

OCA ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TOURS FOR CORONERS, PATHOLOGISTS AND INTERESTED PHYSICIANS

The **2011 International Education Tour** has just ended and without a doubt was one of the most successful and enjoyable of our 17 tours. During four days in Budapest we visited sites of the 1956 Revolution, the recovery of historic sites and were hosted by Professor Eva Keller, Director of the Institute of Forensic Medicine and Insurance Medicine and Dr. Lorant Magyar, Expert in Forensic Medicine. The Institute is housed in a heritage building that is part of Semmelweis University and trains residents in Forensic Medicine. We were taken on a tour that included a visit to the morgue where there were four dissections in progress, some on old marble tables at least a hundred years old.

Presentations by Professor Keller and Dr. Magyar were preceded by an outline of the Ontario Coroner system and changes resulting from the Goudge Inquiry, by Regional Supervising Coroner Jack Stanborough. Significant differences between our two systems were illustrated by errors made by inadequate examination of the body by family doctors who are required to attend the scene as part of their contract with the health system. Professor Keller was very interested in learning the role of the coroner in Ontario and asked to be allowed to keep slides of Jack's presentation.

Past president Don Thompson presented a case of mummification of a body that was kept in the residence of a relative of the deceased. Part two of our Education program was on board the cruise boat. Before leaving Budapest we toured the Hospital in the Rock Museum. Carved out of the mountain, it began as an air raid hospital during World War 2, was used as a Revolutionary Hospital in 1956-57 and then expanded as a secret hospital during the Cold War to 1962 and then assumed the role of a Nuclear Bunker and Civil Defence Depot. It is preserved as it was left, with operating rooms, treatment wards, with its own power system and communication system, and with life-like mannequins in the operating rooms and treatment areas. Photos are not allowed inside.

The tour of the Danube on AMACELLO and bordering countries, Croatia, Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria was blessed by unusually high temperatures for the time of year. We sampled wine and beers from each country. Our all-inclusive tour arranged by Ellison Travel & Tours was sold out. Cuisine on board as well as lectures on the history of countries visited, daily on-shore tours, evening entertainment by local folkloric groups, and very congenial staff made this an experience to be remembered. Water level on the Danube was lower than usual. Our tour ended with three days of guided tours of Paris.

Our **2012 Tour of New Zealand and Australia** is nearly sold out with vacancies for three couples remaining. This tour leaves from October 27 to November 17, 2012, visiting Auckland, Rotorua, Queenstown, Franz Joseph, before moving to Australia's East Coast. After three days in Melbourne we fly to Cairns for three days and where we have a day on the Great Barrier Reef before flying to Sydney where we have our CME. Opportunities for extension can be discussed with our Tour Manager, Suzanne Smith suzannes@ettravel.com.

We are well on our way to developing our **19th Tour to "Sizzling South America" in November 2013**, Starting in Santiago, Chile, visiting the coastal areas of Vina del Mar and Valparaiso before travelling by coach to Mendoza, Argentina. This scenic drive will take us through the Andes before reaching the heart of Argentina's wine country, the source of Malbec wine.

From Mendoza we fly to Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango, the "Paris of South America", visit the Argentinian Pampas for BBQ and show. From Buenos Aires, we travel to the outstanding UNESCO site, Iquazu Falls, where the 275 cascades spread over two miles between Brazil and Argentina. Two days later we are in Rio de Janeiro, where Christ the Redeemer looks down on the white beaches of Ipenema with the mini-bikinis and the sultry samba.

After Rio, a trip to Manaus and a few days cruising the Amazon will cap off this unforgettable visit before flying home from Sao Paolo.

Exact dates and costs and detailed itinerary are pending release of this information by airlines.

To have your name on the advanced reservation list contact Suzanne Smith, our Senior Tour Manager at suzannes@etravel.com or toll free at 1 877 847 1272, or the OCA Tour Director, Dr. Kevin Flynn at kevinflynnbh@hotmail.com or 647 880 1960.

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