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## British Isles with the R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show

28 Day Conducted tour

only **\$7,675** per person twin share  
This price includes Airport Taxes & Levies

This is great value for an expensive destination such as Britain as all of the following are included:

- ❖ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into London with Thai International.
- ❖ A 3 week in depth tour of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- ❖ Four nights in London including a full day at the wonderful Chelsea Flower Show.
- ❖ A 2 night stopover in Thailand.
- ❖ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star.
- ❖ Many meals.
- ❖ All transport and transfers.
- ❖ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- ❖ Services of local tour guides and an Australian tour escort.



If you don't have a travel partner but want to travel at twin share rates we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For anyone requiring a single room there would be an extra \$1725.



Tour departs Australia 24<sup>th</sup> May and returns 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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

## **Itinerary for British Isles with the R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show May 2017**

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

- 24.05.17 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.  
Upon arrival we are met and transferred to the Dream Hotel in Bangkok for a two night stay.
- 25.05.17 Bangkok – Sampran - Bangkok**  
**(B/L/D)** This morning we visit Bangkok's beautiful flower market. Afterwards we travel to the Rose Garden with its extensive grounds and beautiful gardens. Enjoy an included buffet lunch, followed by a cultural show with traditional Thai dancing, boxing and sword fighting. This is followed by a short demonstration of elephants at work. Afterwards we return to Bangkok and have an included dinner at a local restaurant.
- 26.05.17 Bangkok - London**  
**(B)** After breakfast we transfer to Bangkok Airport for our flight to England.  
Depart Bangkok at 12.40pm on TG 916, arriving in London at 6.45pm.  
We are transferred to our London hotel for a three night stay.
- 27.05.17 London**  
**(B)** Today we will enjoy the spectacular R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show. We will be transferred by Underground to the flower show with entrance fees paid for a full day at the show. As people will have different wishes as to length of stay at the show you will return to the hotel by your own arrangements.
- 28.05.17 London**  
**(B)** Today is devoted to exploring on your own. In your free time you may wish to see the city's famous landmarks, such as the London Eye or the Tower of London with its spectacular Crown Jewels.
- 29.05.17 London - Oxford - Stratford-upon-Avon - Coventry**  
**(B/D)** This morning we meet our guide and depart at 8am for a memorable day of sightseeing. After a photo opportunity at Hampton Court Palace, we continue on to Runnymede, where King John sealed the Magna Carta. Then on to Oxford, where we will have a walking tour of one of the country's oldest seats of learning. Skirting the Cotswold Hills, we arrive in Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon. Take pictures of Anne Hathaway's Cottage and explore the town at your own pace. Overnight in Coventry. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
- 30.05.17 Coventry - York – Newcastle area**  
**(B/D)** Leave the Midlands and head north to York, England's most complete medieval city. Stand in awe in front of the great structure of York Minster, then follow our

tour guide through a maze of quaint streets including the narrow Shambles. Stop for the night in the Newcastle area, once an important centre for the wool trade and coal mining and now a vibrant modern city. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

**31.05.17**  
**(B)**

**Newcastle area – Berwick-upon-Tweed - Edinburgh, Scotland**

On our way to Scotland we drive along the picturesque coastline to Berwick-upon-Tweed, situated just south of the Scottish border. This peaceful town suffered a turbulent past and its Elizabethan walls, built to keep invading Scots from entering the town, could tell a colourful tale. We stop for photographs of the Firth of Forth, in pretty North Berwick, before arriving in Edinburgh.

Later there is a unique optional tour to board the former Royal Yacht Britannia, which was the royal residence for glittering state visits and family holidays. The yacht was used on over 700 overseas visits and sailed over a million nautical miles, most famously for the honeymoon of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. Tour five decks and see how the Royal Family and crew of 240 lived and worked on board. Dinner rounds off this optional evening.

**01.06.17**  
**(B)**

**Edinburgh**

A full day to enjoy the Scottish capital. Morning sightseeing with a local guide introduces us to the 200-year-old 'New Town' and famous scientists, inventors and novelists. In the 'Old Town', drive up the narrow Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle to admire Scotland's Crown Jewels. The afternoon is at leisure.

**02.06.17**  
**(B/D)**

**Edinburgh- St Andrews–Pitlochry-Culloden Moor-Inverness-Aviemore**

A day of memorable sightseeing. Take the elegant Forth Road Bridge to St Andrews, whose Royal and Ancient Golf Club has given us the rules of golfing. Then cross the Firth of Tay and via Dundee and Perth head into the Highlands, with a stop in the Victorian mountain resort of Pitlochry before we head for our Highland destination. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

**03.06.17**  
**(B)**

**Aviemore - West Coast Excursion**

Cross the battlefield of Culloden Moor with its memories of Bonnie Prince Charlie. More spectacular Scottish scenery; Dornoch Firth, the Kyle of Sutherland, the Mountains of Assynt and Knockan Crag. Then follow Strath Oykel for a visit to Ullapool, a remote fishing harbour on Loch Broom, before returning along Loch Glascarnoch. A recommendation for this evening is to join the optional Loch Ness experience, which includes a cruise on the loch followed by dinner. For those passengers not doing the optional Loch Ness tour there will be free time in Inverness.

**04.06.17**  
**(B/D)**

**Aviemore - Isle of Skye - Fort William - Glasgow**

More heather clad moors as we drive through the western Highlands to Lochalsh and Inner Hebridean Isle of Skye. The route back to the mainland is by ferry across the Sound of Sleat to Mallaig, then breathtaking scenery all the way to Fort William beneath Ben Nevis. Glen Coe, where the MacDonald Clan was massacred in 1692, and a drive along the 'Bonnie Banks' of Loch Lomond are the scenic highlights on the way to Glasgow, Scotland's great cultural city. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

- 05.06.17 (B/D) Glasgow – Alloway – Ferry to Northern Ireland**  
On this morning's orientation drive through Scotland's largest city, see the fine 12<sup>th</sup> century cathedral, imposing university buildings, and elegant Georgian squares built by the wealthy tobacco barons. Later, stop at Alloway, the birthplace of Robert Burns, before boarding the ferry for the Irish Sea crossing to Belfast. Upon arrival we have an orientation drive of the city before transferring to our hotel in the Belfast area. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
- 06.06.17 (B/D) Belfast area - Giant's Causeway - Derry - Sligo, Ireland**  
Take the scenic route along the Antrim coast to awe-inspiring Giant's Causeway, then let the province's story unfold as we head for the city of Derry, and later visit Belleek Pottery, renowned for its exquisite cream-coloured Parian china. At Drumcliff see the grave of native son and poet W.B. Yeats, before arriving in Sligo, tonight's destination. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
- 07.06.17 (B) Sligo - Galway - Cliffs of Moher - Limerick**  
Travel south to Galway, a popular seaside destination and a buzzing cosmopolitan centre with colourful shops and busy cafe and bar culture. Then cross the limestone plateau of The Burren to visit the spectacular 668 foot Cliffs of Moher. Tonight there is a chance to attend an optional banquet at Bunratty Castle.
- 08.06.17 (B/D) Limerick - Dingle Peninsula - Killarney**  
Via Clonderlaw Bay to Killimer for the ferry across the Shannon estuary. Breathtaking scenery this afternoon on the Dingle Peninsula, where the 32-mile Sleat Head drive affords magnificent vistas of the Atlantic Ocean. Afternoon arrival in Killarney, our destination for the next two nights. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
- 09.06.17 (B) Killarney, Ring of Kerry Excursion**  
At Killorglin join the road known as the 'Ring of Kerry' for a 100 mile coastal panoramic drive, sparkling seascapes, mountains dotted with brightly coloured farmhouses, winding lanes bordered with subtropical vegetation and spectacular views of the Lakes of Killarney. Later you may wish to enjoy the optional outing to Tralee for dinner and a performance at Siamsa Tire, Ireland's National Folk Theatre.
- 10.06.17 (B/D) Killarney - Blarney - Dungarvan - Tramore**  
More scenic splendour as we head into County Cork. Stop in Blarney, famous for its Stone of Eloquence, with time at leisure to see the castle and shop for Irish crafts and handmade crystal. After lunch, drive past Cork, the country's second largest city. Finally, Dungarvan and along the Copper Coast to the seaside resort of Tramore. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
- 11.06.17 (B) Tramore - Waterford - Avoca - Glendalough - Dublin**  
Highlights on our northbound journey include Waterford, famed for its exquisite crystal, Enniscorthy, site of the final battle of the Great Rebellion of 1798, a visit to Ireland's oldest handweaving mill at Avoca, views of the Wicklow Mountains, and

Glendalough with its ruins of a centre of Irish Christianity founded by St Kevin.  
Afternoon arrival in Dublin.

**12.06.17 Dublin**

**(B)** A day in the 'Fair City' starts off with an orientation drive through Ireland's capital and includes statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral. The rest of the day is free to enjoy Dublin at leisure.

**13.06.17 Dublin - Llangollen, Wales**

**(B/D)** Take the ferry across the Irish Sea to Holyhead and the Welsh Isle of Anglesey with its tongue-twisting place names. Enjoy the best of North Wales on a scenic drive through Snowdonia National Park, including spectacular Llanberis Pass and then onto Llangollen, home of an annual national competition for poets and musicians. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

**14.06.17 Llangollen – Builth Wells - Brecon - Cardiff, Wales**

**(B)** Today is dedicated to Wales as we head south through the ancient market town of Builth Wells and the Brecon Beacons National Park, land of salmon rivers and the Welsh mountain pony. In Cardiff, an orientation drive takes in Cathays Park with its splendid civic buildings and Cardiff Castle. Tonight's optional excursion is a banquet at Cardiff Castle.

**15.06.17 Cardiff - Bath, England - Glastonbury - Widecombe - Plymouth**

**(B/D)** Across the Severn Bridge to the elegant Georgian city of Bath famed for its Roman relics. Into the West Country via Glastonbury and its associations with King Arthur, and wild and romantic Dartmoor with a visit to the picture-book village of Widecombe-in-the-Moor. Upon arrival in Plymouth hear about Sir Francis Drake and see the Mayflower Steps where the Pilgrim Fathers embarked in 1620. Dinner is included this evening.

**16.06.17 Plymouth - Looe Excursion**

**(B)** Today's excursion takes us to the pretty fishing village and former smugglers port of Looe. Then you may choose to follow in the footsteps of Drake, Raleigh and the Pilgrim Fathers on an optional cruise on Plymouth Sound, one of the world's greatest natural harbours.

**17.06.17 Plymouth - Stonehenge - Hayling Island**

**(B/D)** An interesting day heading into Thomas Hardy's Wessex and a visit to the intriguing prehistoric monument of Stonehenge. Explore the stunning Visitor Centre with its imaginative exhibitions, then admire the magnificence of the monument up close. Continue on to the seaside resort of Hayling Island for an overnight stay. Tonight enjoy an included dinner.

**18.06.17 Hayling Island – Arundel - Brighton - Royal Tunbridge Wells - London**

**(B)** A leisurely day on the road. We pass through Arundel, dominated by the Duke of Norfolk's huge castle, before time in Brighton for a seafront promenade stroll, or to browse through The Lanes, a quaint area of narrow streets renowned for its antique

shops. Afterwards we take the scenic route to Royal Tunbridge Wells, a picturesque spa town, before returning to London about 3pm. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to further explore London.

**19.06.17 London – Bangkok**

**(B)** Transfer to London airport, departing at 12.30pm on TG 911, arriving in Bangkok at 5.45am the next morning (20.06.17).

**20.06.17 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.



## **Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's British Isles with Chelsea Flower Show 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 in full 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.

**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.

**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. 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 / 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.**