

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 ++++++

We'll get it there by Christmas! Free 2-3 day upgrades on shipping until December 20. (USA orders only; does not include electric transformers and related products, including adapters.)

If you have special instructions, such as "Do Not Open Until Christmas" to be included on the mailing label, let us know by entering the information in the comments box of the online order form.

WALKABOUT: CHRISTMAS ISLAND(S) (Part two of two.)
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CHRISTMAS ISLANDS++++++

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 Two ++++++

The "other" Christmas Island is located in the Indian Ocean south of Indonesia. It is an Australian territory, with English being the primary language. The island is small and sparsely populated, with approximately 2,000 residents. William Mynors, a British East India Company captain, was the first European to encounter the island when he sailed past it on December 25, 1643, and of course named it after Christmas Day.

There are nice beaches, most accessible by only four wheel drive vehicles, excellent reefs, and tropical rain forests. 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 attract 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.

Lycos has a page, with links, on the Australian Christmas Island

http://travel.lycos.com/Destinations/Australia_and_Pacific/Christmas_Island/Christmas_Island/

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

Sale Item ++++

The Swiss Tech Microtool is on sale for just \$10.00, while supplies last.

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

We Match Prices, as always +++++

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

WEBSITE UPDATES +++++

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

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

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

NEW PRODUCTS +++++

Travel Safe 200 +++++

Pacsafe has released a larger version of their popular Travel Safe. The Travel Safe 200 offers steel-mesh security like the original, smaller version but is large enough to handle a laptop computer.

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

Tilley Hats ++++++

Simply the world's best travel hat:

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

Walkabout Travel Gear Pocket Knife ++++++

Imprinted the Walkabout Travel Gear logo, this quality pocket knife has more blades ~~that~~ ^{than} you'll probably need.

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

WALKABOUT LINK ++++++

GLOBAL WEB EXPLORER

A listing, with links, of all countries/territories online.

<http://www.guernsey.net/~sgibbs/www.html>

TRAVEL TIP ++++++

Money here, money there

Carry your money in a different place then you carry your I.D. In case you are robbed of your money, they will not get your identification. Also keep enough money, in a different location, so you have cab fare back to the hotel.

--Mary Peck

Tips are at:

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

OTHER STUFF ++++++

As always, explore the world now. Happy Holidays, and may you find yourself somewhere you've never heard of during the year 2001.

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