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SCANDINAVIA AND THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

3 Week Conducted Tour

for only **\$6,875** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

This price is great value for this expensive destination as it includes:

- Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Stockholm and out of Oslo with Thai International, plus a flight from Stockholm to Helsinki with Scandinavian Airlines.
- A 17 day tour of Finland, Lapland and the Arctic Circle and Norway.
- A 2 day stopover in Thailand, staying at the Dream Hotel, Bangkok.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star.
- Many meals and all transfers and transport.
- Entrance fees to many attractions.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- Service of tour guides in Scandinavia and Thailand, and if there are 12 or more participants there will be an Australian Tour Escort.



If you don't have a travelling companion but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you another person, but this is not guaranteed. For persons requiring a single room, there is an extra charge \$1290.

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit this spectacularly beautiful area during the glories of late summer / early autumn.

TOUR DEPARTS AUSTRALIA 18TH AUGUST AND RETURNS 7TH SEPTEMBER 2017

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Scandinavia and the Arctic Circle Tour

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

18.08.17 Australia - Bangkok

Depart Sydney at 10.00am on TG 476, arriving in Bangkok at 4.20pm.

Depart Brisbane at 2.00pm on TG 474, arriving in Bangkok at 8.20pm.

Depart Melbourne at 3.15pm on TG 466, arriving in Bangkok at 9.45pm.

We will be met at Bangkok Airport and transferred to the Dream Hotel in Bangkok for a two night stay.

19.08.17 Bangkok – Rose Garden - Bangkok

(B/L)

This morning we head out of Bangkok. En route we stop at Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, including a long-tail boat trip through rural klongs (canals).

We then travel to the famous Rose Garden with its extensive grounds and beautiful gardens. We have an included buffet lunch, followed by a cultural show with traditional Thai dancing, boxing and sword fighting. After this there is a short demonstration of elephants at work. We then return to our hotel in Bangkok.

20.08.17 Bangkok

(B/D)

Morning tour to see Bangkok's beautiful flower market, followed by a boat tour of Bangkok's klongs (canals) and the busy Chao Phraya River. We then see the Royal Barges museum. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure with 6pm late checkout from our hotel rooms. This evening we depart the hotel for Siam Square and have an included dinner at Teakwood Restaurant. Afterwards we are transferred to the airport for our flights to Europe.

21.08.17 Bangkok – Stockholm – Helsinki, Finland

Depart Bangkok at 1.10am on TG 960, arriving into Stockholm, Sweden at 7.00am.

Upon arrival in Stockholm, we transfer to our next flight.

Depart Stockholm at 8.45am on Scandinavian Airlines flight SK 704, arriving in Helsinki at 10.40am. We are transferred to our Helsinki hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to start exploring Helsinki. Tonight, meet our tour director and fellow travellers.

22.08.17 Helsinki - Kuopio

(B/D)

An included orientation drive this morning features the City Hall and Parliament House, the Presidential Palace and the great Lutheran Cathedral. Then head north through unspoiled forests and lakes for an overnight in Kuopio. This evening we have an included dinner.

23.08.17 Kuopio - Oulu - Rovaniemi

(B)

Stop in the picturesque university town of Oulu, situated on the Bothnian Bay. Then follow the shoreline as far as Kemi before heading inland to Rovaniemi for a two night stay.

- 24.08.17 Rovaniemi**
(B) A whole day to enjoy the capital of Finnish Lapland. For hundreds of years it was famous for exporting furs and salmon to the world's rich and powerful. Unfortunately, the town was totally destroyed during World War II. The new town, which we will visit during this morning's orientation drive, was designed by Alvar Aalto in the shape of reindeer antlers. Sights include Lappia Hall, the Town Hall, the new modern church with its intriguing frescoes and the Arctic Centre. The afternoon is at leisure or you may choose to join an optional excursion to find out more about Lapland.
- 25.08.17 Rovaniemi - Sodankyla - Tankavaara - Saariselka**
(B/D) As we cross the Arctic Circle (66°31N), we will find ourselves in incomparable, unspoiled Lapland, land of reindeer. Stop at the Santa Claus Workshop with a chance to meet Father Christmas himself. North to Sodankyla, where we will see the charming Vanha Kirkko, Lapland's oldest wooden church, dating back to the 17th century. At Tankavaara, visit the Gold Museum and try panning for gold. Overnight in Saariselka, on the edge of the virgin wilderness and part of Finland's major national park. It is the largest winter sport centre in Finland and a paradise for hikers and mountain bike lovers in summer. This evening we have an included dinner.
- 26.08.17 Saariselka - Honningsvag, Norway**
(B/D) Via Ivalo we cross into Norway for a visit to the fascinating Sami Park. We then travel further into Norway and along the beautiful Porsangen Fjord to Honningsvag on the island of Mageroya, home to 4000 people and 5000 reindeer. Tonight, one of the highlights of this tour is the included drive to the North Cape, Europe's last northern outpost, on a sheer cliff rising 1000 feet from the Atlantic Ocean.
- 27.08.17 Honningsvag - Coastal Cruise - Hammerfest - Alta**
(B/D) An early start today for the fjord cruise from Honningsvag to Hammerfest. We will enjoy some of Norway's most beautiful coastal and mountain scenery as we cruise southwards. Disembark at Hammerfest and drive to Alta, situated at the mouth of the world's richest salmon river, for an overnight stay. This evening we have an included dinner.
- 28.08.17 Alta - Narvik**
(B) Continue our unforgettable journey south along the stunning shoreline of Norway. The road meanders along Kvaenangenfjord and Lyngenfjord. We are now in the Troms Province, still north of the Arctic Circle but with a climate mild enough to allow very successful farming. Hear about fierce World War II battles as we approach Narvik, rebuilt after near total destruction.
- 29.08.17 Narvik**
(B) Visit Narvik's War Museum and relive how Norwegian troops, with the help of their allies, showed the world that the Nazi war machine was not invulnerable. This afternoon and evening are at leisure.
- 30.08.17 Narvik - Mo**
(B) This morning enter Nordland. Not far from Mo we cross the Arctic Circle again and return to a world where the sun rises and sets everyday of the year. Overnight in the

little town of Mo I Rana.

31.08.17 Mo - Mosjoen - Trondheim

(B) On the agenda today we have a picture stop in Mosjoen, the spectacular Laksforsen Waterfall, the forests and rivers of Namdalen Valley and vistas of Trondheimfjord, the World War II hideout of the German battleship Tirpitz.

01.09.17 Trondheim - Geiranger Area

(B/D) This morning we leave Norway's third largest city, also known as the "Gateway to the North" and travel via the spectacular Atlantic Road from Christiansund to Molde to reach the Geiranger area for a two night stay. This evening we have an included dinner.

02.09.17 Geiranger Area

(B/D) Today is at leisure to enjoy the sites of this enchanting area on your own or join the optional Geiranger Fjord Cruise. This evening we have an included dinner.

03.09.17 Geiranger Area - Lom - Lillehammer

(B) Today we travel to Lillehammer. En route we stop in Lom for an opportunity to take pictures of the wooden stave churches before arriving in the famous winter sport resort, Lillehammer, host of the 1994 Winter Olympics.

04.09.17 Lillehammer – Oslo

(B) This morning we head south to Oslo. Upon arrival, enjoy vistas of Akerhus Castle, the 14th century fortress guarding the harbour. Our included highlights tour features the soaring City Hall, National Theatre, Parliament, Royal Palace, Broadcasting House and Gustav Vigeland's stark sculptures of people and animals in Frogner Park.

05.09.17 Oslo

(B) Today is at leisure in Oslo, for those who wish to explore more of Norway's lovely capital city.

06.09.17 Oslo - Bangkok

(B) Mid morning transfer to Oslo Airport for your flight to Bangkok, departing at 2.15pm on TG 955, arriving in Bangkok at 6.15am the next morning (07.09.17).

07.09.17 Bangkok – Australia

Sydney passengers depart Bangkok at 8.00am on TG 471, arriving in Sydney at 8.00pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Bangkok at 8.10am on TG 461, arriving in Melbourne at 8.00pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Bangkok at 9.00am on TG 477, arriving in Brisbane at 8.50pm.

Note: The ground operator for the European component of this tour is Cosmos.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Arctic Circle Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable 10 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.

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. No visas are required for this tour if you are 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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: _____

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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

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

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 \$400 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.