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## AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS & CANYON COUNTRY

17 Day Conducted Tour

for only **\$5,475** per person twin share.

This price includes airport taxes and fuel levies

This is wonderful value for a tour to many of America's most scenic areas during early Autumn, as all of the following are included:

- Return Economy Class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Las Vegas with Qantas and United Airlines.
- A 15 day coach tour visiting the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Yellowstone National Park, Black Hills of South Dakota, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, the wild west town of Jackson and exciting Las Vegas.
- National Park admission fees and all transport.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3 star.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main guide & driver.
- Services of an American tour guide and if there are 14 or more Macleay Valley Travel 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 \$1695.



**Tour departs Australia 14<sup>th</sup> September and returns 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

*We try harder to find you the best travel deal*

## **Itinerary for America's National Parks & Canyon Country Tour**

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast

### **14.09.20 Australia – Los Angeles - Las Vegas**

Depart Melbourne at 5.30am on QF 400, arriving in Sydney at 6.55am.

Depart Brisbane at 6.05am on QF 501, arriving in Sydney at 7.40am.

All passengers depart Sydney at 9.35am on Qantas flight QF 11, arriving in Los Angeles at 6.20am the same day (you cross the International Date Line).

Then depart Los Angeles at 11.35am on United Airlines flight UA 1155, arriving in Las Vegas at 12.55pm. We are transferred from the airport to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Welcome to exciting Las Vegas, also known as 'Sin City'.

Our Tour Director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

Accommodation: Golden Nugget or similar

### **15.09.20 Las Vegas – Williams – Grand Canyon National Park**

We depart the glittering lights of Las Vegas for one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, Grand Canyon National Park. Journey across the old Mojave gold-strike country, passing through Williams on historic Route 66 and Kaibab National Forest. Arrive at the Grand Canyon by mid-afternoon and marvel at the breathtaking views. Our accommodation this evening is inside the National Park.

Accommodation: Yavapai Lodge West or similar

### **16.09.20 Grand Canyon National Park – Monument Valley – Kayenta**

If you miss the sunset over the canyon, sunrise is just as impressive! You may choose to join the optional exciting helicopter flight over the canyon for incomparable views of flame-coloured walls plunging 6,093 feet into the Colorado River. We continue across Arizona and into the Navajo Nation. Situated on the Arizona/Utah border, Monument Valley's scenic desert vistas and iconic buttes have appeared in countless classic Western films. We see the massive formations on an included and memorable 4 wheel drive tour. Our knowledgeable Navajo guide will show us some of the valley's most incredible scenery and share local legends and lore. This evening, you may wish to join the optional Navajo cookout for dinner surrounded by the red-rock canyons of Monument Valley.

Accommodation: Kayenta Monument Valley Inn or similar

### **17.09.20 Kayenta – Moab – Arches National Park – Grand Junction**

We head north for Moab and visit the magnificent Arches National Park, where we will discover a landscape of contrasting colours, landforms and textures unlike anything else in the world. This red-rock wonderland will amaze you.

We have a late arrival into Grand Junction, surrounded by awe-inspiring natural beauty and the dramatic red-rock landscape of the Colorado National Monument.

Accommodation: Grand Vista Hotel or similar

### **18.09.20 Grand Junction – Colorado National Monument – Denver area**

This morning we visit Colorado National Monument. Towering monoliths exist within a vast plateau and canyon panorama. Experience sheer walled, red-rock

canyons along the twists and turns of Rim Rock Drive, where we may spy bighorn sheep and soaring eagles. We then journey east across the Rocky Mountains to the 'Mile High City' of Denver.

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn Denver Cherry Creek or similar

**19.09.20 Denver – Custer**

**(B)**

Today we travel across the windswept landscape of Wyoming and into the Black Hills of South Dakota. We spend the next two nights in Custer, in the heart of the Black Hills National Forest and gateway to Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial and Mount Rushmore.

Accommodation: Econo Lodge Custer or similar

**20.09.20 Custer State Park, Mount Rushmore & Crazy Horse Memorial**

At Custer State Park we enjoy a scenic drive along Wildlife Loop Road with spectacular terrain and an abundance of wildlife, like the herd of 1,300 bison that roam freely throughout the park. Afterwards we visit Mount Rushmore National Memorial, which stands as a shrine to democracy. See the stunning granite faces of Mount Rushmore, a giant monument to four great American Presidents; Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. Then we visit the Crazy Horse Memorial, a monument carved out of a mountain to honour the great Native American hero, Chief Crazy Horse.

Accommodation: Econo Lodge Custer or similar

**21.09.19 Custer – Devils Tower – Cody**

This morning we head through high country where open-range cattle kings made war on the homesteaders in the 1890's. Next we make a photo stop at Devils Tower National Monument, established as America's first national monument by Teddy Roosevelt in 1906.

We have an overnight stay in Buffalo Bill's western town of Cody.

Accommodation: Buffalo Bill Village or similar

**22.09.20 Cody – Yellowstone National Park**

This morning is at leisure in Cody to relax or stroll down Cody's main street with its unique shops and restaurants. For those who wish there should be an optional tour to visit the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West, which celebrates the spirit of the American West. This afternoon we depart for Yellowstone National Park, where we have a two night stay.

Accommodation: Brandin Iron Inn or similar

**23.09.20 Yellowstone National Park**

Spend the day exploring all the wonders of Yellowstone National Park, established in 1872 as the world's first national park. See world-famous Old Faithful Geyser, Mammoth Hot Springs, the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone and Fountain Paint Pots. Keep a lookout for some of the park's wildlife that can include moose, bison, elk, deer, bighorn sheep, wolves, bear, fox, coyote and beaver.

Accommodation: Brandin Iron Inn or similar

**24.09.20 Yellowstone National Park – Jackson – Alpine**  
We head south to the Wild West town of Jackson with its wooden sidewalks and swing-door saloons. There is some time to explore the shops and museums of historic downtown. We overnight in Alpine located on the banks of the Snake River.  
Accommodation: Flying Saddle Resort or similar

**25.09.20 Alpine – Salt Lake City**  
**(B)** Travel to Salt Lake City, Utah’s vibrant capital. Set on the edge of Great Salt Lake Desert, this centre of the Mormon religion is where Brigham Young declared to his followers, ‘This is the place.’ An included sightseeing tour offers a glimpse of Temple Square, the Capitol Building and the downtown area.  
Accommodation: Crystal Inn Hotel or similar

**26.09.20 Salt Lake City – Bryce Canyon National Park**  
**(B)** Today’s highlight is a visit to unique Bryce Canyon National Park with its 32 kilometres of sandstone cliffs and ever-changing colours. See some of Earth’s most brilliant shades of rock, sculpted by nature into pillars called ‘hoodoos.’  
Accommodation: Best Western Plus Ruby’s Inn or similar

**27.09.20 Bryce Canyon National Park – Zion National Park – Las Vegas**  
**(B)** First stop today is Zion National Park with its landscape carved over millions of years by rushing streams. Steep canyons, stone towers and verdant vegetation form the scenery of Zion. See fantastic rock structures and some unbelievable scenic beauty. We then travel to Las Vegas and our downtown hotel.  
Accommodation: Golden Nugget or similar

**28.09.20 Las Vegas – Los Angeles – Australia**  
Today is at leisure in Las Vegas. We will need to check out of our hotel rooms at the standard check out time. After this our luggage can be stored at the hotel until our mid afternoon transfer to the airport for our flights home.  
Depart Las Vegas at 6.25pm on United Airlines flight UA 584, arriving in Los Angeles at 7.35pm.  
Sydney and Brisbane passengers depart Los Angeles at 10.30pm on Qantas flight QF 12, arriving in Sydney at 6.30am two days later (30.09.20 – you recross the International Date Line).  
Melbourne passengers depart Los Angeles at 10.40pm on Qantas flight QF 94, arriving in Melbourne at 7.30am two days later (30.09.20 – you recross the International Date Line).

**29.09.20 In Flight**

**30.09.20 Arrive Australia**  
All flights arrive into Australia this morning.  
Brisbane passengers depart Sydney at 9.05am on QF 512, arriving in Brisbane at 10.35am.

**Note:** The ground operator for this tour is Cosmos and our group will be joining in with

other English speaking passengers. Also note that routing and areas visited in Yellowstone National Park are subject to favourable weather, gate access and road conditions. As such the program and routings may need to be adjusted.

### 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 3

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and where necessary at hotels, walking distances in excess of 500 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as some early departures.





## Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's America's National Parks & Canyon Country

**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. Until this time the travel insurance may not be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear 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, Sudan, North Korea or Venezuela since the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2.75% 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 on this tour is \$115 per person, plus any increase in airfare and taxes. Please inquire with our office for specific prices on any tour extensions

**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**

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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