



• NEWSLETTER •

Spectacular South Pacific

If you are looking for a super-value tour to the South Pacific this winter, look no further. Our 21-day South Pacific Adventure in March has everything you need to truly experience the best of the “lands down-under”.

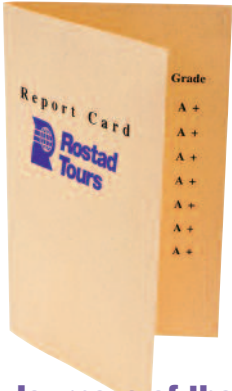
Your southbound journey is broken up with two full days in the Cook Islands, staying at a beautiful resort to relax and enjoy the clear turquoise waters and inviting white sand beach. Besides a tour around the island of Rarotonga, highlights here include the opportunity to attend a memorable church service and an Island Night featuring an impressive feast of local cuisine followed by native singing and dancing.



Next is a short flight to New Zealand where your ten-night stay is spread over both the North and South Islands. With vast open spaces filled with stunning rugged landscapes, spectacular geothermal activity, a temperate climate and fascinating animal and plant life, it is no surprise that New Zealand is such an attractive destination. The main reason this tour spends the majority of the time in New Zealand is that there are many different landscapes, environments, and ecosystems so close to each other.

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Tour Report Card

Over the years we have developed itineraries that are both “one-of-a-kind” and unforgettable. Several of these unique tours travelled during the past few months and here are the final marks given by passengers along with sample comments. Note: These tours are all currently available for next year too!

Journeys of the Apostles

Turkey & Greece

(featuring a three-night Aegean cruise)

Surpassed expectations: 67%

Met expectations: 33%

Below expectations: 0%

It was an unforgettable rich, historical, spiritual and cultural experience with a delightful group of travelling companions.

Days of Wine and Roses

Romania & Bulgaria

Surpassed expectations: 35%

Met expectations: 65%

Below expectations: 0%

A wonderful experience all in all, and I am delighted to have been part of this tremendously well organized and detailed tour of two beautiful countries.

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Special highlights include a visit to a glow-worm cave, a Maori dinner and folklore show, dinner in the home of a New Zealand family, a gondola ride to Bob's Peak, a steamship cruise on Lake Wakatipu, and a scenic cruise on Milford Sound.

Then you fly across the Tasman Sea to Australia, the world's smallest continent or the largest island, depending on how you look at it. Its isolation provides an experience that can't be found elsewhere, with totally unique flora and fauna, spectacular wilderness, and vibrant cosmopolitan cities. You visit the elegant city of Melbourne, stay overnight on a farm in the Albury District, and enjoy seeing all the best that Sydney has to offer. You also visit Canberra, the unique national capital, a “planned” city which was built following an international contest for the city's design. Australians couldn't decide whether to name Melbourne or Sydney the capital, so they just built a new city. Other highlights of the Australia portion of the tour include visiting a Koala Conservation Centre, watching the fairy penguins emerge from the water at Phillip Island and taking a cruise around Sydney harbour.

If three weeks of incredible scenery, unique natural phenomenon, tasty food, and beautiful weather are not enough and you want to see more, we can arrange for extensions to the Great Barrier Reef, Tasmania, Adelaide or Ayers Rock.

Magical Mozart and Majestic Mountains

Germany - Switzerland - Austria - Czech Republic

Surpassed expectations: 65%

Met expectations: 35%

Below expectations: 0%

Music performances were wonderful – the palace, the meals and the concerts were a life-time memory and highlight of the trip for me!

Luther and Musical Europe

Germany - Czech Republic - Austria

Surpassed expectations: 93%

Met expectations: 7%

Below expectations: 0%

We expected to have a good time but we were overjoyed with our trip and more.

Alaska Highway, the Klondike and Glacier Cruise Explorer

Alberta - British Columbia - Yukon - Alaska

Surpassed expectations: 82%

Met expectations: 18%

Below expectations: 0%

This Alaska trip was a highlight in my life – never did I expect to enjoy such great travellers and gaze in awe at spectacular scenery day after day.





Kings, seafarers and scholars once made Spain and Portugal two of the richest and most powerful nations on earth. We have two tours next year that showcase these intriguing countries that were also heavily influenced by invading Phoenicians, Celts, Romans, Germanic tribes and Moors. You'll discover that Spain is Europe's second most mountainous country and that Portugal spearheaded the exploration of the world that began the Age of Discovery. You will

feel the breath of history as you wander the narrow streets of ancient towns and explore the palaces, castles and monasteries of these former colonial powers. You can also relax on the idyllic beaches of the Mediterranean as both tours offer free time on the Costa del Sol and Algarve coasts. Don't miss this journey featuring fascinating history, distinctive cultures and extraordinary scenery – all at a very attractive price!

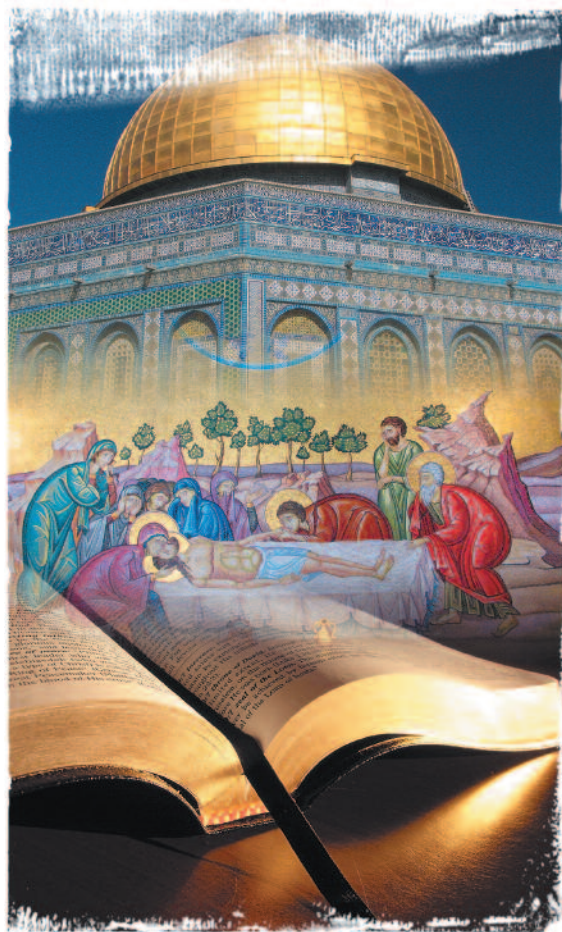
Bible Lands

While we did cancel our November tours to the Holy Land due to the recent fighting, it now appears we could have gone ahead with them as the situation is returning to normal. Groups are once again visiting the region so Christian pilgrims are enjoying a trip more meaningful than they can imagine. Fortunately, we do have two departures this winter that still have room if you would like to be one of the lucky ones. Here are some observations by Rev Dr Alex Lawson, who has spent many days in the Bible Lands and is hosting one of our tours next year.

Any tour of a foreign land is an adventure, we see places we have read about, heard about, seen pictures of, and we are thrilled. However, when we visit the lands of the Bible we add another dimension, these are the lands where our faith was born, this is where the Children of Israel were in captivity, here is the Church of the Burning Bush where Moses heard the call of God to set his people free, these are the sands over which they wandered, this is the mountain top

where Moses met God, this is St. Catherine Monastery where they found in a garbage bin what turned out to be Codex Sinaiticus, one of the earliest manuscripts of the New Testament, and on and on it goes. We are not only on a wonderful tour, each place we see has layers of meaning, each moment we share will have spiritual implications, each historical site we visit will have theological dimensions, each village and city will remind us of a biblical lesson, each day will nourish our souls, enrich our knowledge of the Bible, and give lift to our spirits. Each night we will reflect on our day; the places we have seen, the adventures we have had, the people we have met, the feelings we have had, and marvel that this place fills us with feelings of awe, and we think, "Surely the Lord is in this place".

Yes, I have been here many times. And in the years ahead I will revisit it many times. Every time I open my Bible, every time I hear the stories of Jesus, every time I sit in church I will return. This is the cradle of my faith.



Would You Like To Travel?



We received the following unsolicited letter from Lillian Vargo, someone who has travelled on several of our tours and most recently on a river cruise through Russia. Rather than having us tell you why river cruising is so great, we decided to leave that up to Lillian. A small thank you gift is on the way to her!

Would you like to travel and have

- 1) the same room every night?
- 2) new countryside to enjoy each day?
- 3) excellent meals plus afternoon tea?
- 4) a knowledgeable guide with you?
- 5) palaces to tour where emperors lived?

If you are interested, take a Viking River Cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg. This is definitely a very interesting trip. The Russian countryside is lovely and green with quaint villages along the waterways. The city of Moscow is much different from what I expected – beautiful architecture, colourful, and very clean. The palaces in St. Petersburg are breathtakingly beautiful! Churches with their golden domes and painted icons are again being used by the Russian people for worship.

The river boats are comfortable moving hotels with adequate dining space, lounges etc. The guides, who speak fluent English, are very helpful and do their many duties well. Add an evening at the ballet and the Moscow circus and you have a holiday you

won't soon forget. The shoppers will not be disappointed – lots of interesting items to buy from friendly sales people.

I sincerely recommend this river cruise – it exceeded my expectations.

Great Discounts on River Cruises

You can save \$500 per person on all our river cruises in 2007! Just make a deposit by October 31 and then pay in full by November 30. Visit Europe, Russia or China and enjoy the most comfortable travel possible on your luxurious floating hotel. Save another \$100 if you have travelled with Viking River Cruises before!



Photo Contest

Remember to send in your best photos for our eighth biannual photo contest. Three lucky winners will receive vouchers for \$500 towards their next Rostad tour. There will also be \$250 second place prizes in each of the three categories: **Scenery**,

People, and **Architecture**. Be sure to print your name, address, tourcode and where the photo was taken on the back of each photo. The deadline for entries is December 31, 2006 and winners will be announced next year. Please note that photos will not be returned.





Last Minute Offer- South Africa

Due to a few late cancellations, there is still space available on our tours to South Africa in November. We have an incredible itinerary and the group sizes are small so you can be assured of receiving the best service and attention. Anyone joining now will receive a special discount, but you must act quickly as the airline will soon be taking back our empty places. This is a great opportunity to experience your first safari, including two full days in world famous Kruger Park.



Calling All Theatre Lovers...



Get ready for an unforgettable journey to one of the truly great cities in the world – London, England. In March 2007 we will once again be featuring this city on a special tour – London: City, Countryside, Theatre. Your home for the entire week will be the Harrington Hall Hotel in Kensington/Chelsea. How nice to only have to unpack once!

Enjoy two comprehensive tours of London, including the famous Tower of London, the Globe Theatre, a Thames Luncheon Cruise and a “flight” on the London Eye, the world’s largest observation wheel that provides amazing views over the city. You also enjoy two full day excursions into the countryside. One day you visit Canterbury with its Cathedral and new Pilgrims Way Museum, and then on to Dover with its war-time tunnels and its famous white cliffs. Another day will be spent in the Cotswolds enjoying the scenery and stopping for afternoon tea. No trip to London is complete without attending some of the best theatre in the world and this tour includes three of London’s hit plays! And you’ll have a free day in London to explore individual interests – museums, shopping, sightseeing... Join this tour and experience the excitement that London not only promises, but also delivers.



Costa Rica Discovery

SAN JOSÉ
 TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK
 ARENAL VOLCANO
 TABACON HOT SPRINGS
 MONTE VERDE CLOUD FOREST
 OCOTAL BEACH RESORT

February 8 - 22, 2007

Ecuador Orchid Safari

ECUAGENERA ORCHIDS AND ROSTAD
 TOURS TEAM UP TO SHOW OFF THE
 BIODIVERSITY AND RICH CULTURE
 OF ECUADOR

March 8 - 29, 2007

Tour Hosts:
 Merv Lutes & Lynne Cassidy

South Pacific Adventure

COOK ISLANDS, NEW ZEALAND,
 & AUSTRALIA

RAROTONGA · AUCKLAND
 ROTORUA · CHRISTCHURCH
 MOUNT COOK · QUEENSTOWN
 MILFORD SOUND · DUNEDIN
 MELBOURNE · CANBERRA · SYDNEY

March 2 - 22, 2007

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. Dr. Merv & Helen Saunders

March 9 - 29, 2007

Tour Hosts: Pastor Dan & Freda Berg

South Africa Adventure

CAPE TOWN · CAPE WINELANDS
 GARDEN ROUTE
 FEATHERBED NATUREL RESERVE
 CANGO CAVES · ZULULAND
 LAKE ST. LUCIA
 HLUHLUWE GAME RESERVE
 SWAZILAND · KRUGER NATIONAL
 PARK · PRETORIA · SOWETO

November 7 - 25, 2006

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. Karl & Rev. Heidi Sievert

November 11 - 29, 2006

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. George & Donna Davidson

November 14 - December 2, 2006

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. Dr. Merv & Barbara Lutes
 Rev. Johan Olivier

Bible Lands Discovery

EGYPT, JORDAN & ISRAEL

February 26 - March 15, 2007

March 14 - 31, 2007

Tour Host: Dr. Alex Lawson

Journeys of the Apostles

GREECE & TURKEY INCLUDING
 A GREEK ISLAND CRUISE

ISTANBUL · CAPPADOCIA · KONYA
 IZMIR · PERGAMUM · EPHEBUS
 PATMOS · RHODES · CRETE
 SANTORINI · CORINTH · ATHENS

April 25 - May 13, 2007

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. Cedric & Elizabeth Pettigrew
 Rev. Kelly & Irene Holt

**Turkey & the Early
 Christian Church**

April 30 - May 16, 2007

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. Pieter & Sharon van Harten
 Canon Philip Velpel

**The Best of Spain
 and Portugal**

MADRID · AVILA · TOLEDO
 CORDOBA · GRANADA
 COSTA DEL SOL
 GIBRALTAR · SEVILLE · ALGARVE
 SINTRA · LISBON

April 22 - May 7, 2007

Tour Hosts: Rev. Das & Angela Sydney

**Essential Spain
 and Portugal**

MADRID · AVILA · SEGOVIA
 TOLEDO · CORDOBA · GRANADA
 COSTA DEL SOL · GIBRALTAR
 SEVILLE · ALGARVE
 LISBON · SINTRA TOUR

April 29 - May 15, 2007

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. Dr. Roger & Lynda Ellis

**Crossroads of History
 and Splendour**

TOUR OF ITALY

May 1 - 17, 2007

Tour Hosts: Rev. Richard & Barb Hall

Days of Wine & Roses

ROMANIA & BULGARIA

May 10 - 30, 2007

**Magical Mozart &
 Majestic Mountains**

GERMANY, SWITZERLAND,
 AUSTRIA & CZECH REPUBLIC

May 16 - 31, 2007

Luther & Musical Europe

GERMANY, CZECH REPUBLIC
 & AUSTRIA

September 12 - 27, 2007

**London: City,
 Countryside, Theatre**

LONDON'S SIGHTS, THEATRES AND
 MUSEUMS PLUS THE COUNTRYSIDE
 OF CANTERBURY, DOVER
 AND THE COTSWOLDS

March 12 - 20, 2007

Tour Hosts: Rev. Vic & Suzanne Cabel

**Ireland: Sights, Sounds
 and Serendipity**

DUBLIN · WATERFORD · KERRY
 DINGLE PENINSULA
 CLIFFS OF MOHER · GALWAY
 CONNEMARA · DRUMCLIFF
 BELLEEK · ENNISKILLEN · OMAGH
 DERRY · ANTRIM COAST · BELFAST
 DOWNPATRICK

August 13 - 28, 2007

Tour Host: Pastor Judi Harris

**Ireland's Charm
 and Heritage**

June 20 - July 5, 2007

Tour Host: Canon Gordon Kinkley

October 2 - 16, 2007

Tour Hosts: Brian & Sharon Wright
 Karl & Helen Kloemper

**Alaska Highway,
 the Klondike &
 Glacier Cruise Explorer**

ALBERTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
 YUKON, ALASKA AND
 A SEVEN-NIGHT VOYAGE
 OF THE GLACIERS CRUISE

May 28 - June 16, 2007

Amazon River Cruise

12 DAY CRUISE WITH PRINCESS
 CRUISES FEATURING:

MANAUS · BOCA DA VALERIA
 SANTAREM · DEVIL'S ISLAND
 PORT OF SPAIN · GRENADA
 ST. VINCENT · DOMINICA
 TORTOLA · SAN JUAN

January 27 - February 9, 2007

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. Dr. Harold & Marilyn Witte

RIVER CRUISES

CHINA'S CULTURAL DELIGHTS

FEATURING A NINE-NIGHT CRUISE
 ON THE YANGTZE RIVER

April 10 - 26, 2007

Tour Hosts: Rev. Les & Winn Files

October 18 - November 3, 2007

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. Karl & Rev. Heidi Sievert
 Rev. Johan Olivier

IMPERIAL JEWELS OF CHINA

FEATURING A FOUR-NIGHT CRUISE
 ON THE YANGTZE RIVER.

October 20 - 31, 2007

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. David & Margaret Gilchrist

EASTERN EUROPEAN ODYSSEY

VIENNA - BLACK SEA - BUDAPEST

April 14 - 29, 2007

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. Dr. Gordon & Esther Oaks

September 29 - October 14, 2007

Tour Host: Betty Hannah

GRAND EUROPEAN

AMSTERDAM TO BUDAPEST

April 28 - May 13, 2007

Tour Hosts: Rev. Bruce & June McIntyre

EUROPEAN ADVENTURE

AMSTERDAM TO VIENNA

April 29 - May 12, 2007

Tour Hosts: Dr. Austin & Jean Fennell

GLORIES OF IMPERIAL RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG TO MOSCOW

May 8 - 19, 2007

Tour Hosts:
 Rev. Murdo & Marie Marple

May 12 - 23, 2007

Tour Host: Rev. Kurt Redschlag

May 29 - June 9, 2007

Tour Hosts: Shirley & Warren Collard

MOSCOW TO ST. PETERSBURG

May 15 - 27, 2007

Tour Hosts: Don & Joanne Rostad
 Mavis & Brown Milne

July 17 - 29, 2007

Tour Hosts:
 Philip Newman & Kim Logan

September 18 - 30, 2007

Ask your Tour Hosts about their next tour!

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