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<p>Tue, 13 Jul</p> <p>The Great Himalaya Trail with Robie Bouxstead</p> <p>A WORLD FIRST - 157 day traverse of Nepal starts in Feb 2011, or join one of seven stages. Take the first step and join us for this info night to find out more.</p>	<p>Wed, 14 Jul</p> <p>Travel Photography with Andrew Thomasson</p> <p>A sharp focus on gear, locations, where and when to go, extreme climates, etiquette and our photo tours to Kakadu, TarKine, Tanzania and MORE...</p>
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WORLD expeditions



Outback writing tour

Spend a week writing, walking and sleeping in a swag under a million stars in Ormiston Gorge in central Australia on August 14-19. The tour is led by Bridget Brandon, who encourages participants to write about their life experiences. No writing experience is necessary. The \$1690 tour cost includes gourmet campfire food. Phone 9389 9475. email bridgetbrandon@storyworks.com.au, see storyworks.com.au.

Hong Kong suite

The Peninsula Hong Kong has a Suite Life package, available until September 30, that includes a free second night in a suite. It costs from \$HK5900 (\$900) a night. Suite guests can also explore Hong Kong or be taken shopping in a Mini Cooper S Clubman customised for the hotel, with a rooftop box to hold shopping, a mini-fridge and an iPhone. See peninsula.com.

Luxury fishing

Sal Salis, on the West Australian coast at Ningaloo Reef near Exmouth, is luring anglers with a new 8.8-metre Leisure Cat that carries four fishers and a guide. Nestled in sand dunes near the shore, Sal Salis has nine luxury safari tents. Between October and April, blue marlin, sailfish and wahoo are among fish on the bite, all within a few nautical miles of shore. Sal Salis fishing packages include accommodation, food, gear and daily excursions. There's a catch-and-release policy. Normally a three-night fishing package costs \$2850 a person for a two-person private charter and \$2300 a person for a four-person charter but for a launch special there's an additional free night's accommodation and free day's fishing. Phone 1300 790 561, see salsalis.com.au.

Abstract appeal

To celebrate the launch of the Art Gallery of NSW's latest exhibition, *Paths to Abstraction*, the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth has a package priced from \$325 a couple a night. It includes accommodation in a classic room, two tickets to the exhibition, a catalogue, two cocktails, buffet breakfast and parking. The package is available for sale and stays for the duration of the exhibition, which began on June 26 and runs until September 19. Phone 1800 676 960, see sofitelsydney.com.au.

Pilates connection

The Golden Door Elysia in the Hunter Valley has a three-day retreat with international pilates authority America Rojas starting on August 24. Labelled 'The Connection', it includes three nights'



Weight watcher

Wouldn't it be a lot fairer and simpler if passengers stepped on to a weighbridge platform with

About eight hours later, when we landed in Melbourne, the smell was overpowering. The standard of in-cabin service is of paramount

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