

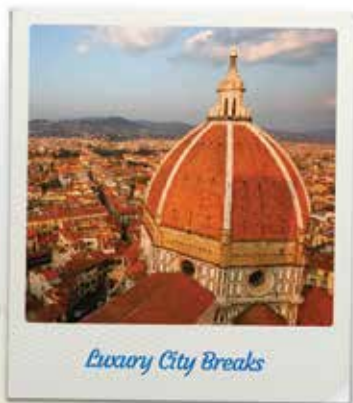
## A Complete Travel Service from your front door

The Hyde Barker Newsletter Issue 9



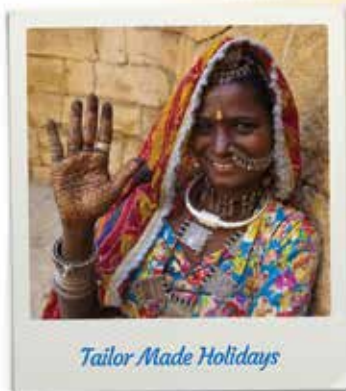
*Winter and Summer Sun*

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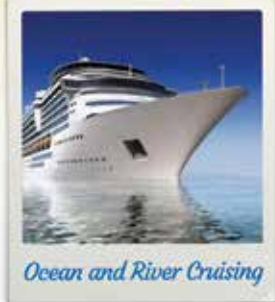
*Luxury City Breaks*

- Best value for money



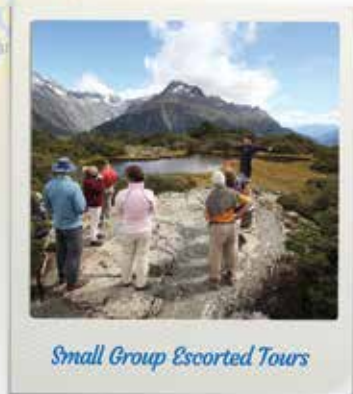
*Tailor Made Holidays*

- Independent unbiased advice



*Ocean and River Cruising*

- Total reassurance



*Small Group Escorted Tours*

- Less hassle than the internet

# Traveller's News

## Costa Rica

Costa Rica is the safest country in South America, well known for its breath-taking views, scenery and of course its luxurious deep rich coffee and mouth-watering fresh fruit.

Wherever you look you will see exotic wildlife, even from your hotel bedroom window. It is important to go with guides, when you visit the national parks, as they are well trained in spotting birds, monkeys and sloths that the visitor would not notice. They are also very knowledgeable about the history of this very peaceful country (so peace-loving they have abandoned their army).

As Costa Rica is a small country a couple of weeks is enough for exploration, but it is a developing destination and meticulous planning ahead is necessary to reserve accommodation, organise transportation and book excursions.

**Sarah – Hyde Barker Travel**



### Discover Costa Rica

January 2016 with Exodus, booked through Hyde Barker Travel

From the moment we landed at San Jose airport the trip greatly exceeded the expectations of both of us.

Our favourite hotel is the Parador Resort and spa in Manuel Antonio National Park, superb service, friendly staff and stunning views combined with wonderful food and excellent accommodation making a luxurious end to an unforgettable holiday.

**Barbara – Hyde Barker Travel**



The one word that sums up the trip is "diversity": diversity of climate, topography, accommodation and natural history.

From the Caribbean to the Pacific Ocean we saw every type of rain forest, amazing mountains and volcanoes, probably 400 species of birds, including humming birds, vultures and the highlight, a pair of QUETZALS. We also saw monkeys, coatis, agutis, raccoons, both two and three toes sloths, crocodiles, caymans, snakes, exotic frogs and butterflies!

For us the key to a great tour is to have a great leader. We were very fortunate in having Johnny Villalobos who was an expert in just about everything, he was absolutely first class and we thoroughly enjoyed our time with him.

Our small group of 16 travellers all got on together extremely well as we were all of like minds, so we made friends as well as exploring the country.

**Mr & Mrs S (Southwell)**

Fly direct from Gatwick (LGW) to San José (SJO) in less than 11 hours. British Airways operate from London Gatwick to Juan Santamaria Airport, twice a week in the summer season and three times a week during the winter.



### Rhine Cruise to Switzerland

with Riviera travel on the William Shakespeare

"Simply the Best"

**From boarding in Cologne to disembarking in Basle this was a wonderful holiday.**

The ship was superbly designed with well-proportioned cabins and public areas. The ship's company were friendly and very efficient from the cabin stewards and restaurant staff to the senior officers. Nothing was too much trouble.

We would describe the food as of the highest order; with variety, quantity and quality both at breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.

The ship moored at a different port very day we visited Koblenz, Speyer, Strasbourg and the Black Forest, but the highlight of the holiday was an all day excursion to Lake Lucerne and the Bernese Oberland including the journey on the cog railway up to the Schynige Plateau. At 6,000 feet you come face to face with the Eiger and its surrounding mountains and enter a beautiful alpine garden meadow. This was our sixth river cruise and we have used six different cruise companies. Riviera Travel have set their bar very high in respect of quality and value for money and they have achieved everything they set out to do. For my wife and myself they were simply the best. **Mr T (Southwell)**



### Melbourne trip

with Hyde Barker Travel 2016

For my trip to Melbourne earlier this year I started to organize everything online but I soon found that it was easier to use the services of Hyde Barker Travel. This gave me access to their expertise and excellent contacts. This enabled me to have a carefree trip which was also good value for money. I thoroughly recommend them.

**Mr S (Bleasby)**



# Events and Happenings

## First Southwell Cruise Show – a great success

Many thanks to all who came to our first cruise show at Southwell Library on 25th May. The evening was a great success, and we were delighted with how well the presentations were attended with some people staying for all four! The event was so popular that we will expand it next year to include river cruising.



## Great Cruise Ideas!

- A 16 night Christmas cruise which starts in Florida.
- A short cruise from Orlando that can be combined with time to visit the attractions.
- A Winter shopping trip to New York followed by a Caribbean Cruise (home pickups included).
- Cruise to Madeira and Cape Verde for 14 nights including a 3 night all-inclusive hotel option.
- Enjoy a pacific islands cruise as part of a New Zealand itinerary.



## Silver Fern News

Silverfern Holidays (our in-house tour operator) is becoming very well known nationally. The presentation at the Destinations Show in London was a sell-out, this year. Locally, the new Kiwi lounge opened in February has been much in use with people traveling from some distance to comfortably plan their New Zealand trip, with the help of our experts. Don't miss the next New Zealand presentation at the **Travel Show on 21st January, when Silver Fern will be joined by Air New Zealand and Singapore Airlines.**

## Go east to find great value Winter Sun

For the best quality and value Winter Sun destination, we recommend Thailand.

Thailand experiences a dry season during our winter months and this is a great time to travel.

**The Saraquin**, set on a secluded 11 km beach in an area of outstanding natural beauty is one of our favourite hotels, it retains an aura of intimacy and tranquillity whilst offering a wide range of water sports from snorkelling and scuba diving to luxury boat cruising.

**The Rayardee**, situated amongst coconut groves on the stunning Phranang Peninsula, next to the national park, would be another excellent choice. Both hotels will feature as part of our "Inspired By Asia" evening on **21st September at the Old Theatre Deli at 7.30pm.**



For that ultimate luxury sunshine Island you can choose no better than Mauritius. The hotel best beloved by our clients is the Shandrani. This superbly appointed accommodation is adjacent to three fantastic beaches. It is totally inclusive and is, in our opinion, one of the best. The fantastic cuisine and a huge variety of water sports and land-based activities, only add to this unforgettable experience. Join us on Wednesday 19th October, 7.30pm at the Old Theatre Deli to hear more from 'Beachcomber Holidays' about this and other luxury holiday experiences in Mauritius and the Seychelles.

Thailand and Mauritius can both be reached via Birmingham Airport with a change or stop-over at Dubai.

With all year round sunshine **Dubai** has it all from fantastic white sand beaches and warm sea to luxury hotels and great value shopping. The Atlantis on the Palm and the Jeremiah Beach Hotel are both good choices. Ask for the best deals, often including half-board.



## Let the train take the strain!



Whether it's a short break to Paris, Bruges or a longer trip to the Austrian or Swiss Alps, a rail holiday is a great option. As airports become busier a train from your local station, Newark or Nottingham, provides a relaxing start to your holiday.

Great Rail Journeys offer a worldwide choice of escorted holidays and independent trips. Take a grand tour of Scandinavia. See New England in the fall, ride The Blue Train across Africa, make a grand tour of India and Nepal or enjoy a truly amazing journey through Japan (surprisingly great value). Titan holidays offer a complete travel service from the moment you leave your home and we are able to combine their range of Iconic Train journeys such as the rocky mountaineer in Canada, the luxurious Maharaja's Express traversing India or Australia's well-loved

Ghan with additional ground arrangements. Don't forget we are also able to add train journeys to many world-wide itineraries. The trains in New Zealand provide variety to a diverse and exciting tour of this great country. Train journeys through Peru are a must to really experience the colourful culture. For a special occasion why not choose the Orient Express for your European trip. We are pleased to have Claire Webb from **Great Rail Journeys with us on 23rd November at the Old Theatre Deli at 7.30pm** to expand on all these exciting possibilities.



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