

Unlock the Past Cruises (international) 2015–16

Adelaide, South Australia, 1 December 2014 – Unlock the Past Cruises announces its 2015-16 program of seven history and genealogy cruises – all now booking. Discover more about your family history in great company while visiting great destinations. All who book a cruise during the remainder of 2014 and 2015 are in a draw for \$6000 worth of prizes. In addition there are more great prize opportunities on each cruise!

From Fremantle, **Western Australia** on the *Astor*, 19-24 January 2015, a cruise commemorating the departure of the convoys carrying the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) and New Zealand Expeditionary Force (later to be known collectively as the ANZACs) in late 1914. Noted Irish and military historian, Richard Reid, will be the lead presenter.

Baltic cruise on the *Celebrity Eclipse*, 11-25 July 2015, visiting northern Europe, St Petersburg and Scandinavia – departing Southampton and visiting Bruges (Belgium), Berlin (Germany), Tallinn (Estonia), St Petersburg (Russia), Helsinki (Finland), Stockholm (Sweden), and Copenhagen (Denmark). Apart from fantastic ports of call learn from a great team of presenters including Cyndi Ingle and Paul Milner (United States), Chris Paton and Janet Few (UK), Shauna Hicks and Carol Baxter (Australia) and many more.

A **Transatlantic cruise** on the *Celebrity Eclipse*, 1-16 November 2015 – one way from Southampton to Miami visiting Boston, New York, Bermuda and Port Canaveral. Many of our ancestors made a similar trip when they migrated – here is your chance to do the same and learn from Dick Eastman (USA), Else Churchill, Alec Tritton and Kirsty Gray (UK), Shauna Hicks (Australia) and more.

Our cheapest ever cruise! A short two night cruise from **Brisbane** 8-10 December 2015, on the *Legend of the Seas*. Lead presenter is Stephanie Ryan (State Library of Queensland).

New Zealand to Australia on the *Celebrity Solstice*, 14 February - 3 March 2016. The cruise commences in Auckland (New Zealand) and finishes in Fremantle (Perth, Western Australia), visiting many New Zealand and Australian ports. Among the stunning sights are the Dusky, Doubtful and Milford Sounds. The cruise will have an international team of presenters with Judy G Russell (USA), the *Legal Genealogist*, as the lead presenter.

Coming from a long way? Team the previous cruise up with a seven night cruise to the **Barrier Reef, Queensland** 6-13 March 2016 departing Brisbane on the *Legend of the Seas*. Carol Baxter (Australia) will present her highly acclaimed eight lecture series on researching and writing history and genealogy; other presenters include Helen Smith, Judy Webster, and Eric and Rosemary Kopittke.

And the **European river cruise** – a romantic seven night cruise on the Rhine from Amsterdam to Basel 31 July - 7 August 2016 on *Tranquility II*. Enjoy fantastic scenery and a unique opportunity to network with other genealogists in the group.

A genealogy conference on the high seas? Not only do you get all the fun of a regular cruise, you have the opportunity to network with other family historians from all over the world. The best part: the lectures and educational presentations are offered by some of the leading speakers in the genealogy industry. And Unlock the Past Cruises has the best selection of destinations and speakers hands down! – *Thomas MacEntee, United States, 4th cruise presenter*

With over thirty years of genealogy conferences behind me, I had long ago decided that the best conferences were those that were 'live-in'—with on-site accommodation—you can really feel you are in Genealogy Heaven!! Now I know better! Now I know real Genealogy Heaven is an UTP cruise! Cocooned in another world; with friends—new and old; eating, drinking, sleeping, learning, absorbing genealogy!! 24/7!! Sea days; shore days; EVERY day a gem!! – *Jan Gow, New Zealand, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 11th cruise presenter*

Visit the Unlock the Past cruises website: www.unlockthepastcruises.com. Download our 16 page catalogue giving details of each of all 2015-16 cruises at www.unlockthepastcruises.com/catalogue

About Unlock the Past

Australian based Unlock the Past was established in 2009. It is the event and publishing division of Gould Genealogy & History which has served family and local historians since 1976. It is a collaborative venture involving an international team of expert speakers, writers, organisations and commercial partners to promote history and genealogy through innovative major events and a new publishing brand. It also maintains general and events directories online.

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