



The mantra is increasingly “When are we going to be able to travel?”. It has been great to see in the last week a reawakening of the desire to travel. We have had a number of people booking to travel intrastate – to head north for the school holidays by car and by flight. There are some great deals that we Queenslanders can take advantage of (given no one else can travel here at present!).

Imagine flights from Brisbane to Cairns return, 5 days car hire and 5 nights in the lovely Paradise Links resort in Port Douglas. All from \$725 per person twin share. Or fly from Brisbane straight into the heart of the Whitsundays, take the luxury launch from Hamilton to Hayman Island and stay for 5 nights in the wonderful Intercontinental Hayman Island including full breakfast daily and non- motorised water sports – all from \$1754 per person twin share.

It won't be long, and we will be able to travel interstate as the border restrictions are relaxed. Really popular are the iconic train journeys on offer in Australia. Explore Queensland on the Spirit of the Outback to Longreach or head north on the Spirit of Queensland; there are independent packages using the trains and combining them with hotels and car hire or why not join a small group and explore further afield. If you are a Queensland pensioner then you are offered some great deals to travel around our state by train.

Explore our wonderful country on The Indian Pacific between Perth and Sydney, The Ghan between Adelaide and Darwin, or the Great Southern from Brisbane to Adelaide. These world renowned train journeys include everything on board – all meals and beverages as well as excursions as you stop enroute to explore this vast land that you are travelling through. I will never forget the feeling as I travelled from Adelaide north to the Alice – it really dawned on me how expansive this country is and the stars the lit the night sky were amazing. I can really recommend these journeys. There are some special offers available for advance purchase bookings, so if you are thinking about it don't wait too long because they limit the number of compartments they sell on special.

Also popular and explorations by small group through the Kimberley or across the top end from Cairns to Darwin. The Wildflower season in WA is coming up in late July and August – just spectacular. Springtime in the Southern States is always beautiful – with small towns and villages to explore throughout Tasmania, Victoria and NSW. Or perhaps a culinary adventure to South Australia – don't tell the Victorians but I think the Central markets in Adelaide give Queen Victoria markets a run for their money!

It is interesting to see how many people are rising to the call to explore our own country. We have had a number of clients who have travelled all over the world now opting to journey through their own country. If you are thinking of heading off later this year or next I think it would be wise to make a booking sooner rather than later – there is a lot of pent up demand for travel and I can feel the momentum building from all of those adventurers who were to travel earlier this year and all those with plans in the future.