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Thailand and the Chiang Mai Floral Festival Tour

Two week conducted tour
for only **\$3,490** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes & levies

This tour is outstanding value as it covers all of the following:

- Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Bangkok return with Thai Airlines plus a flight within Thailand.
- Four days in Chiang Mai for the spectacular floral festival.
- Two days touring the River Kwai area, staying overnight on the floating jungle rafts hotel on the river.
- A four-day coach tour of Northern Thailand.
- A two-night stay at a beautiful resort hotel in Cha'Am, staying in Deluxe Ocean View Rooms.
- Quality hotel accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4½ star.
- Full breakfast daily, plus many other meals.
- Visits to the Queen Mothers Extensive Gardens, The Royal Park Rajapruek, Chiang Mai's botanical gardens, a horticultural research rose garden, the colourful Bangkok Flower Market, Museum of Floral Culture and one of Thailand's biggest export orchid nurseries.
- Entrance fees to many attractions and historical parks



- Prepaid gratuities to the guide, driver and bus boy.
- All transport and transfers.
- Services of an experienced Thai tour guide and if there are 12 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

If you would like to travel twin share we will try and assign you with another person but this is not guaranteed. For persons requiring a single room, there is an extra charge of \$755.

Tour departs Australia 28th January and returns 11th February 2019

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Thailand and the Chiang Mai Floral Festival Tour

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

28.01.19 Australia - Bangkok

Depart Sydney at 10.00am on TG 476, arriving into Bangkok at 3.25pm.
Depart Brisbane at 2.00pm on TG 474, arriving in Bangkok at 8.10pm.
Depart Melbourne at 3.25pm on TG 466, arriving in Bangkok at 8.35pm.
All passengers will be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel for an overnight stay.
Accommodation: Amari Don Muang Airport Hotel

29.01.19 Bangkok - Sukhothai

(B/L) Today we head north to Ayuttaya, Thailand's second capital. Here we inspect its World Heritage Historical Park. Then we travel on to Lopburi where we visit a Hindu temple where hundreds of monkeys run wild over the temple and surrounding city. This is followed by a visit to an interesting museum situated in a former palace. We then have lunch at a lovely garden restaurant, before driving to Sukhothai, the ancient capital for an overnight stay.
Accommodation: Sukhothai Treasure Garden Hotel

30.01.19 Sukhothai – Chiang Rai

(B/L) This morning we inspect Sukhothai's World Heritage Historical Park with its extensive ruins dating back to the 14th century. Because of the large size of the park we will travel around by tram, with stops to inspect the most interesting buildings. We then head further north to inspect the beautiful Soldiers' Temple. Following this we drive to Chiang Rai with a stop en route to see north Thailand's largest lake. We have a two night stay in Chiang Rai. Our hotel is situated in the middle of Chiang Rai's shopping area and close to the night market.
Accommodation: Wiang Inn

31.01.19 Chiang Rai

(B/L) Today we visit Mae Fah Luang Garden, also known as the Queen Mother's beautiful mountain-top gardens. Nearby we visit an authentic hill-tribe village, before travelling to the centre of the 'Golden Triangle' area. Here we have lunch and inspect the Opium Museum. Next we have a long tail boat trip on the mighty Mekong River. There is also a stop at a riverside market on the Laos side of the international border, with great bargains to be found. Afterwards we return to the hotel.
Accommodation: Wiang Inn

01.02.19 Chiang Rai – Chiang Mai

(B/L) This morning we visit the temple of Wat Rong Khun, which is unlike any other temple in Thailand. It is a modern masterpiece built by the famous Thai artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, who dedicated ten years of his life to this grand project. It is built almost entirely out of white materials, decorated with small pieces of mirrored glass. We then drive through to wonderful Chiang Mai with a stop en route for an included morning tea. There is also stop at some interesting hot springs with its

adjacent handicraft stores. On arrival in Chiang Mai we will inspect the floral displays connected with the Floral Festival.

We have a three night stay in Chiang Mai, with our hotel being situated in the area of Chiang Mai's famous night market.

Accommodation: Duangtawan Hotel

02.02.19 Chiang Mai

(B)

In the morning we witness the spectacular Chiang Mai Floral Festival, including a procession of floral floats interspersed with great marching bands and contestants of the Miss Chiang Mai Flower Festival competition. We will see displays of yellow and white chrysanthemums and the Damask Rose, a variety found only in Chiang Mai, also the pink and purple Dendrobium orchids and the lovely yellow Daoruang. There are plenty of opportunities to take photographs of the decorated floats and colourful hill tribe people in their costumes.

In the afternoon we visit the Royal Park Rajapruek. This huge park displays the differing garden styles from many countries and has a large display of orchids.

Because of the size of the park you will have the use of a hop-on, hop-off shuttle bus.

Accommodation: Duangtawan Hotel

03.02.19 Chiang Mai

(B/L)

In the morning we travel to the rural areas to see a display of elephants at work, with an optional elephant ride through the jungle. Then we inspect a beautiful orchid nursery where we have lunch. Next we visit the Queen Sirikit Botanical Gardens, which was Thailand's first botanical garden and covers 560 acres. There is a shuttle bus to explore the vast collection of plants from around the world.

Accommodation: Duangtawan Hotel

04.02.19 Chiang Mai

(B/L/D)

In the morning we visit two of Chiang Mai's famous handicraft factories, seeing the manufacture of paper umbrellas and jewellery. We then have a scenic drive to our countryside resort hotel for an overnight stay. En route we stop and have lunch at the lovely Lanna Resort including a walk in the resorts extensive grounds.

Later we visit the Royal Project Rose Garden, which is actually a horticultural research centre with a wonderful display of over 200 rose varieties, all labelled in English as well as Thai.

Accommodation: Belle Villa Resort

05.02.19 Chiang Mai - Bangkok

(B/L)

This morning we transfer to Chiang Mai airport for our flight to Bangkok.

Upon arrival in Bangkok, we visit the Museum of Floral Culture, claimed to be the only one of its kind in the world. It is a quiet, calm oasis in the middle of bustling Bangkok. The museum is a lovely old teak-wood villa that was set up by a Thai floral art master. There is an included tour of the museum that will give us an overview of flower culture and its history in Asia.

Afterwards we transfer to our hotel in Bangkok for a two night stay. Our hotel is located a short distance from the famous Patpong entertainment area and night market.

Accommodation: Montien Hotel

- 06.02.19 Bangkok**
(B/L) This morning there will be a tour of Bangkok's beautiful flower market, followed by a boat tour of Bangkok's klongs (canals) and the busy Chao Phraya River including a visit to the Royal Barges Museum. Afterwards we enjoy an included lunch at a Thai restaurant in the popular Siam Square shopping area.
 Accommodation: Montien Hotel
- 07.02.19 Bangkok - River Kwai**
(B/L/D) We have an early departure today for the River Kwai. First we visit Air Orchid Farm, which is one of the largest orchid farms in Thailand and one of the best places to experience the many types of orchids.
 Next we visit the beautifully kept Allied War Cemetery at Kanchanaburi. Then onto the infamous bridge itself, where we have lunch. Afterwards we embark on long-tailed boats along the River Kwai to our overnight accommodation at the Jungle Rafts Hotel, floating on the River Kwai. This accommodation is quite unique and beautiful and most people consider it to be one of the highlights of the tour, however it is rather basic without electricity.
 Tonight there is an included dinner and display of traditional Mon dancing.
 Accommodation: Jungle Rafts
- 08.02.19 River Kwai - Cha'Am**
(B/L) This morning we travel out to near the Burmese border and visit the infamous Hell-Fire Pass and the Australian run War Museum. We then depart for the beachside resort town of Cha'Am. En route we inspect an interesting temple set in a huge natural cave in Petchaburi.
 This evening the bus will be available to take passengers to and from central Cha'Am, if they wish to go. Lunch today is included.
 Accommodation: Grand Pacific Sovereign Resort & Spa (Deluxe Sea View Room)
- 09.02.19 Cha'Am - Hua Hin**
(B/D) This morning is at leisure to relax or enjoy the facilities of our lovely resort including its fantastic swimming pool.
 In the afternoon we visit the unique Teakwood Palace of King Rama VI (no shorts or bare shoulders permitted for this visit). Then we travel to Hua Hin's central shopping area with great shopping. Next we visit Hua Hin's historical railway station with its interesting royal box. Then we visit Hua Hin's night market before travelling on to the harbourfront for our farewell dinner at an over-water restaurant.
 Accommodation: Grand Pacific Sovereign Resort & Spa (Deluxe Sea View Room)
- 10.02.19 Cha'Am - Bangkok - Australia**
(B/L) We check out of our hotel and depart for Bangkok. Along the way we stop at Petchaburi to inspect the hill top Palace of King Rama IV of 'The King & I' fame. On arrival in Bangkok we are taken to the Manhattan Hotel for lunch and day use accommodation to relax and freshen up before our flights home.
 In the early afternoon Sydney passengers are transferred to Bangkok Airport for their flight home.
 Sydney passengers depart Bangkok at 5.50pm on TG 475, arriving at 7.10am the next morning (11.02.19).
 Melbourne and Brisbane passengers can use their hotel rooms until 8pm. Afterwards

they are transferred to the airport for their flights home.

11.02.19 Bangkok - Australia

Brisbane passengers depart Bangkok at 00.01am on TG 473, arriving in Brisbane at 12.05pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Bangkok at 00.05am on TG 465, arriving in Melbourne at 1.05pm.

Note: The tour guide used for this tour has general knowledge only and is not a trained botanist. Therefore they may not be able to answer all your garden related questions.

Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

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, walking distances of up to 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 early departures. You will also need to be able to get into and out of long tail boats.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Thailand and the Chiang Mai Floral Festival 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.

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 bear 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. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia.

Visas are not required for Thailand 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 - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, travel insurance, excess baggage, tips, meals (except those specified in the itinerary) etc. Credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% 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 American Express.

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 \$55 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. 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 on the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is 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 de facto 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: _____

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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: _____

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

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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