



# Travel Around the World With IBWG GALA DINNER

Your invitation to our annual  
end-of-year gala event on 13 December

*GUEST SPEAKER: Renowned Polar explorer Robert Swan OBE  
Who will share his environmental vision for the preservation of Antarctica  
as the last great wilderness on earth*

Join us as we wrap up a busy 2011 with our end-of-year gala event. This special event is open to members, spouses/partners and guests, and will include a raffle draw with lots of great prizes including travel opportunities, hotel stays in London and Dubai, spa treatments, private catering and brunch experiences, clothing, jewelry, a private group drumming session and much more.

Date: Tuesday 13 December

Venue: Vista Restaurant, Holiday Inn Express Knowledge Village, Dubai

Timing: 7-11 pm – The fun starts at 7.30 pm so don't miss out

Cost: AED 200 per person including, welcome drink, global travel-themed buffet, tea, coffee and water; with wine sponsored by Intagulf FZCO – Cash Bar for other beverages

Dress Code: Smart Casual (National Dress Optional)

See the newsflash above for more information on our International Guest Speaker, our Sponsors and how to book for this fantastic gala event. All bookings via [ibwg\\_dxb@eim.ae](mailto:ibwg_dxb@eim.ae) please provide all your guests' names.

At our breakfast on 28<sup>th</sup> November the following holiday destinations were recommended by our members as being truly memorable experiences:-

Where – Europe/Anatolia	Why
Holland	Seasonal weather, beautiful landscapes, Jordaan Area is a 'must visit'
Iceland	Reykjavik – Climate is a definite change from UAE in August – people warm and friendly
Cruising the Norwegian Fiords	Stunning scenic beauty, relaxing way to travel
Austria – Vienna	Xmas is a wonderful experience – stay at the Imperial Hotel downtown and visit the churches, markets and get into the Xmas spirit
Germany – Barvaria	Another great Xmas experience

France – Toulouse	“Romantic”
Italy – Everywhere	From Venice to Florence to Milan, experience the food, the wine, the countryside – but not in mid August when the whole country is on holiday
Spain	‘Chateau Form’ - A home away from home outside Madrid or Granada to visit the AlHambra Palace and learn the history of the Moors
England – Yorkshire	You can take your Pet with you!!
Russia	St. Petersburg

Where - Asia	Why
Singapore – Fly Drive	Once you hit Singapore you can hop in a car and drive over to Johore Bahru in Malaysia and all the way up to Thailand
Bali	Great ‘girls only’ vacation – pamper yourself in a lovely resort with access to cultural, swinging and shopping experiences
Philippines	Loads to do, great beaches, a variety of islands to visit, very reasonable prices for everything
Tibet & Nepal	Pristine ecological environment – access to Himalayas
Borneo – Sabah & Sarawak & Brunei	Lush tropical jungles, friendly people, colourful ethnic villages and Dayak longhouses
Sri Lanka – Galle	Great Spas – a new road system will cut travel time by 75% from Colombo to Galle or you can travel by Sea Plane to your destination
Thailand – Koh samui & Chang Mai	Thailand at its best – Bangkok & Puket for the real tourist experience
India	Goa, with its friendly beaches, music and seafood and the Hill Stations – Ananda Spa Resort between Haridwar and Rishikesh, surrounded by graceful Sal forests, overlooking the Ganga
China – Shanghai	Visit the Bund, savour the food, learn to play mahjong

Where - Africa	Why
South Africa – Capetown	Beaches, Safari, Wines amid garden landscapes
Kenya – Masai Mara	For the Migration – but don’t go cheap
Ruwanda	Peaceful, beautiful in June – stay in Kingali Resort
Uganda – Kampala	The city is safe to walk around, close to lush mountain retreats or water rafting, bungee jumps, organic produce

Where – West Asia/Middle East	Why
Turkey	Istanbul – one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, great food, striking buildings, spas on the banks of the Bosphoros
Jordan	Dead Sea – stay at the Kempinski and experience a dip in the saltiest water at below sea level
Iran	Skiing – so what if you have to cover up .. you will want to, given the temperatures
Qatar	Doha – for the Annual Film Festival – you can gate crash parties for major stars
Armenia	Experience all 4 seasons, different levels of hotels, culture and skiing

Where – the Rest	Why
Australia	Darwin – 7 Spirit Bay Eco-Wilderness Resort for a unique stay in a flora and fauna protection reserve on the Cobourg Peninsula - Seven distinct environments are protected here - from the ocean wilds to the shoreline, rivers, paperbark swamps, rainforest jungle, Arnhem Land bush and the age old rocks.
New Zealand	Another fantastic Fly/Drive experience, staying in small friendly towns, driving through stunning landscapes (see Lord of the Rings, etc)
USA	Yosemite National Park – Everything from Art & Photography, Birdwatching, Backpacking/Hiking, Biking, Fishing, Horseback Riding & Stock Use, Ranger & Interpretive Programs/Tours, Water Activities, Winter Sports
Seychelles	Wonderful Spas!!
French Polynesia - Tahiti	A tropical island holiday

Balearic Islands  
St. Lucia  
Dominican Republic

By Yacht – visit Ibiza to relax  
Wonderful Honeymoon destination  
A Caribbean hideaway, limestone cliffs overlooking stunning ivory beaches,  
cerulean seas and verdant rolling hills and gardens.