

OCA ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TOURS FOR CORONERS & PATHOLOGISTS

The **18th International Education Tour** of New Zealand and Australia in October and November 2012 was another sellout. This tour visited Auckland, Rotorua, Queenstown, Franz Joseph Glacier, Milford Sound and included visits to a Maori Aboriginal Center, and a variety of scenic views of this beautiful country. Our first CME meeting was at Queenstown, with the Chief Coroner, Judge Neil MacLean and the Director of Forensic Pathology for New Zealand, Dr. Simon Stables. They flew down from Auckland to be with us. We had an interesting review of their system of Death Investigation which has gone through a change from part-time to fulltime coroners, all lawyers.

After moving to Australia's East Coast we had a tour of Melbourne including the old gaol where Ned Kelly was hanged. We had a tour of the lovely Fitzroy Gardens where Cook's Cottage was brought from the UK and reassembled, and the Shrine of Remembrance in honour of the Anzac soldiers who fought in Gallipoli. The Melbourne Cup is an annual extravaganza when everyone took a day off. After three days in Melbourne we flew north to Cairns. We had a day on the Great Barrier Reef, an evening at Tjapukal Aboriginal Park and a trip to the tropical rain forest. After flying to Sydney we had our second CME with the New South Wales State Coroner, Magistrate Mary Jerram and the Chief of the Institute of Forensic Pathology, Professor Jo Duflou.

We are on our way to 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 over the Andes by coach to Mendoza, Argentina. the heart of Argentina's wine country and the source of Malbec wine.

From Mendoza we fly to Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango, the "Paris of South America" and home of the new Pope Francis. We will visit the Argentinian Pampas for a BBQ and show. From B.A. we visit the 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 Ipanema with its mini-bikinis and the sultry samba. A couple of days will be in Sao Paolo before some of the group fly home to Toronto

After Rio, a group of 14 will fly to Manaus and spend a few days cruising the Amazon to cap off this unforgettable visit before flying home from Sao Paolo.

Our twentieth tour will be in October 2014. on the Rhone River, cruising from Lyon to Arles on the AMA Cruise boat m.s. AmaDagio. After seven days we transfer by coach to Barcelona for three days where we sample the unique culture of Catalan, Gaudi's famous Sagrada Familia and opportunities to experience this historic and beautiful city, its art, people & cuisine.

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