

Upcoming tours

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| September 2016 | <p>Half the Perfect World: Greece & the Cyclades Led by Chris Carter & Susan Lever Beginning in the spectacular city of Athens we will cross the Aegean to Crete before returning via a number of the Cycladean islands including a Santorini, Naxos and Mykonos.</p> | Booked out |
| October 2016 | <p>Where the Rivers Run – a history of the Murrumbidgee, Darling and Murray Rivers Led by: Chris Carter</p> <p>Explore the rich prehistory and history of the Murrumbidgee, Darling and Murray Rivers in NSW and examine the forces that have shaped the wildlife that eke out an existence in its highly variable conditions.</p> | Bookings open |
| November 2016 | <p>The Magic of Peru Led by: Chris Carter & Janelle Woodham</p> <p>From the snow-capped peaks of the Andes to the dry coast of Peru, the depths of Colca Canyon, Lake Titicaca, mystical Machu Picchu and colonial Cusco and Arequipa. The <i>culture</i> has developed from a fusion of an indigenous past, Colonial conquest and modern immigration - a mix of place and character that varies from north to south.</p> | Bookings open |

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| <p>November 2016</p> | <p>A Taste of the National Parks of Chile and Argentina Led by: Roberto Yamaichi (Santiago) and Jorge Valenzuela (south)</p> <p>Join us as we travel from Santiago, the capital city of Chile, south through the Lakes District to Puerto Montt visiting a number of Botanic Gardens, National Parks and forests as we proceed. We will see a number of tree species familiar to us, including several that grow at the National Arboretum Canberra, walk through ancient forests with trees up to 3,000 years old, and experience the spectacular landscapes of the southern Andes.</p> <p>Our local guides will point out many of the birds and animals that are found in these areas. We will also enjoy traditional dishes that can be found in this ethnically mixed region – from the indigenous Mapuche to the German immigrants who settled over a century ago.</p> | <p>Bookings Open</p> |
| <p>Jan/Feb 2017</p> | <p>In the Wake of the Beagle: The Voyage of Charles Darwin In 4 modules for a total of 42 days Led by: Chris Carter</p> <p>From Cambridge University to the Galapagos Islands, join us as we follow the route of the Beagle in an attempt to better understand the voyage of Charles Darwin and how it shaped his thinking. We will visit a Museum in Cambridge where many of his specimens are still housed and Down House in Kent before flying to Rio de Janeiro; cruise from Buenos Aires around Cape Horn to Valparaiso; journey up the west coast of Chile and Peru before spending seven days cruising the Galapagos Islands.</p> | <p>Bookings open</p> |

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| <p>Jan/Feb 2017</p> | <p>Around the Cape: From Rio to Santiago – Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay & Chile Led by: Chris Carter</p> <p>Travelling from the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro to Santiago, join us as we journey around the southern periphery of South America visiting Buenos Aires, Punta del Este, cruise to the Falkland Islands and around the southern-most point of the continent – Cape Horn. We then pass through the spectacular channels of Tierra del Fuego, the Patagonia fiords and cruise north to Valaparisio.</p> | <p>Bookings open</p> |
| <p>March/April 2017</p> | <p>Mt Serle Archaeological and Ecological Survey , Northern Flinders Ranges, SA Led by Doug Williams & Tony Corrigan</p> <p>Mt Serle Station is located in the northern Flinders Ranges of South Australia. Working closely with the traditional owners, the Adnyamathanha people, this project will involve a survey and recording plan of this property and will be undertaken over a number of years.</p> | <p>Scheduled</p> |
| <p>April/May 2017</p> | <p>Camino de Santiago: Via de la Plata – Sevilla to Santiago de Compostela Led by Chris Carter</p> <p>Well, we are not walking the entire distance! Via Sevilla, Merida, Caceres and Salamanca we will follow the Via de la Plata by bus, walking only selected sections until just beyond Tabara. From that point we will walk the rest of the way to Santiago de Compostela. We will be walking 15 days out of the total 21 for a total distance of around 320km.</p> | <p>Bookings Open</p> |

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| <p>June 2017</p> | <p>Wild Borneo</p> <p>Led by: Stewart McPherson & Chris Carter</p> <p>The expedition takes in the very best wildlife highlights that Borneo has to offer. Starting with a boat journey to see proboscis monkeys, you will explore towering tropical rainforests in search of one of the world's largest flowers, with blooms up to one metre in diameter. Then travel upriver by canoe to stay at a remote longhouse, experiencing traditional life and customs, and explore vast caves used by gatherers of bird nests.</p> <p>Observe orangutans up close, before relaxing in soothing geothermal hot water springs with an option to ascend of Borneo's tallest and most spectacular mountain, Mt. Kinabalu. We will finish the tour on a beautiful coral island for two days of relaxing on tranquil beaches and snorkelling in fish filled waters.</p> | <p>Scheduled</p> |
| <p>July 2017</p> | <p>Walking in Peru Led by: Juan Cardenas & Genelle Carter</p> <p>At its peak, the Inca Empire in South America ruled an area extending from Colombia to southern Chile and from the Pacific Ocean to the eastern slopes of the Andes. Control of such a vast Empire relied on a system of roads: to move armies, labour, goods and information as well as connecting ritual sites throughout the Empire. The aim of this tour is not only to introduce you to these spectacular landscapes and visit the archaeological sites of the region but also to provide an understanding of the practical, spiritual and ritual significance of these trails and their contribution to the success of the Empire. The tour concludes with a walk into Machu Picchu along the famous Inca Trail.</p> | <p>Bookings Open</p> |

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| <p>June/July 2017</p> | <p>Perfect One Day: Central Queensland Led by Chris Carter & Tony Corrigan</p> <p>Join us as we travel north from Canberra and Sydney through northern NSW via Lightning Ridge into Queensland. We will explore parts of the Carnarvon Gorge National Park before heading across to the coast at 1770, Lady Musgrave Island and Fraser Island.</p> | <p>Scheduled</p> |
| <p>August 2017</p> | <p>Walking and Writing: The Wilds of Scotland Led by: Inga Simpson</p> <p>Join Inga Simpson, the award winning author of Mr Wigg, Nest and, most recently, Where the Trees Were, as she travels through the Scottish highlands, seeking out places that are historically significant, spectacularly beautiful or filled with subject matter that will test your writing skills.</p> <p>Concentrating on the natural wonders of Scotland, their histories, reading some of the literature of the places we visit, and learning how to write about place and the natural world, Inga will offer writing workshops as we travel. She will also provide one-to-one feedback as you hone your skills en route.</p> <p>The tour will commence in Edinburgh before heading north through the Grampians, Trossachs National Park and the Cairngorms before we travel on to Inverness and northern Scotland. There will be an option to spend five days on the Orkneys at the conclusion of the base tour. Chris will join the tour toward the end of the base tour to assist with the tour in the Orkneys. There will be optional activities available for those not wishing to participate in the writing workshops.</p> | <p>Scheduled</p> |

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| <p>August 2017</p> | <p>Journey through Crete & the Cyclades: The Greek Islands Led by: Doug Williams</p> <p>From Delos to Knossos and the Venetian ports of Crete, this tour will provide a glimpse of Greece from an Aegean perspective and also provide you with a chance to sample Greek culture and cuisine at its source.</p> <p>The itinerary includes five days in Crete, along with stays in Santorini, Naxos and Mykonos. We will also spend several days in Athens with an option to visit the Peloponnese region of southern Greece. While an itinerary and costing will not be available until October, please let us know if you are interested in visiting this area.</p> | <p>Scheduled</p> |
| <p>November 2017</p> | <p>The Southern Cone: Argentina & Chile Led by: Chris Carter & Penny Heath</p> <p>The <i>place</i> - contrasting countries from the snow-capped peaks of the Andes, the vast Pampas, jungle shrouded Iguazú Falls to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires. The <i>culture</i> - evolved from a fusion of an indigenous past, Colonial conquest and modern immigration - a mix of place and character that varies from north to south and west to east, absorbing that of its neighbours while each place created a sentiment of its own.</p> | <p>Scheduled</p> |