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20 Day Conducted

## Inside Vietnam Tour

only **\$3,985** per person

with no single room supplement for solo travellers

**This price includes airport taxes and levies**

This is fantastic value for a conducted tour to Vietnam with no single supplement. Consider how much you get for this great price per person:

- ◆ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines, plus one flight within Vietnam.
- ◆ An 18 day coach and air tour of Vietnam from south to north, visiting many of the most interesting places in this fascinating and beautiful country.
- ◆ All entrance fees.
- ◆ Services of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.
- ◆ All transport and transfers in Vietnam.
- ◆ An overnight cruise on Halong Bay in an historic junk.
- ◆ Quality accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star.
- ◆ Many meals as stated in the itinerary.



With this tour, single travellers can have a single room without paying a single room supplement.

There is an optional 4 day extension to Angkor Wat for \$1035 per person, with no single supplement for solo travellers.

Tour departs Australia 22<sup>nd</sup> August and returns 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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

## **Itinerary for Inside Vietnam Tour**

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

### **22.08.17 Australia - Singapore - Saigon**

Depart Sydney at 7.55am on SQ 212, arriving in Singapore at 2.15pm.

Depart Brisbane at 9.10am on SQ 256, arriving in Singapore at 3.30pm.

Depart Melbourne at 10.30am on SQ 238, arriving in Singapore at 4.20pm.

All passengers depart Singapore at 5.25pm on SQ 186, arriving in Saigon at 6.35pm.

Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel.

Accommodation: Huong Sen Hotel

### **23.08.17 Saigon - Cu Chi Tunnels**

**(B/L)**

This morning there is a half day tour of Saigon which includes a short walking tour around downtown passing the Opera House, City Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. There is a visit to the former Presidential Palace (Reunification Palace) and the War Remnants Museum. Pho (Traditional Vietnamese Noodle Soup) and spring rolls are for lunch.

After lunch we will drive through Chinatown, with a short walk through Cho Lon, the biggest wholesale market in Vietnam. Then visit the Thien Hau Temple, which is the oldest Chinese temple dedicated to the Sea Goddess.

In the afternoon we drive through rubber and tapioca plantations to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, which are a fascinating tunnel network built by the Viet Cong in the Vietnam War.

Accommodation: Huong Sen Hotel

### **24.08.17 Saigon - My Tho - Can Tho (Mekong Delta)**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we depart Saigon for My Tho, which is a two hour drive from Ho Chi Minh City. My Tho is a prosperous town of 250,000 inhabitants in the Mekong Delta. It is famous for its extensive orchards and immense rice fields. Enjoy boat rides on the Mekong Delta, as well as a horse carriage ride which was the traditional transportation in the area and a visit to an orchard on an island. We also visit a coconut candy workshop and a bee keeping farm with lunch included at a farmer's house. We then continue on our journey to Can Tho and cross an amazing bridge over the Mekong River. This bridge was built with help from the Australian Government in 2000. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Muong Thanh Hotel

### **25.08.17 Can Tho - Floating Market - Saigon**

**(B/L)**

This morning enjoy a boat trip on the Mekong River to visit Cai Rang Floating Market, which is the largest wholesale fruit and vegetable market of the area. We then leave Can Tho for Saigon. We have lunch at 'Alfresco' restaurant.

The rest of the day is at leisure to explore and shop in this fascinating city.

Accommodation: Huong Sen Hotel

### **26.08.17 Saigon - Dalat**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we depart Saigon on a beautiful drive through rubber, coffee and tea plantations to Dalat. We stop at La Nga floating village and have lunch in Bao Loc on the way. Dalat is a cool mountain resort built by the French in the 1920's as a hill

station. Its lakes, waterfall, evergreen forest and gardens make Dalat one of the most enjoyable places in Vietnam. Upon arrival in Dalat we check in to our hotel. Dinner is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Hoang Anh Resort

**27.08.17 Dalat**

**(B/L/D)**

This morning we have a 15 minute cable car ride over Dalat, with beautiful views of forests, vegetable gardens and the city of Dalat. Then we experience a dry luge slide and visit Datanla Waterfall, followed by a visit to the Crazy House. We then have a short train ride through vegetable and flower farms to Trai Mat and visit Linh Phuoc Pagoda, a famous beer bottle and ceramic fragments pagoda in town. Lunch is at a local restaurant.

In the late afternoon we leave the hotel for Lat village (12 km from town) to visit the local ethnic minorities and enjoy an interesting 1 hour dance and gong show.

Dinner is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Hoang Anh Resort

**28.08.17 Dalat - Nha Trang**

**(B/L)**

Today we leave Dalat for a scenic 4 hour drive to Nha Trang, the most popular beach resort area of Vietnam. We have lunch at the excellent Sailing Club restaurant.

Afterwards we visit an art centre with beautiful hand-made silk embroidery. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy a swim or explore the city.

Accommodation: Sunrise Hotel

**29.08.17 Nha Trang**

**(B/L)**

This morning enjoy a boat trip to visit Mieu Island with a nice walk through a fishing village and a chance to go on a coracle (bamboo basket boat). Then we have a chance for swimming and snorkeling on a nearby beach. Lunch will be at a local BBQ seafood restaurant. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Accommodation: Sunrise Hotel

**30.08.17 Nha Trang - Sa Huynh**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we leave Nha Trang for Sa Huynh, a long and beautiful drive through prawn and crab farms, sugar cane plantations and rice paddies. Lunch is at a local restaurant on the way.

We arrive in Sa Huynh in the late afternoon, with dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Sa Huynh Resort

**31.08.17 Sa Huynh - Hoi An**

**(B/L)**

This morning we depart for Hoi An, arriving in the early afternoon. Upon arrival we have lunch at the excellent 'LY' cafe. After lunch we check into the hotel and then have a one hour walking tour to orient yourself with the town. Discover the historical town of Hoi An, which was a prosperous seaport city during the 16th to 18th centuries. Its community of foreign merchants resulted in a unique architectural style with Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese and French influences. It is a very laid back town and a good place for shopping, especially tailoring.

Accommodation: Hoi An Hotel

**01.09.17 Hoi An**

**(B/D)** This morning is at leisure in Hoi An. In the mid afternoon we will have a 1 hour cruise on the Thu Bon River before a beautiful dinner with a cooking demonstration in a local restaurant 'Market Place'.  
Accommodation: Hoi An Hotel

**02.09.17 Hoi An - Hanoi**

**(B/L/D)** We have a late morning transfer to the airport for our flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival in Hanoi we visit the Ethnology Museum. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant.  
Accommodation: Muong Thanh Hanoi Centre Hotel

**03.09.17 Hanoi – Ba Hac Sunday Market – Lao Cai - Sapa**

**(B/L/D)** Early this morning we leave Hanoi for Bac Ha, a regular market held every Sunday for ethnic minorities. There we'll see the gathering of hundreds of people including H'Mong, Dao and Tay ethnic minorities, most of whom are wearing their colourful traditional costumes. It is a riot of colour and fun. There is an opportunity to explore the colourful market and meet the local tribal people to appreciate their culture and traditions. There is also a visit to the so called palace of the "King of H'mong". Lunch is in Bac Ha. Afterwards we drive to Sapa. On the way we stop in Lao Cai to see the border crossing between Vietnam and China. We arrive in Sapa in the early evening and have dinner at the hotel.  
Accommodation: Sunny Mountain Hotel

**04.09.17 Sapa**

**(B/L)** Sapa is a hill station built in 1922. The whole area is spectacular, as Sapa lies in a valley surrounded by paddy fields in a variety of shades of green and is overlooked by Vietnam's highest mountain, Mount Fansipan. You will see the local minority groups, the H'mong, Dzay and the Dzao People, who are the largest and the most colourful ethnic groups in the region.  
After breakfast we take a 4km drive to the rim of a deep valley. Along the road we'll see H'Mong, Dzay and Dzao minority people dressed in their traditional costumes. There is a two hour walk around Ta Van and Lao Chai, which is home to all three minorities. Observe their daily lives for a rare glimpse into their culture and costumes. We enjoy a traditional music show of the ethnic minorities in the area. Lunch is at a local restaurant. The rest of the day is at leisure.  
Accommodation: Sunny Mountain Hotel

**05.09.17 Sapa – Halong Bay**

**(B/L/D)** This morning we leave Sapa on an interesting and scenic driving journey to Halong Bay. On the way we have a picnic lunch. We arrive in the late afternoon. Halong Bay is listed as a world heritage area of outstanding natural beauty. "Dragon Descending to the Sea" as it is known in Vietnamese, picturesque Halong Bay has more than 1,969 limestone islets rising from the clear emerald water, many of them containing beautiful grottoes. Dinner this evening is at the hotel.  
Accommodation: Saigon Halong Hotel (ocean view room)

**06.09.17 Halong Bay**

**(B/L/D)** This morning is at leisure to relax and enjoy the view from your room's balcony. In the early afternoon we board the Bai Tho Junk and have a seafood lunch on board. We enjoy a beautiful cruise in Halong Bay with a visit to Sung Sot Cave and a swim

at Titov Beach. Enjoy dinner on board while watching the sunset (depending on the weather conditions).

Accommodation: Bai Tho Junk

**07.09.17 Halong Bay - Hanoi**

**(B/L/D)**

We have a few more hours on the junk, before heading back to Hanoi. In this time we will have a morning cruise to visit Man's Head Island, Tortoise Island, Luon Cave by a small bamboo boat, Bai Tu Long Bay, Toad Island and Bai Tho Mountain. There is an early lunch on board before disembarking and making our way back to Hanoi, arriving in the late afternoon. We enjoy a one hour cyclo ride around the Old and French Quarters of Hanoi before checking into the hotel. This evening we enjoy the Water Puppet Show, which is the unique art of the Vietnamese since the 11<sup>th</sup> century. This is followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Tirant Hotel

**08.09.17 Hanoi**

**(B/D)**

This morning we visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum & Residence, and One Pillar Pagoda. We also visit the Temple of Literature, which is considered to be Vietnam's first university. The remainder of the day is at leisure. This evening we have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Tirant Hotel

**09.09.17 Hanoi - Australia**

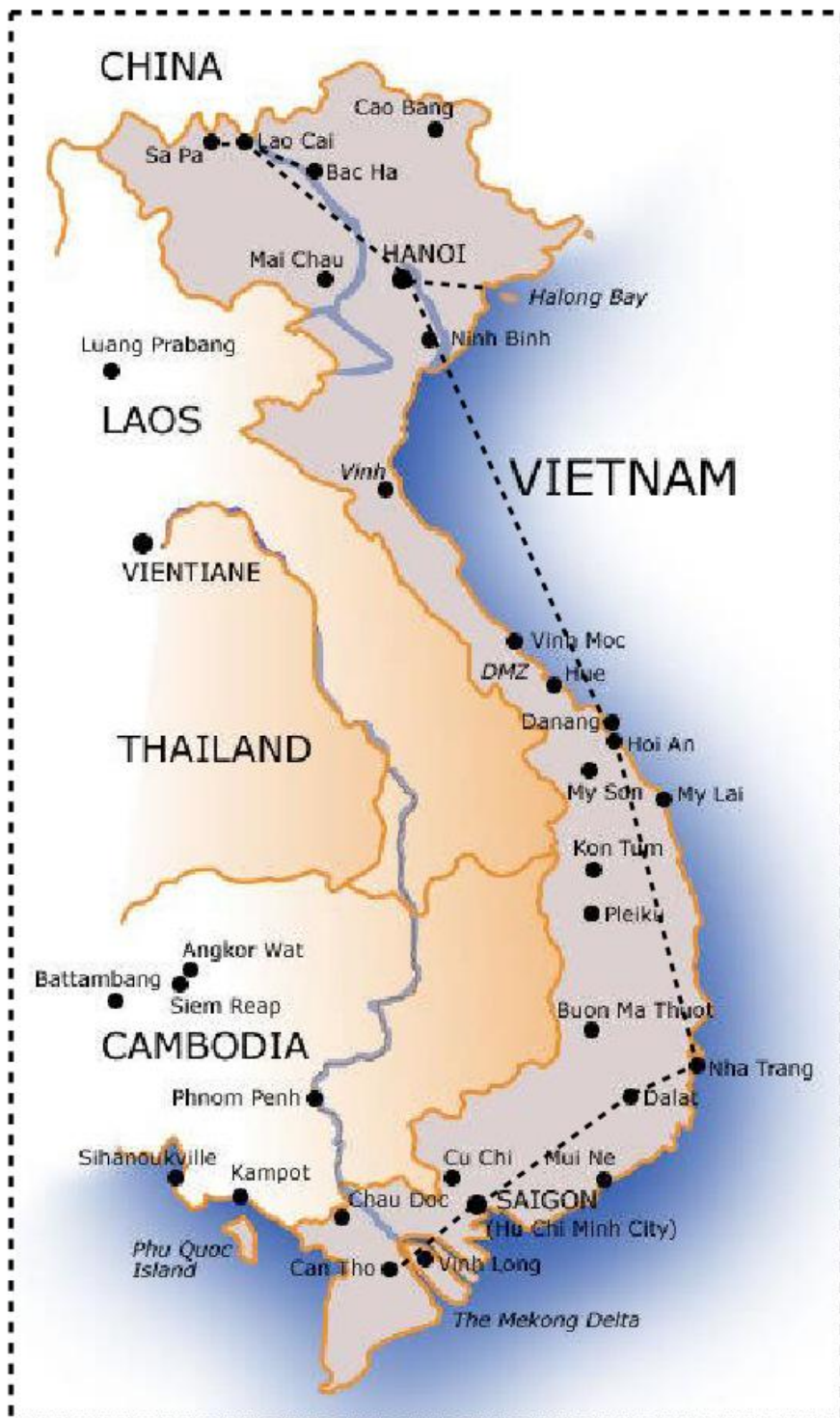
**(B)**

This morning we transfer to the airport for our flights home. All passengers depart Hanoi at 12.35pm on SQ 175, arriving in Singapore at 5.05pm.

Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 8.15pm on SQ 221, arriving in Sydney at 5.55am the next day (10.09.17).

Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 9.15pm on SQ227, arriving in Melbourne at 6.40am the next day (10.09.17).

Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 9.30pm on SQ 235, arriving in Brisbane at 7.05am the next day (10.09.17).



## **Itinerary for Angkor Wat Extension**

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

### **09.09.17 Hanoi - Siem Reap**

**(B/D)**

Today we transfer to Hanoi Airport, departing at 3.30pm on Vietnam Airlines flight VN837, arriving in Siem Reap at 5.10pm. We are met and transferred to the hotel for check in. Dinner is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Angkor Heritage Boutique Hotel

### **10.09.17 Siem Reap**

**(B/L/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Begin our exploration of the Angkorian temples this morning by visiting the ancient city of Angkor Thom. Surrounded by walls with a height of 8 metres and length of 12 kms, this city was the last capital of the Khmer Empire. Five huge gates with huge stone faces provide access. Angkor Thom holds many important monuments, which we will visit, including the Bayon Temple, located in the exact centre, the Baphoun, Terrace of the Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King. We 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. Afterwards we return to the town of Siem Reap and enjoy an asian fusion 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.

This afternoon we travel to 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. Officially a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, observing life on the lake makes for an interesting visit. We board a traditional wooden boat to visit Kompong Phluck, one of the lesser visited villages on the lake. Afterwards we return to our hotel.

This evening enjoy dinner whilst watching a show of Apsara dancing, first performed in the court of kings at Angkor. A set menu of Khmer cuisine will be served as we enjoy the show.

Accommodation: Angkor Heritage Boutique Hotel

### **11.09.17 Siem Reap - Angkor Wat**

**(B/L/D)**

This morning take a remork (similar to the Thai tuk tuk) to continue 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, with a long causeway providing access. We return to Siem Reap to dine at a local restaurant that supports a good cause. 'Marum' is a training restaurant for vulnerable young adults. Set menus are served Cambodian style with dishes being shared by diners. Following lunch we

learn about lacquer technology with a visit to the Cambolac workshop. This project focuses on producing quality, authentic souvenirs and supports young adults and the hearing impaired. The guided tour is undertaken by deaf employees, where we can learn about the art of lacquer and also learn a few words of Khmer sign language. Take a break this afternoon at the hotel. This evening we have an included dinner at Phare Café, before enjoying some modern Khmer theatre at a performance of Phare, the Cambodian Circus, by professional artists from Phare Ponleu Selpak. Originally a project set up in refugee camps as a way to encourage young people to express themselves using art, the Phare Circus is slowly becoming a world wide name and a good example of responsible tourism that has been a success story. Enjoy an hour long show, which is a great example of modern Cambodia and mixes theatre, dance, music, juggling and contortion. Afterwards return to the hotel.  
Accommodation: Angkor Heritage Boutique Hotel

**12.09.17 Siem Reap – Singapore - Australia**

**(B)**

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights home.

Depart Siem Reap at 10.40am on Silk Air flight MI 630 arriving in Singapore at 5.00pm (this flight goes via Danang in Vietnam).

Sydney passengers depart Singapore 8.15pm on SQ 221, arriving in Sydney at 5.55am the next morning (13.09.17).

Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 9.15pm on SQ 227, arriving in Melbourne at 6.40am the next morning (13.09.17).

Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 9.30pm on SQ 235, arriving in Brisbane at 7.05am the next morning (13.09.17).

**COST:** The cost for the Angkor Wat extension is \$1035 per person in a twin or single room.



## **Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Inside Vietnam Tour**

Deposits and Payments - A deposit of \$200 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. If you are doing the Cambodian extension, an additional deposit of \$200 is required. These deposits are non refundable.

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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.

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 passport holders to Vietnam. Visa fee for an Australian passport holder is \$95 and we charge \$30 for processing. If you are doing the Cambodian extension, the Cambodian visa fee is \$50 and we charge \$30 for processing. Please note: Visa fees are subject to any increases imposed by the Vietnamese and Cambodia Consulates. We do not recommend that you apply for your Vietnamese visa online, as this can result in delays at the airport when you arrive. There are also certain risks associated with this process which we hold no responsibility for. Please note that if you intend to get a visa online/arrival, you do so at your own risk. The tour group will not wait for any time spent obtaining visas at the airport and you may need to arrange a separate transfer at your own expense.

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, visas 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 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 Diners Club.

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.

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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

(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

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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.**