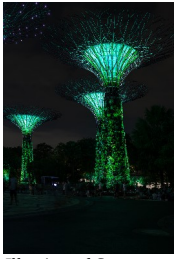


Vicky and Dave's 2025



*Illuminated Super-trees
Singapore*

Here's our third newsletter again with lots of pictures because that is still what we do..

We started this year's travels by swapping the cold and damp of a Scottish winter for the summer heat of Western Australia, stopping for a few days in Singapore on the way.

A city full of contrasts Singapore is a mixture of the old and the new, from the Raffles Hotel to the ultra modern looking super-trees in the Gardens by the bay and Marina Bay Sands Hotel.

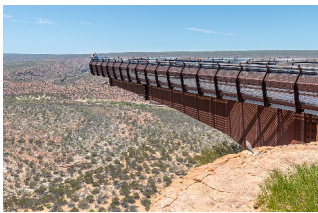


*The Raffles Hotel Singapore.
About £2000 per night for a room –
we stayed at the IBIS*



*Marina Bay Sands Hotel -
Singapore*

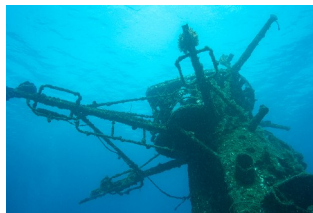
A five hour flight took us to Perth, where we hired a small motorhome and set off north up the west coast for a week of diving on Ningaloo Reef in the north west corner of Australia. On the way up we visited The Pinnacles along with Kalbarri and Cape Range national parks. The diving was good with plenty of Wildlife although there were signs of the coral bleaching which caused so much damage later in the Australian summer. We then headed south for some more diving under Busselton Jetty and on the wreck of HMAS Swan. From there we drove across the Nullarbor Plain into South Australia to dive with the Leafy Sea Dragons and spend a few days exploring Adelaide.



*Skywalk - Kalbarri National Park
Western Australia*



*Batfish on Ningaloo Coral Reef
Western Australia*



*HMAS Swan – Dunsborough
Western Australia*



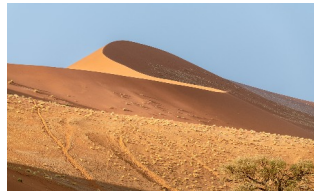
*Lucky Bay, Cape Le Grand National Park
Western Australia*

We returned to the UK at the end of March and after just a month at home we set off again this time taking our Motorhome to Ireland planning for five weeks travelling up the east coast from Cork. Well just a few days in, having arrived in Cork our van developed a serious fault with the turbo charger meaning we had to limp home at about 45mph! (Sorry to those in the queues behind us) We did manage to visit the Game of Thrones Studio Tour in Northern Ireland on the way back. A great day out for all Game of Thrones fans. (like us) With the van out of action for over a month while the fault was found and repaired we spent the summer at home preparing for our next big trip.

At the end of August we flew to Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, where we hired a large four wheel drive vehicle and set off for five weeks to explore Namibia and Botswana plus spending a short time in Zimbabwe and Zambia to visit Victoria Falls.



*Sossusvlei - Namib Desert
Namibia*



*Sand Dunes in the Namib Desert
Namibia*



*Side Winder Snake Namib Desert
Namibia*

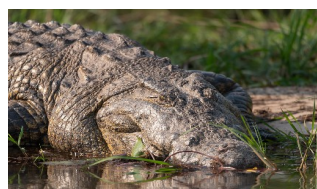


*Oryx
Namibia*

The roads in Namibia were tarmac around and between the major towns but just rough gravel elsewhere. Botswana however was a different story, tarmac with pot holes so big and numerous the locals drive on the gravel to the sides of the road so we did the same. And then there are the sand roads. To get to one of our lodges we had to drive 110Km on soft loose sand with deep tracks. It really tested our four wheel drive system. But despite the sometimes difficult travelling conditions the trip was fantastic. We stayed in various safari lodges and camps and used local driver-guides to see the best of each area. The people were friendly and the wildlife spectacular.



*Pussy Cat
Botswana*



*Swimming Companion
Botswana*



*Crossing
Botswana*



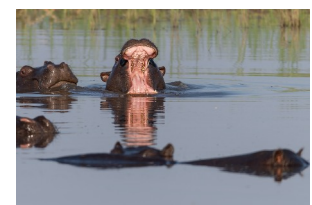
*No way he ever will fly
Namibia*

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That was our 2025... We have nothing planned for 2026 but lots of ideas...

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Vicky and Dave*



*Time for a Nap
Botswana*