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Trans American Adventure

27 Day Conducted Tour
only \$9,675 per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

This is great value for a tour right across the U.S.A. in late spring. The price includes:

- ❖ Economy Class airfares with Air New Zealand from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into New York and out of Los Angeles.
- ❖ A wonderful 24 day coach tour across the U.S.A from east to west visiting the most interesting places in this extraordinary country.
- ❖ Two night stays in Washington DC area, Chicago, Minneapolis, West Yellowstone, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and three nights in New York City.
- ❖ Good accommodation, mainly 3 4 star.
- All transport and transfers.
- Prepaid gratuities to the tour director and drivers.
- Services of American tour guides and an Australian tour escort.

This amazing tour visits Niagara Falls in Canada, the Mall of America, the Badlands National Park, Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Canyon, Hollywood and much more.

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 \$2,995.



Tour departs Australia 2nd May and returns 28th May 2024



Itinerary for Trans America Tour - May 2024

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

02.05.24 Australia – Auckland – New York, USA

Depart Sydney at 11.55am on Air New Zealand flight NZ 104, arriving in Auckland at 4.55pm.

Depart Melbourne at 12.05pm on NZ 124, arriving in Auckland at 5.40pm.

Depart Brisbane at 12.15pm on NZ 146, arriving in Auckland at 5.15pm.

All passengers depart Auckland at 7.40pm on NZ 2, arriving in New York at 7.55pm the same day (you cross the International Date Line).

Welcome to the Big Apple! We are transferred to our hotel in Manhattan for a three night stay.

03.05.24 New York

Today is at leisure to explore one of the most exciting cities in the world, buzzing with atmosphere and packed with fascinating sights.

Our tour director is on hand this afternoon to answer any questions.

04.05.24 New York

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

05.05.24 New York City - Philadelphia - Washington DC Area

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

06.05.24 Washington DC Area

(B) 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 the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, National World War II Memorial and other well known sights. We also have photo stops at the White House and Capitol Hill. The remainder of the day is at leisure. You may wish to visit the Smithsonian museums.

07.05.24 Washington DC - Niagara Falls, Canada

(B) Today is a scenic travelling 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.

08.05.24 Niagara Falls - Dearborn Area, USA

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 to the Dearborn area in Michigan.

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.

09.05.24 Dearborn Area - Chicago

(B) We begin the day with a visit to the Henry Ford Museum. 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'.

10.05.24 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.

11.05.24 Chicago - Madison - Minneapolis

Our first stop today is Madison, a vibrant city situated between two sparkling lakes. We have a photo stop at the capitol, before making our way to Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes and reaching our hotel for a two night stay.

12.05.24 Minneapolis

Today we have an orientation tour of the bustling downtown area of Minneapolis. Then we visit the Mall of America, the largest shopping mall in the United States, featuring an extensive range of retail, restaurants and entertainment.

13.05.24 Minneapolis – Mitchell – Oacoma

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. We stay overnight on the shores of the Missouri River in Oacoma, near Chamberlain.

14.05.24 Oacoma - Badlands National Park - Mount Rushmore - Custer

First a drive through 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.

15.05.24 Custer - Cody

(CB) Head through the rich, mountainous country to Buffalo, where open-range cattle kings made war on the sheep ranchers of the 1880's. We see Sheridan and then ascend into the

alpine region of the Bighorn Mountains, sight of the Battle of Tongue River. We overnight in Buffalo Bill's frontier town of Cody.

16.05.24 Cody - Yellowstone National Park – West Yellowstone

We travel through the Shoshone National Forest to splendid Yellowstone National Park and 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. Yellowstone's abundant and diverse wildlife are as famous as its geysers. It's home to hundreds of animal species, including bears, wolves, bison, elk and antelope. As visitors to the world's first national park, we may be lucky enough to encounter some of these amazing creatures in their natural habitat. We have a two night stay in West Yellowstone, gateway to the geysers of Yellowstone National Park.

17.05.24 West Yellowstone – Day Excursion to Yellowstone National Park

(CB) This morning we return to Yellowstone National Park. We visit the bubbling mud paint pots, the reliable "blow" of Old Faithful, Yellowstone's great geyser, as well as West Thumb geyser basin. Later we return to West Yellowstone for you to further explore the area at your leisure.

18.05.24 West Yellowstone - Jackson

(CB) We travel south through Idaho and into the Wild West town of Jackson with its wooden sidewalks and swing-door saloons. The afternoon and evening are free to explore the shops and art galleries of this historic town. Don't miss Town Square, flanked by massive elk antler arches on each corner.

19.05.24 Jackson - Salt Lake City

Today we leave Jackson and drive to Salt Lake City, Utah's vibrant capital. Set on the edge of Great Salt Lake Desert, the city is the centre of the Mormon religion, where Brigham Young declared to his followers "This is the place." An included sightseeing tour shows us the Capitol Building, the tabernacle and other city highlights.

20.05.24 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. Following this we head west through Dixie National Forest to Cedar City for an overnight stay.

21.05.24 Cedar City – Zion National Park - Grand Canyon National Park

(B/L) Our first stop is Zion National Park, a landscape that was carved out by rushing streams over a period of a million years. Then we travel through Kaibab National Forest to the less visited North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, where we can marvel at the stunning views of the flame-coloured walls plunging 4,800 feet into the Colorado River.

22.05.24 Grand Canyon National Park - Las Vegas

Head to the unique phenomenon of Las Vegas, where today's fortune hunters try their luck at the 24 hour gambling tables and slots. On arrival we have an orientation tour, driving past many themed casino resorts along the colourful 'Strip'.

23.05.24 Las Vegas

A free day to enjoy the sights of Las Vegas. Your tour director will have suggestions for how you can best utilise your time.

24.05.24 Las Vegas - Los Angeles

We travel through the Mojave Desert and over the San Gabriel Mountains to Los Angeles for a two night stay.

25.05.24 Los Angeles

Start the day with a sightseeing tour of Tinseltown. We'll drive to Hollywood and see the footprints of the stars at the TCL Chinese Theatre and the famous Dolby Theatre, home of the Oscars. Then onto elegant Beverly Hills followed by a drive down Sunset Strip.

26.05.24 Los Angeles - Australia

Our final day in the USA is at leisure. We check out of the hotel at the standard time. After this we can leave our luggage in the hotel reception area until our early evening transfer to the airport for our flights home.

If you would like to stay in your room right up until your evening departure, please contact our office and we can look into availability and pricing.

All passengers depart Los Angeles at 10.10pm on Air New Zealand flight NZ 5, arriving in Auckland at 6.00am (two days later – you recross the International Date Line).

27.05.24 In Flight

28.05.24 Auckland – Australia

Sydney passengers depart Auckland at 7.00am on NZ 101, arriving in Sydney at 8.40am.

Melbourne passengers depart Auckland at 8.50am on NZ 123, arriving in Melbourne at 10.50am

Brisbane passengers depart Auckland at 9.20am on NZ 145, arriving in Brisbane at 11.00am.

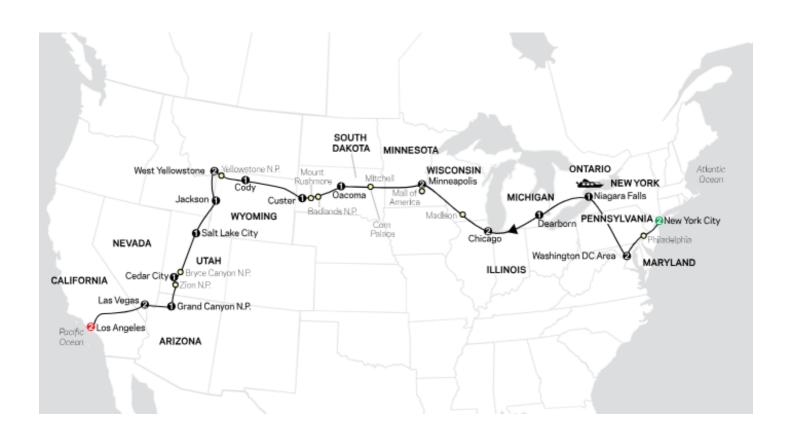
Note: The ground operator for this tour is Cosmos

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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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 hotels, walking distances of approximately 500 metres and over 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 early departures. This tour travels right across the USA and has a significant amount of time spent on the coach.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Trans America Tour

<u>Deposits and Payments</u> - 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 11 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel 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. Any refund for a cancelled booking will not be paid until the airline provides the refund to Macleay Valley Travel. Limitation of Liability concerning Covid-19 - It is possible that there may be outbreak(s) of Covid-19 during this tour. Whilst we take necessary safety precautions, Macleay Valley Travel cannot be held responsible for any quarantines or other associated costs brought about by quarantines, border closures and/or travel delays. You acknowledge that you are voluntarily participating in the tour with knowledge of the inherent risks of Covid-19 and agree to assume all risks.

<u>Insurance</u> - Adequate travel insurance that includes medical coverage for Covid-19 is required. Please contact your preferred travel insurance provider. The responsibility to obtain adequate travel insurance rests with the passenger. Proof of your travel insurance is required to be presented to us on or before the final payment date of the tour.

<u>Airline Tickets</u> - 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.

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 waver is required for travel to the United States of America for Australian passport holders. The cost of the visa waiver is USD \$21 per person. Please note that this price is subject to change. Please note that Australians who have travelled to Iran, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, North Korea or Venezuela 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.

<u>Ground Operator</u> – Our primary operator for this tour is Cosmos. They will be in touch closer to the departure date to obtain your acceptance to their own terms and conditions. These conditions must be accepted to participate on the tour, and are in addition to Macleay Valley Travel's terms and conditions.

<u>Basic Tour Price and Taxes</u> - 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 and departure taxes. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1.2% is added to the price to help defray the merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for payments made using American Express.

Breakaway - All prices are based on group travel and post tour extensions can usually be permitted. Please contact our office for information and prices, subject to availability.

<u>Accreditation</u> - 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.

<u>Health and Fitness</u> - 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. It is strongly recommended that you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, but this is not mandatory. Passengers must comply with any specific Covid-19 requirements that may be imposed by airlines and/or authorities of the destinations visited.

Twin Share Bookings – 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. 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.

<u>Disclosure of fees or commissions received from third parties</u> - Macleay Valley Travel Pty Ltd may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third parties under this contract.

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, pandemics, endemics, 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:			
	Email		
Telephone / Fax Number:	Mobile		
Passport Number:	Expiry Date:		
Passport Number:	Expiry Date:		
Passport Nationality:	Preferred Name:		
Passport Nationality	Preferred Name:		
(Passport must have 6 months validity fro	om the time of tour completion)		
Single room / Twin beds / Double bed:	(Room type is subject to availability)		
Circle which airport you wish to depart fro	m: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE		
Special Dietary Requests – Passenger 1:	Passenger 2:		
Any existing medical conditions – Passen	ger 1: Passenger 2:		
In case of emergency, please notify:			
Name:	Relationship:		
Address:			
Phone Number:			
Please return this sheet with your non-ref	undable deposit of \$400 per person and the health & fitness form.		
DECLARATION. I have read and under	stand 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:

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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

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.

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Signature:	 	
Date:	 	