



calendar 2012



THE LANTAU GROUP
strategy & economic consulting



january 2012

carri ng

m	t	w	t	f	s	s
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

great wall of china

mutianyu, china

although it is common to hear that the stones of the great wall are bound by a mortar derived from the bones of one million people who died in its building, they are actually held in place by rice - no bones have ever been found in the great wall of china



mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29				

colorado river

page, arizona, usa

the colorado river was reddish-brown in colour until the glen canyon dam was built in page, trapping the sediment and silt that caused the discolouration at the bottom of lake powell



mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

“ipod rock”

near nikoi island, bintan, indonesia

the coast surrounding the 16.9 hectare resort island of nikoi is dotted with gravity-defying white granite boulders, one of which noticeably resembles a docked ipod and has been locally named “ipod rock”



april 2012

keith gelling

m	t	w	t	f	s	s
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

les grand jorasses

from the ridge between courmayeur and rifugio bonatti, tour du mont blanc, italy

the tour du mont blanc is a series of foot paths creating a 180km circuit around western europe's highest mountain: mont blanc, which is ranked 11th in the world in topographical prominence and stands approximately 4,808m tall, depending on how much snow is sitting on top of it



mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

monument valley

navajo national reservation
utah and arizona, usa

a favourite filming location for westerns, monument valley also features in dozens of other films including *thelma and louise*, *the eiger sanction*, *forrest gump* and *windtalkers*, and most recently in the latest UK television series of *Dr Who*



mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

grand canyon

south rim, arizona, usa

at 446 river kms long, up to 29kms across and 1.6km deep, the immense grand canyon and surrounds are home to over 1,500 plant, 355 bird, 89 mammalian, 47 reptile, 9 amphibian and 17 fish species, and a lot of very old rocks



july 2012

keith gelling

m	t	w	t	f	s	s
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

col ferret

from rifugio bonatti
tour du mont, italy

this picturesque alpine pass lies
between the valais and the aosta valley,
separates mont blanc from the pennine
alps and leads into switzerland from italy



mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

phewa tal (fewa lake)

pokhara valley, nepal

the second largest lake in nepal, phewa tal lies at an elevation of nearly 800m from sea level, is approximately 4.4km² and contains 46,000,000 cubic metres of water when filled to capacity



mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

crocodile hatchlings

port douglas, queensland, australia

a crocodile's sex is determined by the incubation temperature of the egg - if the temperature is between 31 and 33 degrees the hatchling will be male, if it is above or below that it will be female



october 2012

keith gelling

m	t	w	t	f	s	s
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

mont blanc (italian side)

from between courmayeur and rifugio bonatti, tour du mont blanc, italy

more than 20,000 people climb mont blanc annually, including a group of 20 in 1997 who celebrated reaching the summit by having a jacuzzi party - each had carried 45 pounds of portable custom-made hot tub equipment designed to function in cold air and at high altitude



mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

great wall of china

mutianyu, china

it is estimated that the length of all defense walls built in china over the last 2,000 years is approximately 50,000 km - more than the circumference of the earth. some 5,000kms in length, the great wall of china is the longest man-made fortification ever built



mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

mele bay

port vila, vanuatu

relatively new to christianity, the last recorded episode of cannibalism in vanuatu was 1969 - the year man walked on the moon. most acts were the result of tribal wars where the enemy was eaten, although a few missionaries were also ingested but were not favoured as they were too salty

image right
refuge du goûter
chamonix, france
(keith gelling)

front cover
kathmandu
nepal
(sarah fairhurst)


THE LANTAU GROUP
strategy & economic consulting

www.lantaugroup.com

