

WALKABOUT TRAVEL GEAR ONLINE NEWSLETTER ++++++

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We're not glossy but neither is the way we travel.

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Hello. You're on this email 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 "list1" in your reply.

NEWS ++++++

For the holidays, we are offering \$10.00 off any \$25.00 order. For details and to receive your discount, visit:

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

Remember we ship very fast -- almost all orders go out the same day via Priority Mail 2 or 3 day delivery.

WALKABOUT: CHRISTMAS ISLAND(S) (Part one of two.)

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CHRISTMAS ISLANDS++++++

It is easy to determine what was on the minds of European ship captains responsible for attributing already populated islands with western names on a day in late December.

There are actually two Christmas Islands; one about three hours south of Hawaii via airplane, and one by Indonesia on the Indian Ocean side.



Christmas Island One +++++++

Christmas Island is part of the Republic of Kiribati, previously known as the Gilbert Islands. Independence was gained from the British in 1979. There is not much on Christmas Island to remind a visitor of the Arctic tradition of the holiday; the name's origin is a result of Captain James Cook "discovering" the island on Christmas Eve, 1777.

The island is in fact a tropical paradise, and is the largest coral atoll on the planet. The island is largely unspoiled and untouched by modern tourism, although like all undiscovered places will continue to see increasing visitors because of people like us who discover them then promote them. The island is already popular with fishermen, as bonefish fishing is reported to be the best in the world.

Escapeartist.com has an excellent page on Kiribati, with links:

<http://www.escapeartist.com/kiribati/kiribati.htm>

Next issue: the "other" Christmas Island

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

Sale Item ++++

Our Essential Pocket Knife is on sale for just \$4.00:

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

We Match Prices, as always +++++

Just let us know where you saw it cheaper, and the price.

white  
supplies  
lead



WEBSITE UPDATES ++++++

HO HO HO AND SANTA'S BONES ++++++

The holidays are a time of tradition, and we've got Santa's trail back up as our Walkabout. Where else can you see the holiday icon's mortal remains?

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

You can now follow the adventures of Marco Solo as he wanders the planet on a tight budget. Perhaps the only independent traveller comic, we'll add new panels every month or so:

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

NEW PRODUCTS ++++++

ReStop +++++

Tolietts should be more common out there in the world but they are not. They seem to especially be lacking on marathon Chinese bus rides after you've consumed too many Peijo. (Beer.) The Restop 1 disposable urine bags solve the problem cleanly and easily.

Weatherproof Pen +++++

Our Weatherproof Pen writes at any angle in all weather conditions. Combined with The Weatherproof Travel Journal you can write upside down in a rainstorm. Even writes underwater or in outer space.

Survival Straw +++++

The Survival Straw is a unique solution for water purification. By drinking through the Survival Straw,



you destroy harmful bacteria, remove chlorine, water soluble heavy metals, pesticides, arsenic, mercury, EDB, and other carcinogens. Odor and bad taste are also eliminated as the water is purified. Very compact.

All new items are at:

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

WALKABOUT LINK ++++++

Indian Rail Journeys at:

<http://www.indianrailjourneys.com>

An itinerary, timetable & indrail pass planning service for the independent train traveller in India.

TRAVEL TIP ++++++

One of our favorite tips:

When packing for a trip lay out all the stuff you plan to pack including your money. Take half the stuff and twice the money. This will insure a successful trip.

--Carol

There area lot of new tips at:

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

OTHER STUFF ++++++

As always, explore the world now.

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Supplying the Independent Traveller with Essential Gear and Inform



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