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America's Golden West

17 Day Conducted Tour

For only **\$4,595** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

This is great value for a tour to the U.S.A, as all of the following is included:

- ❖ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Los Angeles with Qantas.
- ❖ A wonderful 15 day coach tour through California, Arizona & Nevada visiting Los Angeles, the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Yosemite National Park and San Francisco.
- ❖ Good accommodation with private facilities.
- ❖ All transport and transfers.
- ❖ Prepaid gratuities to the guide and driver.
- ❖ Services of American tour guides and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



For this tour we will guarantee twin share accommodation for anyone who wants it. For anyone requiring a single room there will be an extra charge of \$1355.

Tour departs on 29th March and returns 14th April, 2019

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for America's Golden West Tour

Included meals are indicated as B = Continental Breakfast

29.03.19 Australia - Los Angeles

Depart Brisbane at 6.05am on QF 505, arriving in Sydney at 8.40am.

Depart Melbourne at 7.00am on QF 408, arriving in Sydney at 8.25am.

All passengers depart Sydney at 10.30am on QF 11, arriving in Los Angeles at 6.20am the same day (you cross the International Date Line).

We are transferred to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to do some independent exploring. Our tour director is on hand this afternoon to answer any questions.

Please note that your hotel room may not be ready for check-in until the standard afternoon check in time. If you would like to be guaranteed early access into your hotel room we will need to book the previous night's accommodation at an additional charge of \$154 per person twin share or \$292 single room. Alternatively you can store your luggage at the hotel and explore the nearby area until your room becomes available.

Accommodation: The L.A. Hotel Downtown or similar

30.03.19 Los Angeles

Begin the day with a sightseeing tour of Tinseltown. Drive through Hollywood and see the historic TCL Chinese Theatre. A historic gem, this world famous cinema (formerly Grauman's), has hosted some of the most exclusive movie premieres in Hollywood history. See the Dolby Theatre, the first permanent home of the glamorous Academy Awards. See the Hollywood Walk of Fame where iconic stars grace block after city block of Hollywood Boulevard. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Our tour director will have suggestions for further exploration of the city.

Accommodation: The L.A. Hotel Downtown or similar

31.03.19 Los Angeles - Palm Springs

We journey to the desert oasis of Palm Springs. Ever since Hollywood stars first came here in the 1930's, laying claim to ranch-style estates and holing up in elite hotels, the clean, dry air and sunshine have made Palm Springs irresistible.

Accommodation: Courtyard Palm Springs or similar

01.04.19 Palm Springs – Scottsdale

Travel through cacti-covered desert toward Old Town Scottsdale, where Western storefronts create an aura of the past. Afterwards enjoy free time to explore a taste of the Old West with restaurants, shopping and bars. With wooden beams, wagon wheels and cowboy hats, we'll feel like we've travelled back in time to the era of outlaws and saloons.

Accommodation: The Saguaro Scottsdale or similar

02.04.19 Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon National Park – Williams

Our first stop is Sedona, a thriving centre for New Age arts set in canyon country. Next onto the weather sculptured rock formations of Oak Creek Canyon. We travel alongside the San Francisco Mountains and beautiful pine forests to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. There is time to stroll the canyon rim. Overnight in Williams, a mountain town

with Route 66 as the main street and the gateway to the Grand Canyon.
Accommodation: Grand Canyon Railway Hotel or similar

03.04.19 Williams - Las Vegas

We cross the old Mojave gold strike country which still bears traces of century-old ghost towns set in natural desert beauty. Watch for Joshua trees, a species of the lily family that grows to more than 40 feet in height and can live up to 300 years. By late afternoon we reach Las Vegas, a fantastic city of feverish gambling, neon lights and glamorous shows. Upon arrival we have an orientation tour, showing off many of the themed casino resorts along the colourful 'Strip'.

Accommodation: SLS Las Vegas Hotel & Casino or similar

04.04.19 Las Vegas

Today is at leisure to swim and sunbathe at the hotel pool or explore the varied casinos and shopping plazas.

Accommodation: SLS Las Vegas Hotel & Casino or similar

05.04.19 Las Vegas – Tulare

Departing the neon lights of Las Vegas, we continue across the desert landscape of Nevada before crossing into California. We'll see the vast Mojave Desert, which covers one-fifth of California. We pass through the agricultural land and overnight in Tulare, in the central San Joaquin Valley.

Accommodation: Best Western Town & Country Lodge or similar

06.04.19 Tulare - Yosemite National Park - Modesto

(B) This morning we enter Yosemite National Park, a wonderland of spectacular lakes, giant granite domes, towering pinnacles, cascading waterfalls and lush forests. Afterwards we proceed to Modesto for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Best Western Palm Court or similar

07.04.19 Modesto – Sausalito - San Francisco

(B) This morning we continue west to the 'Golden Gate City' of San Francisco, famous for its hills and cable cars. We stop for a lunch break (not included) in the pristine waterfront community of Sausalito and have some free time to explore this quaint Mediterranean-style village with its shops, galleries and impressive views. Our included sightseeing tour takes in the spectacular Golden Gate Bridge. We have a three night stay in San Francisco.

Accommodation: Hotel Carlton or similar

08.04.19 San Francisco

Today is at leisure. You may wish to visit fascinating Alcatraz Prison, do some shopping in Union Square or explore the 'City by the Bay'.

Accommodation: Hotel Carlton or similar

09.04.19 San Francisco

Another day at leisure to explore this great city. Perhaps ride the historic trams, take a walking tour of the city's diverse neighbourhoods or enjoy an Italian coffee at a sidewalk café in North Beach.

Accommodation: Hotel Carlton or similar

10.04.19 San Francisco - Monterey

Today we visit historic Fisherman's Wharf, where we may spot sea lions and otters. We then travel south to picturesque Monterey, which was once Spain's Californian capital. This afternoon we visit Cannery Row, made famous by John Steinbeck's novel. During our free time this afternoon, consider a visit to Monterey Bay Aquarium, known for its interactive exhibits and teeming sea life.

Accommodation: Days Inn Monterey Downtown or similar

11.04.19 Monterey - 17 Mile Drive - Carmel - Solvang

(B) Today we take the spectacular 17 Mile Drive and watch the waves of the Pacific Ocean en route to Carmel. Nestled in a pine forest, the one-square-mile village of Carmel is incredibly dynamic, yet still quaint and picturesque. Afterwards we travel to Solvang, where Denmark has been recreated with picturesque buildings and windmills. There's time to walk the flower lined village streets and enjoy the quaint 'Old World' architecture. You may wish to try the tasty bakery treats and perhaps a Danish smorgasbord for dinner, which all add to the unique experience of Solvang.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express or similar

12.04.19 Solvang - Santa Barbara - Santa Monica - Los Angeles - Australia

(B) From Solvang it's a short drive south to coastal Santa Barbara. Sightseeing includes a photo stop at the historic mission and a visit to the pier. There's time to wander along the bustling waterfront or do some shopping in some of the most talked about boutiques in downtown Santa Barbara. Next we make our way to Santa Monica Pier and the ultimate Southern California beach. Afterwards we continue to Los Angeles airport for our flights home.

Brisbane passengers depart Los Angeles at 10.15pm on QF 56, arriving in Brisbane at 5.00am two days later (you recross the International Date Line).

Sydney passengers depart Los Angeles at 10.30pm on QF 12, arriving in Sydney at 6.30am two days later (you recross the International Date Line).

Melbourne passengers depart Los Angeles at 10.40pm on QF 94, arriving in Melbourne at 7.30am two days later (you recross the International Date Line).

13.04.19 In flight

14.04.19 Australia

This morning your flight arrives into Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne.

Note: The ground operator for the tour in the mainland U.S.A. is Cosmos



Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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Tour Difficulty Level 2

This tour rating typically involves moderate physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, walking distances of up to 200 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's America's Golden West Tour

Deposits and Payments: A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable 10 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance: Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bare no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Some Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. A visa waiver is required for travel to the United States of America for Australian passport holders. The cost of the visa waiver is USD \$14 per person. Please note that this price is subject to change. Please note that Australians who have travelled to Iran, Iraq, Syria or Sudan since the 1st March 2011 or Australians who are dual citizens of these countries will no longer be eligible to apply for US visa waiver and will instead need to apply for a non-immigrant visa at a US Embassy or Consulate. No other visas are required if you are travelling on an Australian passport.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes: Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost: All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa / MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$115 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions

Booking through other Agents: As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Twin Share Bookings - For this tour we will guarantee twin share accommodation to anyone who wants it. This means that if you cannot be assigned with another person, we will provide a single room for the twin share price. Twin share passengers are assigned by their gender, on a first come, first served basis. Passengers are not assigned according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____ Preferred Name: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person and the health & fitness form.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details and severity: _____
2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No
3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No
If no, please provide details about these limitations: _____
4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: _____
6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): _____
9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No
10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No
11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: _____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

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