



Kiting odyssey

A world kiteboarding expedition called The Best Odyssey has been announced by Offshore Odysseys, a company that specialises in extreme adventures.

"We're handpicking a small group of people from around the world who share our dream of discovering remote places on this planet to play in style," says Owner and Captain Gavin McClurg who started Offshore Odysseys in 1999.

The expedition begins in February 2007 on a 18m luxury catamaran aptly named *Discovery*. Best Kiteboarding will supply the boat with kites and boards for the expedition members and there will be a professional photographer onboard too, to capture the exploits of the kites.

The venture is a yacht-share concept driven by a love of both kiting and of travel. "The Best Odyssey solves the cost and maintenance



problem of typical yacht ownership by dividing the cost and benefits among more people", McClurg says. "The average person now has access to a professionally run boat and to locations only the super-wealthy had access to before."

Offshore Odysseys is selling shares in the vessel, which will be operated year-round by McClurg and his crew. Buying shares means you have the right to join the boat in one of the locations on the itinerary. Each season the boat will sail a new region: the Caribbean, South Pacific, Micronesia, Indian Ocean, Red Sea and beyond. Shareholders simply pick the area they want to see, meet their boat and go off on an adventure.

McClurg sums it up: "This is not a charter. The Best Odyssey is being offered to passionate watermen and women who are willing to make an investment to participate in a world expedition. We'll sail to wild places; kiteboard new locations across the planet; spearfish and free-dive where no one has been; surf breaks Kelly Slater hasn't even found." www.OffshoreOdysseys.com.

Same bridge, different climb

The Bridge Climb on the Sydney Harbour Bridge has become one of Australia's most popular tourist experiences since its launch and now a new route has been added to give visitors a choice of ways to scale the iconic structure.

The Discovery Climb takes you up through the heart of the latticework of the bridge, over catwalks and up stairs, eventually meeting the original Bridge Climb route at the very top of the bridge 134m above the water.

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