

Peter Sommer Travels Unveils New Cruising Tours in 2010 & New Website

Peter Sommer Travels (www.petersommer.com), leading provider of specialist archaeological tours, gulet cruises and private charters in Turkey, Greece and now Sicily - unveils its new brochure featuring a combination of 21 brand-new and classic tours. These are showcased, together with a great deal of other travel information, from videos to recipes, travel articles to picture galleries, on their newly designed website. Brand new for 2010 is the addition of Sicily to their unique gulet cruise itineraries, with two new and absolutely exceptional tours exploring the island's coastline and taking in some of the Mediterranean's most impressive ancient sites. Another first is a Turkish gastronomic gulet cruise

touring the untouched southwest Mediterranean coast while enjoying and learning the art of Turkish cuisine. There are also two new tours in Greece exploring the history, archaeology and beauty of the Dodecanese islands from Samos in the north to Rhodes in the south. Three of the expert led tours are family adventures, holidays designed for families with children aged 7 and over. Company founder Peter Sommer says: "We strive to

create the very finest cultural tours led by the most knowledgeable, engaging, and passionate guides. We offer holidays that are at the same time restful and inspiring, fun and fascinating. Archaeological adventures are at the heart of what we do, bringing history to life, on the very spot it was made, all the while offering exemplary personal care and service." Peter Sommer Travels' new brochure features a rich array of scheduled tours that combine the joy of beautiful boats with small groups of like-

minded people (maximum 14 guests on a gulet cruise), all the while offering value for money, experience and quality, and itineraries that have been meticulously planned by expert enthusiasts.

Exciting new tours for 2010 include

Sailing the Sicilian Shore (Sat 4 Sep - Sat 18 Sep, £4360) - This brand new and utterly unique tour takes in Sicily's natural beauty, delectable cuisine and stunning archaeological sites along its northern and southern coast. Includes the temples at Segesta, Selinunte and Agrigento; the bustling and beautiful towns of Cefalu and Palermo; and the mosaic filled Roman villa at Piazza Armerina.

Cruising by Etna (Sat 18 Sep - Sat 25 Sep, £2380) - Exploring the

eastern coast of Sicily with its exquisite Baroque architecture and stunning ancient sites like Syracuse, this new tour takes in the lava-clad ruins of Catania, the Roman theatre at Taormina and, led by a volcanologist, the rugged slopes of Mount Etna.

A Gastronomic Gulet Cruise (Sat 29 May - Sat 5 Jun, £1745) - Cruising the stunning south-western Mediterranean coast of Turkey this special trip led by a Turkish archaeologist and passionate foodie will take guests on a cultural and culinary adventure.

Cruising the Southern Dodecanese (Sat 8 May - Sat 15 May, £1790) - Following a graceful route through the lower Dodecanese, this trip combines leisurely cruises with archaeological adventures on beautiful islands.

Cruising the Dodecanese (Sat 11 Sep - Fri 24 Sep, £2885) - The entire Dodecanese chain is explored over a 2-week odyssey taking in Crusader castles and medieval monasteries as well as traditional Greek island life.

Professor Richard Holmes, Winchester, UK, historian

and presenter of BBC TV series including War Walks and Wellington, and author of numerous books including 'Tommy', 'Redcoat', and 'Dusty Warriors'. "This was one of the best vacations of my well-travelled life. It was the perfect mix of sybaritic swims and mind-blowing archaeology, awe-inspiring walks and meals featuring the freshest fruits and vegetables that this beautiful country has to offer. And the travellers you'll meet on the gulet are a special breed - curious, intelligent, and adventurous. Just the sort of people you want to spend 2 weeks with! We loved the trip, absolutely loved it!"

The Miles family, Cambridge, UK

"The combination of sailing, walking through fascinating archaeological sites, meeting friendly Turkish villagers, swimming in warm clear waters and being fed delicious healthy Turkish food in good company - is just a winner. It is the best holiday we have ever had. Many thanks for your meticulous attention to our comfort." Suzie Turner, Roseville, NSW, Australia www.petersommer.com



UEFA should have been tougher, APOEL FC must apologise to Turkish Cypriots

Embargoed! welcomed the news that APOEL FC has been fined 40,000 for the racist actions of its supporters during a recent Champions League match with Chelsea. However, the London based human rights group believes UEFA should have been much tougher with the Greek Cypriot football club. The group's chair Fevzi Hussein has also called on APOEL's President Phivos Erotokritou to apologise for the offence his club has caused to Turkish Cypriots. In an email to Embargoed! chair Fevzi

Hussein, UEFA today confirmed that, "following the UEFA Champions League match APOEL FC - Chelsea FC, played on 30 September 2009 in Nicosia, APOEL FC were fined 40,000 Euros for throwing of missiles, racist behaviour and illicit banner". No further details were provided to Embargoed! as the UEFA spokesperson stated, "the detailed and full reasoning of disciplinary decisions is not made public by UEFA but is communicated to the parties involved in a disciplinary case." The spokesperson claimed they had made it clear to the club that "UEFA has a zero tolerance approach with regards to incidents of discriminatory behaviour... further occurrence of any such incident would be dealt with severity by the disciplinary bodies." Chair Fevzi Hussein said, "APOEL deeply offended Turkish Cypriots with their xenophobic banners and inflammatory leaflets that clearly incited racial hatred of Turks. UEFA had a number of sanctions it could have imposed and a 40,000 fine

is pretty mild given the circumstances. If they are serious about combating racism, UEFA have to act tough where it matters. APOEL are a serial offender and merited much tougher action." He continued, "We call on APOEL FC's President Phivos Erotokritou to apologise to Turkish Cypriots for the offence his club has caused during the Chelsea match and to give a public undertaking APOEL will not tolerate such racist behaviour in the future." Last year, APOEL FC was fined 30,000 by

UEFA after their supporters shouted racist chants against Red Star Belgrade. Following their match with Chelsea in September, UEFA charged the club with a number of offences including racially abusing a UEFA official, displaying discriminatory "Cyprus is Greek" banners and the throwing of missiles. It is not clear from UEFA's communication if the club were investigated for allowing the distribution of racist material, produced by APOEL's official supporters club, during the Chelsea match.



'Hackney Say Relax' - and stay safe in Shoreditch

Hackney Council has launched (4 Dec) "Hackney Say Relax" on the streets of Shoreditch - a fun Christmas safety initiative. Home to the hottest clubs in London and a magnet for all the better office parties, Shoreditch sees the number of visitors hitting its clubs and bars increase by almost a third (30 per cent) during December. That's why the Council is launching its campaign to encourage visitors to relax and enjoy the unique Shoreditch scene responsibly and with respect for residents. In the count-down to Christmas, clubbers, bar managers and residents should look out for new initiatives in Shoreditch. Shoreditch's first marshalled taxi rank begun work this weekend. Positioned opposite Shoreditch Town Hall, clubbers will meet Tony Ellis who will help them into a safe, licensed cab home. This will be in place every Friday and Saturday from 10pm until 3am. Enter the "Hackney Hosts," retro girls and guys on Vespa scooters, who will join the crowds at the busiest spots in Shoreditch on weekend nights (4-18 December, 9pm-2am, Fridays and Saturdays) to share local knowledge, hand out Shoreditch maps and information on safe transport home. In the wee small hours, the Hosts - clad in Hackney Say Relax t-shirts - will hand out Shhhhh lolly pops to encourage revellers to keep quiet and respect residents living in the area as they leave the clubs. Cllr Alan Laing, Hackney Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, said: "Hackney Say Relax is a fun Christmas drive to remind Londoners to stay safe as they party in Shoreditch and act responsibly when they're out on the town. As part of this, we're highlighting what we do behind the scenes along with pub and bar managers, doormen, neighbourhood police and emergency services. The theme is retro, mainly just for fun but also because we want people to enjoy Hackney while keeping good old fashioned safety in mind."

Artificial Eye Announce the Acquisition of We Need to Talk About Kevin from Independent and Other New Additions to their Release Slate for 2010

Artificial Eye is pleased to announce a raft of exciting new acquisitions including the forthcoming Lynne Ramsay (Ratcatcher, Morvern Callar) adaptation of Lionel Shriver's award winning novel We Need to Talk About Kevin, which has been purchased at script stage from Independent and will star Tilda Swinton (Burn After Reading, Michael Clayton). Directed by Ramsay and Produced by Jennifer Fox (Michael Clayton, The Informant!) and Independent's Luc Roeg (Mr Nice), We Need to Talk About Kevin has been developed by BBC Films' Creative Director Christine Langan and Paula Jalfon. Steven Soderbergh (The Informant!, Traffic) is Executive Producing with Langan (The Damned United, Bright Star) and Jalfon (In The Loop, Closer). We Need to Talk About Kevin is based on the winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction 2005. Imagine having a child who grows up to be a killer. Two days before his sixteenth birthday, Kevin goes on a horrific rampage. Eva (Swinton), his mother, confronts the ultimate taboo. Did she ever love her son? And how much of what Kevin did is her fault? We Need to Talk About Kevin will commence principal photography in 2010. The deal was negotiated by Louisa Dent (Managing Director, Artificial Eye) and Abigail Walsh (Head of Sales, Independent). Louisa Dent, Managing Director, Artificial Eye said: "We are so excited to be working with Independent and BBC Films on We Need to Talk About Kevin, the screenplay is so powerful and under Lynne Ramsay's direction it will make an incredible film." Abigail Walsh, Head of Sales, Independent said: "As soon as Artificial Eye read Lynne Ramsay's compelling and chilling script they responded with the same excitement as the team here at Independent. It is great to be teaming up with a distributor who has such a passion and understanding for what is going to be a most powerful and thought provoking film." Other acquisitions include a number of award winners from this year's Cannes, Venice and Toronto film festivals with Father of My Children, Life During Wartime, Lourdes, Vincere, Women Without Men, White Material, Police, Adjective, Le Refuge, and IVUL all to be released in 2010.

Homes for Haringey issue first dog fouling notice

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Enforcement trained officers from Homes for Haringey have issued their first £75.00 fixed penalty notice for dog fouling in the Northumberland Park, area, N17. The penalty charge was issued to a local resident on 27 October after she was witnessed allowing the dog, a Staffordshire Bull terrier, to foul on the estate. A patrolling anti social behaviour officer from Haringey Council, saw the woman not clearing up after her dog and reported it to Homes for Haringey's estate service manager who issued the notice. Since August 2009, 10 Homes for Haringey estate services managers have received training from Haringey Council's Street Enforcement Service. They now have the authority to issue fixed penalty notices to anyone who unlawfully deposits litter, waste or allows their dogs

Peter Purdie, Head of Estate Services, said:

"We are committed to encouraging residents and visitors to act responsibly. Allowing dogs to foul without clearing the mess is unacceptable and against the law for which we can and will take action. Whilst we accept there are a minority of irresponsible dog owners that allow this to happen, we cannot take the risk of this unsightly mess and hygiene hazard to continue. Residents should report incidents to their local tenancy management officer on 0208 489 0000.

Mayor's charity night a big hit in the fashion stakes

Islington Mayor, Anna Berent, has hosted a soiree in a luxury West End boutique in support of her twin mayoral charities Room2Heal and The Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture. The fashion themed fundraiser was a private shopping evening at the flagship Covent Garden store of British fashion house, "L.K.Bennett", with guests parting with donations in exchange for the mayor's hospitality. Over 50 women turned up for a glamorous dose of retail therapy, sipping bubbles and nibbling canapés while enjoying an exclusive discount on the elegant winter collection of shoes, clothes and accessories. Mayor Anna Berent commented: "It was a terrific

night and I'd like to thank everyone who turned up and made donations to my charities which do such great work for survivors of human rights violations." "It has definitely been one of the more unusual nights of my mayoralty." Director of Room2Heal, Mark Fish said: "In the two years since we began, Room2Heal has helped to break the isolation and social exclusion of severely traumatised asylum seekers and refugees here in the UK." "We'd like to thank those who came to support the Mayor's charities. Room2Heal would not survive without their generous support." Charlotte Lock, Company Partnership Manager at The Medical Foundation said: "We are hugely grateful for the support shown by L.K.Bennett and the guests who came along. "This fantastic initiative shows how retailers and their customers can make a positive impact upon torture survivors desperately needing their support. A busy week of engagements for Islington's mayor also saw her host a visit from the Cameroonian High Commissioner on Tuesday. Then, in a special ceremony on Thursday, the Mayor presented certificates of valour to those who have gone beyond the call of duty to prevent harm to



others. Council receptionist Paula Millington-Smith's quick thinking saved a choking baby at the council's customer centre on Upper Street, while several fire officers from Holloway Red Watch apprehended a knifeman after a chase through streets in the north of the borough.



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