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Trans American Adventure

28 Day Conducted Tour
only **\$6,995** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

This is superb value for a tour in the late spring as all of the following are included:

- ❖ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into New York and out of Los Angeles with Qantas.
- ❖ A wonderful 24 day coach tour right across the U.S.A from east to west visiting all the most interesting places in this extraordinary country.
- ❖ A 2 night stopover in Anaheim, with the hotel situated near Disneyland.
- ❖ Good accommodation, mainly 3 - 4 star.
- ❖ All transport and transfers.
- ❖ Prepaid gratuities to the tour director and drivers.
- ❖ Services of American tour guides and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you don't have a travel partner but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra charge of \$2,980.



Tour departs Australia 9th May and returns 5th June 2017

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Trans America Tour - May 2017

Note: Meals are included in the itinerary as:
CB = Continental Breakfast, B = Breakfast

09.05.17 Australia - Los Angeles

Brisbane passengers depart at 7.05am on QF 505, arriving in Sydney at 8.40am. Sydney & Brisbane passengers depart Sydney at 9.50am on QF 11, arriving in Los Angeles at 6.30am the same day (you cross the International Date Line). Melbourne passengers depart at 9.15am on QF 93, arriving in Los Angeles at 6.35am the same day (you cross the International Date Line). Upon arrival in Los Angeles we are met and transferred to the Springhill Suites Anaheim for a two night stay. Please note that your hotel room will likely not be available until the standard afternoon check-in time. In this event you can store your luggage in the lobby of the hotel and explore the area until your room becomes available.

10.05.17 Anaheim

(B) Today is at leisure to explore Anaheim. The hotel is located within a short walk of Disneyland. There are also buses available that can take you to the many different theme parks and shopping centres available in the nearby area.

11.05.17 Los Angeles - New York

This morning you are transferred back to Los Angeles International Airport, departing at 8.20am on Qantas flight QF 11, arriving in New York at 4.40pm. Welcome to the Big Apple! We are transferred to our hotel in Manhattan for a three night stay.

12.05.17 New York

Today is at leisure to explore one of the most exciting cities in the world. Our tour director is on hand this afternoon to answer any questions.

13.05.17 New York

On today's sightseeing tour we will see New York City's major attractions, including Broadway, the Empire State Building, Greenwich Village, City Hall, Wall Street and Trinity Church. Our afternoon is free to further explore this amazing city.

14.05.17 New York City - Philadelphia - Washington DC Area

Head south through New Jersey to Philadelphia, the birthplace of the United States. During your free time in Philadelphia you may like to visit Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed. Then onto Washington DC.

15.05.17 Washington DC Area

See the graves of American heroes, including those of John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert, in beautiful Arlington National Cemetery. The nation's capital is a sightseeing treasure trove and our half day tour with a local guide features photo stops at Capitol Hill and the White House. We also see the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, World War II Memorial and other well known sights. As the remainder of the day is free, why not visit the Smithsonian museums?

16.05.17 Washington DC - Niagara Falls

Today is a scenic day as we head north through Pennsylvania Dutch Country, home of the Amish and Mennonite religious sects. Then along the Susquehanna River to Williamsport, the birthplace of Little League Baseball and site of the league's annual 'World Series'. Later, we cross the Rainbow Bridge to Canada and arrive at Niagara Falls, Ontario, for an overnight stay.

17.05.17 Niagara Falls - Dearborn Area

This morning we board our Niagara Falls sightseeing cruise for an amazing close-up view from the base of the falls. Then we travel the Niagara Parkway, admiring the sweeping landscapes of this scenic countryside. Head southwest and cross the farmlands and vineyards of Ontario.

Note: The operation of the Niagara Falls sightseeing cruise is subject to favourable weather and/or river conditions. Usually favourable conditions exist from May to the end of October. If unfavourable conditions exist, a walking tour of the scenic tunnels will be substituted.

18.05.17 Dearborn Area - Chicago

We begin the day with a visit to the Henry Ford Museum. Don't miss the 'Automobile in American Life' exhibit. In the late afternoon we arrive in Chicago, America's third-largest city. Our city sightseeing tour includes all the major landmarks of the 'Windy City'.

19.05.17 Chicago

Today is at leisure to explore Chicago at your own pace. Perhaps you may wish to take an optional cruise on Lake Michigan and through the locks of the Chicago River. This evening you may wish to join the optional outing for a delicious dinner at a Chicago restaurant, followed by spectacular views of the city from atop the Willis Tower, formally known as Sears Tower and one of the world's tallest buildings.

20.05.17 Chicago - Wisconsin Dells - Minneapolis

Enter Wisconsin with a leisurely break in pretty Wisconsin Dells - a popular spot for photographers. Next, Minnesota - the land of 10,000 lakes. We have an orientation tour of the bustling downtown area of Minneapolis, before arriving at the famous Mall of America, the largest shopping mall in the United States, featuring more than 400 speciality stores as well as several large retailers.

21.05.17 Minneapolis - Pierre

Into the rich farmlands of South Dakota, homeland of the great Sioux Indian Nation. We stop in Mitchell to see the Corn Palace, a remarkable Moorish-style building where the interior and exterior are covered with designs of corn outlined with grasses and grain. Overnight in Pierre, the state's capital.

22.05.17 Pierre - Badlands National Park - Mount Rushmore - Keystone

First a drive through Fort Pierre National Grassland to see the prairie as it once was when only buffalo and the Sioux Indians occupied the land. Next is Badlands National Park, where 37 million years of wind and water erosion have carved out a remarkably colourful sight. Then head deep into the Black Hills and behold the granite faces of Mount Rushmore, a giant monument to four American presidents - Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt.

23.05.17 Keystone - Cody

Head through the rich, mountainous country to Buffalo, where open-range cattle kings made war on the sheep ranchers of the 1880's. Drive past Sheridan, the scene of many fierce battles between the U.S. Cavalry and the Sioux, Cheyenne and the Crow Indians. Then, climb over the Bighorn Mountains en route to the overnight stop in Buffalo Bill's frontier town of Cody.

24.05.17 Cody - Yellowstone National Park

Through the Shoshone National Forest to splendid Yellowstone National Park. Follow the Grand Loop Road to Artist Point with magnificent views of Yellowstone Canyon and the stupendous Lower Falls, nearly twice the height of Niagara.

25.05.17 Yellowstone National Park - Grand Teton National Park - Jackson

(CB)

This morning we return to Yellowstone National Park which is the United States' first National Park and is a dramatic contrast of alpine lakes, lush forests and deep canyons. The park is a unique geothermal and ecological area and features a wide variety of fauna, including bison, wolves and grizzly bears. We visit geyser basins with bubbling mud paint pots and the reliable "blow" of Old Faithful, Yellowstone's great geyser, as well as West Thumb geyser basin.

Head south into the magnificent Grand Teton National Park, one of America's last preserves of wild solitude. Its 13,770 foot high ridges are crested with snow most of the year. Stroll along the shores of the beautiful glacier-fed Jenny Lake, before ending the day in the Wild West town of Jackson with its wooden sidewalks and swing-door saloons. This evening you may wish to join the optional barbecue cookout and Wild West Show.

26.05.17 Jackson

(CB)

Today is at leisure in Jackson to explore the shops and museums of historic downtown, or stroll along the old time boardwalks. You may wish to join an optional tour down the Snake River. This eight mile trip begins at Pritchard Creek and travels past the nesting areas of both bald eagles and ospreys.

27.05.17 Jackson - Salt Lake City

(CB)

Today we leave Jackson and drive to Salt Lake City, Utah's vibrant capital. Magnificently 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 shows us the capital of Utah, including Temple Square, the adjacent tabernacle and the Beehive House.

28.05.17 Salt Lake City - Bryce Canyon National Park - Cedar City

(B)

Through the sagebrush landscape of southern Utah to Bryce Canyon National Park with its breathtaking sandstone and limestone cliffs and ever-changing colours. Head west through the Dixie National Forest to Cedar City for an overnight stay.

29.05.17 Cedar City - Zion National Park - Grand Canyon

(CB)

Our first stop is Zion National Park, a landscape that was carved out by rushing streams over a period of a million years. Through Kaibab National Forest to the less visited North Rim of the Grand Canyon, where we'll marvel at the stunning views of the flame-coloured walls plunging 4,800 feet into the Colorado River. The rest of the evening is

free.

30.05.17 Grand Canyon - Las Vegas

Head to the unique phenomenon of Las Vegas, where today's fortune hunters try their luck at the 24 hour gambling tables of 'The Strip'. The afternoon is at leisure to perhaps explore the many casinos.

31.05.17 Las Vegas

A free day to enjoy the sights of Las Vegas. Our tour director will have suggestions for the best shows to see this evening.

01.06.17 Las Vegas - Calico - Los Angeles

Into California today with a stop at Calico Ghost Town to relive the wild, tough days when miners struck it rich. Then we travel through the Mojave Desert and over the San Gabriel Mountains to Los Angeles.

02.06.17 Los Angeles

Start the day with a sightseeing tour of the world's 'Capital of Glamour'. We'll drive to Hollywood and see the footprints of the stars at the TCL Chinese Theatre and the famous Hollywood Bowl. Then on to elegant Beverly Hills followed by a drive down Sunset Strip. A suggestion for this afternoon is an optional excursion to Universal Studios.

03.06.17 Los Angeles - Australia

This morning is at leisure to enjoy Los Angeles. Our hotel rooms will be available until our evening departure for Los Angeles International Airport. Melbourne passengers depart Los Angeles at 10.15pm on QF 94, arriving in Melbourne at 7.00am two days later on the 05.06.17. (You re-cross the International Date Line). Sydney passengers depart Los Angeles at 10.30pm on QF 12, arriving in Sydney at 6.30am two days later (05.06.17). Brisbane passengers depart Los Angeles at 11.20pm on QF 16, arriving in Brisbane at 6.10am two days later (05.06.17).

Note: The ground operator for this tour is Cosmos



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Trans America 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 in full 12 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.

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 all Australian passport holders. The cost of the visa waiver is USD \$14 per person. Please note that this price is subject to change.

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 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. There is a 3% surcharge for Diners Club.

Basic Tour Price & 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.

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 - 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.

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. 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 legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections 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: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Nationality: _____

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

Single bed / 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 \$400 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.