

## Orion II's Thailand & Cambodia expedition voyages

In addition to visiting some of Asia's major centres, *Orion II's* 7-night **Gulf of Siam** and **Thailand, Temples and the Mekong** expeditions provide the opportunity to experience traditional and modern Asia from a different perspective, often far from the clutter of the big cities.

These two 7-night voyages combine the sensory contrasts of Asia into unforgettable experiences of sights, sounds and smells that encapsulate South East Asia.

Across 2011 and 2012 there are three scheduled 7-night *Orion II* **Gulf of Siam Explorer** voyages alternating between Singapore and Bangkok, including Tioman Island, Kuala Terengganu, Ko Samui, Ang Thong Marine Park and Ko Kut. 2011 Departures – 10OCT & 22DEC  
2012 Departure – 27FEB

**Thailand, Temples and the Mekong** voyages alternate between Bangkok and Ho Chi Minh City and include Ko Kut, Sihanoukville (for an overnight trip and stay at Angkor Wat), Phu Quoc and Can Tho (Mekong Delta).

2011 Departures – 17OCT & 15DEC

2012 Departure – 05MAR

Fares: 7 night fares from \$5,705pp for an Ocean Suite; Junior Suites from \$7,910pp; Balcony Suites are \$10,290pp; Penthouse Suites are \$11,480pp. All prices twin share.

Details of Gulf of Siam and Thailand, Temples and the Mekong voyage itineraries available at [www.orionexpeditions.com/expeditions/thailand/voyage\\_summary](http://www.orionexpeditions.com/expeditions/thailand/voyage_summary)

Orion Expedition Cruises has released a pocket sized fold out map of the 2011 and 2012 *Orion II* expedition voyages to Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia. It captures all the important elements, including the highlights, for each voyage. A copy is available by contacting Orion on [info@orionexpeditions.com](mailto:info@orionexpeditions.com) or calling 0800 444 462.

## Extended – Uniworld's Cruise in 2012 at 2011 Prices\*

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises has extended sales on its 2012 Europe & Russia Preview brochure, available online only. With many of the 2012 cruises available at 2011 prices\*, combined with the very favourable Early Booking or Pay in Full Discounts, there are huge savings to be made for those wanting to secure their 2012 cruise now.

To take advantage of these offers, cruises must be booked and deposited (or paid in full if wanting the Pay in Full discount) by

22JUL11 or before release of final 2012 brochure (whichever comes first). This offer can be withdrawn at anytime.

Cruises are online at [www.uniworldcruises.co.nz](http://www.uniworldcruises.co.nz) along with two new itineraries – 8 days Gems of Germany, Belgium & the Netherlands with Floriade and 17 days Grand Treasures of Europe including Prague. Contact the Reservations or Sales Teams for more information.

\*Exceptions apply.

## HOSPITALITY

### Jet Park goes gold for being green

The family owned and operated Jet Park Hotel & Conference Centre at Auckland International Airport has recently received an Enviro Gold Award from Qualmark New Zealand.

The Enviro Gold Award is given to the top performers in five key action areas: energy efficiency, waste management, water conservation, community activities and conservation initiatives.

This year, Jet Park Hotel installed a solar panel farm to provide hot water for a large wing of the hotel.

Another initiative was to issue guests with key cards that also activate the lights in their rooms.

Jet Park has also introduced showers and toilets that use less water; systems that ensure that rubbish is separated from recyclables; kitchen waste is composted in a pilot programme; and energy-efficient light bulbs have been fitted to refurbished rooms cutting electricity use by two-thirds. Even its branded water bottles are made of “natural plastic” created from



The solar panel farm at Jet Park

plants, not oil.

The hotel's native trees and mulched gardens ensure that there is little need of watering, and native birds are even moving to the area.

Sharing is a major part of Jet Park's recycling activity, with furniture from recently refurbished rooms given away to staff, and good second-hand linen donated to help the Women's Refuge organisation. In fact, a complete re-fit of 48 premier rooms resulted in just two skips of rubbish.

## Queenstown hotel with 'wow' factor

Queenstown developer Lou Gdanitz is going for a unique, “wow factor” in the \$10 million, 54-room hotel he's planning on a prime high density site he owns bordering the alpine resort's town centre.

*The Southland Times* says Mr Gdanitz has applied for resource consent for the high-tech six-level development on a 485sq m site.

“There'll be nothing like this elsewhere in Australasia, the whole concept is different,” he told the paper. He expects the modern, John Blair-designed hotel to appeal to those 25 years and over and in particular the “emerging wealth” of the mid 30's to 40's market.

High-tech designs and fittings have enabled him to keep the rooms smaller, offering people a product they can afford in the mid-range hotel market.

The Italian-designed bathrooms will be manufactured in Britain and feature a unique central console complete with pivoting toilet, hand-basin, shower units, including a lower one for children, and storage units. Rooms will also feature new smart TV technology, WiFi, makeup tables, lots of LED lighting and plenty of “eco-features”.

Mr Gdanitz expects his new hotel to open towards the end of next year, provided he gains the necessary approvals.