



What is Fluffy Towel about?



Welcome to the first edition of the Fluffy Towel travels newsletter. I'll endeavour to bring you regular content that could be useful to your travels, preferably with a fluffy towel appearing somewhere on your journey.

Travel for women can be exhilarating, transformative and sometimes daunting whether it's with friends, families, lovers or as solo female travellers.

Embarking on a journey already takes you out of your comfort zone but knowing there's a fluffy towel waiting at the end of the day can make any escapade a little less intimidating.

Fluffy Towel travels aren't about ticking off experiences and destinations, it's about embarking on untapped odysseys through storytelling. We'll delve into the practicalities of planning and the logistics of navigating unfamiliar terrains. Together we'll embrace the spirit of adventure and indulge in our shared wanderlust for travel.

Thank you for coming along for the journey, may your travels be fluffy.

Carmen Jenner



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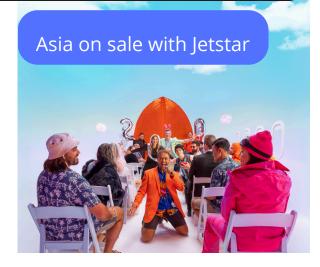


Support community theatre

The Garrick Theatre is Western
Australia's longest running community
theatre. I'd love to give a plug to Poe
Dreams of Madness (running 27th
September - 12th October 2024). Full
disclosure, this spooky stage production
is my daughter Paris Romano Jenner's
directing debut. There are still a few
tickets left and let's help make it a sellout success by booking your ticket here.

Airlines





After flying in Skyboss class, VietJet's answer to premium economy from Ho Chi Minh City to Perth, I can confirm the non-stop and direct flight is definitely worth the upgrade and affordable. This flight route has been so successful, that VietJet has increased the number of flights between Perth and Ho Chi Minh City and they're offering one-way all inclusive fares from AUD199, available until 27th October 2024, for travel between 1st October and 30 September 2025. You can read all about my experience here.



Speaking of budget airlines, did you know that Jetstar now flies direct from Perth to Bangkok, Phuket and Singapore starting from \$150. Jetstar once copped a lot of flack for their unreliability, but I have found the service seamless and on time every time I've flown with them in 2024.

How will I go back to economy after Malaysia Airlines business class?

As soon as I stepped into the Aspire Lounge (pictured) at the Perth Airport, I already knew I didn't want my flight to end onboard the Business Class flight with Malaysia Airlines. I've been spoilt for life after trying those saucy satays in my massaging seat, which later converted into a flat bed rocked me to sleep. After such decadence, I wondered how I would ever return to economy class. Turns out I can, who am I to turn down an opportunity to explore more of the world even though I know what's going on in the pointy end of the plane behind the curtain. Please click <u>here</u> for my review of flying business class on Malaysia Airlines between Perth and Kuala Lumpur.

Cruising like a virgin on the mighty Mekong for 50% off per cabin

This heading has nothing to do with my virtue or the cruise company. It's about the fact that I was a cruising novice until I joined an eight-night Discovery Cruise from Cambodia to Vietnam with CF Mekong Cruises, by Croisi Europe, aboard the RV Tuom Tiou II. CF Mekong have a sale offering a 50% discount off per cabin (2 pax) cruising between Siem Reap and Saigon until the end of 2024. Contact office@cfmekong.com for more details and if the price doesn't convince you, then perhaps What My Mekong Cruise Was Really Like is all the persuasion you need, not to mention those affordable flights with VietJet I mentioned above.

Feeling festive?



Balinese Kecak Dance at Suara Festival 2024, Nuanu City

Cultural immersion doesn't get much more fascinating than attending a festival, where festivalgoers are just as likely to be locals as international tourists. From a rainforest to a UNESCO World Heritage site to artists' studios, you might be surprised that some festivals in Asia and Western Australia are so special that you will happily plan your holiday around these Eight Unique Festivals in Asia and Western Australia.

Havana Social Club at the Rainforest World Music Festival 2024 in Sarawak's rainforest, Borneo

Hotels with the best fluffy towels

The Londoner, Macao



Where else in the world can you see the Eiffel Tower, Saint Mark's Campanile from Venice and Big Ben from your hotel room while enjoying an espresso? The Londoner, Macao is so luxurious that I forgot my own postcode while soaking in the Victorian bathtub. If you can bear to leave the hotel, here's a few other surprising things you must try in Macao.



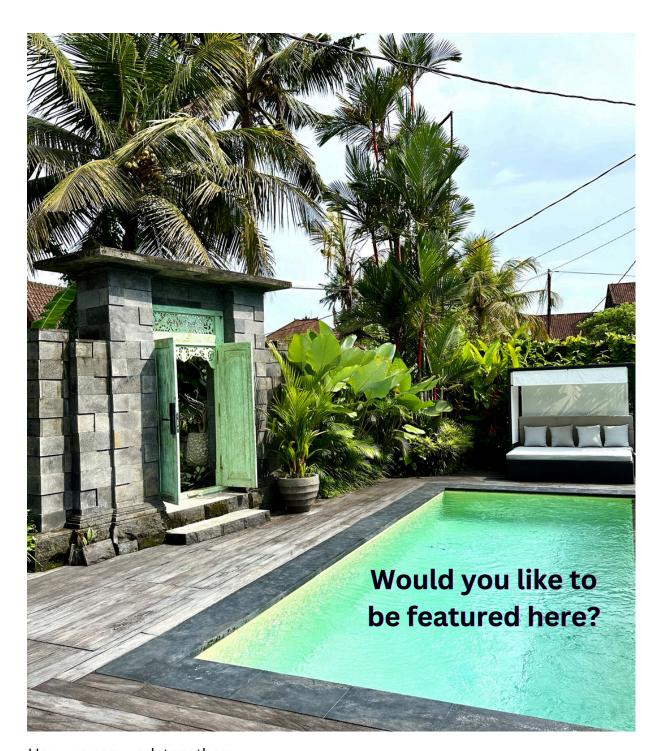
The Oberoi, Mauritius



Mauritius quite rightly conjures up images of a tropical paradise. Then you step into the Oberoi on the powdery sands of Turtle Bay and discover another level of ecstacy and wonder why all bathrooms don't lead to lush gardens. You might enjoy reading about my experience in <u>An island getaway in the Indian Ocean – discovering le mystique Mauritius.</u>

Willow Wood Glamping Retreat, Margaret River Region

The <u>Willow Wood Glamping Retreat</u> doesn't just come with fluffy towels, but also with fluffy highland cows and deep copper baths on your private deck overlooking lazing kangaroos. Cloud-like mattresses, kitchenettes with coffee machines and luxe ensuites take the romance up a notch, only (just) matched by the spa tent on this Margaret River Region property moments from Busselton.



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Tours

Hidden deTours



I recently joined the launch of the Moordiboordip Cultural Tour in Rockingham, a collaboration between Hidden Detours and In Culture Tours. The glorious weather in this sleepy seaside town belied the confronting stories we heard, steeped in over 50,000 years of Aboriginal history.

Vespalicious, Kuala Lumpur



Riding on the back of a vintage Vespa as your chauffeur navigates Kuala Lumpur's maddening traffic is one of the most invigorating ways to see the city. I joined the Cooler Lumpur by Night tour to explore KL's food scene at night with Vespalicious Tours.

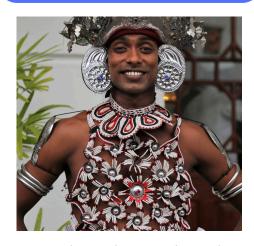
P.S. I had a driver, this photo was just for fun.

Ho Chi Minh City by Vespa



Jumping on the back of a Vespa in Ho Chi Minh City's sea of motorbikes might seem foolhardy. Turns out that joining <u>Urban Venture Tours</u> is one of the most invigorating ways to see the city and sample local delicacies.

Soul Sri Lanka



Joining a bespoke tour through Sri Lanka tailored just for you is an unforgettable way to enjoy this magical island. Allow <u>Soul Sri Lanka</u> to immerse you into Sri Lanka's culture, nature and adventure and here are <u>11 tempting reasons to</u> visit Sri Lanka.

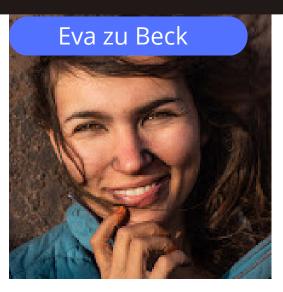
Youtubers to watch



Although I have no intention of running a marathon, I am obsessed with Russ Cook, aka The Hardest Geezer. Not only did he run the equivalent of two marathons a day covering the length of Africa for charity, but he is so entertaining and inspiring. I'm slightly bereft the journey ended but if you haven't already tuned in, there are over 100 episodes to binge.



I discovered Diary of a CEO when founder Steven Bartlett interviewed Russ Cook. What started out as a podcast has evolved into a YouTube channel with over 4 million subscribers revealing the vulnerabilities of the most influential people on earth.



Raw adventurer Eva zu Beck lives by her motto of, "the world belongs to the brave." After just one episode, you might feel courageous too, or at least enjoy some armchair adventures. Despite living off her wits in often inhospitable conditions, she somehow remains poised and beautiful with her German Shepherd Vilk by her side.





Cecelia Blomdahl shares her life on Svalbard, Longyearbyen, an island near the North Pole. Her everyday life includes the logistics of living in one of the most extreme places on earth alongside her boyfriend Christoffer and Finnish lapphund Grim, plus the odd polar bear.

