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## CHINA & THE HARBIN ICE FESTIVAL

12 Day Conducted Tour  
for **\$3,790** per person twin share

**This price includes airport taxes & levies**

This is great value for a tour of China during the school holiday period, as it covers all of the following:

- Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Dalian and out of Harbin with China Eastern Airlines.
- 11 days in China during winter, mainly visiting the north east of the country, including Dalian, Shenyang, Changchun and a three night stay in Harbin, visiting the spectacular Ice Festival.
- A stay in Shanghai in each direction.
- A Maglev bullet train ride, a wonderful acrobatic show and a visit to the Siberian Tiger Park.
- Very good accommodation, mainly four star hotels with private facilities.
- All transfers and transport and entrance fees to many attractions.
- Most meals.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and drivers.
- Services of local tour guides, a national guide and if there are 10 or more participants, an Australian tour escort.



If you don't have anyone to share with 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 cost of \$715.

The Harbin Ice Festival takes place every winter and is the largest ice and snow festival in the world, attracting both international and domestic visitors alike. The festival includes the worlds biggest ice sculptures.

This will be a small group tour, with a maximum of 22 passengers.

**Tour departs Australia 7<sup>th</sup> January and returns 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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

## **Itinerary for China & the Harbin Ice Festival**

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

### **07.01.18 Australia – Shanghai, China**

Depart Sydney at 12 midday on flight MU 562, arriving in Shanghai at 7.20pm.  
Depart Melbourne at 12 midday on flight MU 738, arriving in Shanghai at 7.20pm.  
Upon arrival in Shanghai we will be met by our guide and transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Shanghai Wyndham Bund East or similar

### **08.01.18 Shanghai**

**(B/L/D)**

This morning we will visit the traditional Yu Gardens, the Old Chinatown with its twisting alleyways and many shops and hawkers and of course the Bund. Then we have free time to explore Shanghai at our own pace. Later we visit a silk spinning mill and also the Pudong area with its modern architecture.  
Accommodation: Shanghai Wyndham Bund East or similar

### **09.01.18 Shanghai – Dalian**

**(B/D)**

After breakfast we are transferred to the Maglev train station. We will get the opportunity to experience this high-speed wonder from Shanghai city to Shanghai Airport for our flight to Dalian. On arrival in Dalian we are met and transferred to our hotel.  
Accommodation: Dalian New World Hotel or similar

### **10.01.18 Dalian - Shenyang**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we will visit some of the many Russian and Japanese style streets. Afterwards we have visits to BinHai Road, the North Giant Bridge, Tiger's Land and the Xin Hai Square City Sculpture or the People's Square. Following this we depart Dalian by bullet train to Shenyang for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Kempinski Hotel or similar

### **11.01.18 Shenyang**

**(B/L/D)**

The highlight for today in Shenyang is the renowned Old Forbidden City. Before the Qing Emperor defeated the peasant uprising army at the end of Ming dynasty and conquered Beijing, Shenyang was the capital city of the Qing Dynasty. Shenyang Old Forbidden City is one of only two large-scale palace complexes in China. Later we will visit the 918 Museum. This museum is dedicated to showing and explaining the many kinds of torture and killings that the Japanese inflicted on the local Chinese. For dinner this evening we enjoy a local Lao Bian Dumpling Feast.  
Accommodation: Kempinski Hotel or similar

### **12.01.18 Shenyang - Changchun**

**(B/L/D)**

After breakfast we will farewell Shenyang and travel by coach to Changchun, the capital city of Jilin Province. Upon arrival we will visit the largest park, the Nan Hu Park. Here we will see a beautiful lake, weeping willow trees, winter flowers, singing birds and many traditional Chinese ancient buildings.

Accommodation: New Century Grand Hotel Changchun or similar

**13.01.18 Changchun - Harbin**

**(B/L/D)** In Changchun today we will visit the Imperial Palace, used by the last emperor Pu Yi of the Qing Dynasty. We then continue onto Harbin by coach and upon arrival we will check in to our hotel for a three night stay.

Accommodation: Harbin Sheraton Hotel or similar

**14.01.18 Harbin**

**(B/L/D)** Harbin is famous for its annual Ice festival and the city bears 'Ice World' as its main claim to fame. Today after breakfast at the hotel we will depart to visit the St. Sophia Church, which was built in 1907. We then head to the Central Avenue of Harbin, where we will be able to take in the many Russian-style buildings. This evening after dinner we will be transferred to the Ice and Snow World. After exploring the attractions and sculpture we will be transferred back to the hotel.

Accommodation: Harbin Sheraton Hotel or similar

**15.01.18 Harbin**

**(B/L/D)** This morning we have a visit to the famous Songhua River where we can see the local winter swimmers exercising. This is one of the features of Harbin's Ice and Snow Festival. We continue to visit the Sun Island Snow Carving Exhibition. There will be plenty of time for us to wander around the riverbank area or participate in local amusement activities. After lunch, we will visit the Siberian Tiger Park. The Siberian tiger is considered an endangered species and in the 1980's, it was listed as one of the first class national protected animals of China. After dinner we have the evening at leisure to explore the ice sculptures or the city of Harbin.

Accommodation: Harbin Sheraton Hotel or similar

**16.01.18 Harbin – Shanghai**

**(B/D)** This morning after breakfast we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival in Shanghai we are met and transferred to the hotel for an overnight stay. This evening enjoy an included dinner, followed by an exciting acrobatic show.

Accommodation: Shanghai Wyndham Bund East or similar

**17.01.18 Shanghai – Australia**

**(B)** This morning is at leisure. Please note that we may be required to check out of the hotel at the usual check out time. After this we can store our luggage at the hotel while we explore the surrounding area. Later this afternoon we are transferred to the airport for our flights home.

Melbourne passengers depart Shanghai at 8.15pm on MU 737, arriving in Melbourne at 10.00am the next morning (18.01.18).

Sydney passengers depart Shanghai at 8.20pm on MU 561, arriving in Sydney at 10.00am the next morning (18.01.18).

**Note:** The Harbin Ice Festival is made possible due to its location in north eastern China, receiving cold winter winds from Siberia. As such the temperatures during this period will be very cold, reaching lows of -25 degrees Celsius.



## **Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's China & the Harbin Ice Festival**

**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 8 weeks prior to departure.

**Refunds and Cancellations:** Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

**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 required for all Australian passport holders to China. Chinese Visa Application Service Centre (CVASC) charge Australian passport holders \$60 visa fee plus application service fee of \$71.50 and we charge \$30 for processing. Different visa fees apply to non Australian passport holders. Please note that visas prices of set by the Chinese Consulate and are subject to change.

**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), etc. are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa / MasterCard) can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 3% surcharge for 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 \$195 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions, as airfare seasonality may be affected.

**Accreditation** - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

**Twin Share Bookings** - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

**Health and Fitness** - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

**Limitation of Liability** - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

## MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

**A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM**

Name of Tour : \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 1** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Passport 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

Any existing medical conditions? Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Extensions: \_\_\_\_\_

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

In case of emergency, please notify :

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person.

**DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.**

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

**A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.**