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Hello. You're on this e-mail list because you requested to be on it or some mysterious Internet entity added you to it.

As always, if you prefer not to receive our newsletter (or if you receive duplicates) just let us know. Please type the term "Oct97" in your reply.

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Three weeks and counting. From now through December 19th, we'll be offering free shipping on any order placed online. (USA only.) This holiday special is only being offered to our online newsletter subscribers, so you must mention it in the "comments" box on the order form to be eligible.

Our page of stocking stuffers is at:

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/stuff.htm>

Gift Certificates also available at:

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/wgift.htm>

Again, we invite you to take an interactive Walkabout to the real St. Nick's homeland. The journey ends with a look at the Jolly Old Elf's bones. (Ho ho ho.)

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/walkab.htm>

NEW PRODUCTS, SALES, ETC ++++++

Been There, Done What?

Our manual of choice for the world traveler. It teaches how to do a one year world trip, and how to use this as a platform for establishing an international lifestyle. The book has six parts: How to overcome your fears, how to plan and prepare for a world trip, psychological and cultural challenges associated with an international lifestyle, risk prevention, daily arrangement of life on the road, and romance, adventure, and other joys. Written by Roland Watson, currently somewhere in Papua New Guinea. \$12.00
Find it at:

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Our Eagle Creek Cargo Switchback packs are on sale. (Regular size.) Combing the best of a backpack and wheeled luggage, the Switchback has been a best seller for years. Regularly \$190.00, sale price \$145.00. (Remember, free shipping if you order online and mention the Xmas special, and no sales tax unless you live in Utah. Sales ends when current inventory is gone.)

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INFORMATION PRETENDING TO BE USEFUL BUT ACTUALLY PROPAGANDA ++++++

Global Priority Mail is now available for selected cities in Mexico (Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Monterrey) and Israel (Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Haifa) in addition to more than 30 other countries. Global Priority is an extremely quick and inexpensive method of international shipping, with prices ranging from \$5.00 to \$10.00, and a usual delivery time of just a few days. For more details, visit our shipping page at:

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/shipping.htm>

TRAVEL TIP ++++++

A couple of issues ago we ran a travel tip about taking a 100 watt light bulb with you to better illuminate a dim room. Diana Matthiesen sets us straight:

In one of your travel tips, you suggested carrying a 100W bulb when traveling. On the surface this sounds like good advice, but it could be dangerous. The assumption being made here is that the reason the hotel has used is low wattage bulb is economy. This may be true, but it is possible higher watt bulbs may overload the building circuitry. If the building's circuitry is old or improperly maintained, the result can be

overheated wires and a fire. (People who use hair dryers in hotels where it asks you not to use them are playing the same, potentially deadly, game.)

See all the other travel tips at:

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/tips.htm>

INTERNET RECOMMENDATION ++++++

Jamie Marr disappeared in March 1994 on Koi Sumui, Thailand. If you were in Indonesia or Thailand around the end of 1993 or Spring of 1994, perhaps you can help. Visit Search Headquarters at:

<http://www.islandnet.com/~pettitt/Jamie.html>

WALKABOUT TRAVEL RECOMMENDATION ++++++

Christmas Island, Part II

There are actually two Christmas Islands. Last month we explored Christmas Island in the Pacific atoll nation of Kiribati. This month we'll look at the other Christmas Island, located in the Indian Ocean south of Indonesia.

Christmas Island is an Australian territory, with English being the primary language. The island is small and sparsely populated, with approximately 2,000 residents. There are nice beaches, most accessible by only four wheel drive vehicles, excellent reefs, and tropical rainforests. The only industry on the island was sporadic phosphate mining until recently, when it was decided to pursue that other industry that all islands with limited resources eventually pursue: tourism.

Christmas Island still remains off the beaten track, but a new five star casino resort built to attract Singaporeans and others from nearby nations will help change that. Good snorkeling and scuba diving attracts humans. Tourists also are discovering the annual November crab migration, when the island is almost covered with crustaceans making their way from the rain forests to the sea. Viewing this natural phenomenon becomes more popular every year, so go before the humans outnumber the crabs.

There are few websites on Australian Christmas Island. The best is:

http://www.bs.ac.cowan.edu.au/ioto/IOTO_XMAS_ISLAND/C_Is.htm

OTHER STUFF ++++++

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