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## Cambodia In Depth

15 Day Conducted Tour

for **\$3,785** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes and levies

This wonderful tour goes off the usual tourist track and is great value as it includes:

- Return Economy Class airfares from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne into Phnom Penh, Cambodia with Singapore Airlines.
- A 14 day overland tour of Cambodia by coach. Highlights of the tour include 3 nights in the lively capital Phnom Penh, 3 nights in Siem Reap including the incredible Temples of Angkor, Tonle Sap Lake, an Irawaddy Dolphin Cruise, the spectacular Preah Vihear Temple, the charming town of Battambang, a train ride on Cambodia's only train route and a 2 night stay in the seaside town of Kep.
- Good accommodation, mainly 4 star in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap and mainly 3 star or the best available in the more isolated areas.
- All transport and transfers.
- Entrance fees to many attractions.
- Nearly all meals, with many eating establishments supporting a good cause.
- Prepaid gratuities for the guides and drivers.
- Cambodian tour guides, and if there are 12 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you do not have a travel partner and you would like 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 \$795.

This tour is designed mainly for the adventurous and those that appreciate authentic destinations, untouched by mass tourism. Cambodia is very much a third world country, often with rough roads, however the people and culture make this destination unique.

This tour has a maximum of approximately 24 tour participants.

**Tour departs Australia 25<sup>th</sup> January and returns 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

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

## **Itinerary for Cambodia in Depth Tour – January 2023**

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

### **25.01.23 Australia – Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

**(D)**

Sydney passengers depart at 9.05am on Singapore Airlines flight SQ 212, arriving in Singapore at 2.15pm.

Brisbane passengers depart at 9.10am on Singapore Airlines flight SQ 256, arriving in Singapore at 3.10pm.

Melbourne passengers depart at 10.35am on Singapore Airlines flight SQ 238, arriving in Singapore at 3.15pm.

All passengers then depart Singapore at 4.30pm on flight SQ 158, arriving in Phnom Penh at 5.35pm.

Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to the hotel for a two night stay.

This evening there is an included dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Poulo Wai Hotel & Apartment

### **26.01.23 Phnom Penh**

**(B/L)**

This morning we visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek. During the Pol Pot regime, Tuol Sleng, formerly a high school, was converted to a detention centre known as S21. After interrogation and often torture, prisoners were transferred to Killing Fields where they were often tortured again and brutally killed. Choeung Ek was a Chinese Cemetery before it became the Khmer Rouge's most well-known Killing Field. The remains of almost 9000 bodies have been excavated from mass graves in this area. Today Choeung Ek is a memorial site for Cambodians and visitors from all over the world to pay their respects to those lost. A memorial Stupa has been erected and displays over 5000 human skulls, bones and clothes of the victims. During the Khmer Rouge years, thousands of Cambodians were tortured and imprisoned in detention centres around the country. The visit is a profoundly moving and also depressing experience. However the insight into the cruel Khmer Rouge regime is educational and part of understanding Khmer culture as it is today. Following this we enjoy lunch at Lotus Blanc. The restaurant employs disadvantaged students from poor areas who cannot afford an education due to poverty. A tasty Khmer set menu will be served.

After lunch we continue to Champey Academy of Arts where traditional drawing, music and dance are taught. Enjoy watching the young students practice classical Apsara dancing. The academy is a local Non Government Organisation (NGO) that seeks to preserve traditional arts on a free basis for poor students and a visit is sure to put a smile on our faces as we see how the children seek to improve their lives by being artistically creative.

Later this afternoon we visit The Royal Palace, built in 1866 by King Norodom. The palace is made up of a number of structures within a pagoda-style compound, one of which is The Silver Pagoda. The Silver Pagoda takes its name from more than 5000 silver tiles and the building itself holds a number of national treasures, perhaps most notably are a life-sized gold Maitreya Buddha decorated with 9584 diamonds and weighing in at 90kg. There is also a small 17<sup>th</sup> century Emerald Buddha made from baccarat crystal. This evening is at leisure.

Accommodation: Poulo Wai Hotel & Apartment

### **27.01.23 Phnom Penh – Kratie**

**(B/L/D)**

After breakfast we have a two hour drive from Phnom Penh to Kompong Cham. Kompong Cham is a slow paced provincial capital set on the banks of the Mekong River. The town is dominated by the impressive Kizuna Bridge that spans the Mekong which was a gift from the Japanese. Before lunch we visit Wat Nokor, an 11<sup>th</sup> century temple built of black sandstone and laterite and one of the last built under King Jayavarman VII. Adjacent is a modern temple with a completely different architectural style where a different form of Buddhism is preached. We then stop for an included lunch at Smile Restaurant in Kompong Cham, which serves as a training centre for disadvantaged youths. The non-profit café is run by the Cambodian NGO, Buddhism for Social Development Action (BDSA). Afterwards we have a pleasant two hour drive following the Mekong River to Kratie. Kratie town has a distinctly French feel to it with some colonial buildings still remaining. The riverfront is the place to watch the action, be that the life on the river or the street markets that begin there. Upon arrival we check into our hotel before our included dinner. Please note that our accommodation this evening is basic due to the remote location of this small town.  
Accommodation: Mekong Dolphin Hotel

### **28.01.23 Kratie – Kampong Thom**

**(B/L/D)**

After breakfast we drive out of Kratie for a local boat cruise in search of the rare Irawaddy dolphins. These creatures spend most of their time in 'dolphin pools' or certain stretches of the Mekong River. Spottings are frequent. Once our boatman spots the dolphins he will switch off the motor so we can watch them coming to the surface. The dolphin trips usually last around 1½ hours and are part of a community initiative to provide employment for the boatmen and also to protect the animals. We return to Kratie town to take a walk through the sprawling market, where we'll see some vegetables and herbs that are typically not found in Australia, some of which do not have an English name. We proceed for an included lunch at a local restaurant. Following lunch we have a four hour drive along the Mekong passing many old wooden houses and Cham villages on the way to Kampong Thom. The Cham originated from Champa, a 7<sup>th</sup> century kingdom that was located in what is today central and southern Vietnam and lasted until 1832, before being conquered and annexed. Today the Cham can be found living mostly along the banks of the Mekong and Tonle Sap Rivers and may number as many as 500,000 in Cambodia making them the largest minority in the country. As we cross over the Mekong we can expect to see more rural scenery before arriving into Kampong Thom for an overnight stay. Dinner this evening will be served at the hotel.  
Accommodation: Glorious Hotel

### **29.01.23 Kampong Thom – Preah Vihear - Sra Em**

**(B/L/D)**

We leave Kampong Thom on a 30km drive to Sambor Prei Kuk. We stroll around the sandy paths and forest that cover the impressive pre-Angkorian temple ruins of Sambor Prei Kuk. This former Chenla-era capital once boasted hundreds of temples. Today several brick structures remain and whilst not comparable to some of the Angkorian temples, they still offer some fine carvings in a quiet, atmospheric location. A local community guide will follow to provide some expert knowledge. Following the visit, our included lunch will be a simple Khmer meal provided by the local community at the entrance of Sambor Prei Kuk. This initiative, set up by a German development agency, has enabled a series of villagers to provide meals to tourists as part of a sustainable tourism program. After lunch we get back on the main road and have a three hour drive to

Preah Vihear Temple. At this point it is necessary to change to the specially fitted 4WD truck that can climb up the steep road to the temple.

Preah Vihear Temple is Cambodia's 2<sup>nd</sup> UNESCO World Heritage Site, after Angkor Wat. This temple and surrounding area have been claimed by both Cambodia and Thailand. However an international ruling has agreed that Cambodia is the rightful owner. Tensions have been high in the past but the last couple of years have seen the border area calm with a de-escalation of military presence.

Preah Vihear is one of the most spectacularly located temples in the world. From the summit there are sweeping views across Cambodia and into Thailand. Construction began with King Yasovarman in about 889AD. It was then added to by several other monarchs, including Suryavarman II, the builder of Angkor Wat. There are many temple ruins and steps to climb until the rewarding summit at 625m and its fantastic view.

After the visit we drive to the town of Sra Em, which is located 30km south of the temple of Preah Vihear. Upon arrival we check into the hotel for an overnight stay and included dinner. Please note that our accommodation this evening is basic due to the remote location of this small town.

Accommodation: Preah Vihear Boutique Hotel or similar

### **30.01.23 Sra Em - Siem Reap**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we have a scenic 4-5 hour drive south to Siem Reap along a route that was the last stronghold of the Khmer Rouge and where their leader, Pol Pot died in 1998. Brief stops are made at Ta Mok's house and Pol Pot's cremation site as we learn about the history of the cruel Khmer Rouge regime. We have a packed lunch en route. We arrive in Siem Reap in the mid/late afternoon, for a three night stay. This evening we enjoy an included dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Tara Angkor Hotel

### **31.01.23 Siem Reap**

**(B/L/D)**

This morning we take a remork (similar to the Thai tuk tuk) to begin our exploration of the Temples of Angkor, by visiting Angkor Wat, the largest religious building in the world. Angkor Wat is a temple complex built for King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century as his state temple and capital city. Angkor Wat is the most significant and best preserved temple in the area. It is the only one to have remained a significant religious centre since its foundation, first Hindu and then Buddhist. A magnificent moat surrounds the temple on all sides. An alternative eastern entrance is the best way to start our morning tour and help avoid the crowds.

We continue to the ancient city of Angkor Thom which holds many important monuments such as Bayon Temple, located in the exact centre. Depending on time we will either stop for lunch first or proceed to the next temple.

Continue to Ta Prohm, a unique temple that has been left to nature with trees and vines growing amongst the structures. This is one of the most photogenic temples in the Angkor area and gained fame as the 'Tomb Raider' temple, after featuring in the Angelina Jolie movie. Enjoy walking along the sandy paths and under huge banyan trees as we explore this 12th century temple.

We return to our hotel in the mid-afternoon and take a break.

This evening we enjoy dinner whilst watching a show of Apsara dancing, first performed in the court of kings at Angkor. The show includes a demonstration of the Cambodian martial art called bokator. A fresh and delicious menu of Asian cuisine will be served during the show.

Accommodation: Tara Angkor Hotel

### **01.02.23 Siem Reap**

**(B/L)**

This morning we learn about life on the majestic Tonle Sap Lake, the largest freshwater lake in South East Asia. The lake and its waters are the lifeblood of the country and millions of people depend on it. Located on the northern side of the lake lies the fascinating village of Kompong Khleang, one of the lesser visited villages. The village consists of a combination of stilted and floating houses. Our boat trip to the village is the perfect way to understand the extremities of life on the lake. The houses are up to 10 metres in height and during the dry season can be fully exposed as the water recedes. At the end of the rainy season the water rises so that only the upper stories are exposed. This makes a visit interesting at any time of the year. Our half day visits has seemingly endless opportunities for photography.

We return to Siem Reap for a set lunch at Mahob, combining the talents of the chef/owner with the freshest local ingredients. The restaurant offers a peaceful location to experiment with tantalising Khmer and fusion offerings. Mahob is set in a carefully restored Khmer wooden house.

Following lunch we learn about the famous rodents at the Apopo Visitor Centre. Landmines left over from three decades of war are still a problem for farmers and local people in the Cambodian countryside. Whilst the use of humans with metal detectors and mine detecting dogs have made a major impact, there is still plenty to do. Following the success of using large 'hero rats' in Angola and Mozambique, they have also been used in Cambodia since 2015. Not weighing enough to trigger a land mine when walked across, the rats are smart enough to smell the explosive and give a warning note to the handler. The mines can then be isolated and removed. At the centre we take a short tour to learn about their work, with a short demonstration by a mine detecting 'hero rat'.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or further discover Siem Reap.

Accommodation: Tara Angkor Hotel

### **02.02.23 Siem Reap - Battambang**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we leave Siem Reap on a three hour drive to Battambang. Battambang is a charming town with early 20<sup>th</sup> century French colonial architecture still prevalent and little modern development taking place. Arts and culture are being revitalised and galleries provide local artists the chance to present their work. Battambang is a slow-paced, small town and provides easy access to friendly villages and the surrounding countryside where much of the typical sightseeing takes place. Upon arrival in Battambang we have an included lunch at the hotel.

This afternoon we head 12km out of town to Phnom Sampeau. This limestone outcrop is home to a variety of temples and excellent views of the countryside dotted with palm trees and rice paddy fields. There is also a more sinister side as Phnom Sampeau is home to the Killing Caves, where Khmer Rouge executed prisoners. Many of them were thrown to their deaths through a skylight in the cave roof. Please note that Phnom Sampeau is only accessible by a staircase requiring a 30 minute uphill walk or by a steep paved road using local transport. We stay until dusk to catch the natural phenomenon of thousands of bats exiting a cave. They fly one by one out of the cave creating patterns in the sky. It is quite a spectacular sight to behold. We return to town and attend a circus performance at the renowned Phare Ponleu Selpak. More in the style of Cirque du Soleil than a traditional European circus, be amazed for an hour by a show of modern Cambodian tales told through dance, acrobatics, aerial acts and music. The performers are all students at the Phare training centre in Battambang, which provides a place for poor communities to express themselves using art.

Following the show we have an included dinner, before returning to the hotel.

Accommodation: Bambu Hotel

### **03.02.23 Battambang**

**(B/L/D)**

This morning we take a short walking tour to see some of the oldest streets and the Psar Nat market in central Battambang. The market was once bombed by the Khmer Rouge. Today a local pizzeria stands at the site of the explosion. The narrow streets of the town have a lot of character and the buildings are better preserved than in most Cambodian cities.

Following this we drive out of the small town to visit some of the local villages. Our guide can show us several of the different small industries, from drying fish to preparing tasty 'grolan' and the making of rice wine and rice cakes.

After an included lunch at the hotel we visit one of the best preserved temples around Battambangm Wat Banan, which is visited by climbing 358 stone steps to the top of a hill. Once a Buddhist temple, the origins of the temple are unclear, though it could have been an inspiration for Angkor Wat, as it has many similarities. From the ruined temple there are nice views over the surrounding rice fields.

Next we travel to the start of a replica train track, based on the original local freight service. The train or 'nori' consists of a wooden platform placed on four wheels and connected to a gasoline engine that powers the device. Used initially as a way of transporting goods between villages, today it is a popular way to transport tourists through the countryside with a little extra adrenalin added on a 7km trip. Please note that the future of the bamboo train is far from certain. Should this not be available, we will replace the train ride with additional village visits in the area.

This evening we head to Jaan Bai restaurant for dinner. This training and development restaurant is run by the Cambodian Children's Trust which is working to break the cycle of poverty in Battambang by empowering underprivileged children. Enjoy a healthy menu using seasonal organic produce with some of the best tastes from South East Asia combined with western influences. Jaan Bai is set in a French colonial building in the heart of Battambang.

Accommodation: Bambu Hotel

### **04.02.23 Battambang – Phnom Penh**

**(B/L/D)**

We depart from Battambang this morning for a six hour drive to Phnom Penh, not including stops. En route we will see the scenic pottery village of Ondong Rossey, which is a very typical Cambodian village with beautiful rice fields and sugar palm trees in the surrounding countryside. Keep your eyes out in case one of the village men are climbing up bamboo ladders to take the rice wine or toddy from the trees. We have an included lunch at a local restaurant on the way.

We reach Phnom Penh in the late afternoon and check in to our hotel for an overnight stay. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Poulo Wai Hotel & Apartment

### **05.02.23 Phnom Penh – Kampot - Kep**

**(B/L/D)**

After an early breakfast we transfer to the train station to ride on Cambodia's only rail route. Following the civil war the railway was not maintained and all services stopped. Slowly the service is being renewed and one day it may be possible to travel to Bangkok and beyond by train. For today we will board the refurbished train for a scenic 4-5 hour ride to Kampot. The service is air-conditioned.

On arrival in Kampot the coach will be waiting to take us to lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards we take a short tour of the town which is home to some of the best examples of French colonial architecture to be found in Cambodia today though many of the buildings are in need of repair.

Later we drive the short distance to Kep, with a stop en route at a pepper plantation. We take a tour of the plantation and learn about the difference between the green, black, white and red pepper corns.

Upon arrival in Kep we check in to our hotel for a two night stay. Kep used to be a thriving seaside town in the 1960s. Designed for the rich Khmer with huge colonial villas, mansions and royal residences, the town fell apart under the Khmer Rouge. Today the town is revitalised as tourists once more visit Kep-sur-mer as the French called it. A small local beach, delicious seafood and an easily accessible national park are just some of the highlights of Kep. This evening we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Seafood is naturally on the menu!

Accommodation: Vakara Hotel

**06.02.23 Kep**

**(B/L/D)**

This morning we visit the famous Kep Crab Market. A very calm place where we can see crab and other seafood being sold, cooked and eaten. The crabs are kept in baskets in the shallow waters along the shore and if a market trader or local restaurateur arrives the baskets are pulled in and discussion begins on the quality and price. Busiest at weekends and public holidays there is also activity on weekdays. We drive to the pier to catch a private local boat across to Koh Tonsai or Rabbit Island as it is also known. On arrival at Rabbit Island there is time to relax and enjoy the beach and warm waters. A seafood BBQ will be prepared for our lunch, followed by some further time to relax. In the mid afternoon we return by boat to the mainland and transfer the short distance back to our hotel. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel, with time to reflect on our adventures in Cambodia with our fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Vakara Hotel

**07.02.23 Kep – Phnom Penh – Singapore**

**(B/L)**

We have a leisurely morning relaxing at the hotel, before an included early lunch and then depart on a three hour drive to the airport. ‘Chum reap lear’ and goodbye to the Kingdom of Wonder.

All passengers depart Phnom Penh at 6.35pm on SQ 157, arriving in Singapore at 9.35pm.

**08.02.23 Singapore – Australia**

Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 00.25am on SQ 237, arriving in Melbourne at 10.50am.

Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 00.55am on SQ 255, arriving in Brisbane at 10.45am.

Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 00.45am on SQ 231, arriving in Sydney at 11.50am.

**Note:**

The provincial areas of Cambodia do not offer as high a level of service as you may typically expect in other countries and the English spoken in these areas is below the standard of that spoken in the main tourist areas.

Also note that buildings and activities in Cambodia can close at short notice due to religious holidays, special ceremonies, VIP visitors etc. Should unexpected closures occur, attempts will be made to reschedule the visit, where possible.



# Cambodia in Depth Tour



## Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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### Tour Difficulty Level 3

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, boarding trains quickly with your luggage, walking distances of approximately 500 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or steep inclines. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as early departures. This tour is designed mainly for the adventurous and those that appreciate authentic destinations, untouched by mass tourism. Cambodia is very much a third world country, often with rough roads, however the people and culture make this destination unique.

## Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Cambodia in Depth Tour

**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 are aware that Covid-19 is a highly contagious and potentially dangerous disease that may result in significant personal illness and even death. You acknowledge that you are voluntarily 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. 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.

**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 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 Macleay Valley Travel.

**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 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. Australian passport holders require an E-visa for Cambodia, which is obtained online at <https://www.evisa.gov.kh/>. The current cost for the Cambodian E-visa is USD \$36 per visa. Please note: Visa fees are subject to any increases imposed by the Cambodian government.

**Basic Tour Price and Taxes** - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

**Not Included in the Cost** - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance 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 heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for payments made using American Express.

**Breakaway not permitted** - All prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary is not permitted.

**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.

**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 a requirement that you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and can show official verification of this. Depending on the requirements at the time of travel, you will likely have to undertake pre-departure Covid PCR test 72 hours before arriving in Cambodia and possibly a certified PCR or Rapid Antigen Test prior to leaving Cambodia. You acknowledge that Macleay Valley Travel is not liable for any associated costs brought about by these requirements or any future requirements of a similar nature.

**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.

**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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 2** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **PostCode** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone / Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_