

Attacking malaria

THE recent controversy over mefloquine malaria tablets has led to a decrease in the number of travellers taking any type of malaria tablets, according to adventure holiday specialist Encounter Overland.

So the company is now providing free tablets for all clients on its African expeditions. "We issue them daily and virtually stand over clients to make sure they take them," said spokesman Warren Burton. The company does not carry mefloquine but uses the alternative drugs chloroquine and proguanil.