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November 2010

Christmas countdown has now commenced. Everyone here at Rothery's Coaches hope you have had a wonderful year. If we have had the pleasure of your company throughout the year we trust you have enjoyed yourself and we look forward to your company again during 2011. To those who have not yet travelled with us, maybe there is something here that will interest you. Rothery's Coaches pride ourselves in the level of service and quality of coaches we provide. We welcome your input and suggestions, and where possible we will try and accommodate your suggestions. We hope you enjoy the variety of day tours and extended tours we have put together for you during 2011. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new administration team member. Kirt's wife Mrs Nicky Rothery has now joined our family operated business and will be another voice who may answer your call when you phone us. Kirt and Nicky are preparing to head the management team here at Rothery's as Barry and Ros get ready for their big trip around Australia. After establishing this business in 1977, Barry and Ros are now looking forward to taking a break after 34 years at the helm.

*******CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOURS 2010******* **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Wednesday 15th December 2010; Thursday 16th December 2010: Friday 17th December 2010

Depart North Side Plaza and Mobil George Street at 6.45p.m.

\$12.00 per person adults, pensioners & high school students

\$ 6.00 per pre school, prep and primary school students 3yrs & under free

N.B. We will again be conducting a special tour for our passengers living in retirement villages:

Monday 20th December 2010: pickups commencing at 6.45p.m. \$12.00 per person

Wednesday 23rd February 2011:

“ESTATES & CAVES”

It has been two years since we did our last visit around the new estates of Gracemere, Parkhurst and The Caves area. Today will be a great opportunity to see just how these areas are continuing to grow. How long is it since you have visited the Capricorn Caves? Well today is your chance, as we include a tour and lunch at this well known local icon where wonderful hospitality and service is always assured. This tour is wheel chair accessible and is an easy walk. Departing North Side Plaza at 9.00a.m.; Mobil George Street at 9.15a.m. and returning to Rockhampton by approx. 4.00p.m.. **Cost: \$57.50 per person includes morning tea and lunch**

Friday 4th March – Sunday 6th March 2011: REPEAT BY POPULAR REQUEST!!!

“OUTBACK SPECTACULAR – HEROES OF THE LIGHTHORSE” ***BOOK EARLY**

Friday: Travel via Bruce Highway onto our accommodation

Saturday: Morning tea canal cruise

Evening show and dinner

Sunday: Travel home

Cost: \$550.00 per person twin share: \$650.00 per person single supplement/forced single

Thursday 17th March 2011:

“ST PATRICK’S DAY – FOOTLIGHTS”

Last year’s St Patrick’s day was such a success we have decided to do the same thing all over. Not only is today a “great day for the Irish”, your Coach Captain will make sure you all get into the swing of things. Depart North Side Plaza at 10.00a.m. and Mobil George Street at 10.15a.m. we travel north along the Bruce Highway where we detour through Greenlake Road onto Footlights. After some hearty laughs and a good lunch you reboard the coach for a rural trip home. Depart North Side Plaza 9.50a.m. Mobil George Street 10.15a.m. Arrive back in Rockhampton approx. 4.30p.m. **Cost: \$70.00 per person includes show and 3 course roast lunch**

Wednesday 27th April 2011:

“CALLIDE VALLEY EXPLORER”

Join us today as we experience the secrets of this beautiful valley, one of the many gems within the Banana Shire. We visit Greycliffe Homestead where we will hear tales of those bygone days. Greycliffe like many homesteads of the early days was built of slabs and is over a century old. We will view the Spirit of the Land Mural depicting the history of women of the Banana Shire and take a leisurely drive out to the Callide Dam. More sights await us as we continue our day. Depart North Side Plaza at 7.15a.m.; Mobil George Street, 7.30a.m.; Gracemere 7.45a.m.. Back in Rockhampton by approx. 5.30p.m. **Cost: \$83.00 per person includes morning tea and lunch**

May 2011:

“STATE OF ORIGIN 1ST GAME BRISBANE”

At the time of compiling this newsletter, we are in the process of looking into a special tour for this great event. More details will be available in the new year.

Tuesday 31st May 2011:

“COUNTRY EXPERIENCE”

Following on from the success of our past Country Experiences, today we have decided to have a change of scenery. We depart from the Northside Plaza at 7.15a.m. and Mobil George Street at 7.40a.m. with the Lions Park at Marlborough being our morning tea break. After our comfort stop we reboard the coach and continue north to the Apis Creek road where we detour off the old Sarina Road. We pass through many well known properties home to some of the premium beef of our region, and eventually end up at Duaringa where the staff of the Duaringa Hotel will be our hosts for lunch. With our tummies full, we make our way back to Rockhampton arriving home at approx. 4.30p.m. **Cost: \$70.00 per person includes morning tea and lunch**

Tuesday 14th June 2011:

“GLADSTONE COFFEE CRUISE & PORT AUTHORITY”

A pleasant morning cruising the waterways of the Gladstone Harbour awaits us this morning. Morning tea will be served whilst we listen to an informed commentary. Once we disembark from our cruise, we will have lunch to be followed by a guided tour of the Gladstone Port Authority. Depart Northside Plaza 7.30a.m. Mobil George Street 7.50a.m. Gracemere 8.05a.m. Arrival back approx. 5.30p.m. **Cost: \$80.00 per person includes morning tea cruise and lunch**

Wednesday 22nd June – Saturday 2nd July 2011: “10 NIGHTS WESTERN TOUR”

We depart Rockhampton on the Wednesday headed for 3 nights in Longreach, 2 nights Winton, 1 night Cloncurry, 1 night Richmond, 2 nights Charters Towers and 1 night Emerald. Full itineraries will be available shortly. Please contact us to request your itinerary.

**Cost: \$2150.00 per person based on double or twin share
\$2555.00 per person Single Supplement or Forced Single**

Wednesday 27th July 2011:

“CHRISTMAS IN JULY – FERNS HIDEAWAY”

To those who missed out on this last year...book early this year, as some of our passengers have already been telling us they will be going again this year. Departing Northside Plaza at 8.30a.m. and Mobil George Street at 8.45a.m. we make our way to Yeppoon beach front for morning tea before moving into the Byfield forest and the little gem of Ferns Hideaway. Our hosts Genevieve and staff will be on hand to make sure we enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch whilst being entertained by the talented Marto.

Cost: \$79.00 per person includes morning tea and 2 course hot lunch

Wednesday 24th August 2011:

“Isla Gorge & Theodore”

An early start today as we have a full day planned for you. Our morning tea stop will be at Biloela which is well known for their large numbers of cockatoos. After a relaxing stop, we reboard our coach for a leisurely drive to the Isla Gorge National Park, where we will gain a real feel for the area from the lookout. The rock of this gorge can change colour from yellow to orange and pink with the angle of the sun. Lunch at Theodore will be next on our itinerary today, where we hope the local Theodore Lions Club will host a b.b.q. for us. After catching up with some interesting locals, it will soon be time to reboard our coach for our homeward journey via Goovigen and Wowan. Depart Northside Plaza at 7.15a.m.; Mobil George Street at 7.35a.m.; Gracemere at 7.50a.m. Arriving back in Rockhampton approx. 5.30p.m.

Cost: \$88.00 per person Includes Morning Tea and lunch

Wednesday 14th September 2011:

“Stanage Bay” REPEAT !! SOLD OUT in 2010!!

Snuggled on the Queensland Coast 175 kms north east of Rockhampton lies the tranquil little town of Stanage Bay. We will pass by endless cattle properties before reaching our destination this morning. After enjoying morning tea, you may like to take a walk and marvel at what Lieutenant James Cook (later to become a Captain) must have witnessed when he made his second landing in Queensland right here. We hope to have one of the locals join us as we reboard our coach for a little sight seeing before returning to Plumtree for lunch and a chance to catch up on more history and tales of this area. Depart North Side Plaza 6.45a.m. Mobil George Street 7.00a.m. Arrive home approx. 5.00p.m.

Cost: \$80.00 per person Includes Morning Tea and Lunch

Monday 26th September – Friday 30th September 2011:

4 NIGHTS: “HERVEY BAY WHALE WATCH & GYMPIE RATTLER TRAIN TOUR”

We have listened to your requests for a tour such as this. We will base ourselves at the Mantra Hervey Bay. Whale watching and a trip on the Gympie Rattler has been planned. Full itineraries available shortly. Please contact us to request your itinerary.

**Cost: \$ 995.00 per person based on Double or Twin Share
\$1343.00 per person Single Supplement or Forced Single**

Wednesday 26th October 2011:

“Discovery Coast – Agnes Water & Town of 1770”

“Serenity” is the word used most to describe this very special area. The Discovery Coast’s twin villages of Town of 1770 and Agnes Water attract visitors seeking peaceful seclusion surrounded by extreme natural beauty. Nestled between the wilderness of Eurimbula and Deepwater National Parks, state forest and farmland, the Discovery Coast is ours to discover today. We depart Rockhampton, travel south to Miriam Vale for morning tea then onto Agnes Water before moving onto The Tree at 1770 where local hosts will make us welcome for lunch. All too soon it will be time to depart this serenity and make our way home again.

Depart North Side Plaza 7.20a.m.; Mobil George Street, 7.40a.m and Gracemere at 8.00a.m.

Arrive home approx. 5.30p.m. Cost: \$85.00 per person Includes Morning Tea and Lunch

Wednesday 16th November 2011: "Pre Christmas Get together"

After departing the Northside Plaza at 8.00a.m. and the Mobil George Street at 8.15a.m., we proceed along Lakes Creek Road to St Christopher's Chapel in Nerimbera. We are hoping we may be able to entice someone from the Australian/American association to give a short talk on this wonderful local icon. Keppel Sands beach front will be our Christmas themed morning tea venue before heading across to Yeppoon for lunch.

Cost: \$58.00 per person includes morning tea and lunch

Friday 25th November 2011 – Sunday 27th November 2011: "Christmas Markets Tour"

Destinations and full details still to be finalised

Wednesday 14th December to Friday 16th December 2011: "Christmas Lights Tours"

At this stage, we would anticipate again providing coaches for local Christmas Lights Tours.

Cost: \$12.00 per adult, pensioner, highschool student \$6.00 per preschool, prep and primary school student 3 years and under f.o.c. (proof of age for children may be required)

Re parking for day tours and extended tours:

Due to restrictions within our depot yard, we are no longer able to offer car parking in our grounds for our tours. With a growing coach fleet and staff, our yard is now fully utilised for coaches and staff parking. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

A number of our passengers have contacted us re the new parking signs restricting parking to a maximum time of 3 hours at the Northside Plaza. We have been in touch with the North Side Plaza management who have graciously given us permission to continue using the car park for our tours. A condition of this is that you do not use the undercover parking (as this is strictly reserved for customers of Woolworths and the businesses operating within the Northside Plaza) nor restrict access to any of the entrances into the Plaza complex. We sincerely thank the Northside Plaza management for their consideration and ask that where possible you support Woolworths and the businesses located in that shopping centre. Should you be approached by a staff member or parking attendant at the Northside Plaza, all you need to do is politely advise them that Rothery's Coaches has gained permission for parking.

In closing all our staff wish you a wonderful festive season and hope your 2011 is filled with an abundance of love, happiness, good health and safe and happy travels.

Barry, Ros, Kirt, Nicky and all our staff

PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS: DAY TOURS: No booking is confirmed until full payment has been received. All day tours are taken on a first in first served basis. Cancellation charges will apply to cover administrative costs, phone calls, attractions and meals where confirmed numbers have been given to suppliers. To avoid disappointment we recommend you pay for your tour on booking. If you have not paid for your tour within 14 days of booking, your seat will be given to someone else if the tour fills.