

News

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STAR GRAZING: Celebrity chef Pete Evans with former *MasterChef Australia* contestant Julia Jenkins.

A dishy entree to outback fare

DISHY TV chef Pete Evans will host the Celebrity Cooking School in Western Australia's Faraway Bay from September 13 to 17. Evans – the brother of restaurateur Dave Evans – is a judge on *My Kitchen Rules* and has been a guest on the hit show *MasterChef Australia*. He will teach 12 guests how to clean and fillet fresh fish and cook in a camp oven for the four-day package, which starts at \$4550 and includes air transfers from Kununurra, the cooking school, all meals, beverages and activities, accommodation and a recipe cookbook. Faraway Bay was the place where the film crew for Baz Luhrmann's *Outback* epic *Australia* stayed while shooting scenes at nearby King George Falls. **Ph (08) 9169 1214, email farawaybay@bigpond.com or see farawaybay.com.au**

Shopaholic's dream

AFTER six years operating sports lovers' tours of Melbourne, Kirsty and Anthony Grace have expanded to offer outlet shopping tours as well. The tours, which depart Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, include visits to discount outlets, accessories, handbag and shoe shops and hard-to-find warehouse sales. They cost \$79 and include lunch at a cafe, a glass of bubbles and a shopping gift. They will also introduce a Shopping and Champsers Tour in April. **Ph 8822 4568, email sales@outlet-shopping-tours.com or see www.outlet-shopping-tours.com**

Turkish delight

FOODIES can now discover the delights of traditional Turkish cuisine and its stunning southwest coastline at the same time on a



LOCAL CUISINE: Dine on a gullet.

gastronomic cruise on a gullet, or wooden yacht.

Cultural and archeological tour specialist Peter Sommer, who also makes documentaries for the BBC, has introduced a new eight-day culinary sailing tour of Turkey in its 2010 collection of Mediterranean adventures. As well as enjoying fine food served by the private chef on-board, guests will be able to venture ashore to collect wild foods, explore local markets, cook at home with a Turkish family and prepare regional delicacies in a traditional restaurant. The cruise runs from May 29 until June 5 and starts at £1745 (\$A3150). **See www.petersommer.com**

Choo-choo choices

STEAM train enthusiasts can journey across New Zealand on a new rail tour from luxury coach holiday specialist Grand Pacific Tours. Two steam locomotives have been exclusively chartered for the trip, which also includes a visit to the Museum of Transport and Technology, a journey aboard the steam paddle boat *PS Waimarie*, Larnach Castle, a Maori hangi and concert in Rotorua and a cruise on



STEAM ON: Tour New Zealand.

the *TSS Earnslaw* in Queenstown. The tour departs on October 10, with a choice of either a 12 or 22-day itinerary. Space is limited. **Ph 1800 622 768 or see www.grandpacifictours.com**

Pullman for Pattaya

THE Thai resort town of Pattaya – a popular destination for Australian travellers – has welcomed its latest five-star offering with the opening of the Pullman Pattaya Aisawan. The 353-room resort, part of Accor Hotel's upmarket brand, overlooks a private section of Wong-Amart Beach and is about an hour's drive from Bangkok.

Set among tropical gardens, it has two pools, a day spa, a pool bar, beach bar and sunset lounge.

Rates start at \$75 a day. **See www.pullmanhotels.com**

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