families, couples, honeymooners, as well as singles, there is much to explore on Upolu and a wide variety of lodging, activities and restaurants to choose from. A great idea is to combine Upolu with a visit to nearby Savai'i, a short flight or 90-minute ferry ride away. Savai'i is the third largest Polynesian island after Tahiti and New Zealand, but draws a fraction of their visitors, ensuring if anything a pretty unique adventure as you truly meet the locals. A great way to learn about the Samoan sense of community is by attending a church service or enjoying a traditional Sunday meal, cooked on an overground volcanic rock oven called an umu. While that might sound difficult to arrange from where you're sitting, once you're there, you'll be quite surprised at the hospitality of Samoans.

Another idea is combining Samoa with Fiji for a multi-destination itinerary. There's a 12 day Goway vacation to Samoa and Fiji, and includes 5 nights in Fiji and 4 nights in Samoa plus all transfers.

While there are many pristine beaches in the South Pacific, few can claim the quiet solitude as Samoa can, it will almost feel like you've discovered it yourself.

SAMOA
The Treasured Islands of the South Pacific



Escape TO AUSTRALIA'S SPECTACULAR COASTLINE

Many have dreamed of going to Australia, or put it on their bucket list, but what really motivates us to go. Is it the friendly natives greeting you with a "G'Day?" The fascinating Aboriginal culture millions of years old? The unique wildlife that roams about? Or is it the beautiful coast line that surrounds this island nation? Let us introduce you to the spectacular sights to be experience along the coast of this Island continent...

Horizontal Falls

Diving with the Whale Sharks

Friendly Quokka

Wine tasting in the Barossa Valley

Stokes Bay, Kangaroo Island

Seal Bay, Kangaroo Island

Port Arthur Historic Convict Site

Western Australia

Western Australia, one of the largest and most diverse States in the world welcomes clients with Australia's sunniest capital city, its whitest beach, largest expanse of outback, world-class surf and premium wines. WA leads with 8000 miles of coastline offering further at its doorstep, 2 UNESCO World Heritage listed Marine Parks.

Western Australia's coastline are regarded as some of the most pristine in the world – and home to a myriad of marine life. Here's our **A list of experiences**:

Swim with whale sharks at Ningaloo Reef. Without a doubt, swimming with the world's largest fish is one of life's most exhilarating experiences. Ningaloo is regarded as one of the best locations in the world to swim with these gentle giants - due to the clarity of the water, regularity of the whale sharks and professionalism of the tour operators.

Rottnest Island. Perth's own 'car free' island paradise is a short ferry ride from Perth. Relax on the beach or cool off at one of the island's 63 secluded bays and 20 beaches. The diversity of fish, coral species and shipwrecks in the waters around Rottnest – or 'Rotto' as the locals call it - make it one of the most fascinating snorkel and dive sites to be found in such close proximity to a capital city. Follow the snorkel trail, take a guided bike ride or explore on your own. Rottnest also has it's own unique wildlife, keep an eye out for the friendly Quokka!

Swim with the dolphins and see them at play. A short drive south of Perth to Bunbury for a unique 'swim with wild dolphins' experience. There's no enclosures here, the dolphin swims are in the sheltered waters. At **Monkey Mia** (850 kilometres north of Perth), a small pod of Dolphins regularly visit the shallows to play.

See one of the greatest shows on earth. WA hosts one of the longest whale-watching seasons in the world. During the various seasons and regions, view humpback, southern right, rare blue whales and killer whales.

Cruise The Kimberley – Luxury expedition cruises venture into this area which is one of the last untouched wilderness areas on earth. From towering waterfalls, spectacular outback landscapes and a rich bounty of wildlife to the world's oldest indigenous rock art, and the world's only horizontal waterfalls, a cruise in the Kimberley provides a unique experience to an area where many locations are only accessible by sea.

South Australia

Travel the state of South Australia's coast and you will be rewarded with some rare and unique experiences. Stunning natural beauty, up-close wildlife encounters and great food and wine await you. Explore the gulfs and peninsulas for the ultimate coastal holiday.

Natural beauty: From windswept clifftops and steep sided coves, to long sandy surf beaches and calm sheltered bays, the South Australian coastline is truly beautiful. Watch seals, dolphins and whales cruise by. The pristine waters produce an abundance of bird and sea life. **Kangaroo Island** is perhaps the jewel in the crown, with rare wildlife in impossibly beautiful settings.

Memorable adventures: Adelaide has a special relationship with its dolphin population. Swim with dolphins from a sailing catamaran, kayak alongside them amongst the mangroves or take a dolphin spotting cruise on the Port River. The Eyre Peninsula is packed with adventure experiences. Cage dive with great white sharks, surf cactus beach, or swim with sea lions. For something a little more leisurely, follow the seafood trail and taste some local delicacies.The Limestone Coast, Fleurieu Peninsula and Yorke Peninsula are also action packed. Fishing and boating, joy flights and scuba diving are common activities.

Food and wine: One thing you will notice as you tour the coast is that food and wine is woven into the South Australian lifestyle. The local produce is often freshest and the best. Taste fresh crayfish, oysters, farmed tuna, kingfish sashimi, delicate King George whiting and giant snapper.

Tasmania

An island at the edge of the world, Tasmania shows constant contrasts along its coastline. The world's best boutique hotel shares the same neighbourhood as lazy beachside campsites. Folk wade knee-deep in salty waters plucking and shucking oysters. **Eco-cruises** get you up close to sea cliffs and migrating whales and whisker-to-whisker with wild seals.

Ascend sea cliffs rising three hundred metres directly from the ocean on **Three Capes Track**–Australia's premier coastal multi-day track with cosy decked-out cabins.

Hug the east coast on the **Great Eastern Drive**. Take in ocean views, explore national parks, go on walks, hop on a cruise or go sea kayaking. It's hard to top an overnight sail into secluded **Wineglass Bay**. After your sunset stroll, return to a linen-shrouded table topped with oysters and sparkling on the beach. Further up the coast, if you're keen to see sunset with your toes in a foot spa, make the journey across white sands and striking orange-lichen boulders on the four-day **Bay of Fires Walk**.

Pure, remote waterways make this island one of the world's last great fisheries. There is a natural ocean to platter flow in Tasmania, home to 'just caught' seafood–so fresh it still tastes of the sea. Gather oysters and pluck sea urchin, crayfish and abalone from the sea on a gourmet seafood cruise or catch your own on a sea charter or guided fly fishing expedition.

Tasmania's maritime culture gives it strong links to the sea and the island's waterways. Cruise past pink granite peaks on turquoise waters and down the **Gordon River** with mirror-calm reflections of World Heritage Area rainforest. Combine a flight into the heart of south-west Tasmania, with lazy days exploring the protected waterways of Port Davey aboard a luxury cruiser.

Kayak the island and you'll hug beaches below peaks that glow pink in the setting sun. Paddle misty rivers and journey deep into remote wilderness.

Wildlife is abundant on Flinders, King, Bruny and Maria Islands. Hear Tasmanian devils screech, spot waddling penguins, or watch wombats graze.

Feeling adventurous? Dive giant kelp forests with seals and seahorses. Surf Australia's heaviest waves at legendary Shipstern Bluff. Ease into white water rafting on gentle rivers or take on the Franklin River. Shoot down natural waterslides and launch yourself off waterfalls on a canyoning expedition. Think white water rafting–without a raft.

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Victoria

While Melbourne has an international reputation as a world-class city with some of the country's best food and wine options, the city and surrounding areas are also ripe with unmatched coastal experiences. From the iconic Great Ocean Road to the verdant **Phillip Island**, from golf to dogs, Victoria offers travelers endless variety.

Travel the **Great Ocean Road** and beyond and experience one of the world's most scenic coastal drives. See the towering 12 Apostles, iconic surf breaks and misty waterfalls. Discover a diverse array of things to see and do in the region, from outdoor activities such as surfing, scuba diving and sea kayaking to arts, cultural and heritage attractions. Admire the stunning coastline on the **Great Ocean Walk**, get up close to native wildlife at Tower Hill, and explore surf towns and seaside villages. Enjoy fine dining up and down the coast and stock up at local winemakers, dairy farms and fresh provedores along the way.

Nestled on the shore between lush dairy country and Victoria's rugged coastline, Warrnambool is a popular base for exploring the Great Ocean Road. It is also the setting for upcoming feature **film Oddball**, which tells the story of the successful Middle Island Maremma Project – whereby Maremma dogs were charged with protecting the Middle Island penguin colony from the predatory foxes. Since the project was started in 2006, not a single penguin has been lost to the local foxes.

The Bellarine Peninsula is a **golf-lovers dream**! This picturesque region sits along Victoria's stunning coast and boasts six golf courses, along with world-class food and wine offerings – all the makings of the perfect golf weekend.

Follow your feet to otherwise unexplored nooks and crannies on the **Mornington Peninsula Walk**. Tackle the walk in its entirety, or embark on one of the shorter options for a view of the peninsula you won't get anywhere else. Emerge from rugged bush to deserted ocean beaches, or walk quietly past grazing kangaroos as you experience the diversity of the southern peninsula from bay to bush, cape to point.

Phillip Island will feature the world's first interactive Antarctica experience opening in December. Visitors will take a virtual journey into the wonderful world of the Southern Ocean and Antarctica as they engage with many interactive and immersive experiences in this exhibition, a joint venture between Phillip Island Nature Parks and WWF-Australia.

Queensland

Queensland's coastline extends 4,600 miles and is home to some of the most stunning islands and beaches in the world. The pristine waters of the Pacific Ocean set against golden beaches offer some of the best surfing, fishing and sailing in Australia. There are so many different islands to experience, ranging from remote and luxurious through to eco-friendly and idyllic - each surrounded by the endless coral gardens of the **Great Barrier Reef.**

Brisbane is the fast growing capitol of Queensland, blessed with sunny days and plenty of action, and epitomizes the laid-back and fun-loving "Aussie" way of life. On the **Sunshine Coast** you will find pristine and stylish beach towns contrasting with the untamed beauty of World Heritage listed **Fraser Island**, where sand dunes rise 600 feet above the shores. The Gold Coast is home to miles of sandy beaches and World Heritage listed subtropical rainforest showcasing the green & gold of Australia.

The Whitsundays is centered by a beautiful mainland beach town of **Airlie Beach** and is home to a group of 74 islands bordered by the **Great Barrier Reef** World Heritage Area and the sheltered waters of the Coral Sea. With palm-fringed secluded white sand beaches surrounded by clear blue waters, including **Whitehaven Beach**, the Whitsunday Islands are the epitome of a tropical paradise.

Discover the vibrant tropical city of **Cairns** and beach village of **Palm Cove** where you'll find palm-lined beaches and crystal-clear water. **Port Douglas** is home to two World Heritage-listed natural wonders and boasting a unique environment where Australia's largest rainforest, the **Daintree,** meets the Great Barrier Reef.

The Great Barrier Reef is nature's greatest gift to Australia. It is a mosaic alive with diversity with over 4,000 coral reefs, cays and islands and is home to thousands of species. The Great Barrier Reef is a living treasure to be cherished, respected and protected, for now and into the future. In addition to being the planet's largest living structure, the Great Barrier Reef is also the gateway to Queensland's unmatched national parks, including the ancient Daintree Rainforest, as well as Indigenous Heritage experiences, wildlife attractions, and world-class coastal resort destinations.

Mexico: Beyond The Beach

Plaza de la Constitucion Oaxaca

What first comes to mind in thinking of travel to Mexico? To most - sun, beaches, and all-inclusive resorts.

But there is a different side to Mexico - a side many don't ever consider discovering. It is a Mexico of vibrant cultural and history, diverse landscapes, world-class cuisine, and surprising discoveries. In short, a globetrotter's paradise.

Teotihuacan Ruins

Zocala, Mexico City

World heritage cities dot the country: Campeche - established by the Maya around 550 BC, and later converted into a Spanish colonial port in the 16th century; Mexico City – the former Aztec capital and modern federal capital; Oaxaca - widely regarded as Mexico's colonial gem; Guanajuato - a celebrated silver mining center; Puebla - known for its impressive display of colonial and baroque architecture and pink stone; and San Miguel de Allende - home of the first fine arts school in the country.

The famed Mayan areas of Yucatan peninsula include sites such as Palenque, Tulum, Uxmal, and well known Chichen Itza. In addition to other significant and lesser-known sites, these archaeological wonders provide great insight into the story of one of the world's most intriguing and advanced civilizations for its time.

Tequila is one of the most internationally known products to come out of Mexico. Journey to the heart of the famed Tequila region, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see how this globally-consumed drink is produced – from the fruit of the Blue Agave cactus to the bottle. And don't forget to taste a few while you are there!

Mexico's culinary traditions are among the richest and most delicious in the world—and so regionally diverse that as you travel through the country, you'll be surprised by the variety of flavours and foods. Mexican chefs build on the ancient staples of the land—corn, beans, tomatoes, and chilies—to create recipes of remarkable complexity, yet where each ingredient maintains its distinct flavor and texture to create a rich symphony of tastes. It's no surprise UNESCO designated Mexican cuisine as part of the World's Intangible Heritage.

Tulum Ruins – Caribbean Coast

As the world's 14th largest country with an area of 759,000 square miles, Mexico offers so much in terms of geographic and natural diversity. Discover activities for the whole family, from an unforgettable walk among migrating Monarch butterflies to encounters with the whale shark, one of the most impressive marine mammals of the world. Coexist with sea turtles who spawn annually on the coast, or enjoy a photo session with thousands of colorful birds in Celestun, Yucatan.

Of course a beach extension provides a great supplement to all of the inland experiences to be had throughout Mexico – so consider a few nights in Cancun or Playa del Carmen on the Mayan Riviera.

Chichen Itza Light and Sound Show

Globetrotters are invited to explore Mexico differently. Travelling on a custom-made program, or as part of a group tour, get away from the crowds on the coasts and see so much more of the real Mexico - learn about the legacy of the Maya, the Aztec, and the Spanish and enjoy all that modern Mexico has to offer.

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MÉXICO
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Colombia Blends Old and New

Colombia has three weekend getaway destinations with a perfect blend of old and new – Bogota, Cartagena and Medellin. With frequent flights connecting North America and Colombia, this South American up and coming country is quickly gaining appeal as a short-trip destination. Fun and magical experiences find you as soon as you arrive in Colombia. There is an abundance of activities to do, sights to see, and culture to experience. If you don't know where to start, we focus on three of the country's most important cities, where you will be surprised by the seamless blend of historical sights and a growing, modern economy running at full steam.

BOGOTA

Sitting on a plateau of the Andes mountain range at an altitude of over 8,500 feet, Colombia's capital is a striking metropolis where people from all over the country hustle and bustle all day long. The city, with its iconic red-brick buildings and blend of colonial and modern architecture, is surrounded by green mountains to the East and opens up to a fertile green valley to the North.

Colombian women selling fruits at the old colonial city of Cartagena.

Throughout the many and distinct neighbourhoods, you will find traditional and avant-garde restaurants, a busy night life, top-notch museums and large municipal parks.

History lovers will relish in the many museums and restored colonial buildings of the old downtown and the Candelaria district, including the Mint Museum, the Bogota Cathedral and Plaza de Bolivar, and the church-museum of Santa Clara featuring a stunning baroque gold-laminated ceiling and original religious artwork. Going back to times before the Spanish conquest, the Gold Museum is a must-see: a source of national pride, the site contains over 60,000 original pieces of jewelry, crafts, tools and sacred objects made by the many indigenous groups that populated Colombia before Christopher Columbus's arrival.

For a good dose of modernity, Bogota offers high-end shopping and dining districts such as Parque 93, the "Zones" T and G and Usaquen, where locals and tourists mingle in patios and pedestrian walkways, and top-rated restaurants and local pubs boast full tables any day of the week.

CARTAGENA

Many Canadians will describe Cartagena de Indias as "Quebec City on the Caribbean," because of the high stone walls that protect this historic town located on the Atlantic Ocean in northern Colombia. Unlike Quebec City's walls, however, Cartagena's thick structures were built to protect it from pirates more than 300 years ago.

On a stroll along the walled city—a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site—you will find old cannons and the San Felipe de Barajas castle. Then, just as fast, you will stumble upon a group of patrons sipping cocktails and taking in the Caribbean sunset at one of the several local restaurants and bars located on the walls, music flowing from the outdoor speakers. If you're hungry, you can always get a fresh fruit snack from the colourfully-dressed palenqueras, women in traditional garb carrying fruit trays on their heads.

Also known for inspiring the works of writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Nobel Prize Laureate and known as the father Magical Realism, Cartagena is one of the most tourist-friendly spots in all of Colombia, receiving thousands of visitors every year. The town offers something for everyone: from history buffs to honeymooners looking for quiet luxury on the islands off the coast of Cartagena, to foodies on a quest for great ceviche, to families engaging in activities like snorkeling, scuba diving and feeding dolphins at the local aquarium.

MEDELLIN

The second you arrive in Medellin, you will be smitten: parks, libraries, museums and public spaces bustling with cultural events make of this fast-growing but mellow-feeling city a great spot to visit in Colombia. Medellin is the second largest city in the country and one of its most important industrial hubs. In 2013, Medellin was voted "Most Innovative City" in the world by The Wall Street Journal.

Colourful colonial architecture of historic Cartagena

It is also a fashion capital, so activities from shopping to people-watching to hunting for inspirational designs in the town's many independent stores are strongly encouraged.

Known as "The city of eternal spring" for its near-perfect weather, Medellin is an easy-to-visit, hard-to-leave place. There are flowers everywhere; the yearly Flower Festival features giant tableaus of themes ranging from pop artists to religious figures built entirely from fresh bulbs. There are plenty of music, theater, and dance festivals held in open spaces; smooth public transportation including a sky train and a cable car; traditional and modern restaurants, street vendors selling the ubiquitous arepa (flat corn breads) and many kid-friendly museums and attractions.

You can't miss visiting the Guatape Reservoir, the Rafael Uribe Uribe Palace of Culture and the Plaza Botero, featuring 23 giant bronze sculptures by the native and world-renowned artist Fernando Botero.

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Anita Mendiratta

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Packing no more than carry on, Anita flies around the world, talking about tourism as an engine of change, not just for the world's economies, but for communities on a local, national, and global scale. She now leads Cachet Consulting, focusing her attention on tourism and economic development, where she continues to be a trusted industry advisor. The UN World Tourism Organisation, CNN International, and a range of tourism organisations across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, the Americas and Africa have all sought her expertise.

Anita's message channels years of experience, insight, idealism, realism and critical direction into boundless optimism. She celebrates success stories from across the globe – nations in rebirth such as such as Myanmar and Cuba, and nations in recovery such as Egypt and Kenya. Her monthly blog post have become a ritualistic mirror of what matters today, just as her celebration of each day's achievements with a glass of champagne after dark. It's one of three rituals that Anita takes with her around the world, the other being a bracing morning swim.

While countries in crisis or dramatic recovery might grab the headlines, they constitute only part of Anita's work. She's all too aware of her industry's size and importance, even while it might be underappreciated by others. Travel is now the third largest sector in the world, generating six trillion USD in revenues every year. In that environment, it is a constantly evolving challenge for destinations to maintain and, to some extent, control their brands. That's where Anita comes in, offering advice in destination strategy and image management, with emphasis on how to maintain destination image and invitation consistency, and by extension, traveller trust through challenging times.

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Every interaction, she explains, has a ripple effect on a nation's image, like a pebble dropped into a pond. No matter how small, that pebble will make an impact. If the impact is positive, destinations can ride the wave to significant gains for their tourism industry, and their broader national perceptions. As simple as they may appear on the surface, Anita points to Amal Clooney, who through her high profile Hollywood marriage, has returned the west's eye to her native Lebanon, inspiring curiosity around the country from which this beautiful human rights lawyer and bachelor-for-life charmer hails. Similarly, the way in which South Africa, Anita's adopted home, has experienced a rebirth as a result of the Mandela miracle and major events such as the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Meaningful moments and personalised have the power to transform the image and appeal of nations for the positive.

Likewise, a negative perception of a public figure or even a negative interaction with an individual can affect a nation's image, while being outside its control. It can also be a two-edged sword. Kazakhstan has enjoyed a tremendous boost to its international profile thanks to Borat, but not the kind it had in mind. The world's largest landlocked country has had to balance its newfound brand awareness against a 'spokesperson' it would probably rather do without.

But for Anita, every interaction – every 'pebble' thrown into a nation's branding pond is an opportunity. Some of the most positive interactions can be relatively simple, she explains, if travellers are prepared to put the camera down long enough to live them. Anita points to a safari as one example, where travellers are often so caught up in photographing their adventures that they miss powerful details, such as a Cheetah's breath as it digests its kill, or the scent of the grassy plains. All these things not only build a strong national brand, but define the 'heartbeat' of a destination. There's no secret to feeling that, explains Anita, other than taking a moment to pause and notice those details and personal connections.

Clockwise from top: In Udaipur, India, Anita observes the artisans at work; Enjoying some downtime with the stingrays in Tahiti; photographing Gorillas in Rwanda.

People are of course a big part of equation, with locals both inside and outside the tourism industry playing a big part in their country's brand, and tourism in turn playing a big part in the country's social fabric. Locals quite literally become the face of their country. In celebrating what is unique about where people live, says Anita, tourism is "the fuel for national pride, unity, and importantly, competitiveness. It gives (the) people of the nation a proud feeling of 'this is my home,' and a part to play in keeping it strong, safe, inviting and uniting."

What happens then, when a destination does turn hostile or dangerous, or when the tourism market is devastated by natural or economic disaster? With such factors outside a nation's control, Anita stresses the importance of letting a country know they are not alone, and allowing its tourism stakeholders to vent constructively. Such disaster can often bring government and private tourism forces together, setting the ideal stage for rebuilding. Better yet, she says, is having those forces habitually and routinely aligned, long before disaster strikes. Communities and tourism industries that are already working together and sharing goals can more swiftly leverage the potential of a bad situation.

Anita points to examples in the Philippines, Kenya, and Egypt, where she has directly played a part in helping floundering tourism industries move forward with confidence and pride. Egypt for instance took a tremendous hit to its tourism industry during its revolutionary years, a wound that has still far from healed. However, travellers that journey to the land of the Pharaohs are now also interested to see Tahir Square, the epicentre of the 2011 'Arab Spring' as they are the Pyramids of Giza or Luxor's legendary Valley of the Kings. It's another example of challenges opening new opportunities for countries to rebrand, rebuild and reinspire travellers.

As she flies around the world, helping destinations secure and strengthen their image and industry, Anita maintains a strong brand of her own, one that's as simple as it is powerful. It's also the key to her rule of only packing carry-on luggage, whether travelling for 72 hours or 7 weeks!

"I only wear one colour - black," she says when asked for packing tips. "Black is the perfect canvas. With the right jewellery, combinations can be created that allow for visible differences day after day, and you never look underdressed." Anita admits her technique may be more difficult for male travellers with their bulky suits and shoes, but for her, it's become a lifesaver. Her varied collection of jewellery from around the world has become something of a guilty pleasure, but it too, plays its part in her work. "Jewellery packs small, adds a lovely local touch which those I am meeting usually take pride in seeing, and it's a wonderful excuse to buy precious jewellery keepsakes from around the world, capturing memories of favourite places in tiny little boxes of gems!"

TOP TRIPS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Heart of the Incas

6 Days from US$1352

Offering the best of Peru's breathtaking Inca ruins over just 6 days, this travel idea combines the best of Cusco with the nearby Sacred Valley, Pisac Ruins, Maras Salt Pools and of course, unforgettable Machu Picchu.

Trip includes 5 nights accommodation, transfers, transportation, guided tour of Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley touring, entrance fees, and some meals.

Tango and Ice

8 Days from US$2861

Experience Argentina as you work your way from Buenos Aires down to the bottom of Patagonia. This adventure takes you from the famous Tango rooms to the world renowned Moreno Glacier.

Trip includes 7 nights accommodation, half day Buenos Aires city tour and lunch at Estilo Campo, dinner and tango show, full day Moreno Glacier tour with lunch, transfers, and some meals.

Best of Brazil

8 Days from US$1561

Begin your tour by seeing the sights of Rio de Janeiro before embarking on world famous Iguassu Falls. Next travel back in time to colonial Salvador discovering this World Heritage site.the shadow of the Lost City.

Trip includes 7 nights accommodation, transfers, local English speaking guides, luggage handling, and meals. Trip operates on specific dates.

Galapagos Cruises

4-8 Days from US$2445

Located to the west of continental Ecuador, the Galápagos Islands are an archipelago of volcanic islands on either side of the Equator in the Pacific Ocean. The islands are also a national park and marine reserve.The archipelago is perhaps best famous for the scientific expeditions that occurred there during the 18th century. Charles Darwin arrived in 1835 and studied the geology, botany and animals found there.

Tierra Chile

8 Days from US$5156

Chile is a stunning country. Embark on a unique journey from top to bottom, seeing some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world including the stunning Atacama Desert and incredible Torres del Paine. Stay in Tierra's upscale boutique hotels.

Trip includes 7 nights accommdation, all transfers, to and from local airports in Atacama and Patagoni, open bar, spa facilities, and most meals.

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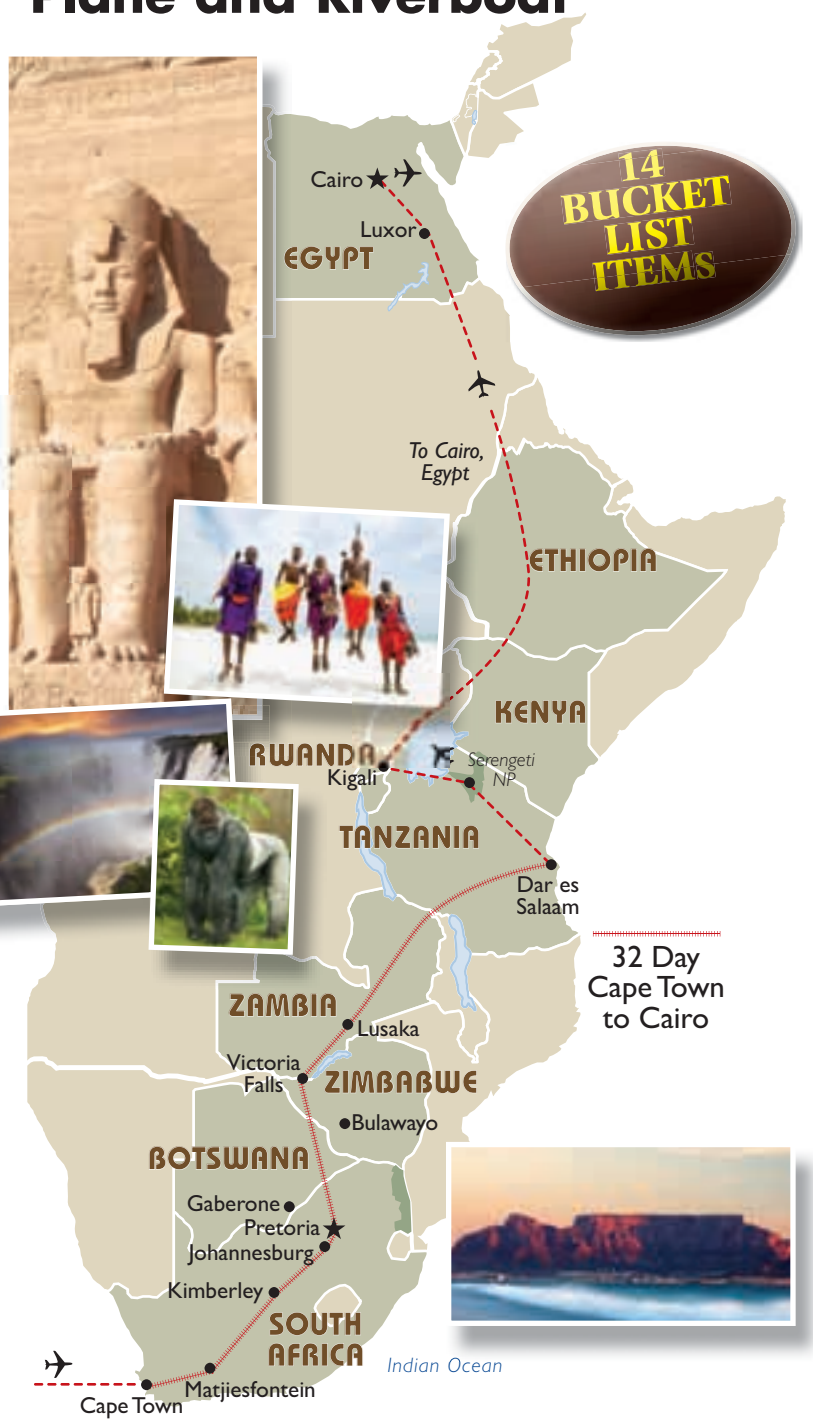

In January 2016 Bruce Hodge, Goway's Founder and President, and his wife Claire, will accompany an exclusive small group of globetrotters as they travel the legendary "Cape to Cairo" route. The special group will definitely not be roughing it, as they explore, experience and enjoy the continent from bottom to top. They will also will be able to tick off at least 14 of Africa's top bucket list items. Full itinerary details are available at www.holidaysofalifetime.com. Follow this trans-African adventure at facebook.com/GowayTravel.

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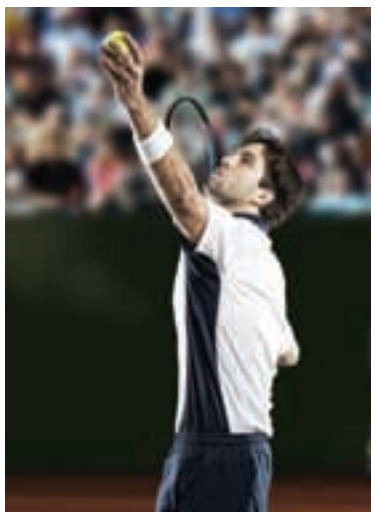
Lions Clubs International Convention, Japan, 24-28 Jun '16

Come join your fellow Lions from around the world in fellowship and camaraderie in fascinating Fukuoka, Japan. As in previous years, Goway Travel Ltd., your preferred travel company for all Lions International Conventions, will once again be offering exclusive and innovative pre and post touring for Lions before and after your international convention. Located on the northern shores of the island of Kyushu, Fukuoka is a modern city that has been able to keep much of its historic roots intact. Fukuoka is a city worth exploring so be sure to take the time to explore the city before, during and after the convention.

World Masters Games, New Zealand

21-30 Apr '17

With more athletes than the Olympics, the World Masters Games is the single biggest multi-sport event on earth. Now in 2017, the event will come to Auckland New Zealand, a must-see destination renowned for its stunning natural diversity and vibrant social scene. As is often said, it's not just the scenery New Zealand is famous for, it's the people. And sport is part of New Zealanders DNA. The World Masters Games is for everyone – whether you play to stay fit, to have fun or quite simply to win. In 2017, 25,000 athletes will converge on Auckland for the event of a lifetime.



Australian Open Tennis, Australia, 18-31Jan '16

Goway Travel is pleased to be working with Event Travel Office, Auckland, one of the official International Tour Operators for the Australian Open. Through our partnership with them we are able to offer you some great packages for Melbourne. While taking in the excitement of the tennis, you will also have plenty of opportunity to explore this wonderful city.

Golden Oldies Global, 2016-2018

Golden Oldies Events are held all around the world for various events. The upcoming Golden Oldies Rugby will be held in the Hunter Valley, Australia, from June 15-20, 2016. 2016 is a busy year for Golden Oldies Sporting events starting with the Hockey to be held in Cape Town South Africa the first week of April. In September 2016, the Golden Oldies Softball will be held in Oahu, Hawaii... and promises to be a week of fun, friendship and fraternity. Another event in Australia in October 2016 is the Football (Soccer) which will be held in Adelaide.

Golden Oldies fans should mark their calenders for April 2018, when Golden Oldies Sports will return to Christchurch after a gap of 23 years and will be staged over seven established Golden Oldies Sports in a unique month of fun, friendship and fraternity. From 31st March to 29th April, 2018 Christchurch will be visited by in excess of 9,500 visitors-players, supporters and officials who will take part in sports for players over the age of 35 enjoying great sporting camaraderie on and off the playing fields. Featured sports confirmed to date include Cricket, Football, Golf, Hockey, Netball, Rugby and Softball.

Formula One™ Australian Grand Prix, Australia, 31Mar - 3Apr '16

Nothing compares to the adrenalin-charged action of Formula One. F1™ racing is synonymous with glamour, sophistication, cutting-edge technology and meticulous teamwork, all combining to present the perfect day out for you, your friends and family. The Formula One™ Australian Grand Prix is set in picturesque surroundings with artificial lakes, circuiting over roadways through cricket fields, combining high, medium and low-speed corners, a couple of chicanes with several overtaking areas in braking zones. Don't forget that the Grand Prix is so much more than the world's fastest cars.

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A leisurely way to explore mainly Germany and Holland cruising along the scenic Rhine River. Visit historic Strasbourg in France home of the European parliment, charming Heidelberg, picturesque Rudesheim, romantic Koblenz, the cathedral city of Cologne and the fishing village of Volendam. Includes 7-night deluxe cruise, all port taxes, all meals and quality wines.

Royal Scotsman

5-8 Days from US$7183

A journey commencing in Edinburgh on the famed luxury train through the heart of Scotland. View majestic mountains and dramatic coastlines. Visit historic castles and see local wildlife.

Trip includes: State Cabin accommodation with private shower and toilet, table d'hote meals daily, all alcoholic and other beverages, entertainment, some sightseeing excursions.

Croatia and Dalmation Coast

7 Days from US$2795

Discover Croatia's spectacular coastline where dramatic cliffs rise out of the sea scattered with picturesque islands. Visit Trogir, Korcula, Split, and the "jewel in the crown", Dubrovnik each with their own individual attractions.

Includes: 6 nights accommodation, driver and mini-coach transportation, most meals.

Chocolate and Cheese

8 Days from US$1909

Self drive through Switzerland and sample the visual and culinary delights of the Alps. Arrive in Zurich, then explore the charming cities of Bern and Lucerne, and visit picturesque Interlaken, in the heart of the Alps.

Includes 7 nights accommodation, car rental, excursions and 2 for 1 "Dine & Discover" offers.

Lakes Discovery

8 Days from US$2408

Discover the delightful scenery of Italy's Lake Como and Lake Garda on foot, by ferry and by bus. Spend time in cosmopolitan Milan and a day in nearby Switzerland. Walk through magnificent mountain scenery and along the shores of beautiful lakes.

Includes: 7 nights accommodation, 9 meals, Transportation by boat, Private bus and train and sightseeing activities.

Live Downunder this Winter

Would you like to spend a North American winter living in the South Pacific? Within the travel industry, the word we have for long-term apartment rentals is called 'long-stays', and for me at least, I can't help but instantly picture the thousands of "snow-birds" who flock to Florida from January till about April or May – but where else can you escape winter? There are places in Mexico, in Ecuador, Panama, but why not consider the South Pacific? Large sections of Australia's east coast, especially around Brisbane are full of long-stay apartments. But as we see it, the most active, outdoorsy, town with a good food scene to spend a few weeks or months might just be in New Zealand or Australia.

The beach at Mt. Maunganui

by Carolyn Weppler

Located on New Zealand's North Island in a region known as the **Bay of Plenty** is the town of Mount Maunganui, otherwise known as "The Mount". It's a beach town which sits on a massive sandbar peninsula at the southern end of Tauranga Harbor. The 'beach' has two sides, with a wonderful surf beach on the ocean side and a well sheltered bay on the harbor side. It's important to remember that while this is certainly a beach town, the temperature and climate is never as hot and humid as Florida or Australia.

The **Gold Coast** is famous for its long, white sand beaches, world class shopping and night-life, and family-friendly vibe, plus Australia's most exciting theme parks. Accommodation here is at the Mantra Twin Towns, located in Coolangatta. You'll enjoy seclusion and privacy while enjoying the relaxed pace of this tranquil seaside town. But if you're feeling the need for some excitement, the

Crocodile display at the Australia Zoo on Australia's Sunshine Coast

popular shopping and entertainment precincts of Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach are just minutes away by car. You can even cross the border into New South Wales to discover the stunning Tweed River region or Byron Bay.

The Sunshine Coast is a seaside home away from home. Attractions here come on a smaller scale than those on the Gold Coast, which is how locals and visitors alike prefer it. The beaches here are also more varied, ranging from surf beaches like Kings Beach, to charming picnic spots like Bulcock Beach. Take at least a few days to explore the Sunshine Coast hinterland, including Glasshouse Mountains National Park, and the picturesque villages of Maleny and Montville. A short drive north, Maroochydore is the area's shopping hub. Be sure to allow a day or two for local icons such as the Buderim Ginger Factory or Australia Zoo, made famous by the late Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin.

This air-inclusive snowbird escape includes international airfare with Fiji Airways (why not add a stopover in Fiji in either direction?) and takes you to the Bay of Plenty in New Zealand or to Queensland, Australia's Sunshine State. Staying on either the Gold Coast or Sunshine Coast, enjoy a full month of relaxation, play and discovery.

Take advantage of great Snowbird insurance rates. There is no age limit and pre-existing conditions are covered.

Goway's Long Stay Escapes with Fiji Airways include flights from Los Angeles, transfers, 28 nights accommodation and more starting at just $2999US.

Also included is great value insurance. This is available to all passengers, regardless of age. If payment is received within 7 days of deposit/payment, pre-existing conditions are covered - amazing value! Full details of Goway's Long Stays for Snowbirds are featured on www.goway.com or in their popular DOWNUNDER Travel Planner.

Location of one of Goway's Long Stay Properties on the Gold Coast, bordering NSW

Fly Fiji Airways to countries in the South Pacific, including Australia and New Zealand to escape the North American winter

Waitomo, *New Zealand*

Waitomo is a Maori word made up of two parts. 'Wai' which translates as water and 'tomo' which means entrance or hole. Waitomo can be translated as the 'stream which flows into the hole in the ground'. 30 million years ago the entire Waitomo region lay far beneath the sea. Today, both above and below ground, it stands as a staple of virtually every journey through New Zealand's North Island.

Discover The Magic Of Waitomo Nature On Foot

Waitomo is home to some amazing free walking tracks and scenic reserves that will allow you to experience the best of the area's magnificent native flora and fauna and limestone landscape. From lush green hills, to limestone outcrops, undulating rivers and fossils over 30 millions years old, there is plenty to discover.

Marokopa Falls

At 30 metres high, Marokopa Falls are often described as the most beautiful in the country! Marokopa Falls can be viewed from a lookout on the road or you can take the short track (30 minutes return) to a platformed area where you will obtain fantastic views.

Discover The Magic Of The Glowworm Caves

The glow worm is unique to New Zealand. Thousands of these tiny creatures radiate their unmistakable luminescent light as visitors glide silently through the starry wonderland of the Glowworm Grotto by boat. As you enter this galaxy of tiny living lights, you'll immediately experience a serene ambience and be fascinated and intrigued by tiny glowworms that light your way.

Black Water Rafting and Caving

Ready for a more exhilarating ride? The Legendary Black Water Rafting Company is New Zealand's first black water rafting adventure operator who have experienced guides who will take visitors safely through the stunning underworld of Ruakuri Cave. With caving and rafting tours to choose from, there is something to suit all adventurous spirits.

Ruakuri Cave

According to Maori legend, Ruakuri Cave (rua meaning den, and kuri meaning dog) was first discovered 400-500 years ago by a young Maori hunting for birds. He was attacked by wild dogs just outside the original cave entrance. Journey down through the spectacular spiral entrance, and marvel at the softly folding shawl-like limestone formations and crystal tapestries.

Aranui Cave

Aranui Cave is set in the Ruakuri Scenic Reserve, 5 minutes drive from the Waitomo Glowworm Caves. It is named after Ruruku Aranui, the local Maori man who first discovered this previously hidden gem back in 1910.

Aranui Cave has a natural cave entrance and is the smallest and most delicate of Waitomo's three main caves. As a dry cave without a river running through it, it houses very little life past its entrance.

However, just inside the entrance is a colony of native New Zealand cave wetas and further into the cave is the most beautiful collection of stalactites, stalagmites, flowstones and decorative formations.

Goway strongly recommends you include Waitomo in your itinerary when visiting New Zealand.

The starry Glowworm Grotto wonderland

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Efficiency Downunder

By Emma Cottis

As more and more people turn to cruising for the benefit of seeing numerous landscapes but only unpacking once, so motorhome explorations are gaining in popularity. They can save you money by self-catering, and enjoying the space of your own "apartment", but also offer the benefit of waking up to a view of a different National Park every morning!

In Australia and New Zealand there are great cities to explore, but for the ultimate experience, motorhomes can't be beaten for their benefits. Travel between cities is a key element of a journey Downunder. There are the traditional holidays parks where you can hook up to the facilities for a small fee, but if you travel with a larger vehicle, you can enjoy the peace and serenity of parking your vehicle in a National Park.

Several years ago I took a campervan from Sydney and travelled north to the wine region at the Hunter Valley, and was pointed in the direction of "Pretty Beach" on the Central Coast. Paying a nominal vehicle National Park fee, I parked in the late afternoon and set up the barbecue (note not all of the vehicles have this feature). Fully self contained, I cooked a traditional Aussie steak on the barbecue and enjoyed a meal, enhanced by a fantastic red I had picked up at a cellar door during the day, and headed to the beach to enjoy my dinner while the sun set. I was the only person at the beach, and in the park that night (ok, maybe a little scary for a single woman!), but slept to the sound of the waves crashing on the beach; this was probably one of my most memorable experiences ever in Australia!

Driving the vehicle was easier than I'd thought; roads are wide and perfectly suited to driving large vehicles in most cases. As I stopped along the way, locals would offer suggestions of destinations "off the beaten track" or a local restaurant or café for something to eat; even diverting me into Ku-Ring-gai National Park to see some of the aboriginal rock art that the country is famous for. I was "sold" on motorhomes from that moment on; they aren't for retirees only, but great for families or anyone who just wants to enjoy a leisurely journey and really get to know the people and land.

I'd rented with Maui Motorhomes (represented by Goway), who are one of the biggest operators in the South Pacific (they also have cars for those that aren't ready to make the transition to driving the big vehicles!) partly because their vehicles are automatic. I can drive stick shift, but I felt I would rather focus on the scenery. The company focuses on design and development, and in the few short years since my experience, the vehicles have developed even more, now offering more comfortable seating areas, even a LCD screen so that you can view all of those spectacular photos taken during the day! They offer a wide range of vehicles from the compact Ultima perfect for one or two travellers, right up to a vehicle which not only sleeps six, but has a flexible rear bed set up.

In New Zealand vehicle prices start from US $100 and in Australia from US $105 per day. Maui offers complimentary airport transfers, and include an extensive briefing upon pick up. And if you forget how to use any of the equipment (many do!) you can call into the depot or consult the vehicle manual. Maui also now includes GPS rental in their daily rate from 1April 2016, great for finding nearby facilities. Goway has all of the details.

SMILE CORNER

Paddy bought a donkey from a farmer for £100. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day.

In the morning he drove up and said, 'Sorry son, but I have some bad news. The donkey's died.'

Paddy replied, 'Well just give me my money back then.'

The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I've already spent it.'

Paddy said, 'OK then, just bring me the dead donkey.'

The farmer asked, 'What are you going to do with him?'

Paddy said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.'

The farmer said, 'You can't raffle a dead donkey!'

Paddy said, 'Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead.'

A month later, the farmer met up with Paddy and asked, 'What happened with that dead donkey?'

Paddy said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at £2 each and made a profit of £898'

The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?'

Paddy said, 'Just the guy who won. So I gave him his £2 back.'

Paddy now works for Morgan Stanley.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

The above is a photo of a Long neck tribe woman in Mae Hong Son, courtesy of Tourism Authority of Thailand. We have made five changes to the picture on the right and if you can find them all then you stand a chance of winning a $250 Goway Travel Voucher. Visit ***www.goglobetrotting.com*** to enter our "Spot the Difference" contest.

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2. The Great Walk in New Zealand that is considered the least strenuous is in what National Park?

3. Rottnest Island off Western Australia has the "world's happiest animal". What is it called?

4. Baga Lagoon is known as the "soft coral capital of the world". What South Pacific country is it in?

5. Savaii is the third largest Polynesian Island after New Zealand and another. What is its name?

6. How well do you speak Zulu? What is their word for centipede?

7. Snow monkeys are said to be the "most relaxed" monkeys in the world. What country will you find them in?

8. A popular tourist activity in this town is to enjoy a camel ride on its very famous Cable Beach (best at sunset). Name the town in Australia.

9. Spectacular Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza are found in the Yucatan Peninsula where?

10. This city in Columbia is known as "the city of eternal spring" for its near perfect weather. Which one is it?

11. Goway offers three long stay destinations Downunder for Snowbirds looking for great value and another summer. One is the Bay of Plenty. Where is it?

12. There are three spectacular caves you can visit in Waitomo, New Zealand, name one.

13. Formula One Grand Prix races are held in many countries. Is Australia one of them?

14. Tattoos have been part of Polynesian tradition for centuries. True or false?

15. What is the name of the famed Luxury Train through the heart of Scotland?

16. What European Alpine Country is famous for chocolate and cheese?

All questions relate to articles in this edition of Globetrotting Magazine. We invite you to complete the interactive version of this quiz online at www.goglobetrotting.com. All correct entries will be eligible to win a $250 Goway Travel Voucher

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- **J.L. Will** of Georgia identified "What Country Am I?"
- **K Peladeau** of Ontario won the "Spot the Difference" contest.
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We thank all participants and congratulate all winners.

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GOOD LUCK!

❶ **What Country am I ?**

❷

Clue: "Where in the World" photographs are featured on Goway's websites and/or in Goway Travel Planners.

Last Issue Answers

In our last edition the mystery photograph above was Vernazza village and ocean coast in Cinque Terre, Italy. The mystery country was Ecuador

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