

2005 – Travel Editorial and Pictorial Round-up

During the last twelve months I was very fortunate to add some exciting new destinations to my growing travel library. Below is a selected summary of the key locations and features accumulated during 2005 and earlier.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

A Princess in the Wild

Australia's newest luxury expedition yacht, *Oceanic Princess*, is off to explore the wild islands of Papua New Guinea and Melanesia as part of a vastly expanded cruising programme. Get up close to these uncovered gems like the Trobriands, D'Entrecasteaux and Marshall Bennett Groups and volcano-ravaged Rabaul.



ARCTIC

Desolation and Tragedy: Let's Go!

The scene of several gripping Arctic tragedies as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Wrangel Island is now an unique polar cruise destination. Icebound almost year-round, this "self sustaining Arctic ecosystem" is a fascinating port of call for the icebreaker *Kapitan Khlebnikov* during her Northern summer season.



ALASKA

Up the Wild Stikene

The Stikene River is the epitome of the Alaskan wilderness. Travel upstream by jetboat to the Canadian outpost of Telegraph Creek where brown bears, native customs and white water excitement awaits. Step away from the cruise ship mass market and explore the real Alaska. A soft adventure tale with a sting.



BYRON BAY

Like a Lord at Byron

John and Lyn Parche run the new 5-star spa resort, Byron-at-Byron. Carefully integrated with the precious rainforest, their coveted nature sanctum is ruffling local sensibilities despite meticulous planning and construction. Is it 'green gone mad' or just plain jealousy in unashamedly 'hippie' Byron Bay.



WALES

Wales on the Limit

Travel to the lush green pastures of Wales, not for the famous lamb or even the mouth-watering black beef, but for high octane excitement in the Wales Rally GB. See the world famous drivers in action in one of most scenic rallies on the World Championship circuit – then get behind the wheel of a 4WD, turbo-charged rally car at the Phil Price Rally School.



TASMANIA

A 'No Dam' Wonder

Once threatened by loggers, convicts and the dreaded dam-building 'hydro', Tasmania's glorious Franklin River has survived. Now a UNESCO World Heritage area and the playground of World Heritage Cruises, jump aboard for look at the lavish new blue ribbon vessel now plying Macquarie Harbour. A rich mix of history, nature and luxury aboard *MV Discovery*.

Coming in 2006:

- Terracotta Men - The Buried Warriors of Xian

Also available from this year and earlier:

- "A Cape to Adventure" Cairns to Cape York by 4WD
- "Where Mountains Meet the Sea" Kaikoura NZ
- "Pele's Palace" Hawaii's volcanic Big Island
- "Let Sleeping Moai Lie" Easter Island
- "Amazing Amazonia" Ecuador
- "Galapagos Au Go Go" Galapagos Islands
- "Great Leaping Lemurs" Madagascar

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