



Hope you all had a wonderful long weekend. It was very summery around here and really marked the beginning of summer on the Coromandel. I didn't make it in for a swim, but did do a bit of kayaking. A big welcome to all the new VUDA NEWS subscribers—I'm sure you'll get some good travel tips and ideas from these newsletters. Remember to forward them to your family and friends! Most of you have now been away for your 2009 winter holiday, however NOW is an EXCELLENT time to be planning your 2010 adventure. Don't miss out on all the Early Bird offers!!

Kylee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TRAVEL VUDA—1 YEAR ON!

Travel VUDA (very.unique.designer.adventures.) turns 1! What an awesome year it's been; some great adventures, met loads of lovely ladies (on tour, at expos, Womens networking opportunities), launched the new website & a new tour range for 2010 and all sorts of travel 'stuff' happening!! A big THANK YOU to all that have been involved and to my awesome clients who have been busy travelling all around the world in the past 12 months! I look forward to assisting with your 2010 travel adventures.

I thought I'd take this opportunity to explain a little bit more about Travel VUDA:

Travel VUDA Ltd was established in 2008 by Owner/Operator Kylee Flegg (that's me). I've been involved in the travel industry for 10 years, including 7 years as a retail travel consultant. I just LOVE travelling and have created Travel VUDA so I can share this passion with likeminded Women, and continue to offer my clients a professional and friendly travel experience.

Travel VUDA Ltd specialises in:

- **Unique travel journeys for women.** I create small group escorted tours for women only. It's more fun that way!! See my beautiful new website for details—www.travelvuda.co.nz.
- **Domestic & international travel services.** From holiday packages to Fiji, airfares to anywhere in the WORLD, an African Safari—Travel VUDA has access to some fantastic travel rates.

Travel VUDA Ltd operates under the umbrella of the Travel Managers Group Ltd, a network of Travel Brokers throughout New Zealand. This enables a business platform for Travel VUDA Ltd to work from, and most importantly, for you the traveller, means TMG is a fully bonded member of TAAZ (Travel Agents Association of New Zealand) and is a fully accredited IATA (International Air Transport Association) Agency. So you can be confident your travel arrangements are in safe hands.

The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.

St. Augustine

EGYPTIAN FANTASY

I've just finished reading a beautiful book—Iris & Ruby, by Rosie Thomas. As grandmother reminisces about the past, during wartime Cairo, while her troubled granddaughter has her own modern day experiences in a changed city. Rosie Thomas weaves a romantic story, combined with ancient allure, and has left me wanting to experience the wonders of Egypt for myself!!!

Getting There: Return economy class airfares from Auckland to Cairo, including taxes, \$2177 with Singapore Airlines (Singapore Stopover Holidays from only \$1 pp!!) OR as a side trip on your way to Europe!

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International Roaming; Vodafone vs. Telecom

I've been with Vodafone for years and years, and have used my cell phone overseas many times before, mainly for text messaging and calling. Make a call before I leave home, arrive at my destination and turn on the phone – easy as that. It's extremely convenient to text or call home for quick updates, say hello and, most importantly, brag about all your fun travel experiences! It's also great to be able to make local calls to make restaurant reservations, reconfirm onwards flights, book taxis and to meet up with your new found friends. However it can be costly (I can vouch for that after a long phone call home from Croatia).

I must say I was pretty surprised at all the commotion when Telecom released their new 'XT Mobile Network' and still can't really understand what all the fuss is about.... Like I said, I'd already been roaming with Vodafone for years. So I decided to do a bit of research, here's what I found;

Telecom: Not all phones are compatible for roaming. However Telecom does offer a free loan phone if your current phone won't work in your destination. Look out for upgrade credits when purchasing a new XT Mobile. If you are on a contract you'll be able to Roam in more than 210 destinations for voice and texting – across more than 430 networks worldwide – and

over 110 destinations for data. If you're on Pre-paid, you can now roam to many countries too; however you'll be slightly limited. The one thing I really did like the sound of is the set fees over 5 Zones, which makes it easy to know what you'll be getting charged per call (incoming or outgoing), text message or your data usage. Telecom is also able to email some Roaming Tips before you depart on your holiday, and have worldwide support via a toll free number or email.

Vodafone: All Vodafone cell phones are compatible to roam. Vodafone is the world's largest global mobile network, so they offer a quality roaming experience with the Vodafone group and network partners. They offer roaming to over 215 destinations for voice and 90 for data (less for prepaid customers). Vodafone has a new 'Vodafone Traveller' zone based roaming pricing plan, split into four zones. So when you roam and make a call when overseas you will only pay the standard rate you pay when you use your mobile in New Zealand, plus the zone rate per minute. You do need to opt in for this new pricing plan. If you don't opt in I'd highly recommend printing out the network pricing details for each country you are going to, as you'll need to manually select the network you use for each call. One may offer better local calling rates, whereas the other network may be

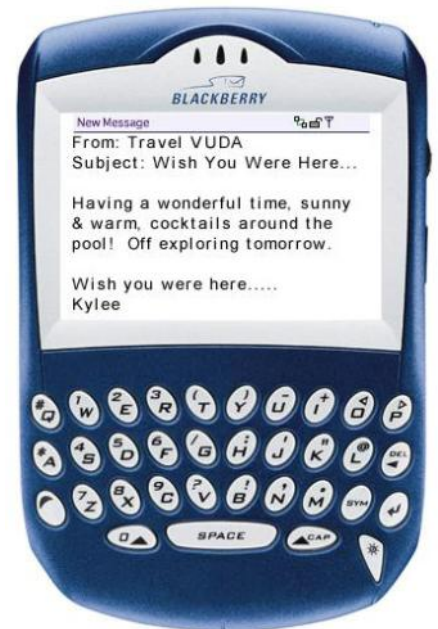
best when calling home. All On Account customers can call customer services for free when roaming overseas.

So all in all they both seem pretty competitive with each other (reminds me of Air NZ vs. Qantas, always copying each other!). I'll be sticking with Vodafone for now, seems like Telecom is really only just catching up with what Vodafone have been offering for years....

For more details and to compare calling rates see:

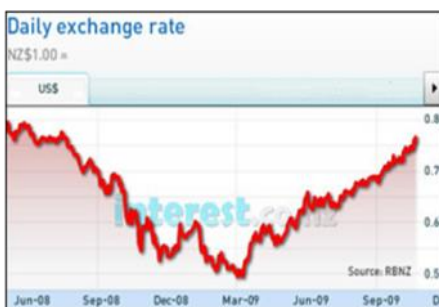
www.vodafone.co.nz/roaming/vodafone-traveller.jsp

www.telecomroaming.co.nz/network/



NZD vs. USD: UP, UP & AWAY

The NZD is making record highs against the USD at the moment and is currently riding a 14 month high! Good news for those travelling to the USA or country's who's currency is dependant on the USD or who trade in USD (i.e. Vietnam & Bali just to name a few). So stock up—you never know how long it will last! Take advantage of the high exchange rates and prepay for your travel arrangements now—it could save you thousands!



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