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SOUTH AMERICA & ANTARCTICA

31 Day Conducted Tour
for **\$12,295** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

This is amazing value for a tour to these expensive destinations, as the price includes all of the following:

- Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Santiago de Chile with Latam Airlines plus all flights within South America.
- A 22 day Holland America Cruise from Santiago to Buenos Aires in an oceanview cabin (porthole). Highlights of the cruise include the Chilean Fjords, Cape Horn, Argentine Patagonia, the Antarctica Peninsula, the Falklands archipelago and much more.
- 8 days land touring of Santiago, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Iguazu Falls.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4 star.
- All meals on the cruise and many other meals as stated in the itinerary.
- All transfers and transport and entrance fees to many attractions.
- South American tour guides, and if there are 10 or more tour participants there will be a national escort (for the land content only).



If you don't have someone to twin share with, we will do our best to assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. A single room is an extra cost of \$4,520.

Tour departs Australia on the 29th January and returns 28th February 2017

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for South America & Antarctica

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

29.01.17 Australia – Santiago de Chile

Depart Brisbane at 5.20am on QF 503, arriving in Sydney at 7.55am.

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

All passengers then depart Sydney at 11.10am on LA800, arriving in Santiago de Chile at 1.50pm. (This flight goes via Auckland).

Upon arrival in Santiago de Chile we will be met and transferred to our hotel.

Chile's capital, Santiago is located in the central valley, approximately 1800 feet above sea level, framed by the majestic Andean Mountain Range and only 120kms from the Pacific Ocean.

First settled in 1541 at the foot of the Santa Lucia Hill, it is now the fifth largest city in South America and is set in one of the most beautiful locations. Although essentially a modern capital, it still has some beautiful historic colonial buildings dating from the 16th century. During your free time you may wish to visit the Pre Columbian Art Museum, which has an exhibition of objects from the pre-Columbian cultures of Central America and the Andean region.

Please note: When entering Chile, Australian passport holders are required to pay a reciprocity fee of USD \$117. The payment of this reciprocity fee is not a visa. This amount must be paid at the International Airport in cash or credit card only.

Accommodation: Luciano K Hotel

30.01.17 Santiago de Chile

(B)

This morning we will be picked up from our hotel for a sightseeing tour of the city of Santiago. We see the Civic Centre and La Moneda Presidential Palace, the house of government, that was originally built to coin money. In 1846 and until 1958, President Manuel Bulnes had La Moneda fitted out as the private residence of Chile's Presidents. Now the building has been renovated as a government palace and the seat of the Presidency of the Republic. The Plaza de Armas, originally and following Spanish customs, is an open space where open air markets could be held and it wasn't until 1860 that the first flower gardens were planted together with trees that are still there to this day. The Cathedral has three previous versions erected on the same site, that have all fallen prey to fires or earthquakes. The fourth and present building was completed in 1775. We will pass the main post office, erected in 1882 using some of the walls from the former Governor's Palace in colonial times, the pedestrian streets of Huerfanos and Ahumada, indisputably the social, commercial and functional axis of Santiago, the prestigious social Union Club, the National Library, Santa Lucia Hill, the site of the foundation of Santiago on 12 February 1541, before heading towards the Bellavista district. This area is the home of much of Santiago's artisans and is lined with galleries as well as open-air cafes, restaurants and nightlife. We will go to a lookout on San Cristobal Hill, its tallest peaks rising 880m above sea level, for a panoramic view of the city. We continue towards the residential districts of Vitacura, Las Condes and Providencia, boasting modern high rise buildings and exclusive shopping malls. On completion of the tour we will have the choice of staying at exclusive Parque Arauco shopping centre or returning to the hotel.

Accommodation: Luciano K Hotel

31.01.17 Santiago de Chile – Valparaiso – Holland America Cruise

(B/D)

We will be met by our guide at the hotel in Santiago and transferred to the port of Valparaiso for our Holland America cruise. The ship departs Valparaiso at 4pm. Designed to carry fewer guests while providing more space for maximum comfort, the MS Zaandam is a gem in the mid-size ship category. Offering spacious public areas and plush accommodations, the musically themed MS Zaandam offers a unique shipboard atmosphere. The ship's theme is inspired by the world's great music, artefacts and memorabilia from a variety of musical genres. We'll find musical instruments such as Bill Clinton's saxophone and signed guitars from Queen, Iggy Pop, Eric Clapton and the Rolling Stones used as art objects throughout the ship. At the heart of the MS Zaandam is a soaring three-story atrium, housing a Baroque-style Dutch pipe organ, which is inspired by the traditional barrel organs still found on the streets of The Netherlands. Enjoy an onboard Ipod self-guided tour of the complete Zaandam art collection.

Our oceanview (porthole) stateroom amenities include:

- Luxurious beds featuring Sealy Premium Euro-Top mattresses and finely woven cotton linens.
- Deluxe waffle weave and terry cloth bathrobes for use during the voyage.
- 100% Egyptian cotton towels.
- Premium massage showerheads.
- Magnifying make-up mirrors and salon quality hair dryers.
- Fragrant soaps, lotions, shampoo and other bath amenities from Elemis Aromapure.
- Complimentary fresh fruit on request.
- Ice bucket and serving tray for in-stateroom beverages.
- Flat-panel TV and DVD player
- Ice service, shoeshine service and nightly turndown service.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

01.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

At sea.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

02.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Today we stop in Puerto Montt between 8am and 5pm. Puerto Montt is the gateway to the scenic Lake District. It has a series of fragrant eucalyptus and pine forests, icy lakes, Bavarian hamlets and luminous snow-capped volcanoes. Even a short visit provides a fascinating look into Chile's diverse cultures and offers a taste of the country's stunning scenery. From a stroll around Puerto Varas overlooking Lake Llanquihue, one of Chile's largest lakes, to a meal in the fishing village of Angelmo of the practically still-snapping catch of the day, washed down with a traditional German-style white wine. Puerto Montt is a fascinating introduction to southern Chile and the people who make their home in one of the world's most photogenic landscapes.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

03.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Arrive Castro, Chiloe Island, Chile at 8am, departing at 5pm.

Founded in 1567 by the Spanish, Castro is Chile's third-oldest city and home to roughly 29,000 people. It is the transportation hub and tourism centre of Chiloe, a 41

island archipelago which includes Isla Grande de Chiloe, where Castro is found. Traces of the area's past can be found in the historic churches, 16 of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, that dot the isle. Another form of arresting architecture exists in the palafitos, the region's unique waterfront wooden homes that sit atop stilts. The city of Castro itself is a walker's paradise. A stroll south from the main square, the Plaza de Armas, to the Museo Regional and on to the Mercado Artesanal de Castro along the coast provides a delightful itinerary. Each February, the Festival Costumbrista of Chilote food, crafts, music and dance takes over the area and is equally popular with locals and visitors to Castro.
Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

04.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Arrive Puerto Chacabuco at 10am, departing at 6pm.

The tiny town of Puerto Chacabuco, with just over 1,000 residents, sits at the head of the Aisén Fjord. Take a quick stroll to explore the entire municipality. This town is the gateway to some of the most beautiful sights in this part of Chilean Patagonia. Many visitors choose to drive to the provincial capital, Coihaique, or Puerto Aisén, a city that straddles the Aisén River and is less than 20 minutes by car. To experience the natural beauty of the region, head to the Río Simpson National Reserve for stunning vistas, pristine waterfalls and crystal-clear canyon rivers.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

05.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Scenic cruising of the Chilean Fjords.

Much like the Norwegian coastline, the west coast of Chile is sliced by dramatic fjords, lined with rugged mountains and glacier-covered valleys. This spectacular stretch of coastline starts near the Reloncaví Estuary (roughly halfway down the long spine of Chile) and extends south to the very end of the continent, at Tierra del Fuego. The area is known for its desolate beauty and not surprisingly it's home to many of Chile's national parks, including Alerce Andino, Hornopiren and Vicente Perez Rosales, as well as the Llanquihue National Reserve and the Cochamó Valley. Early Spanish explorers came here in search of the mythical City of the Caesars, whose people were believed to be rich in gold and diamonds. Though the city was never found, the explorers added much to the world's navigational knowledge and at the same time established shipping routes that have been used ever since.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

06.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Scenic cruising of Canal Sarmiento and Amalia Glacier.

Be among the lucky few to spend a glorious day scenic cruising through Tierra del Fuego and the snow-capped peaks and ethereal blue glaciers of Canal Sarmiento. Cutting through Chile's Torres del Paine National Park, this majestic waterway is surrounded by other-worldly beauty. Watch the Amalia Glacier come into view and witness countless seabirds that make their home in this dramatic landscape.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

07.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Today we cruise through the Strait of Magellan, followed by a port stop in Punta Arenas.

Thank Magellan and his navigators for finding a deep water channel between the South American mainland and Isla Grande de Tierra del Fuego in 1520, leaving future generations with new frontiers and fresh horizons to explore in calmer waters. Modern history has changed ever since ships first sailed the route through the tip of Chile and Argentina.

Punta Arenas is a windblown city near Chile's southernmost tip and sits on the Strait of Magellan, which itself is positioned squarely between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Cruise visitors can venture to the high scarps of Torres del Paine National Park, the penguin colony at Seno Otway, or the Martian volcanic topography of Pali Aike National Park. Visit the tree-lined Plaza de Armas Square or walk 10 minutes further to the top of La Cruz Hill. 850 miles farther south, Antarctica begins.

Optional shore excursions include Magdalena Penguin Reserve and Torres del Paine National Park. Afterwards we proceed through the Cockburn Channel, followed by the Beagle Channel, which is a scenic and wonderfully calm strait that has become a popular cruise destination.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

08.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Sail through Glacier Alley and witness some of the most magical seascapes on the planet as Patagonian tidewater glaciers unfold one by one. You may come across imposing sheer granite cliffs, cascading waterfalls, ancient floating ice, calving glaciers, whales and more southern hemisphere surprises.

Arrive Ushuaia, Argentina at 2pm, departing at 8pm.

Ushuaia is the southernmost town in the world, where dominating peaks loom on three sides. The town itself is a maze of streets lined with low-slung buildings that all seem to meet at its heart, the port. Founded in 1884, the far-flung spot welcomed missionaries, gold prospectors and naval officers before becoming known primarily as a penal colony.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

09.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Scenic cruising of Cape Horn and the Drake Passage.

The real Cape Horn is on Isla Hornos, a windblown, treeless island at the southernmost fringe of Tierra del Fuego. To the north is the Americas. Southward, is 500 miles of open ocean to Antarctica.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

10.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

At Sea.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

11.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Today we cruise the Palmer archipelago, which are a group of islands located off the north western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

12.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Cruising the Danco Coast, Antarctic Peninsula.

While Antarctica has long been an imposing challenge to adventurers and explorers,

the Antarctic Peninsula reaches out towards the tip of South America, inviting those who want a glimpse of the frozen continent. Along the western side of the peninsula, between Cape Sterneck and Cape Renard, sits the Danco Coast. Bordered by the Aguirre Passage, which separates it from Lemaire Island, this region of Antarctica was first explored in detail in early 1898 by the Belgian Antarctic Expedition led by Adrien de Gerlache. (The coast was named after Lieutenant Emile Danco, who died on the expedition.) Sailing aboard a Norwegian-built whaling ship with a multinational crew, de Gerlache charted and named several Antarctic islands during 20 separate landings. In February 1898, the expedition crossed the Antarctic Circle. Soon after, the ship became trapped in the ice and the men realised that they would be forced to spend the winter on Antarctica. After seven difficult months trying to free their ship, they managed to start slowly down a channel they had cleared. It took them nearly a month to cover 11 kilometres and on March 14 they sailed into the sea, free of ice. The expedition eventually reached Antwerp on November 5, 1899, more than two years after they had departed from the same port.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

13.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

The Antarctic Sound is a stretch of water that separates the Antarctic Peninsula from the Joinville Island group. Cruising through the Antarctic Sound affords amazing views of the Joinville Islands, the Antarctic Peninsula, hundreds of icebergs and such native animal life as gentoo penguins and Weddell seals.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

14.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

At Sea.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

15.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Today we arrive in Stanley, the world's southernmost capital. Stanley is located in the Falklands archipelago, which consists of two main islands, East and West Falkland, along with smaller islands nearby. Stanley is proud of its British heritage, evidenced everywhere from its red telephone boxes to its pubs. The Falklands were first claimed by the English in 1765. Over the centuries the Crown has had to abandon, reclaim and defend these far-flung islands from invading nations. Today in this remote British territory, fishing and tourism are what drive the economy.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

16.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

At Sea.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

17.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D)

Cruise to Puerto Madryn, Argentina.

Situated in rugged Argentine Patagonia, Puerto Madryn was founded by Welsh immigrants in 1865. You may wish to enjoy a famous Welsh "tea" in the village of Gaiman, or journey back in time 300 million years at the Paleontology Museum of Egidio Feruglio in Trelew, or see colonies of sea elephants, sea lions and seals in their natural habitat at Punta Norte.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

18.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D) At Sea.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

19.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D) Arrive Montevideo, Uruguay at 9am, departing at 6pm.

Montevideo has both a cosmopolitan atmosphere and a relaxed feel. The city has a surprising mix of neighborhoods. The Ciudad Vieja, with its grid of streets on a peninsula separating the Río de la Plata from the harbor, is the colonial heart. Long neglected, it has recently undergone a renaissance. Restaurants, bars and clubs are opening in historic buildings that have been meticulously restored. Montevideo's downtown is a treasure trove of art deco buildings, while the newer eastern suburbs may evoke Miami for visitors. Gleaming skyscrapers and open-air cafés overlook beaches that run for miles. Of all the cities of Latin America, perhaps none are as approachable as Montevideo.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

20.02.17 Holland America Cruise

(B/L/D) At 8am this morning we arrive in Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires is the Argentine Republic's capital city. Located on the southern bank of the River Plate, the population of greater Buenos Aires is around 13 million people. Buenos Aires has been virtually rebuilt since the beginning of this century and very few of the old buildings remain. The centre of Buenos Aires has maintained the original layout since foundation and the Plaza de Mayo is the heart. Buenos Aires is a city where the traveller yields to the charm of the tango, the atmosphere of its neighbourhoods and the activities of its business centre. Just one hour from the city by bus is La Pampa with its beautiful landscape, its gauchos and its comfortable ranches. Overnight on board the ship in Buenos Aires.

Accommodation: Onboard MS Zaandam

21.02.17 Holland America Cruise – Buenos Aires

(B/D)

This morning we disembark the cruise ship in Buenos Aires. We will be met by our guide at the port and taken on a half day city tour of Buenos Aires. We drive down 9 de Julio Ave, the widest avenue in the world. We pass the famous Colon Opera House, the Obelisk, commemorating the first founding of the city in 1536, to get to Plaza de Mayo (May Square). The buildings surrounding it include Government House, Metropolitan Cathedral with the Mausoleum of General San Martin, Argentina's greatest national hero and the Cabildo, the colonial town hall built in 1751. Then on to La Boca, the typically Italian district, where the first Italian immigrants settled and Caminito Street. The tour continues to Buenos Aires port area, past San Martin Square towards Palermo Chico residential district and Palermo Park with its jacaranda and pal borracho trees, which flower in the spring and late summer. The ride continues to Recoleta, an elegant district, to visit Recoleta Cemetery where the famous are laid to rest (including Eva Peron). Return to the hotel along the stylish Alvear Ave. If you wish you can request the guide to finish the tour in Recoleta and enjoy some shopping in this elegant part of Buenos Aires. Tonight we will experience one of the best tango shows in Buenos Aires. We are met

at the hotel and transferred to Tango Porteno. Tango Porteno recreates the golden age of the forties, which is unquestionably known as the reign of the tango, the great Argentinean passion. Here we will travel through time to the glory days of Buenos Aires when tango was enjoyed and breathed in every corner of the city.

After dinner we are transferred back to the hotel.

Note: Australian passport holders are required to pay a reciprocity fee of \$100 USD per person. The payment of this fee is not a visa, but needs to be applied for on the internet before entering Argentina. Payment is by credit card only.

Accommodation: Dazzler Tower, Recoleta

22.02.17 Buenos Aires – Rio de Janeiro

(B)

This morning we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Rio de Janeiro. Upon arrival in Rio de Janeiro we are met and transferred to the hotel for a two night stay.

In the early 16th century, the Portuguese first arrived at the site where Rio de Janeiro now stands. What they found was a still-watered bay surrounded by a plentiful and lovely landscape. It was love at first sight. The Portuguese promptly built a fortress at the entrance of the bay to ward off those attracted to their tropical paradise, which they called Sao Sebastiao do Rio de Janeiro. By 1768 Rio had developed and grown to such an extent that the government was transferred from the previous capital, Salvador, Bahia. Rio was then, as now, a city of intensive trading activities.

Its primary asset, Guanabara Bay was not just a beautiful landmark, but also a natural port through which gold and diamonds, mined in the neighbouring Minas Gerais Mountains, flowed. The gems, used to adorn the ladies of the Portuguese Court, as well as the as yet rare sugar cane were important commodities in the European markets of this time. Brazil achieved independence from Portugal in 1822 and became an empire. Some years later in 1889, the city of Rio enthusiastically witnessed the Proclamation of the Republic of Brazil. Rio de Janeiro has evolved continuously since, remaining a centre for business and the arts while becoming one of the world's most dynamic cities.

Note: Australian passport holders require a tourist visa in order to enter Brazil. This must be organised from Australia prior to departure on the tour.

Also Note: There is a Government tax for accommodation in Brazil that must be paid locally and varies between USD \$1 - \$3 per room, per night.

Accommodation: Windsor Martinique Copa Hotel

23.02.17 Rio de Janeiro

(B/L)

Today we will experience the legend of Rio de Janeiro. On our tour we will see two of the city's beautiful highlights, being Sugarloaf Mountain and one of the recently announced 'New 7 Wonders of the World', Christ the Redeemer statue. In the morning we will be picked up to enjoy a panoramic tour of Rio de Janeiro's main beaches, being Copacabana, Ipanema and Leblon. We enjoy an included cable car ride up Urca Hill to Sugarloaf Mountain, located at the entry of Guanabara Bay. From here, we should have a wonderful view of the city nestling between the mountains and the sea. After the morning tour, relax and enjoy an included lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, we will be driven along Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon and arrive at the bottom of Corcovado Hill where we will take the cog train through the luscious Tijuca Forest. Once we reach the top we can take our time to enjoy the spectacular views of Rio de Janeiro and the surrounding countryside. The Corcovado peak stands at 2297 feet above sea level. During the afternoon we will become orientated with more of Rio de Janeiro. Afterwards we drive back to our hotel via

Rio de Janeiro's beautiful beaches.
Accommodation: Windsor Martinique Copa Hotel

24.02.17 Rio de Janeiro – Iguazu Falls

(B) This morning we will be met by our guide and transferred to the airport for our flight to Iguazu Falls. Upon arrival at the airport we will be met by our guide and transferred to the Brazilian side of the falls to start our tour. Visiting the falls from the Brazilian side will give a different perspective and a panoramic view of the entire falls. Also from the Brazilian side of the falls we will be able to take an optional helicopter flight over the falls (cost is approximately USD 100 per person - please note that this flight cannot be pre-booked). This flight takes around 7 minutes but it's worth every cent.

Or for the adventurous, there is an optional trip on the Macuco Safari boat, going upstream on the river, taking us extremely close to the falls. Afterwards we are transferred across the border via the International Bridge 'Tancredo Neves' to the Argentine side of the falls and then to our hotel. Remember to have your passport ready when passing the Argentine/Brazilian border.

This is the region of the great rivers, humid tropics, red earth and magnificent jungle. 18kms from Puerto Iguazu we enter the National Park of the same name where the famous falls are. The deep flowing waters of the river fall from a height of 70 metres through 275 falls over 2.7kms. The frontier with Brazil goes through the Garganta del Diablo (Devils Throat) where the falling water gives the illusion of magic rainbows. The National Park is full of exotic subtropical vegetation which surrounds the falls and has 2000 plant species and 400 bird species. A visit to the falls is an unforgettable experience.

Accommodation: La Aldea De La Selva Lodge

25.02.17 Iguazu Falls

(B) Today we will embark on a half day guided tour walking along the many tracks on the side of the river and observing the falls from platforms that bring us extremely close to the water. In the Indian Tupi Guarani language, Iguazu means large waters. Appropriately, the Iguazu River flows east west for 808 miles and then drops suddenly and violently into a 262 foot abyss at the falls, which is set amidst jungle. From our hotel we are transferred to the visitor's centre inside the Iguazu National Park. We will board a small train to reach the beginning of the upper path, lower path and Devil's Throat. The upper path is a walk of about 500 metres and lasts about 45 minutes visiting the Two Sisters, Bosseti, Adam and Eve, Bernable Mendez, Mbigua and San Martin Falls. On the lower path, with a professional guide, we will walk 1.3kms of footpaths lasting approximately 90 minutes for a different view, but be warned, you may get a little wet! After driving 4km on board a small train, we will reach Devil's Throat Station surrounding the upper part of the Iguazu River. From here we will walk along a bridge (walkway) that leads to the balcony of Devil's Throat for the most spectacular view.

Accommodation: La Aldea De La Selva Lodge

26.02.17 Iguazu Falls – Buenos Aires – Santiago de Chile

(B) Today we are transferred to Iguazu Airport on the Argentinean side for our flights home.

Depart Iguazu Falls at 3.35pm on LA 4029, arriving in Buenos Aires at 5.30pm.

Depart Buenos Aires at 8.20pm on LA 480, arriving in Santiago de Chile at

10.40pm.

27.02.17 Santiago de Chile – Sydney

Depart Santiago de Chile at 12.05am on LA 801, arriving in Sydney at 9.15am the next morning. (This flight goes via Auckland).

28.02.17 Sydney – Melbourne & Brisbane

Melbourne passengers depart Sydney at 11.30am on QF 429, arriving in Melbourne at 1.05pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Sydney at 12 noon on QF 524, arriving in Brisbane at 12.30pm.

Please Note: Due to the larger size of the vessel used for this tour, passengers are not permitted to set foot on the Antarctic Peninsula.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Essence of South America Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$1200 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. The balance is payable in full 13 weeks prior to departure.

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

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 bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Yellow Fever - You will need to have a Yellow Fever injection before departure and you will need to take the yellow card with you

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. A Brazilian visa is required at a cost of \$216 plus \$30 processing fee. The Brazilian Consulate requires a minimum of 30 working days to process a visa application, not including postage time. To obtain your Brazilian visa the Consulate requires a copy of a current bank statement covering at least one month from a savings or everyday account which has a minimum of \$2,500. A Chilean visa reciprocity visa fee applies for Australian passport holders and must be paid for locally on arrival into Chile, at a cost of \$117 USD cash. An Argentinean visa reciprocity fee is also required and needs to be completed online prior to entering Argentina at a cost of \$100 USD. Payment for this can only be made by credit card. Please note that these prices are not included in the tour price and conditions for these visas & fees imposed are subject to change.

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, travel insurance etc. Similarly, credit card payments can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. The following departure taxes are payable direct at Buenos Aires \$18 USD, Rio de Janeiro \$5 USD, Argentina approx \$8.50 USD. **** Please note that these taxes are subject to change****

Holland America Cruise - Holland America requires you to register your credit card as a guarantee for any purchases whilst onboard the ship. Your credit card will be pre-authorised for the amount of 60 USD per person for each day of the cruise. For gratuities on the cruise, your credit card will also have a pre-authorised amount of 12.50 US per person per day for those passengers in an outside cabin. Please note that "Travel Cards" are not accepted as payment on the ship.

If you do not want to use a credit card, the ship will collect a cash deposit from you at the time of boarding for the same pre-authorisation amount USD \$60 per person per day plus the total gratuities. Any excess deposit will be refunded to you at the end of the cruise. If the service exceeds or fails to meet expectations, you are free to adjust this amount of gratuities while on the cruise.

Tippling - In South America tips often represent a substantial part of worker's earnings as wages are generally low. We suggest USD \$6 per person, per day for the tour guides and USD \$3 per person, per day for the drivers.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee.

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 - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers 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.

Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

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: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Nationality: _____

Passport Nationality _____

(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

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

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

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$1200 per person.

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.