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Around Taiwan

11 Day Conducted Tour

for only **\$3,375**

per person twin share

The great price includes all of the following:

- Return economy class air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Taipei with Singapore Airlines.
- An 8 day tour around Taiwan, visiting Taipei, Sun Moon Lake, Kaohsiung, Chihpen and Hualien. Our tour includes the East Coast National Scenic Area and Taroko Gorge.
- An overnight stay in Singapore.
- Very good accommodation, mainly 4 – 5 star.
- Nearly all meals and transport and transfers.
- Prepaid gratuities to the tour guide and drivers.
- Services of an English speaking Taiwanese tour guide and if there are 15 or more passengers there will be an Australian Tour Escort.



If you require a single room, there is an additional charge of \$890.



Tour departs Australia 5th March and returns 15th March 2024

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Around Taiwan Tour

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

05.03.24 Australia – Singapore

Depart Melbourne at 7.10am on SQ 248, arriving in Singapore at 11.50am.

Depart Brisbane at 9.10am on SQ 256, arriving in Singapore at 3.10pm.

Depart Sydney at 12.15pm on SQ 232, arriving in Singapore at 5.35pm.

Upon arrival in Singapore, you are transferred to a nearby hotel for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Village Hotel Changi or similar

06.03.24 Singapore - Taipei, Taiwan

(B)

This morning we are transferred back to Singapore Airport for our flight to Taiwan.

All passengers depart Singapore at 11.25am on SQ 878, arriving in Taipei at 4.20pm.

Upon arrival in Taipei, we are met and transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Caesar Metro Hotel or similar

07.03.24 Taipei

(B/L/D)

After breakfast we have a tour of Taipei city, visiting the world famous Chiang-Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, erected in memory of the former president of the Republic of China. We also visit the National Palace Museum where 5,000 years of Chinese Imperial art and jade collections are exhibited. In the late afternoon we proceed to Taipei 101, which was the world's tallest building from 2004 to 2009 (own expense to the Observatory Deck). Afterwards we return to the hotel.

Lunch and dinner today are included.

Accommodation: Caesar Metro Hotel or similar

08.03.24 Taipei – Sun Moon Lake

(B/L/D)

This morning after breakfast we drive to Sun Moon Lake, which is located in the middle of Taiwan and situated 762 metres above sea level in the lofty mountains.

The tour will stop at the famous Wenwu Temple / Literature Warrior Temple dedicated to Confucius as Master of Pen and to Kuan Ti as Master of Sword. We also stop at Tehua Village, Tse-En Pagoda and Holy Monk Shrine. After touring around Sun Moon Lake, we proceed to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Lunch and dinner today are included.

Accommodation: Sun Moon Lake Hotel or similar

09.03.24 Sun Moon Lake – Fo Guang Shan Monastery - Kaohsiung

(B/L/D)

After an included breakfast at the hotel, we drive to Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Monastery, which is considered the most famous and sacred Buddhist place in southern Taiwan.

Here we will learn about Buddhism during the monastery walking tour and have a chance to taste a Buddhist vegetarian lunch. We communicate with some of the monks and nuns during the visit to the Main Shrine, Great Buddha Land, where we will find a huge Buddha statue. We then drive to Kaohsiung City, which is the second largest city in Taiwan. The tour will take us to Love River and Lio Ho Night Market. Overnight at Kaohsiung. Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Grand Hi Lai Hotel or similar

- 10.03.24 Kaohsiung**
(B/D) After breakfast we visit a local market in Kaohsiung. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or further explore Taiwan's second biggest city.
Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Grand Hi Lai Hotel or similar
- 11.03.24 Kaohsiung – Kenting - Chihpen**
(B/L/D) This morning our tour takes us to the Kenting Trail. Then we see Oluan Pi Lighthouse, known as the 'Light of East Asia' because of the power of its light. We also stop at Maopitou Coast Scenic Area and Kenting National Park area.
We continue our drive to Chihpen for an overnight stay.
Lunch and dinner today are included.
Accommodation: Century Hotel Chihpen or similar
- 12.03.24 Chihpen - East Coast National Scenic Area – Hualien**
(B/L/D) After breakfast there will be an exciting East Coast National Scenic Tour. This is known as 'Taiwan's last unspoiled land'. It stretches 170 kilometres down the east coast of the island. Weathering and erosion have produced a wide range of land forms. The tour will stop at Siaoyeliou, Sansiental, Stone Steps and the Caves of the 8 Immortals. Most of Taiwan's native wildlife and birds can be found here. In the late afternoon we proceed to Hualien for an overnight stay.
Lunch and dinner today are included.
Accommodation: Lakeshore Hotel Hualien or similar
- 13.03.24 Hualien – Taroko Gorge – Taipei**
(B/L/D) Today we visit Taroko Gorge, which is located in Taroko National Park. Taroko Gorge is known as the 'Marble Gorge'. It is a rugged 19 km long marble-walled canyon. It was created by tectonic forces and then carved by the action of the Liwu River. People who are impressed by spectacular scenery, rock formations and nature will love Taroko Gorge. Stops will be made at Evergreen Shrine, Swallow Grotto, the Tunnel of Nine Turns, Marble Bridge, Tienshiang and a marble factory.
Afterwards we head back to Taipei via the Su Hwa Highway. We arrive in Taipei around 7pm. Lunch and dinner today are included.
Accommodation: Caesar Metro Hotel or similar
- 14.03.24 Taipei - Singapore**
(B) This morning is at leisure. In the early afternoon we are transferred to the airport for our flights home.
All passengers depart Taipei at 5.35pm on SQ 879, arriving in Singapore at 10.20pm.
- 15.03.24 Singapore – Australia**
Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 00.25am on SQ 237, arriving in Melbourne at 10.50am.
Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 00.45am on SQ 231, arriving in Sydney at 11.50am.
Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 00.55am on SQ 255, arriving in Brisbane at 10.45am.

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.

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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 hotels, walking distances of up to and sometimes over 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 Around Taiwan Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 8 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. Any refund for a cancelled booking will not be paid until the airline(s) provide the refund to us.

Limitation of Liability concerning Covid-19 - 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 are aware that Covid-19 is a highly contagious and dangerous disease that may result in significant personal illness and even death. You acknowledge that you are participating in the tour with knowledge of the inherent risks of Covid-19, and you agree to assume all risks.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance that includes medical coverage for Covid-19 is required. We do not currently provide insurance. 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.

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.

Passports - All travellers require a passport with at least 6 months validity at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. No visas are required for this tour if 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 - Travel insurance and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), covid-19 tests etc are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1.2% is added to the price to help cover merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

Breakaway - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel. A post tour deviation from the set itinerary may be permitted under certain circumstances. Please contact our office for prices. Pre-tour extensions are usually not permitted.

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. 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.

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.

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

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 person 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. Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned roommate. 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 a 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, 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: _____

_____ **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 Requests – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

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 \$200 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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