

Tours Report 2009

My report will be brief, Peter will give you a report on the Beijing to Berlin Tour and you all have already had a full itinerary for the tour in October to Tasmania.

I have been in touch with Apex 40 there and it looks like we may be home hosted in Devonport as well as met and shown around in Launceston when we arrive.

There are 12 of us going so will use mini bus or van with a trailer and self drive.

The more I look into Tasmania the more interesting it becomes.

The next tour I have been organising is the Apex 40 Rort Tour in 2011 before and after our AGM in Nelson. This will be a 6 or 16 day tour of the South Island, 6 days for the ones who have to get back and right round for the rest. I have told them to bring plenty of warm cloths and come and enjoy a winter holiday for a change.

There could well be 80 people coming on this.

Now for next year, 2010 it has been suggested that we take a trip around the North and/or South Island, meeting up with the 41er's living in each area who hopefully will give us a look at their patch and show us all the best bits. It's easy to live here in New Zealand but how many of you have explored your respective other Island let alone the one you live in?

Because of the recession I have also been looking into other trips closer to home and one I have thought about is a winter trip to North of Perth visiting places like "The Tom Price, Pilbara, Bay of Sharks, Exmouth, Port Headland and making our way up to Broome and Darwin".

Would have some long distances to travel but why should the Aussie Baby Boomers have it all to themselves.

I also have another tour in mind back to Europe but that will have to wait till people are feeling a little more flush and or win Lotto, this would entail a short tour in Scandinavia/Northern Europe then catching a cruise ship as it relocates down to the Mediterranean for the winter. Every port they call at on the way has a 41 Club and for 10 days you wouldn't have to pack your bags!!

Once down in Med we could then have a bus tour of Northern Italy, Southern France, Spain and Portugal.

Only thoughts at the moment.

Of course I am looking forward to hearing where you would like to go.

I guess I had better say that I will offer myself once again for the position of Tour Leader should you want me and hope to have many of you travel with me in the future.

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