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SCANDINAVIA AND THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

3 Week Conducted Tour

for only **\$6,995** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

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

- Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Helsinki and out of Oslo with Finnair and Qantas.
- A 16 day tour of Finland, Lapland and the Arctic Circle and Norway.
- A 2 day stopover in Bangkok, Thailand on the way over.
- A 1 day stopover in Hong Kong on the way home.
- 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 experienced tour guides 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 with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For persons requiring a single room, there is an extra charge \$1345.

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

TOUR DEPARTS AUSTRALIA 3RD AUGUST AND RETURNS 24TH AUGUST 2018

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

03.08.18 Australia - Bangkok

Depart Melbourne at 6.30am on flight QF 404, arriving in Sydney at 7.55am.

Depart Brisbane at 6.30am on flight QF 503, arriving in Sydney at 8.05am.

All passengers then depart Sydney at 9.50am on Qantas flight QF 23, arriving in Bangkok at 4.40pm.

Upon arrival we are met and transferred to the Rembrandt Hotel in Bangkok for a three night stay.

04.08.18 Bangkok

(B/L)

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. See the Royal Barges and the spectacular Temple of Dawn. Lunch is at a local restaurant. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

05.08.18 Bangkok

(B/D)

A morning tour to one of the seven wonders of the world, Bangkok's magnificent Grand Palace, Coronation Hall, Emerald Buddha and the replica of Angkor Wat. This is followed by a visit to the temple of the huge Reclining Buddha, with his massive mother of pearl feet. The afternoon is at leisure.

This evening we are transferred to Siam Square for a shopping stop followed by dinner at a local restaurant in Siam Square. Afterwards we are returned to our hotel.

06.08.18 Bangkok – Helsinki, Finland

We have an early morning transfer to the airport. Depart Bangkok at 8.55am on Finnair flight AY 142, arriving in Helsinki at 3.05pm.

We are transferred to our hotel in Helsinki. The remainder of the day is free for you to start exploring Helsinki. Tonight, meet our tour director and fellow travellers.

07.08.18 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.

08.08.18 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.

09.08.18 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.

10.08.18 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.

11.08.18 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. Dinner this evening is included.

12.08.18 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.

13.08.18 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.

14.08.18 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. Optional excursions are available.

15.08.18 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.

- 16.08.18 Mo - Mosjoen - Trondheim**
(B) On the agenda today we have a picture stop in Mosjoen. See 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.
- 17.08.18 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.
- 18.08.18 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.
- 19.08.18 Geiranger Area - Lom - Lillehammer**
(B) Today 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.
- 20.08.18 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.
- 21.08.18 Oslo – Helsinki - Hong Kong**
(B) After a leisurely breakfast we are transferred to the airport for our flights to Hong Kong.
Depart Oslo at 1.15pm on flight AY 914, arriving in Helsinki at 3.40pm.
Then depart Helsinki at 4.45pm on flight AY 101, arriving in Hong Kong at 7.25am the next morning.
- 22.08.18 Hong Kong**
Upon arrival in Hong Kong, we are met and transferred to the Hotel Panorama by Rhombus for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure.
Please note that your hotel room may not become available until the usual afternoon check in time. In this event, you can store your luggage at the hotel while exploring the nearby Kowloon area.
- 23.08.18 Hong Kong – Australia**
This morning is at leisure in Hong Kong. After check out we commence a half day tour of Hong Kong Island. 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.

Following the tour we proceed to Hong Kong Airport for our flights home.

Brisbane passengers depart Hong Kong at 8.00pm on QF 98, arriving in Brisbane at 6.45am the next morning (24.08.18).

Melbourne passengers depart Hong Kong at 8.10pm on QF 30, arriving in Melbourne at 7.40am the next morning (24.08.18).

Sydney passengers depart Hong Kong at 8.15pm on QF 128, arriving in Sydney at 7.10am the next morning (24.08.18).

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



Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

Tour Difficulty Level 4

1	2	3	4	5
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This tour has several one night stays and long travel / tour days. It is not overly active, however passengers should have a reasonably level of fitness to be able to endure being on the move. Walking tours should be expected on tours with this rating, as well as early departures.

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 \$125 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 (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

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. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. 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 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 – 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.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

- 1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details and severity: _____
- 2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No
- 3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No
If no, please provide details about these limitations: _____
- 4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
- 5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: _____
- 6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
- 7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
- 8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): _____
- 9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No
- 10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No
- 11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: _____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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