



Inti-News July 2015

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Please pass it on to anyone you think may be interested. Please contact us for any further information you may require.

2016, Last Chance to join a Fully Escorted Tour with Intitour

We have decided to ease ourselves out of the fully escorted tour business. Intitour will offer an East West tour in August/September, a cycle tour in late October/November and a final Patagonia tour in November/December 2016.

After 2016 we will continue to arrange independent tours and if a group of people approach us to lead a private tour we would certainly like to do that. In 2017 we do have scheduled a special family and friend's tour in September. So, if you've been thinking about joining a group now's the time to sign up. We have a few people already signed up for the East West tour and the Cycle tour for 2016.

Packed ready to go!

Our East/West 2015 tour with departure on the 14th August is about to leave. If you would like to follow our antics, the link to our blog is: <http://www.travelpod.com/travel-blog/wendy.batey/6/tpod.html>

Patagonia 2016. Trekking or a soft option tour? The Choice is YOURS.

Patagonia's beautiful scenery is accessible to everyone, it is simply a matter of arranging the appropriate itinerary. Our recommended time to travel is November/December to take advantage of low season airfares, whale watching, penguins hatching and springtime wildflowers. Maybe you and your partner have different fitness levels. We can offer both tough walks and gentle strolls from the same location to keep everyone happy and interested.

The itinerary currently on our website is a suggestion and includes various options. What we would like to do is talk to everyone one who is interested in a Patagonia trip for 2016, ascertain their interests and fitness levels then make an appropriate itinerary. Please send us an email to express interest in the trip. info@intitour.com

Interested in a cycling tour?

Would you like to cycle the fabulous Lakes District of Chile in late 2016? Please let us know if you are interested. The views are stunning and the roads are sealed, quiet and undulating. Extra steep add on sections will be available for those who are interested.

LA Air Passes for South America only available through Wholesale Tour Operators... like Intitour !!!

If you are planning a trip to South America and want to do lots of one way flights, LA airpasses are excellent value, BUT they are only available to people travelling to South America with an LA ticket and are only sold by wholesale tour operators. In this day and age it is interesting that a product like this is not available on the internet!!

New Border Protection Guide

You have probably heard in the media that Immigration and Customs have merged and is now called "Border Force". Here is a link to their comprehensive website which includes information about what you can and can't bring back to Australia: <http://www.border.gov.au>

Please note also the information about the Tourist Refund Scheme. <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Ente/Tour/Are-you-a-traveller> If you purchase goods worth \$300 or more from one business within 60 days of departure, you may be able to claim the GST back on your purchase but please check the rules carefully.

Intitour is off to Volunteer in Nepal

A Nepalese lecturer at the University of Southern Queensland is organizing a group of volunteers to do a medical and education project in the valley outside Kathmandu that was devastated by the earthquake. We have signed up for two weeks in the second half of November. We're looking for house sitters, so please let us know if you are interested.

Chalhuanca. More Advances!

The auditorium is progressing well thanks to all the wonderful donations and fundraising done by Intitour travellers, Geelong Grammar girls, the Milawa Oxley Rotary Club and Friends of Chalhuanca Inc. Windows, doors and an insulated ceiling are in and the electrical and plumbing work is being done. Parents and other community members are providing almost all the necessary labour. Here are some photos of the progress. The rock work for the stage has just started but the tiered seating is almost finished.



Above: Stage construction on the left and on the right, snow falling... the roof and windows keeping it out of the auditorium.

Below: On the left, Ceiling and lighting complete. On the right, the tiered seating almost complete.



More clothing on its way.

Thanks to the generosity of Robyn Jones, the Oxley Milawa Rotary Club and local Wangaratta op shops, the next tour group will be carrying about 100kg of warm clothes to donate to the school community.

2 Chalhuanca residents to visit Australia.

Ramon Cayllahua and Veronica Caceres are visiting Australia in January/February 2016. Gary and Sue Scholz and Robyn Jones from Wangaratta have provided the airfares and Angela Watson and various members of Friends of Chalhuanca are going to provide transport, accommodation and entertainment while they are here. Rick and Wendy are going to drive them from Bairnsdale to Sydney at the end of their stay, so they will fly out of Sydney. Ramon and Veronica are both teachers at Chalhuanca and are the parents of Manuel who visited in 2009. If you would like to be included in activities that are being arranged for them please contact us: info@intitour.com or 0448273359.