

THE REAL RACE...A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR GO-GETTERS

A Unique Venture To See And Fully Experience The Beauty And Challenges Of Australia

— By Bill Finley, Travel Editor —

Inspired by the TV show, *The Amazing Race*, some wickedly imaginative travel experts “down under” have come up with **the race of all races** to promote the myriad of travel spots on their own sub-equatorial continent.

This race is not for couch potatoes nor for weekend warriors. It is for people who are more than fit, are daring and have three weeks to spare and more than a few dollars to join the game. There will be no bugs to eat, tanks to drown in or airplanes to be hung from. Instead, there will be joys of unknown scenery, mountains to behold and tricks to prove the importance of teamwork.

This daredevil-may-care travel tour is seeking two-person teams (no genders mentioned) to compete along with 11 other teams from around the world. You would have to be auditioned to make sure you are “tele-genic” since the cameras will cover every thrilling move and record them for posterity and World Wide Sports or similar international coverage.

The originators of the fantastic idea point out that this coming event is not meant to be “extreme” but a realistic adventure for real people compared

to the super strenuous demands some programs require. It will be 100% safe, and while there will be only one truly winning team, there will be no



humiliating eliminations and every team will win in one way or another.

To answer the main question, if you are chosen to compete in this hopefully most famous race in

the world, the entry fee is \$12,320 per person if you sign up before May 31st. That, of course, covers the cost of safety harnesses, catch-me nets, medical care, crush-proof helmets, if needed.

The good news is that the #1 winner gets all their money back, estimated to be \$31,000-\$33,000. How's that for a challenge? Australians do things in a big way. They already have six teams signed up, so you better hurry. They expect to have all teams recruited by the end of May, so call soon. Grab your partner, kiss your dog goodbye, call Qantas for reservations, get some insurance and don't tell your mother where you're going.

If I were 40 years younger, I would steal my neighbor's wife (a decathlon winner), pool my credit cards, lose 12 pounds, run ten miles every day and head for Sidney. However, in reality, I look forward to hearing and seeing more about this fabulous event, its characters, the physical and mental challenges and what it takes to be the winner. Now that you have heard about it here, keep your eyes and ears open. It will be a Real Race!

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