

# Mid-Year Newsletter

## from YOU Travel Hamilton

Welcome to the second edition of our quarterly newsletter. We trust this newsletter finds you well and you're managing to keep warm and dry during these terrible winter months!

Many of our clients during the months of June, July and August have either taken off on the big bird, or returning home from their adventures. These months are perfect for escaping the New Zealand winter and jetting off to the other side of the world. Our most popular destinations during our winter season are Canada/Alaska, North America, UK/Europe and of course a bit closer to home – the Pacific Islands.

### Travel Insurance

We cannot stress enough the importance of taking out travel insurance prior to travelling – we recommend purchasing insurance as soon as you book and pay any portion of your trip. Your travel insurance will then be there to cover those unexpected hiccups that could occur right down to the car breaking down on your way to the airport. Our capable staff can advise you on the best insurance for you and the destination you are travelling to, assist you with any questions on pre-existing medical conditions, and will get you sorted so you can have that peace of mind.

The insurance we offer is underwritten by Allianz – the worlds biggest travel insurance company. If you take out a policy with us we will also be there to assist you should a claim be necessary. Don't forget to take insurance even if you are only cruising around New Zealand – your cruise will still be in international waters so unless you have travel insurance you will not be covered should anything happen!!

### Qcard

Do you want to take advantage of a holiday deal? Or a great airfare special? Here at YOU Travel Hamilton we can help you reach your travel goals by offering Qcard finance. We can currently offer 15 months no interest, no payments on purchases \$499 and over.

Not a Qcard member? We can sign you up in store!!

### Early Bird

Keep an eye out over the next couple of months – many of the major airlines will start announcing their early bird fares – pick up a great deal to The World for travel in 2018.

Brochures for 2018 are arriving in store from now!

### Staff Trip

In this edition, we are also catching up with our lovely Connie who has recently returned from 5 weeks soaking up the sights and sounds of Europe – here are a few of the highlights from her trip – enjoy!

“When ever I go to see my family and friends back in Germany I also do a bit of travelling before and after- this year I visited London, Brussels and Budapest with a bit of “outback Germany” sandwiched in between.



Although there were many highlights and I could tell amazing stories for hours... there are these certain moments edged in your memories for ever: London – yes, you have to see all the famous landmarks, see the markets, go and enjoy a show.

Shopping is important too; so I went to Fortnum and Mason (the grocery

shop to the monarchy) as I love food... and fell in love with a porcelain pot full of Stilton cheese. Well, the cheese is long gone and the pot lives now in my kitchen in its new profession as a salt pot.

Brussels is famous for its beer and chocolate. So I had all that of course. Really cute was the Cartoon museum with all your characters like Tintin, Asterix and Obelix and of course: The Smurfs!!



Rothenburg in the middle of Germany is THE medieval town; the historic centre is still exactly the same as it was 400 years ago, just beautiful. Only the merchandise has changed... Cuckoo Clock anyone?



Budapest was this year's last stop and I will go back again. The city is just magical – full of history, sights and landmarks; you can soak up the atmosphere in one of the countless cafes or restaurants, jump on a day cruise in the blue Danube... my favourite thing is the big market hall –fresh produce, salamis and paprika galore, local cuisine and hand crafted souvenirs.

Honestly, wherever your journey takes you in Europe – every country, every city and even every village has something to offer for everybody. So go, be astounded and amazed!!!”

