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3 Week Conducted Amsterdam to Budapest European Waterways Tour

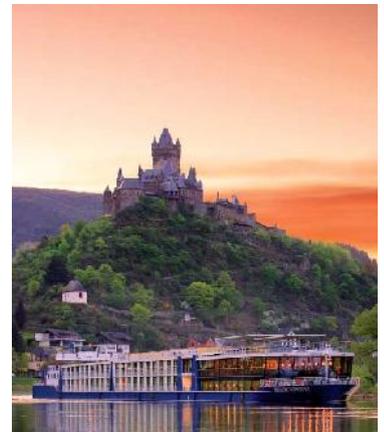
for **\$9,995** per person twin share

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

- Return airfares from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane into Amsterdam and out of Rome with Cathay Pacific Airways, plus a flight from Budapest to Rome.
- A deluxe 15 day European river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest, visiting The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary, in a hotel-style outside stateroom aboard the modern and luxurious Avalon Illumination.
- 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.
- A 2 day stopover in Hong Kong.
- Very good accommodation, mainly 4 – 5 star.
- A 2 night stopover in Rome, Italy.
- Prepaid gratuities, all transport and transfers, airport taxes and levies, as well as government taxes and port charges on the cruise.
- Services of local tour guides and if there are 12 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 \$2,140 per person twin share.

For people without a travel partner wishing to travel at twin share rates, we will do our best to match you up with someone else, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$3,969.



The superb Avalon Illumination was launched in 2014 and is among a cutting-edge fleet of suite ships. The ships design will help make our cruise down the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers an unforgettable experience. The cruise takes place during mid summer, meaning the climate should be ideal to visit these fascinating places.

Tour departs Australia 5th July and returns 25th July 2016

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for the Amsterdam to Budapest European Waterways Tour

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

05.07.16 Australia – Hong Kong

Depart Brisbane at 00.50am on CX 156, arriving in Hong Kong at 7.35am.

Depart Sydney at 2.15pm on CX 100, arriving in Hong Kong at 9.35pm.

Depart Melbourne at 2.20pm on CX 104, arriving in Hong Kong at 9.50pm.

Upon arrival we will be transferred to the Hotel Panorama by Rhombus for a two night stay.

06.07.16 Hong Kong

(B)

Today there will be a half day Hong Kong Island Tour.

Our first stop is Man Mo Temple, which was built in 1847 and dedicated to the gods, Man (Literature) and Mo (Martial Arts). The temple is notable for its many fine, well-polished brass and pewter incense burners. Our next stop is Victoria Peak, overlooking the west of Hong Kong Island. It is the highest peak on the island and the most enduring tourist attraction in Hong Kong. We take a ride on the city's oldest transport, the 112 year old Peak Tram. In the early colonial rule, Victoria Peak was accessible only to Hong Kong's high society while the commoners could only visit the peak by permit from the colony's governor. Today Victoria Peak is a world renowned scenic spot. Our ride on the Peak Tram ascends to Victoria Peak, which is 1805 feet above sea level. On the peak you will experience the dazzling panorama of Hong Kong Island, the harbour, Kowloon Peninsula and the hills beyond.

We also visit Aberdeen, located on the southern tip of Hong Kong Island. It is the largest satellite town with a population of about 60,000. It was a pirates den two centuries ago and later turned into a simple fishing village. In recent years, with local high rise building developments, Aberdeen has modernised and now it has become a vibrant waterfront resort for people from metropolitan Hong Kong. Despite modernization, traditional fishing life still prevails. Hundreds of junks and sampans serve as floating homes for thousands of people. They crowd in the narrow harbour, dramatically juxtaposed against the modern high rise buildings that spread up the nearby hillsides. We take a sampan ride in the harbour to truly appreciate this fascinating place, followed by a visit to a prestigious jewellery factory, where you can find famous hand-crafted jewellery.

We also stop at Stanley Market. Stanley is a coastal village on the southern side of Hong Kong Island. It is a must see place for visitors to Hong Kong. Stanley used to be a small fishing village but in recent years, a series of restaurants and pubs have been established here. Now this village is bustling with throngs of people. Stanley Market is located up the road from the harbour and is the highlight of Stanley. Over the years it's become known for its bargains, which includes silk garments, sportswear, art, Chinese costumes, souvenirs, ornaments and a host of fantastic crafts. It is one of the famous open-air markets in Hong Kong. Strolling in this street and bargaining with the shrewd vendors is something most travellers find amusing to try.

Afterwards we are returned to the hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.

07.07.16 Hong Kong

(B)

Today is at leisure in Hong Kong. We have a 6.00pm late checkout from the hotel.

Later this evening we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Amsterdam.

08.07.16 Hong Kong - Amsterdam

(D) Depart Hong Kong at 12.15am on CX 271, arriving in Amsterdam at 6.40am.

Welcome to Amsterdam, Holland's sophisticated, modern capital, which has a rich 700 year old history and a distinct ambiance.

Upon arrival we are transferred from the airport to a central hotel where we can store our luggage and explore Amsterdam. You may wish to stroll through the lively marketplace or see the works of famous Dutch masters at world renowned museums. This afternoon we are transferred to the cruise terminal to board our luxury cruise ship, the Avalon Illumination.

The Avalon Illumination was launched in 2014 and is among a cutting-edge fleet 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 meet our crew at a welcome reception, followed by dinner on board the ship.

09.07.16 Amsterdam

(B/L/D) Today 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. Afterward bid *tot ziens* (farewell) to Holland and set sail for Germany.

10.07.16 Cologne, Germany

(B/L/D) Today enjoy a peaceful morning of cruising before reaching Cologne after lunch. Cologne is one of Germany's largest cities and capital of the Rhineland. It 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 you might like to consider checking out the Germano-Roman Museum. It is home to a large collection of artifacts from the Roman settlement on which modern Cologne was built and 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.

11.07.16 Rhine Gorge - Rudesheim

(B/L/D) This morning we cruise through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, which is without a doubt the most beautiful stretch of the river, and where ancient castles stand sentry on lofty cliffs rising 400 feet above the waters. Cruise past the rock of the Lorelei, where legend tells of an enchanted siren song that lured sailors to their doom. On our included shore excursion in pretty Rudesheim, visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, where we will be mesmerised by the self-playing calliopes and music boxes from the 18th to the early 20th centuries. Enjoy a special treat and free time to pick up some souvenirs on the narrow cobble-stoned Drosselgasse, where colourful flowers, open-air wine gardens and live music add to the festive atmosphere.

12.07.16 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 a local guide to experience one of these towns on an included guided walk.

13.07.16 Wurzburg, Germany

(B/L/D) Surrounded by verdant hillside vineyards, Wurzburg, the 'Pearl of the Romantic Road' makes an immediate impression with imposing Marienberg Fortress, perched above town and the 15th century *Alte Nianbrucke* (Old Main Bridge). On our guided sightseeing tour this morning, visit the magnificent baroque Bishop's Residenz, home to the largest ceiling fresco ever painted. Depart Wurzburg at lunch time and spend a leisurely afternoon cruising the Main River.

14.07.16 Bamberg, Germany

(B/L/D) Today 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.

15.07.16 Nuremberg, Germany

(B/L/D) 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.

16.07.16 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. Wander through the city's lanes and alleys to discover the many mansions with high towers. Wealthy families built these towers to emphasize their status and wealth during the Middle Ages and many still remain today. 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. Here, where the locals congregate, feel 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.

17.07.16 Passau, Austria

(B/L/D)

Uniquely located where the Inn, Ilz and Danube Rivers converge, Passau is a maze of narrow cobblestone streets lined with beautiful patrician houses. St. Stephen's Cathedral, a masterpiece of Italian baroque architecture, houses one of the world's largest church organs with 17,774 pipes. Take in the highlights on the included guided walk through this charming town and find out much more about the 'City of Three Rivers'. Alternatively, you might like to join a full day optional excursion to Salzburg to see the popular Sound of Music sights, or to Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

18.07.16 Durnstein, Austria

(B/L/D)

A day of magical scenery awaits us today! As we cruise into the Wachau Valley, pass unmistakable Melk Abbey, high up and overlooking the river. Then head into the heart of the Wachau wine region to Durnstein, known for its baroque blue Stiftskirche. A local guide will take us on a walking tour and tell us the tale of England's King Richard the Lionheart, who was imprisoned in the castle whose ruins still stand above the town.

19.07.16 Vienna, Austria

(B/L/D)

Early this morning we arrive in Vienna, 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, the 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.

20.07.16 Bratislava, Slovakia

(B/L/D)

Bratislava is situated at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains and is the dynamic capital of Slovakia. After breakfast, join our 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 our own.

21.07.16 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 or basking in the coffee house culture over a rich cream cake in the renowned Gerbeaud Cafe, Budapest's unique energy is positively palatable. 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 our 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.

22.07.16 Budapest - Rome

(B/L)

At 9.30am this morning we disembark the ship and are taken on a day tour of Budapest. We visit the Great Synagogue, which can seat 3000 people. It is the largest Synagogue in Europe and one of the largest in the world. We also visit the Jewish Museum, before having an included lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch we visit the House of Terror Museum, which contains exhibits related to the fascist and communist dictatorial regimes in 20th century Hungary. The museum is also a memorial to the victim of these regimes, including those detained, interrogated, tortured or killed in the building. Afterwards we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Rome.

Depart Budapest at 6.15pm on Alitalia flight AZ 479, arriving in Rome at 8.00pm. Upon arrival we are transferred to the Hotel Ponte Sisto for a two night stay.

23.07.16 Rome

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This morning we have a panoramic sightseeing tour of Rome. During the tour we have a photo stop of the impressive Colosseum and pass by Circus Maximum, as well as several other important sites. The afternoon is at leisure to further explore the eternal city.

Please note that Rome has a city tax which is payable directly to the hotel. The 2015 tax rate for this hotel is 6 Euros per person, per night.

24.07.16 Rome – Hong Kong

(B)

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

Depart Rome at 12.35pm on CX 292, arriving in Hong Kong at 6.10am the next morning (25.07.16).

25.07.16 Hong Kong - Australia

Sydney passengers depart Hong Kong at 9.00am on CX 139, arriving in Sydney at 8.00pm.

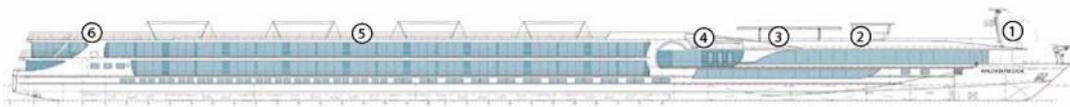
Melbourne passengers depart Hong Kong at 10.35am on CX 163, arriving in Melbourne at 9.50pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Hong Kong at 12.50pm on CX 157, arriving in Brisbane at 11.25pm.

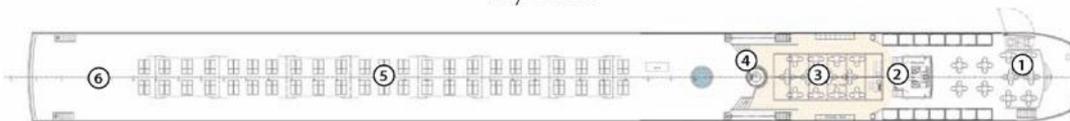
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Example of upgraded cabin



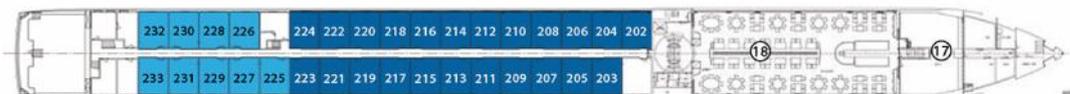
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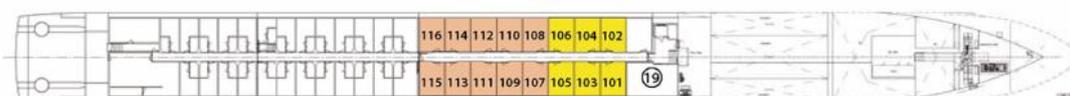
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Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Magnificent, European Waterways Cruise

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 14 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. 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 \$150 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.

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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: _____

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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 \$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.