

The John Otway World Tour 2006

**Your invitation to circumnavigate the globe
on the Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Tour ever**

Flying on OT-AIR with

**John Otway
& the Big Band**

**Plus Steve Harley, Glenn Tilbrook
from Squeeze, Dennis Locorriere
from Dr Hook and other special
guests**

October 28th to November 12th 2006

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Dear all,

The best dream I ever had is now coming to fruition.... Our own Airbus. Sydney Opera House, a Heartbreak Hotel in Vegas, Central Park in New York, breaking into new territories in China, relaxation in Tahiti and Dubai. All of this kicking off with a gig in the place that started the British invasion – no, not Dunkerque, I mean the Cavern in Liverpool!

Some of you will know that we attempted to do this trip earlier in the year. We were eventually stopped in our tracks by the effects of Hurricane Katrina and the extreme rise in fuel prices that followed this. We are now on our way with half a jetload of people booked and the tour schedule looks better than ever. Please have a look at this – it looks pretty impressive and develops as every day passes. If you've ever watched films like 'This is Spinal Tap', 'The Blues Brothers' or 'Whoops Apocalypse' this tour is the real deal. It really will be the experience of a lifetime – something that no-one else has ever done (or possibly will ever do), so why not give it some thought with your mates?

If you would like to go on the tour but are not sure about anything, e.g. What will you do with your pet dog? etc. give us a call.

Please read through the enclosed pack and have a think about what you would like to be doing in October 2006. I know what we're doing, and I can't wait!

Love and / or best wishes

John Otway

The World Tour at a Glance

The Proposed Tour Itinerary is:

October 27th - The Cavern, Liverpool

October 28th - Concert Central Park, New York

October 29th - BB Kings Blues Club, New York

October 31st - Hard Rock Hotel, Las Vegas

**Rock 'n' Roll Rest and Relaxation -
Bora Bora, Tahiti**

November 6th - Sydney Opera House

November 8th - Carlsbro Theatre, Ningbo, China

November 11th - The Madinet Hotel, Dubai

The World Tour piece by piece

Finally all the pieces of this Wonderful jigsaw have started to fall into place so here's exactly the position of where we are with the itinerary.

Friday October 27th – We play the Cavern in Liverpool

I have always hoped that we could start the tour in Liverpool and take off from John Lennon Airport to fly to JFK which just sounds like a **fab** way to start a Rock 'n' Roll tour.

We will be joined by Glenn Tilbrook of Squeeze at the Cavern.

Sat 28th Sun 29th New York

I've had one hell of a time trying to get the perfect venue in New York – but I think I've now solved it... For some silly reason the stuffy old Carnegie Hall did not want to have an old Punk Rocker play the most famous classical venue. There is an old saying which goes Question: "How do you get to the Carnegie Hall?" Answer: "Practice". Well I didn't get to where I've got by practicing and I've discovered that getting to where I've got was not the way to the Carnegie Hall. What next? Well Madison Square Garden was the obvious next famous venue, but have you seen the size of the place? It did not make sense – at least that's what Madison Square Gardens said. So the search went on...

I got very excited when I read on the web that CBGB's, the famous New York club, was closing down at the end of October – Wow I thought, I could be the last UK act to play CBGB's. The excitement did not last though, I contacted them and I'd got it wrong. The club finally closes at the end of September.

Adam, the big band drummer might have come up with the solution – There are some lovely halls that do banquets and receptions in Central Park he told me – "YES" I thought, everyone remembers the Simon and Garfunkel Reunion in Central Park. We've also had BB Kings Blues Club pencilled in for ages so we'll do an evening show there on the 29th as well as the Central Park Reunion. Check it out at www.bbkingblues.com There will also be some time to do some sightseeing, shopping and socialising in Sin City.

It looks like we will be joined in New York by Dennis Locorriere from Dr Hook. I am personally looking forward to hearing all those hits like 'Sylvia's Mother' and 'When you're in love with a beautiful woman' again.

And on to Vegas October 30th – 31st

I've been looking at Hotels that have entertainment venues attached to them. I think for Vegas it would be great to have the show in the same place as we were staying. I've got some good ideas for the Vegas show and it would be most convenient to be able to rehearse at the Hotel. The sort of place we are looking at is the Hard Rock Hotel if you want to check it out on the web www.hardrockhotel.com

Tahiti November 1st – 3rd

The joy of getting hold of a globe and thinking, where would it be good to have a couple of days of rest and relaxation. Even before Air Tahiti Nui kindly offered us an Airbus for the tour I had fancied the idea of Tahiti. Hawaii had been suggested but many of you felt that there would be too much time spent in the USA if we did that. The idea of French Polynesia appealed greatly because it is so far away that this will possibly be our only chance of going there.

I had hoped to avoid actually doing a gig here, but rumour has it, that the president of Tahiti has heard that a famous UK Rock act has included Tahiti on their World Tour. I'm going to leave it like this for the moment. If the president of Tahiti really wants us to do a gig – then we will!! **Just imagine the big band in grass skirts....** I've been told that Tahiti is seriously wonderful and beautiful so what are you waiting for.

Australia Nov 5th – 7th

You can imagine my euphoria getting this e-mail.

.....Our indoor venues, Concert Hall (cap 2679), Opera Theatre (1547), Drama Theatre (544), Playhouse (398), all have scheduled performances or production activity on both 05 and 06 November.

The Concert Hall does have an evening session only available following an afternoon matinee performance on Sunday 05 November. Access to the venue for any kind of set up would probably be at the earliest from 1700hrs, and if you are camera recording, it doesn't really give enough time for venue prep, though probably would for a simple style performance.

Please have a look at the venue information for the Concert Hall on our web site www.sydneypoperahouse.com/venues where you will find tech specs, staging and seating plans. If you think this could be suitable, then please let me know and we can take it from there.

There are great views to the harbour from the North Foyer of the Concert Hall which is usually used for corporate entertaining (or 300 fans) pre or post show.....

After all the fuss and heartache over the Carnegie Hall, we'd got the Sydney Opera House. I had intended to try to play the Drama Theatre or Playhouse but being given the **BIG BIG** Hall was so exciting – the fact that we couldn't get in until the afternoon was a bit of a problem.

I reasoned that in order to get a good sized audience we would possibly need to have other star acts. I thought I might be able to tempt some good people over from England with an offer of a free ride in the OT-AIRBUS but there was not a lot of setting up time but we'd got one of the world greatest venues, so I felt sure we'd cope, and then came this e-mail.

.....I have also just had a cancellation on Monday 06 November. If you want to do something more complex and have more time in the venue for set up and rehearsals then let me know and I will move the booking.....

This was such great news, it meant that not only could we pretty much put on whatever show we wanted, we could get it looking great for the movie too. We have **Steve Harley** confirmed for Sydney, China and Dubai.

China – Ningbo Nov 7th – 9th

When I originally started work on the tour it was going to be in March this year and would have taken in a Total Eclipse of the Sun in Turkey. The Eclipse was on a Wednesday, meaning that we would have to get most of the way around the world in ten days in order to witness the event. After we lost the plane following the hike in fuel prices following Hurricane Katrina and had to reschedule, we had the opportunity to look afresh at the complete itinerary. It occurred to me that, you can now get budget fares to most European destinations, and we could take our jet anywhere in the world we fancied I started asking what exotic destinations people fancied going to.

I have been using Carlsbro Amplifiers for years and as a company they have been very supportive towards this tour. The equipment is manufactured in China and they have offered host an “Otway In China” party for us. I think that this could well be the most memorable place on the tour. It’s not like playing Shanghai or Beijing which are now quite cosmopolitan. This is a big Chinese city, which has never been on a Rock ‘n’ Roll tour gig list before. The country is changing so fast that I think within a few years time what we will experience there will be gone. It might well be the case that the OT-AIR jet will be the first international flight into the brand new Ningbo International.

This tour is important to the Chinese, as well as the coverage on Central Chinese Television, we are being greeted by the Mayor of Ningbo.

This is far more significant than it initially sounds. Mayors in China are powerful political figures a bit more like Rudolph Giuliani in New York than what we tend to think of as a mayor in the UK.

Other dignitaries will be present, British Embassy Officials, etc. and over 2000 people will attend in a purpose built venue.

It is easy to think of this tour as something frivolous, but in this case we are doing something more significant. The music industry is one of our big exports and, however strange it seems; the board of trade are interested in this adventurous project.

Dubai Nov 10th – 12th

We have Barry Upton the producer of **Steps**, **Otway** and the **Cheeky Girls** among others to thank for finding this one and tying us up with **OK Magazine**.

Last year Barry’s band, “Hot Pants A Go Go”, played an OK event in Dubai and suggested to them that they stage the End of Tour party gig. The venue is almost certainly going to be one of the Jumeirah Hotels. The famous Burj Al Arab is part of their chain. All these Hotels are incredible and incredibly luxurious.

The specific venue does to an extent depend on any special guest we take with us.

However Barry really hopes we get the venue he played over there the Madinat. We think that Bunsen Burner will give "Hot Pants A Go Go" and the Cheeky Girls a run for their money.... Check the hotel out at www.madinatjumeirah.com I don't think there is a more suitable place in the world to have the end of tour party gig.

So what is printed on your Tour jackets should look something like this:-

October 27th The Cavern Liverpool
October 28th Otway Barrett reunion Concert Central Park New York
October 29th BB Kings Blues Club, New York
October 31st Hard Rock Hotel Las Vegas
Rock and Roll Rest and Relaxation Bora Bora Tahiti
November 6th Sydney Opera House
November 8th Carlsbro Theatre NingBo
November 11th The Madinet Hotel Dubai

I hope this gives you a flavour of what the tour is going to be like. You may be aware of the page in the Independent, the feature in Word Magazine and the article in the Telegraph that we've already had. The coverage is bound to increase as take off gets closer and it becomes clear that we will make Rock 'n' Roll history.

Fly OT-AIR – it will be fun!

Cheers Otway

What Do I Get?

INCLUDED IN YOUR WORLD TOUR TICKET:

**ALL SCHEDULED AIR TRAVEL DURING THE TOUR
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION DURING THE TOUR
TRANSFERS BETWEEN AIRPORTS AND HOTELS AT EVERY LOCATION
ALL AIRPORT AND LANDING CHARGES AND AIRPORT TAXES
CHECK IN AND BAGGAGE HANDLING SERVICES AT ALL AIRPORTS
ALL SCHEDULED IN-FLIGHT FOOD
TICKETS TO ALL CONCERTS FORMING PART OF THE TOUR
SCHEDULED COACH TRAVEL BETWEEN HOTELS AND EVENTS
CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE GLOBE WITH OTWAY
AND THE BAND ON TOUR
THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!**

As you would expect there will be a full OT-AIR in-flight crew to look after you during flights. There will also be fully briefed members of Tour Staff travelling throughout the tour with you, who will have the job of assisting at all times in making your trip as pleasant as possible.

The Price

The Price of this once in a lifetime, unique chance to travel around the globe is £3990* per person – economy class and £6990* per person – business class

If you wish to travel on part of the tour (an **OT-LEG**), we have the following options available:

UK – New York – Vegas – UK £1800
Vegas – Tahiti – Sydney £1800
UK – Sydney, Shanghai, Dubai – UK £2495
UK – Dubai – UK £1800

Details of how to pay and when payments are required are set out in this info pack

*Single travellers not sharing a room will be required to pay a single room supplement, this will be charged at cost.

Your peace of mind

We have full ABTA bonding for the tour, thus your money is held securely. If you have any further questions about this - please see the 'Frequently Asked Questions' sheet, or contact the tour office.

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Some of your questions answered

How long have I got to book up?

We are working on a first come, first served basis, the honest answer is that we really don't know and cannot promise there will be places left by any particular point in time. We have approximately 80 places available at the time of writing this brochure.

If I pay a deposit now and the tour doesn't go ahead, do I get it all back?

Yes - if for any reason we can't go ahead with the tour, all the money will be returned with no deductions.

What if John is unable to go, or we get stuck at an airport for ages in some cock-up?

We have been in touch with Lloyds underwriters and got quotes for underwriting the payment of refunds in the event that things go wrong. We are looking at insuring John entirely, then insuring for loss of shows, and insuring for if we get stuck, or grounded due to things going wrong. An insurance policy to provide refunds will be paid for and included in the ticket price to cover most 'disaster' scenarios, which we will forward to you prior to going ahead.

What about personal insurance?

You will be free to get your own, but we have a package available at a cost of £53.00 per person. This will be a cost on top of the ticket price, since it will cover you, and your health and possessions.

You are sorting Hotels, travel and the shows, what will I need to pay for myself?

You will need to buy any drink you want to consume, and food other than scheduled in-flight meals, or meals provided on the tour. We hope to get breakfast at the hotels, but at this stage we are not able to promise it at every hotel. Any room service and your own transport if you leave the hotels or events other than at scheduled times will be down to you to pay for.

What standard of Hotel can I expect?

We intend to book decent, conveniently located hotels with en-suite facilities, good in room facilities and 24 hour reception service.

Can I live now and pay later?

Yes, we are able to advise on a range of personal loans.

Can I pay through my business or company and get tax relief?

You will need to check with your accountant, but we will be offering sponsorship packages to companies and businesses. This will involve a payment for sponsorship, which will be invoiced. The sponsorship package includes a complimentary seat for a company staff member to attend the tour and represent the company.

Will I be on TV?

Good question! We are making a documentary film and will get TV and media coverage along the way. You may well end up on TV if this is the case. Obviously if we do have TV or media people covering the tour, we will need you to have agreed to allow it when you book up.

I am vegetarian / have special needs can I expect to be catered for?

We want to make the tour as accessible as possible, and intend to cater properly for anyone as well as we possibly can. If you have special needs, please mention this when you apply so we can work things out in advance. We'll do our best!

Can I choose to join the tour for part of it, or just go to some dates?

Yes, we have a limited number of OT-LEGS available.

Can I help with sponsorship?

Yes! If you have any ideas, please help out by giving us your thoughts. Sponsorship will enable us to do additional things on the tour. Contact Piggy with your ideas at dean@academy-of-rock.co.uk or call him on 01634 855267 mob 07725 927585

How can I justify this outrageous indulgence?

Because life is just too short, think about it....

**If you have any further questions, please get in touch with
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John Otway World Tour 2006 Application form

Name _____ Address: _____

Tel (day): _____

Tel (eve): _____

e-mail: _____

I would like to apply for _____ place(s) on the WORLD TOUR

Standard Class

Business Class

OT-LEGS – state which leg you wish to go on _____

I WOULD LIKE TO PAY BY METHOD ONE (Deposit and 3 stage payments)

I enclose a cheque payable to CT Travel for £1000 per place

I WOULD LIKE TO PAY BY METHOD TWO (OT-LOAN)

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Please let us know if you have any special needs that would need you to be provided with anything other than standard service, or that you would like to check if we can accommodate:

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO: OTWAY WORLD TOUR,
33 Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells, Kent CT1 1PN

I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the tour.

SIGNED _____ DATE: _____