



Exciting New Trips

Fall Winter Spring 2006-2007

Southern Italy & Sicily, Costa Rica, Peru-Pearl of the Andes

Australia New Zealand,

Northern Italy, Lake Maggorie

Summer 2007

Alaska/Land Cruise, Scotland & Ireland

The TE will be offering exciting and unusual trips during 2006 and 2007. In early November of 2006 we will visit Southern Italy and Sicily. In January of 2007 Costa Rica is our destination using some of the best resort hotels. In February 2007 there will be an opportunity to visit Peru, The Pearl of the Andes, with visits to Limia, Cusco and Machu Pichu. In March we will be offering one of our most requested trips to Australia and New Zealand. In April the TE will be traveling to Northern Italy to visit the Lake Region using only one hotel for 8 nights. In the future we plan trips to Alaska and Scotland & Ireland. On the pages that follow there is information on these trips. If you are interested we suggest you reserve your space as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We have reserved only limited space for each trip and once the space is filled it will be impossible to add more travelers. If you need any more information on any of these trips call 631-666-1904 Email us at trvlexp@optonline.net or write to The Travel Experience 54 Satellite Dr. Islip Terrace NY. *To keep our trip prices as low as possible we now publish only two newsletters a year. Check our web site for more frequent updated trip information--www.trvlexp.com or www.travelexperienceclub.com*



Costa Rica Sunset

Southern Italy & Sicily

Nov. 2-14 2006

Sold Out

Costa Rica Deluxe

Jan. 11-18 2007



Parador Resort Costa Rica



Machu Picchu Peru

*Peru: The Pearl Of
The Andes*

Feb. 16-25 2007

Room With A View

8 Days on Lake Maggorie

Northern Italy

April 17-26 2007



A view from hotel balcony Stresa Italy



Sidney Australia Harbor

*Down Under
Australia & New Zealand
March 3-21 2007*



New Zealand

The TE always tries to keep our trip prices as low as possible. In planning our trips we have included all tours, admissions, tips for drivers and guides, taxes fuel surcharges at time of printing and selected meals. You can contact us through email: trvlexp@optonline.net, Phone: 631-666-1904 or write to The Travel Experience 54 Satellite Dr. Islip Terrace NY 11752.

The Travel Experience Difference

We realize that many factors are involved in making travel plans including trip length, destinations, costs, tours and the group with whom you plan to travel with.

Over the past 20 years the TE has tried to do things differently. We personalize each trip and include more tours and many extras. The TE, even in these difficult times, negotiates the best possible prices and always includes all air, land costs, tips for guides and drivers and even taxes and fuel surcharges at the time of printing. If there is ever an increase it will be small based on the actual change in taxes, currency rates, or increases in fuel surcharges. With these surcharges and taxes costing in many cases over a third of the air cost many travelers receive a shock with their final bill from other travel providers. This is never the case with the TE. The TE also includes all tour costs and most admissions. We never try to push expensive extras on our members. The TE also secures Visas when necessary and either Richard (Wes) or Al accompanies each group. These and other things help to make the difference between an ordinary trip and a memorable one.

Southern Italy & Sicily

Nov 2-14 2006

Sold Out

Costa Rica Deluxe

8 days 7 nights at
spectacular resort hotels
January 11-18 2007

\$2,599pp double occupancy

The trip price includes R/T flights on American Airlines 4 star resort hotels, 8 breakfasts 1 dinner 2 lunches, tours and taxes and tips for drivers and guides as indicated in full itinerary.

The TE will be using three of the best hotel resorts that Costa Rica has to offer for this trip. The first 3 nights will be at the famous El Parador Boutique and Resort Hotel in Manuel Antonio Area. The next 2 nights will be at the Club del Mar Hotel in the Jaco area and the last 2 nights will be at the Famed Tabacon Resort Hotel in the La Fortuna area. These hotels are considered the best that Costa Rica has to offer.

We have also included an interesting program of activities and excursions to make this resort vacation memorable. It has been very difficult to secure space at these hotels. Since we could only obtain a small number of rooms we suggest that you respond immediately if you are interested.

Day 1: We depart from JFK and upon arrival will be taken to the El Parador hotel in the Manuel Antonio Area. Upon arrival there will be time to enjoy the facilities which includes 3 pools and fabulous gardens overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Day 2: Today we will visit famous Manuel Antonio National Park. You will take a walk through the tropical forest and find flowers, mosses, and all kinds of birds and other animals including the capuchin monkeys. You will be able to stop and take a refreshing swim at one of the wonderful beaches in the park. When you return



Costa Rica view from hotel

to the hotel there will be time to relax and enjoy the facilities. There are many restaurants to have dinner in the area near the hotel.

Day 3. Morning at leisure. Afternoon be ready for the kayaking tour to Islas Damas. Paddle through protected inland waterways, which is the perfect place to learn the ropes of this magical way of exploring coastal mangrove areas and seeing wildlife up close. Lunch is included today at an excellent local restaurant.

Day 4. After breakfast we continue to the Jaco area where we spend two nights at the Club del Mar resort hotel. This area is one of Costa Rica's most popular destinations. It has spectacular beaches and lush rainforests.

Day 5. A full day at leisure to explore the area or just relax at the hotel and spa.

Day 6. Today you continue to the Arenal area arriving at the famed Tabacon resort hotel with its hot springs. You will be free to use all the facilities of the hotel. The main attraction of this area is by far the Arenal Volcano, active since 1969 with its curative hot mineral springs and manicured gardens. Dinner included tonight.

Day 7: In the morning a Canopy Tour is on the program. This adrenaline experience begins with a short walk to the first platform where the guides will get the equipment ready. The feeling of flying through the trees is unmatched. This tour is one of the best in the country with 12 platforms. The canopy tour is for everyone it doesn't matter how old, all you need is to be adventurous. A fresh tropical drink waits for you to take back to the hotel. The afternoon will be at leisure to relax and enjoy the hot springs or get a spa treatment.

Day 8. There will be time for last minute shopping and relaxing before we depart for our late afternoon flight. Why not enjoy the fabulous natural hot springs at our resort before we leave for the airport.

Peru: The Pearl Of the Andes

9 days 7 nights

Feb 16-25 2007

\$2,499pp double Occupancy

The price includes all 4 star hotels, R/T air, inter-Peruvian flights, train fare, all taxes, fees, surcharges at time of printing, 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinner/shows, all admissions and guided tours as indicated, tips for driver and guides.

It isn't only ancient cities that are constantly being discovered or uncovered in Peru—in 2002, Peruvian geologists found the perfectly preserved skeleton of a horse in an area south of Lima, which pre-dates the Spanish conquistadors who are credited with introducing that animal to the Americas. You don't have to be an archaeologist though to enjoy this trip, only a desire to see some of the world's oldest and most magnificent sights. Names like Machu Picchu, the lost ancient city of the Incas and Lake Titicaca, the highest lake in the world and the forty floating islands of Uros, made of reeds, should evoke dreams from your school days when you could only imagine traveling to the Andes Mountains to visit such sights. But ancient cities like pre-Incan Caral, with its pyramid-like mounds eroded by the winds for almost 5000 years and considered older than the pyramids of Egypt and natural beauty are only part of the things you'll see and discover on this trip. The culture of the Peruvian people with its influences from Europe, Africa and Asia will fascinate you and the Peruvian cuisine which includes lots of fresh fish dishes, including paiche, a huge fish found in jungle lakes, along with different varieties of potatoes and peppers prepared in delicious sauces will be a treat for your palate. Let us not forget Lima, "The City of Kings", a Spanish-styled, colonial city, founded by Francisco Pizarro in 1535, along the banks of the Rimac River. It is not just the capital of Peru today, but was the capital of Spain's South American Empire for 300 years.

Day 1: – Overnight flight from N.Y. to Lima, Peru

Day 2: – Guided city tour of Lima, Peru's capital city, including Plaza de Armas one of the grandest central squares in all of South America; the Government Palace, the Cathedral which contains the tomb of Francisco Pizarro, the Spanish conqueror of Peru. Our tour will also take us to Miraflores and San Isidro, the modern districts of the Capital city. Our final stop on the tour will be the museum of gold (Museo de Oro) where you will be able to see one of the largest private collections in the world (Pre-Incas and Incas precious stones), and a varied collection of military weapons. Overnight in Lima.

Day 3: – Morning flight from Lima to Cusco and transfer to hotel. Our afternoon guided city tour of Cusco will include, the main square, cathedral, the "Templo del Sol" or Coricancha, an important worship spot, the twelve angle stone and the colorful district of San Blas. You will also see the Sacasyhuaman fortress and its cyclopean wall, the "Tambomachay", Quenco, Puca Pucara and Lanlacuyoc worship spots and the "Templo de la Luna", where some Andean religious practices are still held today. Dinner with Folkloric show. Overnight in Cusco.

Day 4: - Following an early morning breakfast we will transfer to the railway station in order to take the train leading to Machu Picchu (a two-hour trip, Vistadome service). After arriving at the Aquas Calientes RR station, we will board our bus toward Machu Picchu (2,350 meters high). You will visit the great archaeological ruins discovered in 1911 by Hiram Bingham. In the afternoon, return to Cusco by train. Overnight Cusco.

Day 5: – After a hotel breakfast, we will go out on a trip to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. When we arrive at the village of Pisac

you will go to the famous market of Pisac in the center of the village where you can shop for souvenirs. Lunch is included at a local restaurant. In the afternoon you will visit the impressive fortress of Ollantaytambo and then return to Cusco. Overnight in Cusco.

Day 6: – After breakfast, we will go by bus to Puno, visiting Racchy and Andahuallillas ruins on the way. Overnight in Puno.

Day 7: – Today's trip will take us to Lake Titicaca, the highest lake in the world. You will visit the famous floating islands of Uros, a group of 40 floating islands made up of totora reeds. Its inhabitants are part of one of the oldest cultures in the Americas. Then we will visit the Taquile Islands and have an included lunch. Later we return to Puno. O.N. Puno.

Day 8: – After breakfast in Puno, we will be transferred to Juliaca airport for the flight to Lima. Upon arrival in Lima we will transfer to our hotel. Overnight in Lima.

Day 9: - Since our flight home is late at night, we'll have another day in Lima. This day will be remembered as we head outside Lima to the ancient city of Caral. Just recently opened to tourist, this city built over 5000 years ago was discovered in 1994. It has been declared the oldest city in the Americas, older than Machu Picchu. It ranks third in antiquity behind Mesopotamia and Egypt and ahead of China and India. We will return to Lima for our included, final night's dinner and folkloric show, after which we will transfer to the Lima airport for our flight home arriving early the next morning, (Sunday – Feb. 25th).



Local crafts

Cusco square

DOWN UNDER

AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND

19 days/16 nights – March 3 - 21, 2007

\$5,499 pp double occupancy

price includes all 4 star hotels, R/T to New Zealand/Australia, inter-Australia and New Zealand flights, all taxes, fees and surcharges at the time of printing, 16 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners all admissions and guided tours as indicated, tips for driver and guides.

"The flight is long but the trip was worth it," is a refrain often heard from visitors to Australia. A question TE has heard quite often is, "When are you guys going to run a trip to Australia?" Well, TE has put together the trip of a lifetime, a 19-days/16 nights trip to not only Australia but beautiful New Zealand as well. Australia means south of Asia or "The Land Down Under" as it is better known. It's not only a country (the 6th largest) but also the

world's largest island and smallest continent. Ayer's Rock is the symbol of Australia and like a sacred cathedral to the aborigines, Australia's native population. Alice Spring is the geographic center of the country/continent and its fastest growing area. Australia is also known for its Outback area, Great Barrier Reef, and Sydney its oldest and largest city, with its spectacular natural harbor, the harbor bridge ("the old coat hanger") and its world- wide recognizable Opera House, which took 14 years to complete.

New Zealand, on the other hand, is a country composed of two islands, North and South and located 1400 miles east of Australia and north of Antarctica in the Pacific "Ring of Fire". As a result it has among its wonders, volcanoes, geysers and hot springs. The country, noted for sheep raising has a ratio of 20 sheep for every person. Polynesians called it "The Land of the Long White Cloud". The Maori are New Zealand's native peoples. Auckland, one of the cities we will be visiting, was built on over 60 volcanoes and is called "The City of Sails" because it has the highest percentage of pleasure boats per capita in the world and is on the North Island. Queenstown is a product of the gold rush and Milton Sound is one of the most famous images of New Zealand. Christchurch, half way down the east coast of South Island was an attempt by the Church of England to form a model city on a plain of dust. Abel Tazman, a Dutch explorer in the 1640's founded some of these areas but it was Capt. Cook, a hundred years later who claimed them for England.



Ayres Rock: Australia

Day 1 & 2: – Flight to New Zealand.

Day 3: – arrive Auckland, New Zealand and begin a half day of guided sightseeing with a visit to Mission Bay, entrance to the Auckland Memorial Museum with its significant Maori collections), visit Mount Eden and view of Auckland Harbor Bridge. Afternoon free at leisure. Dinner at hotel. Overnight Auckland

Day 4: - Depart Auckland by coach to Rotorua , visiting Rainbow Springs Nature Park, Agrodome Farm Show and Tour and the Whakarewarewa Forest Walk (Redwood Grove) along the way. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight Rotorua.

Day 5: – After breakfast depart Rotorua for Waitomo Glow Worm Caves then continue on to Cambridge to meet Farm Stay Hosts. Activities like riding a tractor, milking cows, feeding animals depends on the hosts. Dinner at hotel. Overnight at farm in Cambridge.

Day 6: -Breakfast and a morning free for leisure in Cambridge and then return to Rotorua. and transfer to airport for flight to Christchurch. Afternoon guided tour of Christchurch. Overnight Christchurch.

Day 7: -After breakfast depart Christchurch by coach to Kudrow and then Oamaru for lunch and city orientation tour. From Oamaru we will continue on to Queenstown. Overnight Queenstown.

Day 8: – Full day guided tour /cruise of Milford Sound with an international buffet lunch included. Overnight Queenstown.

Day 9: - Depart Queenstown for Mount Cook with free time on arrival. Leave Mount Cook in the afternoon and transfer to Twizel. Dinner at hotel. Overnight Twizel.

Day 10: – After breakfast depart Twizel and return to Christchurch for flight to Cairns, Australia. Transfer to hotel. Overnight Cairns.

Day 11: – American breakfast at hotel then transfer to dock for catamaran ride to Green Island where there will be morning tea and coffee and choice of glass-bottom boat tour or snorkeling equipment for the Great Barrier Reef. Lunch included as well as a guided eco island walk. Overnight Cairns

Day 12: - Following breakfast we transfer to a full day, guided sightseeing excursion to Kuranda. We'll be taking a coach to Freshwater and then a one-way scenic railway trip from Freshwater to Kuranda. Entrance to Rainforestation with Army Duck tour, Pamagirri Aboriginal Dancers, Dreamtime Walk and Pamagirri Cultural Center, lunch and Skyrail Rainforestation Cableway one way to Caravonica Lakes Station is all included. Return to Cairns. Overnight Cairns.

Day 13: – Depart hotel after breakfast for Cairns airport for flight to Ayers Rock/ Alice Springs and the Outback. Guided tour visiting Ayers Rock, Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Center and Kata Tjuta National Park, Kata Tjuta (The Olgas), view the 36 Domes and walk in the Olga Gorge. Overnight Ayers Rock.

Day 14: . –After breakfast we travel overland to Alice Springs. Overnight Alice Springs.

Day 15: – On today's tour we will visit the Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve, have a guided tour of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Building, visit Anzac Hill and the Aboriginal Art and Culture Centre. One overnight Alice Springs.

Day 16: – After breakfast transfer to Alice Springs airport for flight to Sydney with the afternoon and evening free at leisure in Sydney. Overnight Sydney.

Day 17:- Hot buffet breakfast then on to a full day of sightseeing with a guide including Mrs. Macquarie's Point, The Rocks and a drive through Kings Cross. This afternoon we have an included seafood buffet lunch with a cruise of Sydney Harbour while viewing the Sydney Harbour Bridge and The Sydney Opera House. Overnight Sydney.

Day 18: – Sydney – full day at leisure. Overnight Sydney.

Day 19: – Hot buffet breakfast and transfer to Sydney for flight home.



Australian Outback

Christchurch New Zealand

Trip Reservations

Kindly complete the appropriate reservation form(s) below. Detach and send them with the deposit. Please note that we require a minimum number of persons for each trip (15-20) except cruises. Should the trip not go you will receive a full refund of your deposit. Each trip is subject to availability of space. Prices include all flights, taxes, fuel surcharges port charges, meals, and tours, and fuel surcharges and tips at time of printing. If you have any questions please email us at trvlexp@optonline.net or call 631-666-1904. We have only limited space reserved for the trips below. If you are interested please reply immediately to avoid disappointment.

The TE will be updating our mailing list. If you have not traveled with us in the last 3 years and wish to continue to receive our trip information fill in the form and email or send it in.

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 Email _____
 Phone number _____
 I wish to receive the newsletter and updates by Email _____ Snail Mail _____ Both _____
 We would also be happy to add any friends you may have to our list.

***Costa Rica Deluxe
 8 days 7 nights
 Jan. 11-18 2007
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 Address _____
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 Nonrefundable deposit \$100 pp. Amount enclosed _____

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 Of The Andes
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***A Room With A View
 8 Days On Lake Maggorie
 Northern Italy
 April 17-26 2007
 \$1,999pp double occupancy***

Name(s) _____
 Romemate If any _____ Single Supplement \$300
 Address _____
 Phone number _____ email _____
 Nonrefundable deposit \$100 pp. Amount enclosed _____

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 19 days 16 Nights
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***Future Trips
 Alaska/Land Cruise
 June 2007
 Scotland & Ireland Aug 2007
 Including Arts Festival &
 Military Tatoo Show***

I am interested in receiving advance information about the following upcoming trips as soon as it becomes available. Alaska/Land Cruise June 2007 _____ Scotland & Ireland Aug. 2007 _____
 Name _____ Address _____ Email: _____

Send your reservations to: The Travel Experience 54 Satellite Dr. Islip Terrace NY 11752

Room, With A View Lake Maggiore, Italy

10 Days 8 Nights

April 17-26 2007

\$1,999pp double occupancy

Last year on a TE trip to Italy we stayed in beautiful Stresa on Lake Maggiore for a few nights. The travelers did not want to leave. We promised to go back and have booked a trip using the same Astoria Hotel with lake view rooms and balconies for 8 nights in April 2007. All the rooms overlook Lake Maggiore. Using only one hotel will make this trip leisurely paced and relaxing. The Astoria Hotel on Lake Maggiore is about a block from the center of town where there is great shopping and many restaurants to enjoy. The TE has also included side excursions to some of the most spectacular sites in Northern Italy and we will even go into across the border into Switzerland. Breakfast will be included daily and we will have one included dinner. The TE could only reserve a small number of rooms for this trip. If you are interest please reserve your space immediately.

Day 1 Flight from NY. Dinner, a movie and beverages on board.

Day 2. We arrive in Milan and will be taken to our hotel. The rest of the day will be free to explore Stresa and to unpack and relax. A dinner will be included at a local restaurant this evening.

Day 3. Today will include a visit to the Boromean Islands in the middle of the lake. The boat will take us to the towns of Isola Bella, Isola Pescatori, and Isola Madre. Entrance to the palace and gardens on Isola Bella will be included. Return to Stresa in the afternoon to enjoy the town and hotel.

Day 4. Today our excursion will take us through the Piedmont region of Italy to visit Turin. On our way we will also visit the town of Vercelli. This town stands 130 m. above sea level, in the Po Valley to the right of the Sesia River, at the heart of a vast rice-growing region. There will also be another stop in one of the towns in the region and we will experience wine tasting. This is the area in which some of Italy's finest wines are produced. There will be free time to

visit Turin, the home of last years Olympic games, and to explore, shop, and have lunch before we return to Stresa.

Day 5: A trip on Lake Como will be our excursion today. We will board our boat from Como that will take us past spectacular scenery to Bellagio. There will be time for lunch and to explore. Return to Stresa in the late afternoon.

Day 6. A visit to Milan will be included today. You will visit the Duomo Cathedral and the first Galleria (shopping center in the world) It is still probably the world's most beautiful. It will also be possible to view the famed Teatro Della Scala. We will visit the church of Santa Maria Dele Grazie and attempt to make reservations to see The Last Supper.

Day 7: A full free day to relax and explore Stresa.

Day 8: A taste of Switzerland will be provided today when we explore the town of Lugano just over the Swiss boarder. In the afternoon we will visit the town of Como where there will be time for to have lunch and explore. It will also be possible to take the funicular from Como to the tiny town of Brunato. You will have a perfect view of the Alps from here and you may find that special small restaurant for lunch. This small town just above Como is truly spectacular. We return to Stresa in the late afternoon.

Day 9: In the morning we will visit a few of the other small towns in the area to shop and explore. After lunch we will return to Stresa so you can relax for the rest of our last full day.

Day 10: Flight home.



View of Boromean Islands from Stresa, Lake Maggiore Italy

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Alaska: Land / Cruise

Scotland & Ireland including the Edinburgh Arts Festival & Military Tatoo show

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