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It's Christmas again! The team at Armadale Travel, Penny, Chris, Roger, Tania and Bente wish you all a very joyful Christmas and safe travelling in 2010.

Our office will be open until 2pm on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day and Monday Dec 28th. We will be open on Dec 29th, 30th and until 1pm on Dec 31st. and resume normal trading from Monday Jan 4th.



Tania, Roger and Bente in the Christmas spirit



Christmas is a time for families so a good time to talk about the multitude of travel opportunities when travelling with children. Family dynamics have changed so much from the traditional Mum and Dad with 2 kids, to blended families with children of varying ages and tastes as well as multi-generational travel. We have many options to suit your family needs.

**Thinking of Christmas- why not consider a white one?
Ask your Armadale TWK experts on how you can make it happen.**

TRAVEL WITH KIDZ SKI HOLIDAYS

Family skiing holidays include skiing, snow boarding and playing in the snow. Non-skiers can enjoy the ultimate day spas and fabulous shopping. Ski school and childcare services are available at a wide choice of villages throughout the world.

In **Europe** the Club Med Ski Resort and Ski School is one of the best bargains around for families. The all-inclusive winter package includes accommodation, all meals, unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks AND daily ski school for all levels, ski pass and Kids Clubs.

Consider skiing in **JAPAN**. Japan ski resorts offer some of the best champagne powder snow as well as a cultural experience and of course fantastic cuisine-all in a convenient time zone for Australians.



The **USA** is renowned for its ski resorts which have spectacular scenery and impressive terrain on which to ski. Skiing in the US is all about convenience, and it's the attention to detail which makes a US ski holiday such a pleasurable experience.

With the strength of the Australian dollar there is no better time to plan a ski trip to Europe or the USA.

Travel With Kidz
THE FAMILY HOLIDAY EXPERTS



Angel in the snow!

CHRISTMAS BUCKET LIST - TO DO BEFORE THE KIDS GROW UP

As today's children grow up faster and spend less time with their parents than ever before, many families are structuring holidays which offer not only a break from the routine but a learning experience for everyone.

Here are just some of our picks for unforgettable family travel experiences.

1. Climb the steps of **Angkor Wat** and view history engraved on the walls.
2. Take a lift to the top of the **Eiffel Tower** and view the panorama of **Paris**.
3. Snorkel on the beautiful reefs off the islands of **Fiji**.
4. Walk down **Broadway** in **New York** and ride the lift to the top of the **Empire State Building**.
5. Dance with the **Masai** at **Ngorongoro Crater** and watch lions under a tree on the great plains of the **Serengeti** in **Tanzania**.



STAFF TRAVELS

INDIA - Penny and Chris spent 3 weeks in **India** in September. The trip focussed on **Rajasthan** with 3 nights in **Delhi** at the beginning and an overnight stay in **Agra** at the exclusive **Oberoi Amarvilas**. This beautiful hotel has an uninterrupted view of the **Taj Mahal**. It is an exciting moment, flinging open the balcony doors of your room to sight the Taj for the first time. All in the privacy of your own room.

As well as the buzz of **Mumbai** for 2 nights they spent a week in tropical **Kerala**. **Southern India** is a totally different experience to the North and a good place to enjoy the range of special ayurvedic treatments available, and to relish superb Southern Indian cuisine with its emphasis on delicious locally-caught fish. Ask Penny about one of her favourite hotels-the colonial style **Brunton's Boatyard** in **Fort Kochi**. Unique and memorable.



**It's raining in Delhi !
Penny, Chris, Ross and Jill in
Muslim dress at Jama Masjid**



Dr Who in Vietnam ? !!

VIETNAM - Roger recently spent a week in **Vietnam**, visiting **Ho Chi Minh City**, **Hoi An**, **Hue** and **Hanoi**. Ho Chi Minh City (often still referred to as **Saigon**) has some fine old French colonial buildings, including the town hall, post office and Notre Dame cathedral.

A visit to the **Cu Chi tunnels** provides a fascinating insight into the means used by the Vietnamese to resist during what is known locally as the American war.

Hoi An provides the opportunity to visit **China Beach** (Danang is the airport for Hoi An), and also to make use of the services of some excellent local tailors. Hue is the old imperial capital, complete with a walled forbidden city which was the preserve of the imperial family until the middle of the twentieth century. No visit to Hanoi (where you can pay your respects to Uncle Ho) would be complete without a visit to **Ha Long Bay** – you could cruise and stay overnight on a junk, or perhaps for a more comfortable night, have a daylight cruise and spend the night at the brand new Novotel Ha Long Bay.

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