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HIGHLIGHTS OF BRITAIN & IRELAND TOUR

18 Day Conducted Tour
for **\$6,990** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes & levies

This great tour includes all of the following:

- Return economy class airfares with Cathay Pacific from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to London.
- A 15 day coach tour of England, Ireland, Scotland & Wales, including London, Cardiff, Dublin, Belfast, Edinburgh, York and more.
- A 2 night stopover in Hong Kong.
- Many meals, as stated in the itinerary.
- Very good accommodation, mainly four star hotels, all with private facilities.
- All transfers and transport and entrance fees to many attractions.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and drivers.
- Services of qualified tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants, an Australian tour escort.



If you don't have anyone to share with but wish 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 \$1,465.

Tour departs Australia 10th September and returns 27th September 2017

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Highlights of Britain and Ireland Tour

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

10.09.17 Australia – Hong Kong

Brisbane passengers depart at 11.10am on CX 146, arriving in Hong Kong at 8.00pm. (This flight goes via Cairns).

Sydney passengers depart at 2.05pm on CX 100, arriving in Hong Kong at 9.35pm.

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

Upon arrival we are met and transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Hotel Panorama By Rhombus

11.09.17 Hong Kong

(B/D)

This morning we will have 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 we 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 we 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 for some free time.

This evening we check out of the hotel and transfer to the pier for a cruise to Lamma Island, which is located on the south west side of Hong Kong Island. Here we will

enjoy a seafood dinner with award winning dishes at a seafood restaurant. Visitors from all over the world flock to the island to enjoy fresh seafood at a plethora of terraced restaurants raised on stilts above the bay. After dinner we cruise back to the mainland and are then transferred to the hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Panorama By Rhombus

12.09.17 Hong Kong - London, England

(B) After breakfast we are transferred to the airport for our flight to London. Depart Hong Kong at 12.15pm on CX 239, arriving in London at 6.10pm. Welcome to London! We are transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Hilton London Metropole or similar

13.09.17 London

(B) Our morning sightseeing with a local guide includes all the famous landmarks, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben beside the Thames River, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall's mounted horseguards, the Prime Minister's Downing Street, Piccadilly Circus and Buckingham Palace. Highlights are a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral and the ceremonial pageantry of the changing of the Guard, if held. This afternoon, why not join an optional excursion to the Tower of London or Windsor Castle.

Accommodation: Hilton London Metropole or similar

14.09.17 London – Stonehenge – Bath – Newport, Wales

(B/D) Meet our tour director and travelling companions and depart at 8am for a memorable day of sightseeing. First, travel to prehistoric Stonehenge, explore the visitor centre with its imaginative exhibitions, then admire the magnificence of the monument up close. In the elegant Georgian city of Bath, see the amazing excavations of the Roman Baths. Cross the Severn River into Wales and tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner with wine at our hotel.

Accommodation: Coldra Court by Celtic Manor or similar

15.09.17 Newport – Cardiff – Waterford, Ireland

(B/D) An orientation in the Welsh capital features the major attractions, Cardiff Castle, Cathays Park and the stately civic buildings. Continue along the south Wales coast to Fishguard, where our ferry is waiting. Sail across St. George's Channel to Rosslare and proceed by coach to Waterford, a stronghold founded by the Danish Vikings in 853. After an included dinner this evening we enjoy an Irish coffee demonstration.

Accommodation: Granville or similar

16.09.17 Waterford – Blarney – Killarney

(B) Our first highlight today is a guided tour of the House of Waterford Crystal. Via the port city of Cork, motor to Blarney, renowned for its magical Kissing Stone, then on to Killarney for a two night stay. Tonight you may wish to join an optional evening in Tralee with dinner, followed by tickets for Siamsa Tire National Folk Theatre.

Accommodation: Killarney Towers or similar

17.09.17 Killarney, Ring of Kerry Excursion

(B) Follow the road known as the Ring of Kerry for a spectacular 100 mile panoramic drive around the island's south western tip and take photos of the Lakes of Killarney

from Ladies View. This afternoon you may wish to participate in an optional fun-filled, horse-drawn jaunting car ride.

Accommodation: Killarney Towers or similar

18.09.17 Killarney – Adare – Cashel – Kildare – Dublin

(B) Drive to quaint Adare with its colourful thatched cottages and on to the Rock of Cashel, where St Patrick preached. Then, visit the Irish National Stud, whose fine thoroughbreds command respect on the racecourses of the world. After our guided tour, enjoy tea and scones at the Japanese Gardens Restaurant. Tonight you may wish to enjoy an optional Irish cabaret evening, including dinner, dance, song and laughter.

Accommodation: Royal Marine at Dun Laoghaire or similar

19.09.17 Dublin

(B) Get an overview of Ireland's capital as we drive to statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Oscar Wilde's Trinity College. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy this vibrant city.

Accommodation: Royal Marine at Dun Laoghaire or similar

20.09.17 Dublin – Malahide – Belfast, Northern Ireland

(B) Set in 250 acres of parkland and formerly both fortress and private home of the Talbot family for nearly 800 years, our first visit is at Malahide Castle. We join our guide on a tour of the castle with its interesting mix of architectural styles, then stroll through the extensive gardens. On our way to Northern Ireland we cross the Boyne River and drive on to Belfast for a visit to the fascinating Titanic Experience, where we learn all about the building of the largest passenger steam ship and its maiden voyage, as well as the tragic night of April 14, 1912.

Accommodation: Europa or similar

21.09.17 Belfast – Edinburgh, Scotland

(B) This morning we have a "Living History" tour in the company of a local guide. See all the famous landmarks, including the Parliament House at Stormont, City Hall, the Albert Memorial Clock Tower and Queens University. Next, board our ferry to cross the North Channel to Cairnryan on Scotland's southwest coast and continue through the scenic Scottish border country to Edinburgh for a two night stay.

Tonight you may wish to enjoy an optional Scottish evening with Highland dancers, bagpipers and the Ceremony of the Haggis.

Accommodation: Hilton Edinburgh Carlton or similar

22.09.17 Edinburgh

(B) Morning city sightseeing with a local guide introduces us to the 200 year old 'New Town' and the famous scientists, inventors and novelists who lived there. In the 'Old Town', drive up the narrow Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle to admire Scotland's Crown Jewels, then explore Holyrood Palace (when available). The afternoon is at leisure. Later you may wish to join a unique optional excursion and board the former Royal Yacht Britannia, once the perfect royal residence for glittering state visits and family holidays. Dinner rounds off this optional evening.

Accommodation: Hilton Edinburgh Carlton or similar

23.09.17 **Edinburgh – Alnwick, England – York**
(B/D) Relax and enjoy vistas of the beautiful North Sea coastline as we drive via Berwick-upon-Tweed to Alnwick, voted the ‘best place to live in Britain’ in a national survey. In York, England’s most complete medieval city, visit York Minster, the largest gothic cathedral in Northern Europe. Then, follow our tour director through a maze of quaint streets, including the narrow Shambles.
Accommodation: Holiday Inn or similar

24.09.17 **York – Coventry – Stratford-Upon-Avon**
(B/L/D) In Coventry, view the splendid modern cathedral that rose from the rubble of severe World War II bombings and in Stratford-upon-Avon, take pictures of Anne Hathaway’s Cottage, enjoy a light lunch and visit Shakespeare’s Birthplace. Lunch and dinner today are included.
Accommodation: Crowne Plaza or similar

25.09.17 **Stratford-Upon-Avon - London**
(B) Today’s highlight is a guided tour of magnificent Blenheim Palace, home of the 12th Duke of Marlborough and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Depart after lunch and return to London at about 3.30pm.
Accommodation: Hilton London Metropole or similar

26.09.17 **London – Hong Kong**
(B) This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights home. Depart London at 12.25pm on CX 252, arriving in Hong Kong at 7.05am the next morning (27.09.17).

27.09.17 **Hong Kong – Australia**
Sydney passengers depart Hong Kong at 9.10am on CX 139, arriving in Sydney at 8.05pm.
Melbourne passengers depart Hong Kong at 10.35am on CX 163, arriving in Melbourne at 9.40pm.
Brisbane passengers depart Hong Kong at 12.45pm on CX 157, arriving in Brisbane at 11.15pm.

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



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Britain & Ireland 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 Australian passport holders.

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: All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance. 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.

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 \$105 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

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: _____

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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

Any existing medical conditions? Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

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.