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Intrepid Travel news for Platinum Play



NEW release: 2011 Australia & New Zealand brochure available from 01 September...

With exciting new trips, more departures and great experiences, the 2011 Oz and NZ range of trips will cater for everyone. Whether you are wanting a short break or an extended touring option, either camping or for those seeking a softer option - comfort trips, see our full selection from 2-5 days or 8-22 days and more...

Get set for some great launch deals and the chance to WIN a trip from **01 September 10**.

Head to www.intrepidtravel.com/platinumplay or call us **1300 364 512** to get your copy first.

NEW Urban Adventure London...

East End Uncovered - half day. Once devastated by the bombs of WWII, London's East End has developed into a vibrant multicultural area at the cutting-edge of cool. Keep an eye out for the work of elusive graffiti artist Banksy as this tour gets you off the tourist trail. Admire the work of young British artists in Hoxton Square's galleries, tuck into pie and mash in a traditional East End caff', browse the stalls at chic Spitalfields and funky Brick Lane and have a good cuppa on a converted London bus. See where Jamie Oliver set up his "social" restaurant, and stroll along tranquil Regent's canal. See the studios where Hitchcock started his career, and enjoy one of East London's best parks. **From just \$44** per person, head online for details...



Trip of the month....Nepal Family Adventure



Temples, jungle, wildlife and timeless mountain views combine to create this fantastic **11 day family journey** through the mountain kingdom of Nepal. Experience beautifully preserved palaces, traditional Nepali life and wonderfully friendly locals. Visit an elephant breeding centre, camp beneath the stars and fly kites in the Himalayan breeze.

Explore the back streets of Kathmandu, take a safari in Chitwan National Park, mingle with locals in quaint Bandipur and spend time relaxing in laid-back lake-side Pokhara. Head to the hills for an overnight trek and camp out in the mighty Himalaya - From the buzz of Kathmandu to a Chitwan canoe ride and a mountain trek - this is the perfect holiday for the more active family holiday. **Normally from \$1600 per person, pay just \$1440, see online for full details...**

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Good news...Are you heading to Europe before 31 Dec?

If so get in and book an Urban Adventure and you can take a partner or friend for **FREE!**

The 2-for-1 deal is available in any of these cities:

- Amsterdam
- Athens
- Thessaloniki
- Barcelona
- Rome
- Florence
- Budapest
- St Petersburg
- Tallinn
- Istanbul

An **Urban Adventure** is a half day or full day city tour that gets you under the skin of the city you are exploring, so you will know it like a local. Let our expert local guides show you the back streets and more...

The 2-for-1 offer is for bookings 01-30 September 2010, for travel completed by 31 Dec 2010.

To book head to www.urbanadventures.com and quote **promo code: EUROPE10**

Destination...Central America

Enjoy a Central American adventure through **Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica**. Dance to a mariachi beat in Mexico City, chill out by the sparkling Caribbean and try traditional Mezcal in Oaxaca. Travel to the White City of Merida, swim within the walls of Tulum's beachside ruins (pictured), eat tamales in Antigua and learn some lingo during a San Jorge La Laguna homestay. Bag a bargain at Chichicastenago's vibrant markets and discover the bizarre landscapes of Ometepe Island. From the chaos of Mexico's capital to the heady heights of San Jose, get acquainted with the local cultures, friendly local, spectacular landscapes and discover why Central America is an adventurer's delight. Head online for more details...



24 hours in...Hanoi

3am! - **Long Bien market**, maybe too early for some, but it is a sense sensation. **6am** - **Hoan Kiem lake** join locals for morning exercise. **7am** - **Pho for breakfast** at a local street side café, Pho is the famous Vietnamese noodle dish or maybe just a cup of green tea and a chat to the locals. **8.30am** - Queue up with the locals to visit Uncle Ho, the father of the country followed by a wander through the presidential grounds to visit Ho Chi Minh's simple home. **10.30am** - **Temple of Literature** is a short walk along mahogany tree lined streets; the first University of Vietnam. **12.30pm** - **Lunch at KOTO** 'Know One Teach One' is perfect for lunch, KOTO trains street kids in hospitality skills for future work. **2pm** - **visit the Ethnology Museum** learn about the 54 Ethnic groups in Vietnam. **3.30pm** - **Cyclo tour** around the old quarter of Hanoi feel, together with a bit of shopping in Hang Gai for paintings and Vietnamese silks. **6pm** - **Water Puppet show**, the famous art dated back to the 10th century. **8pm** - **Dinner in the Old Quarter**, try the famous *cha ca* (grilled fish with turmeric and dill, served with cold noodles and peanuts) at the less touristy Cha Ca Thanh Long restaurant. **10pm** - **Club 51** in the French Quarter, for live music and some of Vietnam's best cabaret singers.

The Last Word... The Intrepid Foundation charity

The foundation aims to improve the quality of life of Intrepid's destination communities worldwide and supports 10 NGO Partners and over 30 projects in health care, education, human rights, child welfare and in environmental and wildlife protection. Intrepid matches traveller donations, dollar for dollar (up to max. \$5000 per person) and funds all administration costs so that 100% of public donations reach the nominated project. Since its inception in 2002, Intrepid, friends and travellers have distributed AU\$1.8 million to community organisations and their projects. For further details visit www.theintrepidfoundation.org

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About Intrepid Travel

With 21 years of experience, Intrepid Travel is one of the world's leading small group adventure tour operators. Intrepid trips are designed to go off the beaten track, meet the locals and travel in an unconventional way, joining locals on their transport, in their markets and even in their homes. Join us for fun, affordable and sustainable travel experiences.

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