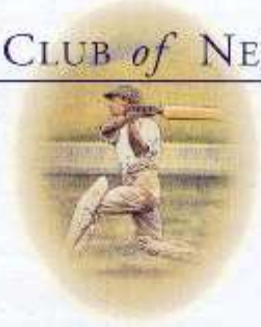




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C.C.N.S.W. SOUTH AMERICA TOUR NEWSLETTER No 1

Please read this carefully and keep for future reference. Further details can be found on the Club's web site at www.ccnsw.com

Tour and Playing Numbers.

The number who have now paid at least a \$500 deposit pp currently comprise **16 players** and a total **party of 35ish**:- Robert Bevilacqua (3); Paul Brandon (1or3); Jim Brandon* (2); Grahame Danaher (2), Keith Elloy (2); Graham Howes (2); David Jones (2), Steve Kish (2), Brett McLennan (2); Gil McGrath (2) Ian Neil (3); Bruce Pendlebury (2); Joe Scarcella (1); Dave Stewart (2); Trevor Worland (2) and Ken Yardy (2); and probably Ian Hammet (2) and Mike Birchall (2)

* means non player

We urgently need a few younger bowlers to make us competitive on the field. If you know any such players who are interested, encourage them to consider coming, although we are negotiating with one..

Tour Dates and Price

The tour departs Sydney **Monday 2 April 2012** to Buenos Aires after the end of the Grade season. Those not going on to Rio will arrive back in Sydney on **Thursday 26 April**. Gullivers are currently quoting a price of approx \$5,955pp to include air travel and accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis and land transport, but excludes taxes and fuel levies.

This is on the assumption of parity between one dollar US and one dollar Australian. Due to fluctuating markets, the Australian dollar has been as high as \$1.09US.

Future part Payments

We will continue to call for future payments. We are negotiating a more precise itinerary we will not commit our members' monies until we are satisfied; however we are fast approaching to this point. Continued payments will ensure our bookings and finalise a total price.

Brazil Add-on and Price

There is more fine tuning to be done here but our most recent price guide is c. \$1,500pp. This includes flights, hotel, breakfast and land transfers. There is one tour arranged here only. All other days are FREE days. Enjoy...

Flights

Flights are on a Lan Chile A340-300 currently departing Sydney daily at 9.25am, and after crossing the International Dateline, arriving the same day in Santiago at 11.25am after a 17 hour flight via Auckland. There is then a 2.05 hour connecting flight to Buenos Aires where the tour starts.

We are advised that the price quoted is on the basis of the whole tour party leaving as a group on the same date which enables the agents to obtain cheaper Lan Chile travel within South America. You will not be able to obtain these prices if eg you were to choose to fly as an individual on Qantas to Buenos Aires. Gullivers have however quoted \$3950 pp for land content only for those who choose to book all their flights independently both to and from Australia and within South America

Tourists from interstate who are part of the C.C.N.S.W. tour may fly from either Melbourne or Brisbane without the need to commence from Sydney. Those tourists will join the Sydney based members during the stopover in Auckland at which point, we will fly together as a group.

We are making progress with our travel agent- but it's SLOW!

If you wish to stay longer in South America but still fly back with Lan Chile that is not a problem and will not increase your individual price.

If you wish to add on flights after Lima, Peru –or Rio, Brazil if you are going there- and not return via Lan Chile (eg returning via North America on another airline), contact Gullivers Travel NOW (Phone Andrew Grover 02 9267 8655).

Accommodation and Guides

The group overwhelmingly voted for 4 star accommodations. Some of the hotels recommended by Gulliver's were not to this standard, nor in desirable locations. Below are some hotels sourced by our own research. These hotels have NOT been locked in yet but act as a better basis for Gulliver's to revise our package. Accommodation is currently planned at 4 star hotels in the centre of the cities. The hotels are located close to bars, restaurants and tourists sites rather than close proximity to match venues. The current suggestions are:

- **Buenos Aires:**

Gullivers recommend:

www.hoteldolmen.com.ar

www.hotelsalles.com.ar

Alternate suggestions from our research:

<http://www.morenobuenosaires.com/pages/home-eng>

- **Iguacu Falls:**

Gullivers recommend:

www.hotelesturion.com

www.hotelsaintgeorge.com

Alternate suggestions from our research:

http://www.hoteldascataratas.com/web/ogua/hotel_das_cataratas.jsp?c=ppc&p=worldwide&cr=cat_generic

- **Santiago:**

No Gulliver's recommendation to date

Alternate suggestions from our research:

<http://www.hotelbidasoa.cl>

<http://www.atton.com/hotel-1-m-98-104/atton-el-bosque>

- **Cuzco:**

Gulliver's recommend:

www.hatuchaytower.com

Alternate suggestions from our research:

El Mapi Hotel Machu Picchu

Casa Andina Classic – Cusco

Hotel Rumi Punku

- **Lima:**

Gulliver's recommend:

www.casa-andina.com

Alternate suggestions from our research:

<http://www.qphotels.com/english/index.html>

<http://www.duohotelperu.com/>

- **Rio:**

Gulliver's recommend:

3 ½ Star hotels www.maripanema.com.br

4 Star hotels – SOL Ipanema - www.solipanema.com.br/Localizacao

Alternate suggestions from our research:

Gulliver's recommendations look OK

We will be doing further research into hotels before booking any of these. If you have suggestions- we have ears!

I strongly urge you to look up these hotels on their web sites and also eg "Trip Advisor" and come back to me with any concerns you may have.

More details of the Peru leg of the tour are being negotiated with Gulliver's at the time of release of this newsletter. Updates will be made as they come to hand.

Passports and Visas

You must have at least 6 months unexpired on your passport at date of travel, and Gullivers insist they have full passport and personal details. The passport information I have been requesting from you is not a personal whim.

Visas for Australian passport holders are as follows. Each traveller will be responsible for obtaining their own visa. Non-Australian passport holders will need to contact each consulate direct. Please make sure you allow plenty of time to get your visas issued as they can take a few weeks and require lodgement well before your departure.

Argentina

No tourist visa required if staying less than 3 months.

www.argentina.org.au

Tel: (02) 6273 9111

Peru

No tourist Visa required if staying less than 183 days

www.embaperu.org.au

Tel: (02) 9235 0300

Chile

No tourist visa required if staying less than 90 days stay.

But they have an entry payment of USD 95 to made on arrival.

www.chileabroad.gov.cl/en/tramites/para-extranjeros/obtencion-visas

Tel: (02) 9299 2533

Brazil

Tourist visa is AU\$49.00

Here is the link to the visa section, which also has information for non-Australian Passport holders.

<http://sistemas.mre.gov.br/kitweb/datafiles/Sydney/enus/file/Visa%20Information/TOURIST%20VISA.pdf>

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Vaccinations

We strongly suggest you consult your local doctor.

From our research, we note that Iguassu Falls lies within a zone susceptible to Yellow Fever. If you fall ill and have NOT had your shots, you will not be allowed re-entry into Australia.

Consult your GP. Undertake travel insurance. Take all necessary precautions...

Additional Costs

We insist that all players must wear a C.C.N.S.W. Baggy Blue Cap and Shirt. Sweaters in C.C.N.S.W. colours are also available for purchase. At the very least we must look like a team on the field.

In addition we usually commission a tour brochure, tour casual shirt and baseball style cap for all tourists. We also make presentations of a Club shield, and maybe a tie etc at each game. Depending on final numbers this may add an additional c \$100 per player

Yours sincerely

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CLUB SECRETARY