

Downunder Travel Insurance Newsletter



London's favourite flatmates are back! After last year's very successful West End season (Evening Standard Critic's Choice) the Aussie answer to "Friends" hits London again - nice one! Joining last year's star Blair McDonough is another popular Neighbours face - Jonathon Dutton. Get a group together and book now - it's a perfect night out. More info at <http://www.thevegemitetales.com/>

To celebrate the 2007 season, Downunder Insurance has four double passes to see the show! To enter, simply email downunder@itchyfeettheatre.com before 31 October 2007 with "competition" in the subject line and answer the following question:

What character does ex-Neighbours actor Jonathon Dutton play in The Vegemite Tales?

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Nepal

Head to Kathmandu, Patan for Bada Dasain (Hindu Festival) lasting 9 days...

"With the colossal backbone of the Himalayas defining its northern borders, Nepal is a land of magic, mystique and adventure which has captivated the hearts of travellers ever since the summit of Everest was first conquered by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa in 1953." ... [more](#)



WHEN TO GO:: October / November / February / March

MAP: <http://worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/asia/np.htm>



INTERESTING FACTS:

14 mountains in the Himalaya exceed 8000 metres. The geological age of the Himalaya is approximately 70 million years. Nepal only opened its borders to the world in 1949. According to Dr George Schaller, the existence of Yeti unknown to science cannot be ruled out at high altitude.



WHAT'S HAPPENING:

2 - 10 October is the **Dasain Festival**, mainly in Khatmandu but also Bhaktapur, Patan. The last few days will be the best. A very lively, blood-letting [mostly sheep], dancing, kite flying festival.

A Taste for Adventure

"This isn't *Fear Factor*," says Exotics Chairman Gene Rurka, 58 (shown below), the mastermind who supplies scorpions, beaver, maggots, and much more for the exotics appetizer hour at the annual dinner of the New York City-based Explorers Club... [More](#)

BBC Travel

A couple of years ago, BBC Travel asked British viewers to choose their top 50 *Places to See Before you Die*. That original list, reproduced [here](#), spawned dozens of imitators.

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