



OVERSEAS STUDY TOURS NEWS – 04/2018

Bookings for tours must be on an overseas tour booking form and may be sent in at any time to the tour organiser whose name follows the tour details. Fuller details and closing dates will be announced in news sheets during the course of the year. During the course of the year various weekend events become known and extra tours will be operated taking in the more interesting events. **LCGB Tours are operated by LCGB solely for its members. Participation in LCGB tours entails compulsory LCGB Membership.**

Tour 01/18	Trier Plandampf	Friday 27th April to Wednesday 2nd May 2018
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Bookings closed with 37 participants

(John Cramp)

Tour 02/18	Ethiopia/Djibouti	Late October 2018
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Not much to update on here – we have a provisional (and rather sketchy) nine night programme from our man in Addis, without any costings for the land arrangements. We have requested far more detail asap and are still waiting. We are also pushing the question of photographic permissions, both on the new railway, and on the Addis light rail – that may be adding to the delay in responding! One thing has become clear – given that the service in each direction on the new railway is just one train every other day, we have decided to go for three nights/two full days in Djibouti, rather than just a brief overnight stopover. There is not a great deal to see there, but we will all have to obtain a fairly expensive visa for Djibouti, along with a double entry visa for Ethiopia, so we might as well spend some time in the place! There are now 19 persons reconfirmed for the tour, with deposits paid, and we can certainly run with that number. Assuming you are still interested, it is important that we receive your £200 deposit. So far, just one member has withdrawn from the tour. Remember, all deposits will remain fully refundable until such time as the detailed land arrangements are agreed, and prices are known. A deposit will guarantee your place on the tour! Overseas members whom Colin has recently corresponded with do **NOT** need to send deposits at this time. All others, please send your cheques now, payable to 'LCGB', or pay online by BACS transfer, and please advise accordingly. **NB** – do **NOT** refer to either Ethiopia or Djibouti by name on the reverse of cheques, or on payment references, when sending your deposits!

(Colin Miell)

Tour 03/18	Dordrecht/Dordt in Stoom	Friday 25th to Monday 27th May 2018
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Tour goes ahead with 10 participants. Bookings closed.

(Colin Miell)

Tour 04/18	Baltic States with IRS	Wednesday 12th to Sunday 23rd September 2018
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This tour has been confirmed as definitely running. We currently have 23 bookings and the tour remains open for bookings. It would be useful to get a few more as the GBP rate is still a bit lower than our original costings. We have also requested a steam charter at Gulbene which I am sure most of the group would appreciate but this will cost us a little extra. We also have steam at Panevėžys n.g. with Гр-319, at Ventspils n.g. with steam train (МЛ-611, 631) and Lavassaare n.g. with steam train К44-332. It would be useful if could encourage anyone interested to book so we can ask everyone to book flights and get hotels etc. confirmed. So far, all the group have chosen to fly out on the previous afternoon. This means we can go directly to the first visit after breakfast.

(Adrian Palmer)

Tour 08/18	Germany	August / September 2018
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An additional tour is being offered to the Annual Open Day at the Meiningen Locomotive works at the beginning of September, plus three days on the Saxon Narrow Gauge at Radebeul, Freital-Hainsberg and Zittau. Actual dates for the tour depend on flight availability to the area.

This tour will be led by John Cramp. A leaflet with further details should be available by mid-May and any members interested in this tour should send an sae or [contact Adrian Palmer](#) for further details when available. Details below.

(Adrian Palmer)

Tour 01/19	India	January 2019
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Chris Lewis is working with Amit Chopra (Travelpals) to lead a trip in India to travel from Kolkata (Calcutta) to Trivandrum with two nights in Chennai (Madras) en route for a possible steam trip. This would be planned for 8-9 days and various add-ons are being considered. About twelve people have already expressed an interest to travel on a trip to India similar in format to the previous two trips he has run. It will be in early 2019. Others who may be interested should contact Chris Lewis by email or telephone. Chris Lewis, 15, Nursery Close, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 3HB email chrislewiscl@aol.com tel, 07720 755829
(Chris Lewis)

Tour 02/19	Taiwan with South Korea and North Borneo addons with PTG	March 2019
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Details enclosed with this Bulletin. North Borneo will follow with Bulletin 5 or email Adrian Palmer for earlier copy when available.
(Adrian Palmer)

Tour 03/19	South Africa – STARS Festival	April 2019
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Details enclosed with this Bulletin.
(Adrian Palmer)

Overseas Reunion 2019 - This will be held at the UCL London on Saturday 5th January – More to follow

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