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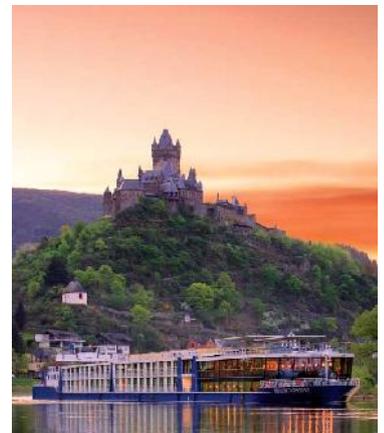


18 Day Budapest to Amsterdam European Waterways Tour

for **\$8,675** per person twin share

This is outstanding value for a tour of this magnitude as all of the following are included:

- Economy class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne & Perth into Budapest and out of Amsterdam with Qatar Airways.
- A deluxe 15 day European river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam, visiting Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany and The Netherlands in a hotel-style outside stateroom aboard the modern and luxurious Avalon Expression.
- Superb dining on board the cruise ship with breakfast, lunch and dinner provided daily, as well as a Captain's reception and farewell dinner. You will also receive complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast, soft drinks with lunch and wine, beer or soft drinks with dinner whilst on board the ship.
- One night pre cruise accommodation in Budapest.
- Excellent accommodation, mainly 4 – 5 star (except in Doha).
- Sydney & Melbourne passengers will have day use accommodation in Doha, Qatar.
- Prepaid gratuities, all transport and transfers, airport taxes and levies, as well as government taxes and port charges.
- Services of local tour guides in Europe and if there are 10 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you wish you can upgrade your cabin to a higher deck which has wall to wall panoramic windows in Avalon's unique Open-Air Balcony. The cost for this upgrade is \$3,218 per person twin share.

For people without a travel partner wishing 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 \$4,340.



The superb Avalon Expression was launched in 2013. The ship's many luxurious features will make your cruise along the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers an unforgettable experience. The cruise takes place during late summer / early autumn, meaning the climate should be ideal to visit these fascinating places.

Tour departs Australia 27th August and returns 14th September 2017

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for the Budapest to Amsterdam European Waterways Tour

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

27.08.17 Australia – Doha, Qatar

Depart Sydney at 9.45pm on flight QR 909, arriving in Doha at 5.20am the next morning (28.08.17).

Depart Melbourne at 10.05pm on flight QR 905, arriving in Doha at 5.20am the next morning (28.08.17).

Depart Perth at 11.05pm on flight QR 901, arriving in Doha at 5.20am the next morning (28.08.17).

28.08.17 Doha – Budapest, Hungary

Transfer to your next flight.

Depart Doha at 6.35am on flight QR 274, arriving in Budapest at 11.05am.

Upon arrival in Hungary we are transferred to the Intercontinental Hotel Budapest or similar for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to rest from your flights or explore Budapest.

29.08.17 Budapest

(B/D)

This morning is at leisure to explore wonderful Budapest. In the afternoon we are transferred to the cruise terminal to board our luxury cruise ship, the Avalon Expression.

The Avalon Expression was launched in 2013, adding to Avalon's unique offering of Suite Ships. She has four decks and is approximately 150 metres long. The ship is equipped with a reception area, sky deck with premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, internet corner, hair salon, elevator, dining room, well stocked library, fitness centre and much more. It has 83 cabins with the following features as standard:

- Premium mattress covers with Egyptian super-combed cotton linens.
- A choice of soft or firm pillows.
- Choice of bed configuration (two twins or one queen).
- Nightly turn-down service.
- Bedside tables with reading lamps.
- Large private bathroom featuring full shower with glass door, hairdryer and premium bath amenities.
- Spacious 3 door closets with shelves for ample storage.
- Flatscreen satellite TV with movie channels.
- Writing desk / vanity with comfortable chair and mirror.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access.
- Direct dial telephone.
- Bathrobes & slippers.
- Well-stocked minibar.
- Complimentary bottled water.
- In-room safe.
- Individual climate control air conditioning.

This evening we will be able to meet our crew at a welcome reception, followed by dinner on board the ship.

30.08.17 Budapest, Hungary

(B/L/D)

Spanning the banks of the Danube is Budapest, one of Eastern Europe's liveliest cities. Whether seeing the sights, shopping for handcrafted embroidery, Herend porcelain or basking in the coffee house culture over a rich cream cake in the renowned Gerbeaud Cafe, Budapest's unique energy is positively palpable. On our guided sightseeing tour we will see Heroes Square as well as the massive hilltop castle complex with its remarkable Fisherman's Bastion and the 11th century Matthias Church. Be sure to take note of the cities eight bridges which connect ancient Buda on the right bank with Pest on the left. In your free time this afternoon you may want to walk across Chain Bridge, which is a symbol of Budapest that was built in 1849. Alternatively consider visiting St Stephen's Basilica with marvelous views of the city from its viewing platform or stroll along Vaci utca, the main shopping street.

31.08.17 Bratislava, Slovakia

(B/L/D)

Today we arrive in Bratislava. Situated at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, Bratislava is the dynamic capital of Slovakia. Join a local guide for a tour of the city including a walk of its fascinating Old Town, where winding cobblestone streets and narrow alleyways twist and turn to reveal the Town Hall, one of the oldest stone buildings in the city. We also visit gothic St Martins Cathedral, coronation church for the Kingdom of Hungary from the 16th to 19th centuries. This afternoon is free to explore on your own. This evening we depart for Vienna.

01.09.17 Vienna, Austria

(B/L/D)

Vienna is known as the "City of Music", which inspired the creative genius of Mozart, Beethoven and Strauss. Once the centre of the mighty Habsburg Empire, Austria's magical capital on the blue Danube is a showcase of gilded architecture. It is home to the lavish Hofburg Imperial Palace complex with its Vienna Boy's Choir and dazzling Lipizzaner stallions, the neo-renaissance Vienna Opera House and the awe-inspiring St. Stephens Cathedral, plus countless other sights we will see during our guided tour. Stroll through the delightful pedestrian Karntnerstrasse and be sure to take a break and enjoy a piece of decadent Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in one of the classic Viennese coffee houses, historic institutions that helped shape Viennese culture.

02.09.17 Gottweig - Durnstein

(B/L/D)

This morning we have a short drive to the Benedictine Abbey of Gottweig, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, perched high on a hill overlooking the Danube. A visit with a local guide shows us this magnificent monastery whose fresco-decorated imperial staircase is considered a masterpiece of baroque architecture. Afterwards we rejoin our ship in Durnstein in time for lunch. Durnstein is situated in the heart of the Wachau wine region and is known for the magnificent baroque blue Stiftskirche built in the 1700s. The main street of this small town, with a population of less than 1000 people, is lined with 16th century residences and charming cobblestone streets. A local guide will take us on a walking tour and tell the tale of England's King Richard the Lionheart, who was imprisoned in the castle and whose ruins still stand above the town. This evening we will be able to sample some famous wines of this region.

03.09.17 Passau, Germany

(B/L/D)

This morning we cruise to Passau, or you can leave the ship on optional excursions to Salzburg, or Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Those doing the optional excursions we rejoin the ship in Passau. Passau is uniquely located where the Inn, Ilz and Danube Rivers converge. The city is a maze of narrow cobblestone streets lined with beautiful patrician houses. In your free time you may like to visit St. Stephen's Cathedral, a masterpiece of Italian baroque architecture which houses one of the world's largest church organs with 17,774 pipes. Later, take in the highlights on the included guided walk through this charming town and find out much more about the 'City of Three Rivers'.

04.09.17 Regensburg, Germany

(B/L/D)

Dating back to the time of the Celts around 500 BC, Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. Established during the Holy Roman Empire and the only German city not bombed during WWII, Regensburg has at least 1,300 listed buildings of historic interest. Architectural highlights of our guided walk include the *Altes Rathaus* (Old Town Hall), built in the 13th century and Porta Pretoria, gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. Walk across the 12th century *Steinerne Brücke* (Stone Bridge), the oldest of its kind in Germany, then grab a beer and enjoy a snack at the *Historische Wurstkuche* (Old Sausage Kitchen), one of Germany's oldest restaurants. Bask in the vibrant atmosphere and take in the remarkable views along the river. Before dinner we will be introduced to some of Germany's famous beers.

05.09.17 Nuremberg, Germany

(B/L/D)

This morning we relax on board, then the afternoon is dedicated to Nuremberg. Although 90% of Nuremberg's Old Town suffered extensive damage during World War II, much of it was restored to the glory it once knew as the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire. This morning choose a guided sightseeing tour and marvel at this thousand year old city's medieval fortifications, extraordinary gothic churches and the *Kaiserburg* (Imperial Castle), or join a more specialised "Nuremberg Rally Grounds" tour. During free time, be sure to try some tasty Lebkuchen and make a wish at the beautiful fountain in the Main Square. Legend says your wish will come true if you turn its gold ring three times.

06.09.17 Bamberg, Germany

(B/L/D)

This morning we arrive in medieval Bamberg, former residence of one of Germany's most powerful imperial dynasties and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our guided walking tour takes in its historic centre, including the great 13th century Romanesque cathedral and the fascinating *Altes Rathaus* (Old Town Hall), built on an island in the middle of the Regnitz River when the bishop refused to give the townspeople land for a town hall. Wander the town's serpentine streets with their charming houses and 18th century mansions. This afternoon we cruise gently along the Main River as we head for Wurzburg.

07.09.17 Wurzburg, Germany

(B/L/D)

Surrounded by verdant hillside vineyards, Wurzburg, the 'Pearl of the Romantic Road' makes an immediate impression with imposing Fortress Marienberg, perched above town and the 15th century *Alte Mainbrücke* (Old Main Bridge). On our guided

sightseeing tour, visit the magnificent baroque Bishop's Residenz, home to the largest ceiling fresco ever painted. This afternoon is free to explore on your own.

08.09.17 Main River Village

(B/L/D) On the banks of the Main River, we will find cultural gems of small towns, many of them tucked away behind defensive walls and towered gates. With half-timbered houses, narrow streets and medieval town centres, these picturesque Bavarian villages are a photographers delight. Join our local guide to experience one of these towns on a guided walk.

09.09.17 Rudesheim - Rhine Gorge

(B/L/D) Today we arrive in Rudesheim, a quintessential Rhine Valley wine town. Visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, where we will see and hear a large collection of self-playing calliopes and music boxes from the 18th to the early 20th centuries. Enjoy a special treat, then head downstream through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, which is without a doubt the most beautiful stretch of the river. Here ancient castles stand sentry on lofty cliffs rising 400 feet above the waters. Cruise past the rock of the Lorelei, where echoes of an enchanted siren song lured sailors to their doom.

10.09.17 Cologne, Germany

(B/L/D) Arrive in Cologne this morning. One of Germany's largest cities and capital of the Rhineland, Cologne straddles both sides of the Rhine and is known for its soaring twin steepled gothic cathedral. Choose between an included guided city walk or a Jewish Heritage walk. Later during free time perhaps look in on the Romano-Germanic Museum, home to a large collection of artifacts from the Roman settlement on which modern Cologne was built. It is a must for history buffs. The Old Town abounds with cafes, shops and taverns. Be sure to try a Kolsch (beer) locally brewed in Cologne for over a hundred years.

11.09.17 Amsterdam

(B/L/D) Welcome to Amsterdam, Holland's sophisticated, modern capital, which has a rich 700 year old history and a distinct ambiance. With over 60 museums, Amsterdam has the highest museum density in the world. Get a unique perspective of Amsterdam on an included canal cruise through the elegant grachten lined with stately homes, dating back to Amsterdam's "Golden Age". This afternoon there is free time in the city.

12.09.17 Amsterdam – Doha

(B) This morning after breakfast we disembark the ship and are transferred to the city centre for some free time. In the afternoon we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Doha. Depart Amsterdam at 6.15pm on flight QR 900, arriving in Doha, Qatar at 1.20am the next morning (13.09.17).

13.09.17 Doha - Australia

Perth passengers depart Doha at 2.25am on flight QR 900, arriving in Perth at 6.15pm.

Sydney and Melbourne passengers will be transferred to a hotel in the airport area for

day use accommodation. In this time we can rest or explore the city of Doha. Please note that the accommodation in Doha is provided by the airline and is of a basic standard, approximately 3 star. In the afternoon Sydney and Melbourne passengers are transferred back to the airport for their flights home.

Sydney passengers depart Doha at 8.35pm on flight QR 908, arriving in Sydney at 5.35pm the next day (14.09.17).

Melbourne passengers depart Doha at 8.40pm on flight QR 904, arriving in Melbourne at 5.10pm the next day (14.09.17).

Note: In the event of water level problems on stretches of any river, it may be necessary to operate part of the itinerary by motorcoach.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Budapest to Amsterdam European Waterways Cruise

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$600 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 90 days 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.

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.

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.

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 \$130 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. 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: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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 / PERTH

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 \$600 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.