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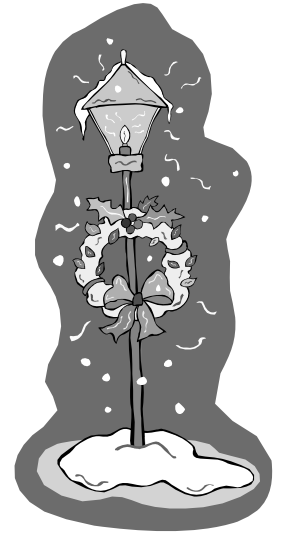
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# **GOLF TOUR NEWS**

## **ALUMNI ISSUE**

### **SINCE 1977**

We are entering our 31<sup>st</sup> year of operation which makes us one of the most established golf tour companies in the United States, and for that matter the world. We started operating golf tours long before it became popular and have taken thousands of clients on trips around the world and sent them to destinations such as Hawaii where independent travel is the norm. It is our mission to provide excellent service and value and to give you long lasting memories.



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*Be sure to give us your current e-mail address if we don't have it so that we can keep you posted on what we offer and on any special programs offered during the course of the year. Many of you have changed e-mail addresses and we may not have your current one. It is a lot faster and more efficient to send out e-mails than publish a newsletter!*



## **SINGAPORE-BALI-BINTAN ISLAND**

We have a deluxe escorted tour scheduled for departure

on April 18 returning on May 3 that will take you to Singapore for a 2-night stay at the Regent Hotel (a Four Seasons hotel) in Club rooms. This is a beautiful city to visit and you'll have an opportunity to catch up with the time change which is 15 hours from the West Coast. From Singapore we'll go to Bali and stay for 7 nights at the Ritz Carlton Hotel and Spa also in Club rooms. What makes Bali a great place to visit is the people, the food, the environment and the hotels which are superb. During the week here golfers get to play four times on different courses and non-golfers will be taken on

special tours. After the week on Bali we'll fly back to Singapore and take a ferry to Bintan Island for a 4 night stay at the Banyan Tree Resort. This resort is made up of 65 villas that are fabulous with great views. You'll play two very nice courses and have the option for a third round on another course. After the stay on Bintan you'll proceed back to Singapore for your flight back to the US. We have group space booked on Singapore Airlines, the best airline in the world, in both Economy and Business Class, using the non-stop service from Los Angeles. This tour has a limited number of spaces available. If you are interested in more details please let us know so that we can send you the information.

**Be sure to check out our website at:  
<http://www.golfgetaways.com>**

## ARGENTINA

With the dollar taking a pounding against the Euro and the Pound, one place where it is doing very well is in Argentina. For many of you Argentina is an unfamiliar destination but more and more Americans are traveling there because not only is it a great buy, but it also has a lot to offer to tourists. Buenos Aires is a fabulous city with fine hotels, restaurants and great shopping. Leather goods such as shoes, jackets and coats are much less expensive than in the US and of very good quality. For golfers there are a number of golf courses available for play and you can play a different course every day. All of them are private but we have access and the green fees are quite reasonable. All of them have caddies since you have to be able to walk them. A very small number have golf carts – 2 that we are aware of.

Other destinations in Argentina are Bariloche in Patagonia. This is Argentina's Switzerland and very popular during the Winter for skiers. Absolutely gorgeous setting on the lakes surrounded by snow capped mountains through the Spring. This area features two courses that have spectacular views and will be quite memorable. Again, you have to be prepared to walk and carry your bag or pull a cart. Only Llao Llao has golf carts and then just a handful. Staying at the Llao Llao Hotel is very nice but you are 26km from the town and the restaurants and shops the town has to offer. Don Molina is our favorite with great steaks and fish and a fabulous wine list. Shopping is also quite good in town with many interesting shops that feature woolens and leather. A good time to be there is in the Spring when lots of the leather goods and winter clothes go on sale – yes even Argentinian stores have sales! There are a number of other small hotels that we like to use which are either on the lake or have a great view and

significantly less expensive than Llao Llao. There is another new development in San Martin de los Andes with a new Jack Nicklaus course, but it takes 3 hours on bumpy roads to get there from Bariloche. You can stay there in a new hotel for a night or two before heading back to Bariloche or flying to Buenos Aires.

Mar del Plata, Argentina's beach city, has some good golf course but not much else to do so it becomes a question of do you visit it or not as it is a 5 hour ride on a bus with seats much more comfortable than airline seats!

Mendoza is a good place to visit if you like wine. This is the center of Argentina's wine production and you can go to Santiago, Chile from there as well, either by surface across the Andes or by air. We can arrange winery tours for you and golf at the Country Club which is the only 18 hole course in the city. There is another 9-hole course that has been there a long time and is fun to play once.

As part of a future visit to this country we will visit Cordoba which has a number of courses and all the good Argentinian players on the PGA Tour and European Tour seem to come from there. Not having seen them we can't report on them at this time.

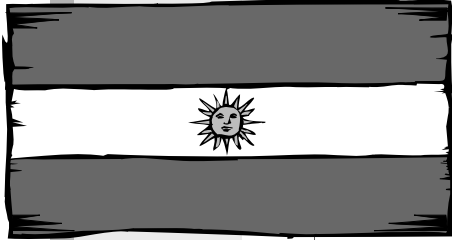
A must for any visitor to Argentina is a visit to Iguazu Falls, the second largest waterfalls in the world. A spectacular site and worth a two night stay. While in Argentina one should also consider a visit to the Four Seasons Carmelo in Uruguay and just a short ferry ride from Buenos Aires. This is a fabulous resort with a very nice golf course and priced very well like hotels in Argentina.

If you are interested in a visit to this wonderful country, be sure to let us know and we can make all the arrangements for you, from flights to hotels, tee times, tours, etc. You will be in



## ARGENTINA, CONTINUED

good hands there and will have no issues with communication even if your Spanish is not so good or even non-existent. It will be better when you return home! If you have a group and would like an escorted tour over your own dates, that can be arranged. One of our staff members who has been there before will travel with you.



## 2008 WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

This is an annual event that takes place in various parts of Malaysia and a team consists of four players. The format is a team event, and what makes this a fun event to participate is that the top two teams from each venue compete in the Grand Final to which your airfare and hotels are paid for by Tourism Malaysia. In other words, you get to go twice for the price of one trip if you qualify. Check out the details on our website and let us know if you have any questions as we have participated numerous times in the past and will likely go again in 2008.

## OTHER DESTINATIONS

### PORTUGAL

As far as European golf destinations go, Portugal is a gem. It is also the best buy in Europe at this time. We can make arrangements for you to visit all the areas in the country and set up a very nice itinerary for you with golf on the best courses available.

We have taken groups there recently so we know the country quite well and thus are able to set up a good itinerary for you.

The major areas for golf are the Algarve in Southern Portugal, and the Lisbon area but you will also find very good courses north of Lisbon. Porto is a must for any tourist because of the Douro River and the port wines made there. If you love golf, good food and wine, you'll love Portugal!

### CHINA

We will be offering a tour to Kunming and LiJiang in the Fall of 2008. Details will be available before the end of this year. The tour will primarily consist of a 7-day tour with 5 days

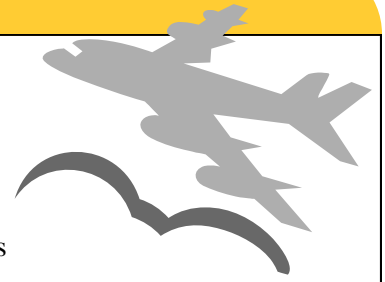
in Kunming and 2 days in LiJiang which is located at the base of the Himalayas – 9000 feet elevation. Both Kunming and LiJiang have very nice golf courses and always in fabulous conditions. To get to Kunming we will more than likely go via Beijing with a few days there as well but we might go via Bangkok as we have in the past.

### HAWAII

Hawaii is still our #1 destination and we offer programs on all islands with or without golf. Our packages include golf and we can always add more rounds if you so desire. In other words, we'll prepare a customized program for you that will give you what you want. The only requirement is that you give us that information when we start working on your travel plans. We will save you lots of time and effort by handling all aspects of the trip, and probably some money as well as we have access to great airfares and very good rates on the islands for rooms and golf.



## NON-GOLF TRIPS



Even though we offer all kinds of golf packages to destinations around the globe, we can also take care of your travel needs when golf is not involved. We have wonderful cruise values that we offer throughout the year on various cruise lines which we send out via e-mail, and you can always check our website for sailings and rates on all cruise lines. We also have worldwide tours offered by many of our travel partners that include Africa, Europe, Tahiti, Australia and New Zealand, China, and so on. No matter the destination we have travel partners that will make sure your vacation in their country is what you expect and more. Our travel partners can help with little and big things to make sure that your desires are met and expectations exceeded. In short, we want you to think of us as your one-stop center for all your travel needs and plans.

## GOLF IN OREGON



As you know, we are based in Bend, Oregon and we have lots of fine courses in our area which is quite popular with tourists. Not only can we make lodging and tee time reservations for you but we can also make arrangements for you at Bandon Dunes on the Oregon coast. If you give us your plans we'll make them happen, not only for golf in Oregon but Pebble Beach and other destinations as well around the US.

*We are looking forward to working with you again in the future!*

### *Your Friends . . .*

*Be sure to let your friends know about us and if you would like to have us add them to our mailing list, send us their name, address, phone number and e-mail address. We appreciate all referrals! Our experience in making quality arrangements comes from many years of traveling around the world and visiting as many destinations as possible thus allowing us to share this experience with our clients.*



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