

'OPERATIF! NEWS' - FEBRUARY 2018

Greetings all and our best wishes for a fabulous 2018!

As we write we are already hard at work, fine-tuning details for a number of our forthcoming tours, in particular, Norfolk Island where some 90 people will be travelling over with us in March, to enjoy a week of concerts, tours, convivial dinners and exploring a little jewel in the Pacific.

2017 was a very big year with another successful Opera on the Harbour tour to Sydney, this time for Carmen. 'Bohemian Rhapsody,' our rich and full tour of Vienna, Salzburg, Budapest, Bratislava and Cesky Krumlov was a real highlight with very happy clients enjoying a smorgasbord of opera performances in some of Europe's most beautiful theatres. It was truly wonderful experiencing the different cities and countries we visited too.

Our Viva Verdi tour to see the operas staged in Parma was great too...and La Scala in Milan to finish was fabulous. Exploring the non-touristy region of Emilia Romagna was a much-enjoyed time with highlights such as visits to Pavarotti's home and to Verdi's beautiful country estate and his birthplace. The tour was so good, we're repeating it this year and it will be even better!! (see below)

2018 will see another tour to Opera on the Harbour in April, this time for La Boheme. We then return to Sydney in July for two Superstars of the world stage, Leo Nucci and Jessica Pratt who will perform their signature roles of Rigoletto and Lucia di Lammermoor at the Opera House. Our big one this year is an action-packed tour of South West England and musical Wales, with a sparkling itinerary culminating in 5 fabulous nights in London!

Below are details of our 2018 tours, each enjoying a great response, either sold out or 75% to 95% filled. There's also a little about our flagship tour for 2019, "La Dolce Vita", with already a large number pre-registered. (ie they've paid a \$200 refundable deposit to 'reserve a place' whilst they await our itinerary and pricing for this 3-week Italian indulgence....You can still register too so you don't miss out!) Enjoy reading on and do forward our news to others who enjoy music and travel!

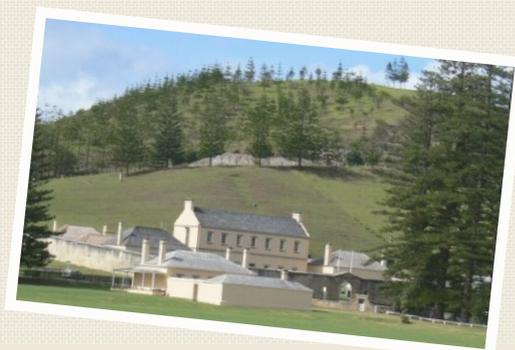
Cheers for now and we hope to see you on a tour this year!

Jennifer & Stewart

'OPERA ON NORFOLK ISLAND.' (SOLD OUT)

MARCH 17, 2018 - A WEEK OF FABULOUS CONCERTS & A PRISTINE ISLAND

Our all inclusive packages offer a variety of accommodation options and make attending this unique event in the South Pacific, very appealing and very easy! With flights, a number of informal concerts and activities, your choice of cottage, apartment or hotel, (plus hire-car if desired,) you are all set to enjoy a delightful musical holiday. When not sitting enjoying wonderful voices, pianists or string players, (7 fine artists will fly in to entertain !) you can explore the island's fascinating history and natural beauty, choose from a range of local tours or simply enjoy a swim in Emily Bay .



'LA BOHEME' ON THE HARBOUR - SYDNEY

APRIL 2018 - FOUR FABULOUS NIGHTS

(Our 2019 Tour to 'Opera on the Harbour' announced soon!)

Always a sell-out, our annual Sydney mini-break takes in the spectacular experience of the now iconic harbour-side opera, plus delightful activities to enjoy with fellow travellers. There is free time too for you to enjoy at leisure. Our fabulous package includes Premium seats at the opera, transfers and our favourite 5-star Sydney hotel, the Sir Stamford at Circular Quay, just a short walk to the Botanic Gardens, the Opera House, Sydney Museum, the Art Gallery, several historic churches, city shopping and more.



'SUPERSTARS OF OPERA' - SYDNEY

JULY 2018 - THREE FABULOUS NIGHTS

Two superstars of the world stage will perform their signature roles in the newly renovated Dame Joan Sutherland theatre at the Opera House. Baritone Leo Nucci as Rigoletto and coloratura soprano Jessica Pratt as Lucia di Lammermoor, promise two unforgettable nights at the opera! Enjoy 3-nights at the 5-star Sir Stamford hotel at Circular Quay and stroll together to the Opera House. Included in this tour is a delightful Welcome Dinner, with music and wine, a private tour of the Opera House to learn all about its history and the recent refurbishments and a convivial post-tour lunch at an Opera House restaurant overlooking the water. This is one for true opera lovers!



'GEMS OF WALES & ENGLAND'S SOUTH-WEST'

AUG/SEPT 2018 3-WEEKS IN THE U.K. - (FLIGHTS & STOPOVERS INCLUDED)



There is far too much of the UK to do justice to it with a mad-dash jaunt across each country. Instead we have selected some key regions and towns with wonderful locations in the South of England and Wales.

There will be time to delve properly into the many joys they offer, whether scenery, history, art, music or cute villages! Bath, Devon, Cornwall, The Cotswolds, Exeter, St David's and Cardiff are just some of our chosen locations and we've five fabulous nights in London to finish our tour with thrilling Opera and Music at Covent Garden and in the West End!

' VERDI FESTIVAL AND LA SCALA !'

OCTOBER 2018 2.5 WEEKS IN ITALY (INCL. FLIGHTS & STOPOVERS)

Following the huge success of last year's Verdi Festival tour, we immediately announced another! Enjoy fabulous performances in Parma and in the little jewel of the Verdi Theatre in nearby Busseto. Explore the un-touristy Emilia Romagna region, known as the 'stomach of Italy!' with its fine cheeses, balsamic vinegar, hams and more. We visit the house museum of Pavarotti, various locations significant to Verdi, including his country estate, the Renata Tebaldi museum, a violin workshop and much more whilst indulging in the joys of wonderful cuisine and wine, charming small towns and lovely scenery. Our tour finishes with five nights in fabulous Milan and two operas at La Scala! If you enjoy the operas of Verdi, don't miss this one!



' LA DOLCE VITA IN ITALY....' 2019

MAY 2019 3-WEEKS IN SMALLER TOWNS OF ITALY (INCL. FLIGHTS & STOPOVERS)



This is your chance to live 'The Good Life' and enjoy life as the Italians do in some of the most beautiful, less-travelled corners of this wonderful country....our favourite!

Stay in small towns in various locations.....on the glittering Italian Riviera, in picturesque Southern Tuscany, the fascinating Veneto region, Umbria and more! Enjoy exploring each little jewel, far from the big tourist attractions and major cities. Immerse yourself in local culture and savour each marvellous moment.

There will be opera and music enroute as we pop into larger centres to take in performances. Our tour includes three wonderful nights in the sublime city of Venice, with opera at La Fenice and many other joys!

Contact us now for full details about our tours or to receive our Email News

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