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This special issue of Active Retirees is sponsored by Trade Travel, who have assisted many Probus Clubs with their travel arrangements over the years.

Travelling is a rewarding experience that offers many benefits, especially to Probus club members who are often looking to enrich their lives with new experiences.

Engaging in travel can significantly enhance our physical, mental and social well-being, making it an ideal activity for us active retirees.

Firstly, travel promotes physical health. Exploring new places often involves walking, hiking or even cycling, which can help increase overall fitness levels. Staying active while travelling can also enhance flexibility and balance, which are crucial for maintaining independence as we age.

Mentally, travel stimulates our brain by exposing us to new environments, cultures and languages. Learning about different cultures and histories can also provide a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment, keeping our mind sharp and engaged.

Socially, travel offers the opportunity to meet new people and forge meaningful connections. Whether it's bonding with fellow travellers or interacting with locals, this can lead to lifelong friendships and broaden our perspective on life. For Probus club members, travelling in groups can also strengthen existing friendships and create a sense of community and belonging.

Moreover, travel can be a source of inspiration and personal growth. Experiencing different cultures and lifestyles can lead to a greater appreciation for diversity and a deeper understanding of the world. It encourages adaptability and open-mindedness, qualities that are invaluable in today's interconnected world.

In today's digital age, taking a break from screens is essential for mental well-being. Travelling with friends provides the perfect opportunity to unplug and focus on the present moment. Trips away reinforce this by immersing us in a new environment where the main focus is enjoying a new environment and the company of friends.

In conclusion, travel offers a wealth of benefits for Probus club members, enhancing physical and mental health, and social connections. By embracing the joys of travel, members will experience unforgettable and newfound perspectives, making their retirement years truly fulfilling and adventurous.

Whether you are travelling locally or overseas, happy travelling.



Michael Ransom

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Welcome to this special 2026 issue of Active Retirees magazine, showcasing one of our valued Gold Probus Partners, Trade Travel.

For more than two decades, Trade Travel has been helping Probus members create memorable travel experiences while strengthening the friendships that are at the heart of every Probus Club. Their commitment to providing quality group travel opportunities continues to give members the chance to explore new destinations, share adventures, and connect with fellow Probians across Australia and around the world.

Through Trade Travel and our network of trusted Probus Partners, members have access to a range of exclusive benefits and offers designed specifically for the Probus community. Whether travelling with a group of fellow members or embarking on a personal journey, these partnerships help make travel more accessible and enjoyable. I encourage you to visit the Probus South Pacific website to discover the full range of member offers available.

Travel remains one of the most popular activities within Probus, and it is easy to see why. It provides opportunities to learn, explore, and build lasting friendships. As Clubs begin planning outings and tours for the year ahead, I encourage Outings, Activities and Tours Officers to seek input from members and consider a variety of destinations and experiences that reflect the diverse interests within their Club. Sometimes the most successful trips are inspired by ideas members may not have previously considered.

The role of organising Club travel is both rewarding and important. Thank you to the many volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to creating opportunities for members to connect and enjoy new experiences together. Your efforts help make Probus the vibrant community that it is today.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank all Club Management Committee members for their ongoing leadership and commitment. To those who have recently taken on a committee role for the first time, welcome. Your contribution plays an important part in supporting your Club and helping members get the most from their Probus experience. As always, our team is here to assist whenever support is needed.

We love hearing about the adventures, friendships, and memorable moments that result from Probus travel. If your Club has recently enjoyed a trip or special outing, please consider sharing your story and photographs with us for future editions of our publications.

Your experiences help inspire fellow members and showcase the many benefits of staying active, engaged, and connected through Probus. Stories and photographs can be sent to editorial@probussouthpacific.org.

On behalf of everyone at Probus South Pacific, I wish you a wonderful year ahead filled with friendship, discovery, and safe travels.

Warm regards,



Silvana

SILVANA MARTIGNAGO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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A Thank You from Trade Travel

As a proud Gold Sponsor of Probus South Pacific, Trade Travel has had the privilege of helping thousands of Probus members explore Australia and the world over many years. We are incredibly grateful for the trust, support and friendships built along the way, and we thank the many clubs and members who have chosen to travel with us.

Over the years, we've seen firsthand the unique role travel can play in this chapter of life. While destinations are important, it is often the friendships formed, experiences shared and memories created together that travellers remember most. Some of the strongest connections are built while exploring a new destination alongside fellow Probus members, and it is these shared experiences that make travel so rewarding.

Travel itself is evolving. For many Probus members, travel is no longer a once-in-a-lifetime experience or a reward at the end of a working life. Instead, it has become an ongoing source of discovery, connection and enjoyment. It is an opportunity to keep exploring, learning and making the most of this exciting stage of life.

Our role at Trade Travel has always been simple: to take care of the details so our travellers can focus on the experience. Whether travelling across Australia or further afield, we are proud to create journeys that bring people together and allow them to travel with confidence and ease.

"Some of the strongest connections are built while exploring a new destination alongside fellow Probus members"

This year is particularly special as we prepare to welcome guests aboard the Probus 50th Anniversary Cruise—a wonderful celebration of five decades of friendship, fellowship and fun. It is a fitting reminder of the enduring spirit of Probus and the important role travel continues to play in bringing people together.

In this special edition of Active Retirees, you'll discover inspiring stories, remarkable destinations and travel experiences designed to help you make the most of every journey. We hope these pages inspire your next adventure and remind you that there is always more to discover.

Thank you for allowing Trade Travel to be part of your travel story.

Warm regards,

David Sumich

David Sumich
Managing Director, Trade Travel & Team



The Outings, Activities and Tours Officer's Role

Being an Outings, Activities and Tours Officer means being the driving force behind exciting and enjoyable experiences for all Club members. It's a role for people who find joy in organising events, planning tours, and even celebrating birthdays with creativity. While it may sound like a lot of work, it's a role best shared by more than one Officer, allowing the planning and workload to be divided.

An important part of this role is ensuring every planned activity follows the Club's management guidelines and receives approval from the Management Committee. Activities may include meetings, outings, tours, trips, interest groups, and any other events organised by the Club or Association. Members' opinions play an important part in the Management Committee's decision-making, with factors such as member interest, location, cost and risk assessment all considered to help ensure informed and fair decisions.

Every approved activity must be recorded in the Club's meeting minutes for insurance purposes. While it's not necessary to include every detail discussed, the minutes should clearly capture the key information about what has been approved.



Key responsibilities:

1. Come up with exciting outings and activities and present them to the Management Committee for consideration. When preparing the budget, ensure all costs are covered, cancellation fees are considered, and any discounts or *free-of-charge* offers are passed on to benefit participating members. After all, a good saving is always a welcome bonus.
2. Build and maintain good relationships with neighbouring and other Clubs, creating opportunities for joint outings and activities. The more opportunities there are, the better.
3. Put members' safety first by ensuring a risk assessment is completed when planning every activity.
4. Determine whether an event is practical by considering costs, booking arrangements and accessibility, ensuring members feel included and well accommodated.

5. Encourage members to share ideas for outings, tours and other activities. Sometimes the best ideas come from fellow members.

6. Keep accurate attendance records for all approved activities.

7. Provide members with clear instructions before each activity and prepare contingency plans should the unexpected arise.

8. Set payment deadlines, collect contributions with accurate records, and issue receipts for all funds received.

9. Submit all payments to the Treasurer for banking, together with a detailed record of funds received.

10. Keep clear records of all expenses and submit them to the Treasurer with receipts for reimbursement.

11. Consider offers from Probus Partners and MBS Partners, as these often provide valuable discounts for Probus members. From time to time, the Officer may also be invited to participate in familiarisation ("Famils") programs, offering the opportunity to experience destinations firsthand when planning future Club trips. Clubs should establish a clear protocol for managing any *free-of-charge* benefits offered to Officers.

Exploring potential Trips, Tours, and Outings

Although the Outings, Activities and Tours Officer coordinates the Club's activities, the role should not fall to one person alone. Many Clubs benefit from establishing a small support group to assist with planning, research and the coordination of outings and events.

One of the key aims of a Probus Club is to encourage strong member participation. As members have a variety of interests and activity levels, offering a diverse range of outings, tours and activities helps ensure there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Some tips to encourage member feedback:

Member Surveys: A survey is a great way to understand what your Club members are interested in. We suggest using both open and closed ended questions in your survey that will identify members' interests. If members are not participating in any trips, tours or activities, ask them why?

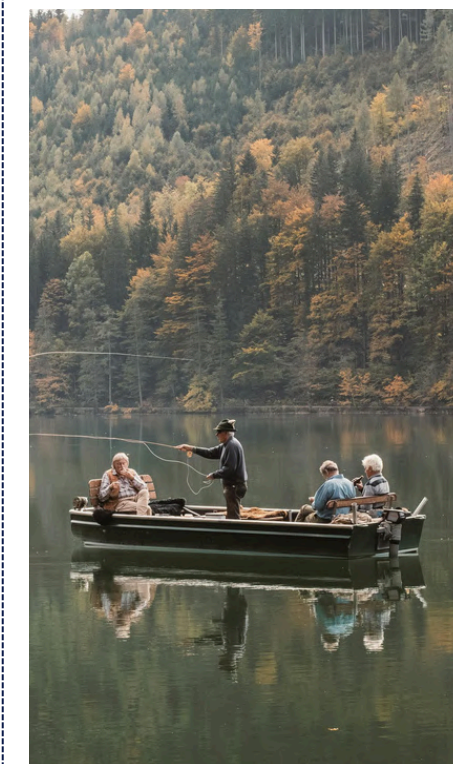
Health Check: The Club Health Check (provided by PSPL) can assist in identifying opportunities and interests. This can be a useful tool when planning outings for your Club.

Brainstorm Meeting: At least twice a year during your Club

meetings, encourage each member to jot down 2-3 activities they are interested in pursuing. If you notice that multiple members have expressed similar interests, think about organising those outings or activities.

Reach out to Neighbouring Clubs

Maintaining communication with other Clubs is essential. If you're organising an event or gathering, consider collaborating with nearby Clubs to plan joint outings. This approach will help you meet the minimum participant requirements (if needed) and will strengthen your connections with other Clubs in your local community.



How to plan a joint event:

- Find contact information for local Probus Clubs by visiting the [PSPL website](#) and selecting Join a Probus Club > [Find a Probus Club](#). If your Club is already meeting in Clusters or District boundaries to discuss membership growth, ask the local Membership Representative to assist with connecting you to nearby Club Tour Officers.
- Schedule meetings for you to discuss any proposed trips, tours or outings to gauge interest. This can be done face-to-face or even virtually via Zoom or hybrid meetings.
- Brainstorm some ideas together on what events may be of interest to members of both Clubs.
- It is recommended each participating Club nominate a person responsible for agreeing on responsibilities and tasks among each Club.
- Ask the trip, tour or activity provider if other Probus Clubs are already booked on a proposed trip or tour and seek to combine your numbers to achieve minimum participation.

Promote your trip, tour or activity with the wider community

Showcasing the variety of trips, tours and activities offered by your Club is an excellent way to generate interest and raise awareness within the community. Regular Club activities should also be listed on your Club's public page on the [PSPL website](#), making it easier for prospective members to see what your Club offers. If your Club is looking to raise awareness among the general public, consider posting activities on local Facebook community pages. Sending submissions to your local newspaper to promote the Club can also provide valuable

exposure. Local newspapers are often happy to include community information free of charge, recognising the important role Probus Clubs play in the community.

Clubs are also encouraged to write to PSPL to be featured either in our publications, website, or Facebook. Send your submissions via email to editorial@probussouthpacific.org to be featured.

Tips for submitting Club News:

- Provide a brief description of 100 to 300 words, preferably in third person, about the event with some highlights of the day.
- For all photos you wish to submit, ensure you have consent from the participants in the photos.

Editorial received will be published across the Probus website, magazine, e-Newsletters and social media pages.



Familiarisation programs

Occasionally, an Officer may receive an invitation from a trip or tour provider to join familiarization programs, commonly referred to as "Famils." This allows the Officer to gain firsthand experience of a destination in preparation for a Club trip. Clubs should set a protocol for free of charge (FOC) benefits offered to Officers.



Setting a payment and refunds policy

Organising a trip, tour or activity can be a very exciting time for your Probus Club. However, there are some key aspects to consider before suggesting the trip, tour, or activity to your Committee. Depending on the type of outing, the Officer will need to pre-plan, do some research and set a policy with respect to payment and refunds, and ensure that Club members are fully aware of these policies.

When planning a trip, tour or activity, the Officer should:

- Discuss cancellation and refund terms with all providers before confirming a booking. If multiple providers are involved, such as transport and accommodation, ensure all terms and conditions are clearly understood.

- Clearly communicate the Club's cancellation and refund policy to members at the time of booking, particularly where minimum participant numbers apply or refunds may not be available.
- Consider requesting a deposit when calling for expressions of interest. This can help confirm genuine participant numbers early and reduce the likelihood of late cancellations
- Encourage members to provide as much notice as possible if they need to cancel, giving the Club the opportunity to offer the place to another member where possible.
- Ensure all participants are aware of the final payment date and any important booking deadlines.

The New Golden Age of Travel

Today's retirees are redefining what travel looks like—choosing connection, curiosity and meaningful experiences over rushing from place to place.

For many Australians, retirement once marked a time to slow down. Today, it is becoming something else entirely—a chance to embrace new experiences, pursue long-held interests and explore the world with a freedom that earlier generations could only dream about.

Travel sits at the heart of that change.

Today's retirees are healthier, more active and more adventurous than any generation before them. Many have spent decades balancing careers, family commitments and responsibilities. Retirement isn't the beginning of travel—it's often the first opportunity to experience it entirely on their own terms.

A Different Kind of Travel

A generation ago, travel was often viewed as a reward for retirement—a long-awaited trip after decades of work. Today, retirement travel looks very different. Rather than a single "trip of a lifetime", many retirees are choosing to travel regularly, returning home with new stories before planning the next adventure.



"Travel is no longer a once-in-a-lifetime experience. For many retirees, it's become part of how they choose to live—exploring more often, travelling more deeply and continuing to discover new places, people and experiences."

Gerard Mcmanus
Director Trade Travel



Travel is often at its most rewarding when experiences are shared with like-minded travellers.

Travel has become less of an event and more of a lifestyle—an ongoing source of discovery, connection and personal enrichment.

Without the constraints of annual leave or tight schedules, travellers can spend more time in the places they visit, explore more deeply and focus on experiences that feel meaningful and memorable.

Travel becomes richer when time is no longer limited.

The Freedom to Travel Well

Perhaps the greatest luxury retirement offers isn't simply the ability to travel—it's the time to travel well.

Without the pressures of annual leave, school holidays or packed itineraries, travellers can slow down and experience destinations more deeply. A longer lunch overlooking a vineyard. An extra day exploring a regional town. Time to sit, observe and connect with a place rather than simply passing through it.

For many retirees, travel is no longer about how much they can fit into a journey. It's about having the freedom to enjoy each experience more fully.

More Than the Destination

Perhaps the biggest shift is that travel is no longer only about where we go. The conversations shared over dinner. The local stories that bring a destination to life. The people we meet along the way. These moments often become just as memorable as the landmarks themselves.

Increasingly, travellers are seeking experiences that feel more personal—journeys that offer comfort, confidence and the opportunity to connect more deeply with a destination, its culture and its people.

A Life Well Travelled

What we hear from travellers time and time again is that travel gives them something to look forward to. It keeps them curious, engaged and connected to the world around them. In many cases, it becomes one of the most rewarding parts of retirement.

Perhaps that's why travel feels different at this stage of life. It's no longer about collecting destinations or ticking boxes. It's about making the most of the freedom retirement provides—following your interests, exploring at your own pace and continuing to discover something new.

For many Australians, this isn't simply a golden age of retirement.

It's a golden age of travel.

Queensland Beyond the Coast

Discovering the hidden heart of the Sunshine State

When people think of Queensland, images of tropical islands, pristine beaches and the Great Barrier Reef often come to mind. Yet beyond the coastline lies another Queensland altogether — one of vast horizons, welcoming communities, remarkable landscapes and stories that have shaped Australia for generations.

Beyond the Familiar

For travellers looking to explore beyond the familiar, western Queensland offers some of the state's most rewarding experiences. Here, the pace slows, the scenery opens up and every town has a story to tell.

One of the region's greatest treasures is the Channel Country, a vast network of ancient waterways stretching across south-west Queensland. Following seasonal rains, these channels spread across the landscape, transforming dry plains into thriving ecosystems that support abundant birdlife, wildlife and some of Australia's most productive grazing country.

From Birdsville and Innamincka to Longreach, the journey reveals stories of resilience, exploration and life shaped by the land.

Communities That Tell a Story

Beyond the scenery lies something equally memorable — the people. Across western Queensland, travellers are welcomed into communities where local stories, traditions and hospitality remain central to everyday life.

Destinations such as Quilpie, Eromanga and Charleville each reveal a different side of the region. From opal country and dinosaur discoveries to historic communities and unforgettable local encounters, the journey is as rewarding as the destination itself.

For many travellers, the appeal of western Queensland lies in its authenticity. There are no crowds, no rush and no need for an itinerary packed with tourist attractions. Instead, there is time to appreciate the landscapes, connect with local communities and experience a side of Australia that remains largely undiscovered.

Sometimes the most memorable Queensland experiences aren't found along the coast. They are waiting beyond the Great Divide, where wide-open spaces, warm hospitality and unforgettable discoveries come together.

Why Western Queensland Captivates Travellers

- ✓ Extraordinary outback landscapes
- ✓ Authentic local experiences
- ✓ Rich history and heritage
- ✓ Friendly country hospitality
- ✓ Comfortable, slower-paced exploration
- ✓ Wellness experiences including artesian baths and hot springs



Cunnamulla's warm hospitality and artesian waters have made it a favourite western Queensland stop.



Discovering Cunnamulla

Positioned on the banks of the Warrego River, Cunnamulla is one of western Queensland's most rewarding discoveries.

Visitors can immerse themselves in outback history, enjoy genuine country hospitality and unwind in naturally heated artesian waters drawn from the Great Artesian Basin.

It's the perfect combination of adventure and relaxation—and just one of the unforgettable experiences featured in our Discover the Outback collection of fully escorted Trade Travel journeys.

Discover the Outback

Channel Country

Travel through Birdsville, Innamincka and Longreach, discovering ancient waterways, vast landscapes and rich heritage.

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Meet Steve & Anne

Probus Club: Carlton-Parkville

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Favourite Trade Travel Tour: Lord Howe Island

Travel Tip: "Don't delay your travel dreams - get out and do it while you are able. You just never know what is ahead.."



For Steve and Anne, travel has always been a way of life. Long before retirement, they had lived in London, travelled extensively through Europe and organised countless journeys of their own. So when Steve retired in 2013 after a 42-year career in journalism, there was little doubt about how they wanted to spend some of their newfound freedom—they wanted to keep exploring.

What they didn't expect was to discover an entirely new way to travel.

After joining Carlton-Parkville Probus Club, the couple signed up for their first Trade Travel journey to King Island. Like many experienced travellers, they had always preferred to organise trips independently. But the experience challenged some of their assumptions about group travel. "The social side was something

I hadn't really appreciated before," Steve says. "You can build closer relationships with people who share similar interests, and that's not something you always get when travelling as a couple."

Over the years, one trip led naturally to another. Steve went on to become the club's Travel Coordinator, helping organise journeys for fellow members to destinations including Western Australia, Broken Hill, Lord Howe Island and Port Douglas.

Along the way, the couple also developed a greater appreciation for the expertise behind a well-planned tour. From experienced travel consultants and local guides to dedicated tour hosts, Steve says having professionals manage

the details allows travellers to focus on the experience itself.

Perhaps most importantly, organised travel has taken them to places they may never have visited on their own.

"We're not campervan people and we're not four-wheel-drive people," Steve says. "Through our trips with Trade Travel, we've been able to see parts of Australia we would never have seen otherwise. Those experiences are priceless."

Today, travel remains an important part of retirement for Steve and Anne. Not because they are trying to tick destinations off a list, but because every journey brings new experiences, new friendships and another reason to keep exploring.



Waterways, Harbours & Islands

Some of Australia's most memorable travel experiences share a common thread: they are shaped by water. Whether it's a winding river, a vast harbour or a rugged island coastline, waterways have long played a vital role in Australia's history, culture and identity.

The Mighty Murray River

Stretching more than 2,500 kilometres through south-eastern Australia, the Murray River is one of the nation's most important waterways. For generations it has sustained communities, supported industries and provided a vital connection between towns and regions.

Cruising aboard the historic Murray Princess offers a relaxed and immersive way to experience the river's beauty. River red gums line the banks, towering limestone cliffs rise from the water and stories of paddle steamers, pioneers and river life unfold along the journey.

Australia by Water

For generations, waterways have provided access to some of Australia's most remarkable destinations.

Today, SeaLink helps bring these places within reach, connecting guests with iconic islands, coastal communities and unforgettable nature-based experiences across the country.

The Coorong

Another of South Australia's great natural treasures is the Coorong. This vast network of lagoons, wetlands and sand dunes is renowned for its birdlife, cultural significance and untouched beauty.

Kangaroo Island

Just a short journey from the South Australian mainland, Kangaroo Island is celebrated for its rugged coastline, pristine beaches and abundant wildlife. Sea lions bask on secluded shores, native bushland stretches across the landscape and dramatic rock formations stand as reminders of nature's power.

The island's relaxed pace and natural beauty continue to make it one of Australia's most rewarding destinations.

Sydney Harbour

On the opposite side of the country, Sydney Harbour delivers a completely different water-based experience. Framed by the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge, it is one of the world's most recognisable waterways.

Whether experiencing the dazzling displays of Vivid Sydney or celebrating Australia Day on the harbour, visitors are treated to a spectacular perspective of Australia's largest city.

Featured Journeys



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LORD HOWE ISLAND ESCAPE

Departs 5 Feb 2027

With its visitor numbers carefully protected, Lord Howe Island remains one of Australia's most extraordinary and sought-after destinations. Spectacular natural beauty, unique wildlife and a relaxed pace of life combine to create a truly unforgettable island experience.



NORFOLK ISLAND FOUNDATION WEEK

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Experience Norfolk Island during Foundation Week, when the island's history, culture and community spirit come alive. Discover historic Kingston, enjoy local traditions and explore one of Australia's most unique destinations on this fully escorted journey.



MURRAY PRINCESS & THE COORONG

Departs 7 Mar 2027

Few journeys capture the essence of South Australia quite like the Murray River and the Coorong. Rich in history, wildlife and spectacular scenery, these iconic waterways offer a deeper connection to the landscapes that have shaped the region for generations.



SYDNEY VIVID FESTIVAL

Departs 3 Jun 2027

Discover Sydney at its most spectacular as Vivid transforms the harbour city into a canvas of light, colour and creativity. From dazzling installations and illuminated landmarks to vibrant night-time experiences, this journey showcases one of Australia's most celebrated festivals.



QLD SOUTHERN OUTBACK TRAIL

Departs 14 Jun 2027

Big skies, wide-open spaces and outback characters define this journey through Queensland's south-west. Rich in history and authentic Australian experiences, it's an opportunity to discover a region few travellers truly know and one they won't soon forget.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA BY RAIL, COACH & CRUISE

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From relaxing river cruising to memorable rail experiences, this journey reveals South Australia at an unhurried pace. Spectacular scenery, regional flavours and stories combine to create a deeper connection with this diverse and captivating state, its people and landscapes.



CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS & SANCTUARY COVE

Departs 15 Sep 2027

Celebrating the best of Queensland in spring, this journey combines the sophistication of Sanctuary Cove with the colour and charm of Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers. Gardens, scenic landscapes and community spirit create an unforgettable escape.



Curated Asia



Travel More Deeply

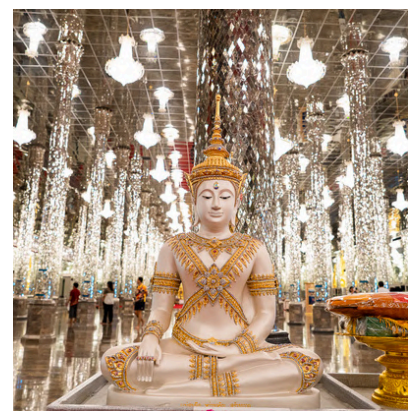
Created for travellers seeking a more immersive experience, the Curated Asia Collection combines smaller groups with thoughtfully curated itineraries designed to foster deeper cultural connections and more meaningful travel experiences.

Spanning some of Asia's most captivating destinations, the collection includes everything from the timeless traditions of Japan and the vibrant energy of Vietnam to the rich heritage of Sri Lanka, the flavours of Thailand and the fascinating contrasts of China. Each journey has been designed to showcase not only the iconic highlights, but also the local experiences, cultural encounters and hidden discoveries that make travel truly memorable.

Combining authentic cultural experiences with the comfort and reassurance Trade Travel is known for, the Curated Asia Collection invites travellers to explore Asia at a more considered pace — with more opportunities to connect, discover and engage with the places they visit.

The Curated Asia Difference

- Smaller groups.
- More connection.
- Deeper experiences.



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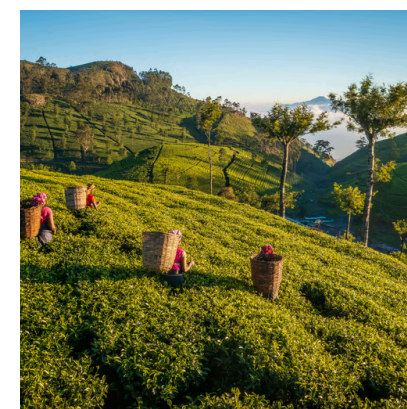
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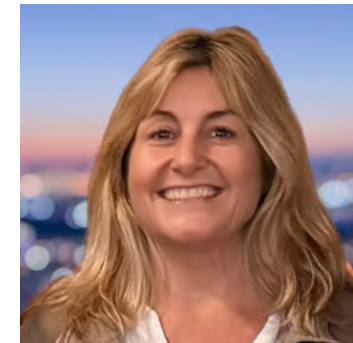
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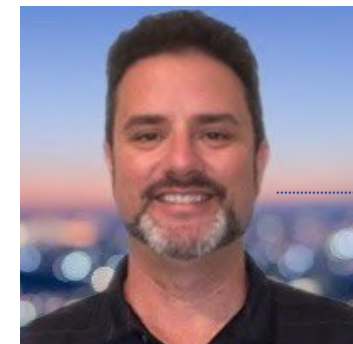
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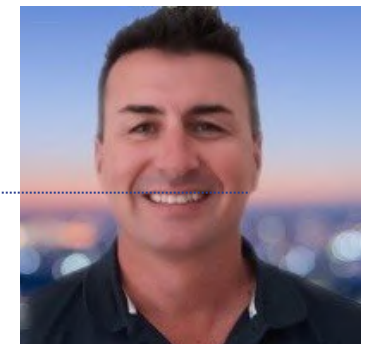
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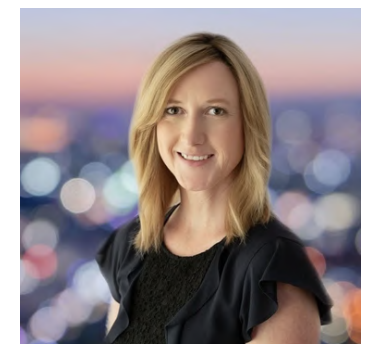
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