

GAY ABANDON: QUEER ADVENTURE BREAKS

Bored of bar and beach? Go wild - with ADRIAN GILLAN - on a gay climb, ride, trek, hunt or dive!

CAYMAN ISLANDS DIVE

18th – 25th March 2006

From approx £1140 per person sharing

UNDERSEA Expeditions (www.underseax.com) specialise in queer dive trips worldwide. The Cayman Islands are known throughout the world for their clear waters and healthy reefs. The three islands of the chain - Grand Cayman, Little Cayman and Cayman Brac - offer some of the Caribbean's finest diving. Like an intimate gay cruise on a private diving yacht, a 'live-aboard' vacation means no worrying about transfers between islands, accommodation, bar tabs, meals or diving - it's all included! The package features: 7 nights in air-conditioned double occupancy cabins with private bath; all meals and snacks, except Friday evening dinner out on the town in Grand Cayman; all alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages; 5 dives a day, conditions permitting; airport transfers on March 18 and 25; tanks, weights and weight belt. Not included: airfare, dive gear rental, fuel surcharges, Nitrox, and tips.

GENGHIS KHAN'S MONGOLIA

2nd – 14th July 2006

Approx £2170 per person sharing

HERMES' (www.hermestours.com) 12-day tour will introduce you to the fascinating world of the Mongols. Their empire may have shrunk



somewhat since Genghis Khan and his hordes overran most of Asia, but when you're in Mongolia - from steppe to desert - the wild, stark landscape still seems almost infinite. Visit the ancient city of Kharakorum and participate in the yearly Naadam Festival, with its 'Three Manly Sports' - archery, horseracing and wrestling! Package includes: English-speaking guide; internal airfare from Ulaanbaatar to Gobi Desert; hotel and airport transfers; centrally located hotel in Ulaanbaatar; 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 8 dinners, including a Welcome & Farewell Dinner; party in Ulaanbaatar with local gays and lesbians; Gobi Desert tour; horseback riding; the Naadam festival; and exploration of Kharakorum. Not included: airfare to/from Ulaanbaatar.

SIX-MAN SCHOONER

All year round

Price negotiable

LUXURY African holiday company, Okavango Tours & Safaris (020 8343 3283, www.okavango.com), is offering sailing holidays along the East African coast aboard a lavishly-restored 95 year old schooner, The Midsommer. The ship accommodates a maximum of six people and its six friendly and highly experienced crew make it ideal for couples or groups. The en-suite cabins are luxurious, the food delicious and the sites visited - including a variety of out of the way coves and lagoons and fascinating ancient trading ports - are places not ordinarily accessible to tourists. Scuba dive amongst sunken galleons in clear 20m visibility waters and hunt for big game fish, including hard-fighting black marlin, sailfish and swordfish.

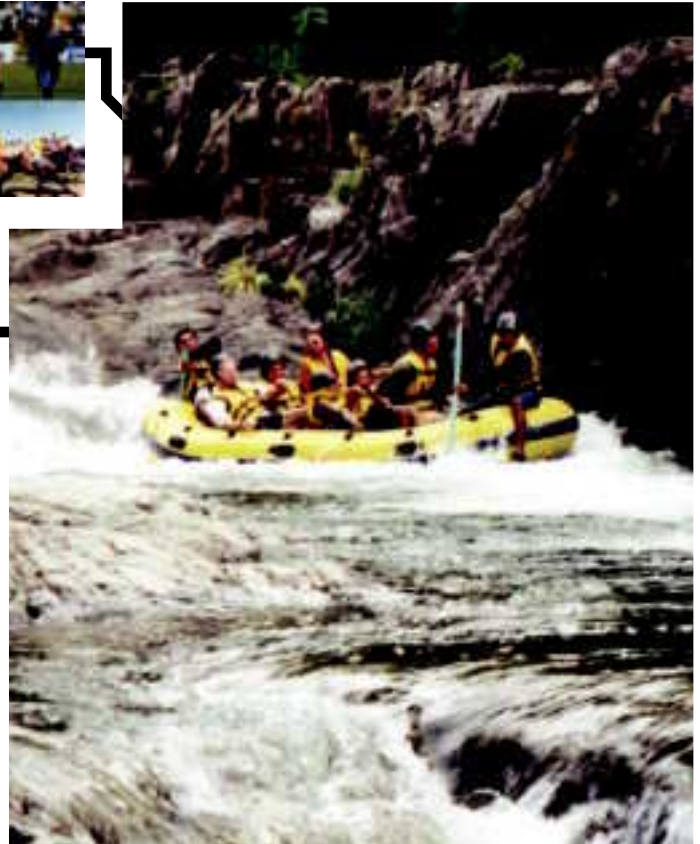


THAILAND TREKS

All year round

From £1600 per person sharing

SE Asia adventure travel specialist Gecko Travel (www.geckotravel.com) offers small group tours (maximum nine) throughout Thailand where queers can opt to travel in a mixed group - or create their own tailor-made holidays with friends and family in the 'land of smiles'. Gecko's gay and eco-friendly itineraries feature the less well-known parts of Thailand such as the remote town of Nan near the Lao border, a perfect destination for hill trekking; beach stays on the little known island of Bang Saphan; and Chumporn Province, where travellers can bamboo or white water raft down the Pha To River. Try, for instance, a 21 day Northern Mountains and Southern Beaches tour which incorporates a dramatic cycle tour through the ancient city of Sukhothai with its sandstone temples, towering Buddha statues and Lotus ponds; a three day jungle hike, including a homestay with the H'mong; a white water descent of the Wa River; a boat trip through the Thale Noi Bird Sanctuary; elephant riding; a beach stay on Koh Thalun; and even a half day cookery lesson, complete with a guided tour of the local markets. Packages include flights, all accommodation (no single supplement), meals, activities and entrances, the tour leader, local guides and transport.



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SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI**From approximately £1860 per person sharing**

SOUTH Africa offers vast tracts of protected wilderness where wildlife runs free; waterfalls that tumble off towering cliffs; and scenery that will leave you gasping. On OutWest's 8-day tour of South Africa you'll see the 'Big Five' in Kruger National Park; river raft



through the Sabie River Valley; then explore the 'Mother City', Cape Town, on the southern tip of this mighty continent, where two oceans collide. Package includes: 7 nights accom-

modation; ground transportation; most meals; entrance fees to all national parks and game reserves; tour guide; river rafting; quad biking (ATV's); hiking etc. Not included: airfare (out to Johannesburg, back from Cape Town), some meals, personal gear, tips, optional activities and travel insurance. For more information: e-mail: Travlgrrl@aol.com or call Toll-Free 1-800-842-4753.

ANTARCTICA

Dec 2006 dates still to be confirmed (places limited, so register interest now) From approximately £2800 per person in a triple cabin, excluding airfare to/from Argentina

OK, so you've done the gay safari in Africa and sampled queer Mongolia. In fact you've straddled every continent on the globe - North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia - so that's rather that, I guess! Wrong! You've missed out Antarctica sweetie! New gay adventure travel company Out On The Water (www.outexpeditions.com), has started organising LGBT expeditions to Antarctica each December - though technically the summer down below, snow and ice abounds! Starting with two nights in the Argentine capital Buenos Aires, you continue to the ship embarkation point of Ushuaia - the world's most southerly city - and then spend eleven days discovering one of the world's last great 'frontiers' during this 13 night/14-day expedition. Boasting an abundance of spectacular marine mammals and bird life, expedition highlights include various rare species of seal, penguins, seabirds and some of the best whale watching the world can offer. Enjoy the 100-passenger ice-strengthened R/V Akademik Sergei Vavilov - complete with bar, reading lounge, gymnasium, plunge pool and sauna. Package includes all meals and non-alcoholic drinks aboard ship plus other meals as indicated in itinerary; all shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage; lectures by expedition staff; an experienced expedition leader; transfers and baggage handling; and a detailed post-expedition log.

**NORTH AMERICAN ADVENTURES**

LGBT tour operators like Man Around and Amro offer several North American adventure tours exclusively for gay men and women. Prices often include return flights from the UK to join the party; you arrive back home on the morning after your tour finishes; and all tours are combinable with other local destinations.

GRAND CANYON WHITE WATER RAFTING

23rd June - 2nd July; 21st Jul - 30th July; 4th Aug - 13th Aug; 25th Aug - 3rd Sept 2006

From £2299 inc flights

RAFT down the entire 280 miles of the Grand Canyon, through a hundred rapids of the mighty Colorado River. By day, explore the hidden side-canyons and hike among natural rock sculptures of every hue; by night, sleep under a canopy of stars as the river continues its timeless journey. 7 nights full board riverside camping plus first and last night in Las Vegas.

MONTANA GAY RANCH VACATION

9th - 15th July; 10th - 16th Sept 2006

From £1999 inc flights

HOWDY Partner! Grab your cowboy hat, chaps and boots for a week of horse riding, cattle driving and playing prairie fairy - on this authentic Wild West experience. Before you can say "Brokeback Mountain", you'll find yourself 30 miles from Yellowstone National Park, at the Lazy EL - a working cattle ranch with 12,000 acres and 2,000 head of cattle. From the lodge porch enjoy views of 12,500 foot peaks and wide open pastures. 7 nights (6 at the Lazy EL) room, breakfast and horse riding. Yee hah!!!

**KAYAKING IN VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

6th - 11th Aug 2006

From £1699 inc flights

OVER 250 miles long and 60 miles wide, Vancouver Island is an area of mostly protected wilderness. This trip mixes kayaking along the coast, camping on the beach, hiking in the rainforests, and soaking in hot springs. En route, spot whales and a multitude of birdlife; enjoy great food and drink fine British Columbian wines; and visit the beautiful garden city of Victoria.

GLACIER EXPLORER

20th - 26th Aug 2006

From £1999 inc flights

COME walk, mountain bike, horse ride or raft through the Glaciers National Park in Montana. Enjoy stunning scenery and star gazing amidst the best that nature can offer. 5 nights full board camping in the Park with first and last nights in a local hotel.

MOUNTAIN BIKING IN UTAH'S CANYONLANDS

30th Sept - 7th Oct 2006

From £1849 inc flights

THIS memorable mountain bike trip includes four days on the White Rim Trail; a day of mountain bike-and-hike closer to Moab; and a chance to see this red rock country from another vantage point - plus rafting on the river itself! 5 nights camping with first and last nights in Moab.

**Other useful contacts...**

Man Around (incorporating Sensations) - promotes a wide range of long and short-haul destinations worldwide: 0208 902 7177 or www.manaround.com

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