

TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers
from Macleay Valley Travel



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EUROPEAN WATERWAYS – STRASBOURG TO BUDAPEST

Below are details of our fabulous European river cruise from Strasbourg to Budapest, visiting France, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary.

This tour represents tremendous value aboard the *MS L'Europe*, a comfortable three deck cruise ship built in 2006 and renovated in 2011. Our cabins for the cruise are located on the upper deck, with scenic windows to travel the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers in comfort and style, and at a fraction of the price of most other cruise operators. The itinerary provides a full program of included touring to make the most of your time in Europe.

The cruise is combined with the award winning Qatar Airways and a 2 night stop-

over in Paris, visiting the Eiffel Tower and enjoying a short cruise of the River Seine. There is also a high speed TGV train ride from Paris to Strasbourg. We have kept single travellers in mind, with a very affordable single room supplement of \$790.

This 17 day conducted tour departs Australia on the 21st April and returns on the 7th May 2017. All of the following are included in the low price of just \$6,745 per person twin share:

- ★ Economy Class air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Paris and out of Budapest with Qatar Airways.
- ★ A 13 day river cruise from Strasbourg in France to Budapest in Hungary on the *MS L'Europe*.
- ★ A 2 night stopover in Paris with a visit to the Eiffel Tower and a cruise on the River Seine.



- ★ A high speed TGV train trip from Paris to Strasbourg.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star with private facilities.
- ★ Most meals, as stated in the itinerary.
- ★ All transfers and transport and entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants, an Australian tour escort.

For a single room there is an extra cost of \$790.

Tour departs Australia 21st April and returns 7th May 2017. ♦

It's Not Too Late!

There are still a limited number of seats available on the following tours:

British Palaces, Castles & Gardens – 17 day tour departing Sep 20 – \$8,675

Greece & the Greek Islands: 18 day tour departing Oct 7 – \$5,785

Vietnam Explorer: 15 day tour departing Oct 19 & Mar 8 – \$2,625

Europe in Depth: 34 day tour departing Nov 2 – \$8,795

Inside Vietnam Tour with no single supplement: 20 day tour departing Nov 16 & Feb 13 – \$3,985

India – 19 day tour departing Nov 17 & Mar 23 – \$5,265

Thailand Shopping Tour – 10 day tour departing Nov 30 – \$2,495

Burma – 16 day tour departing Dec 28 – \$5,045

Vietnam Highlights – 11 day tour departing Jan 16 – \$2,895

Tasmanian Experience – 10 day tour departing Jan 18 – \$3,268

Thailand & the Chiang Mai Floral Festival – 2 week tour departing Feb 1 – \$3,275

Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure – 24 day tour departing Mar 2 – \$4,765

Highlights of New Zealand – 17 day tour departing Mar 12 – \$4,614 (2 seats only)

Spain, Portugal & Morocco – 3 week tour departing Mar 15 – \$5,495

Garden Lovers Luxury European Tour – 20 day tour departing Apr 4 – \$8,975

Poland with Highlights of Budapest – 17 day tour departing Apr 27 – \$5,975. ♦

Ethiopia Tour

On the next page are details of an exciting off the beaten track tour to Ethiopia, a country praised for its outstanding natural beauty. Ethiopia is famous for being home to several UNESCO World Heritage sites, including natural reserves and the rock churches of Lalibela. The Blue Nile originates in Ethiopia, and the country is also presumed by some scholars to be the home of the Queen of Sheba. ♦

NOTE: If you don't have someone to travel with, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will do our best to assign you with another traveller

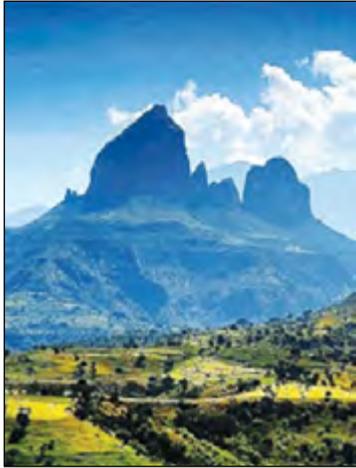
NOTE: Our prices now include airport taxes and levies payable with the air tickets. MVT is now on Facebook!

Ethiopia Adventure Tour

16 Day Conducted Tour for \$6,165 per person twin share

THIS "off the beaten track" tour includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne & Adelaide into Addis Ababa with Qatar Airlines plus a flight within Ethiopia. Qatar Airlines was voted the World's Best Airline by Skytrax in 2015 and awarded second place in 2016.
- ★ A 13 day tour of Ethiopia visiting many interesting historical sites and viewing the spectacular scenery of this fascinating country.
- ★ Good self-contained accommodation, or the best available in remote locations.
- ★ All meals while in Ethiopia.
- ★ All transport & transfers.
- ★ Services of an Ethiopian tour guide and an Australian tour escort.



If you require a single room there will be an extra charge of \$790.

Ethiopia has been praised for its outstanding natural beauty, dramatic landscapes, ancient culture, world heritage historical sites and friendly people. The European Council of Tourism has selected it out of 31 countries as top holiday spot for 2016.

Tour departs Australia 26th February and returns 13th March 2017

Old Burma Road Tour to Burma, Yunnan (South China) and Eastern Tibet

23 Day Adventure Tour for only \$6,475 per person twin share

A WONDERFUL 'off the beaten track' tour mainly visiting the fascinating hill tribe areas of north east Burma and south west China, particularly along the historically important Old Burma Road. The price includes:

- ★ Air fares with Singapore Airlines into Yangon and out of Kunming, plus three flights within Burma and one flight within China.
- ★ A 9 day tour of Burma (Myanmar) including 2 days in Bagan inspecting its fantastic UNESCO World Heritage Park temple complex.
- ★ An 11 day tour of Yunnan province in southern China, including the wonderful towns of Lijiang, Dali and Zhongdang on the Eastern Tibetan plateau, the original 'Shangri La'.
- ★ A 2 day stopover in Singapore.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities, most meals, entrance fees and all transport.
- ★ Services of Burmese & Chinese tour guides, and if there are 12 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



Tour departs Australia 9th March and returns 31st March 2017

Vietnam Overland Tour

Three Week Conducted Tour only \$3,815 per person twin share

THIS MUST BE the best value tour of Vietnam as the price covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines.
- ★ A 19-day coach tour of Vietnam from south to north, visiting all the interesting places in this fascinating and beautiful country. It goes to several areas not often visited by tourists.
- ★ All entrance fees.
- ★ Services of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.
- ★ All transport and transfers in Vietnam



- ★ A cruise on Halong Bay in an historic junk.
- ★ Quality 3 to 4 star accommodation.
- ★ Many meals as stated in the itinerary.

There is an optional 3 day extension to Angkor Wat for \$995 per person twin share or \$1100 for a single room.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1055.

Two tours departs Australia 7th November 2016 and 26th January 2017

Russian Waterways Tour

20 Day Conducted Tour for \$6,295 per person twin share



FANTASTIC PRICE includes:

- ★ Economy Class air fares with Finnair and Qantas from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Moscow and out of Helsinki.
- ★ A 12 day river cruise between Moscow and St Petersburg including all port taxes.
- ★ A 1 day stopover in Hong Kong on the way over.
- ★ A 3 day stopover in Helsinki including a full day excursion to Tallinn, Estonia.
- ★ A 1 day stopover in Singapore on the way home.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 - 4 star.
- ★ All transfers and transport, most entrance fees and many meals.
- ★ A 2nd class train ride from St Petersburg to Helsinki.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the guide and driver in Hong Kong, Singapore and Helsinki (not included in Russia).
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 12 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

For a single room there is an extra cost of \$920.

Tour departs Australia 7th May and returns 26th May 2017

South Africa – With Victoria Falls

Conducted 19 day tour \$7,625 per person twin share



THIS incredible price includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Johannesburg with Qantas, and three flights within Africa using South African Airways.
- ★ A 2 week overland tour of South Africa from Johannesburg to Cape Town, visiting Swaziland and Lesotho.
- ★ Game viewing in Kruger National Park, Hluhluwe Game Reserve and St Lucia Wetlands.
- ★ 3 days in Victoria Falls, with an excursion to Chobe National Park in Botswana.
- ★ Local tour guides and if there are 15 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the tour guide and driver.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 3 ½ star.
- ★ All applicable entry fees and all transport.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1,195.



Tour departs Australia 1st May and returns 19th May 2017

Laos, Cambodia & The Golden Triangle

19 Day Conducted Adventure Tour for only \$4,675 per person twin share



GREAT VALUE for this tour as the price includes all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Chiang Mai and out of Phnom Penh with Singapore Airlines & Silk Air, plus two other flights within South East Asia.
- ★ A 2 night stopover in Singapore.
- ★ A 4 day tour of the Golden Triangle area.
- ★ A 7 day coach, air and boat tour of Laos, including two days cruising the mighty Mekong River and three days in the wonderful world heritage town of Luang Prabang.
- ★ A 5 day tour of Cambodia, including inspecting the wonderful historic area of Angkor Wat.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four star.
- ★ Transfers, transport, entrance fees and prepaid gratuities.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 14 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

For a single room there is an additional cost of \$1140.

Tour departs Australia 13th March and returns 31st March 2017

Trans American Adventure

28 Day Conducted Tour only \$6,995 per person twin share



SUPERB VALUE for a tour in the late spring as all of the following are included:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into New York and out of Los Angeles with Qantas.
- ★ A wonderful 24 day coach tour right across the U.S.A from east to west visiting all the most interesting places in this extraordinary country.
- ★ A 2 night stopover in Anaheim, with the hotel situated near Disneyland.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 - 4 star.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the tour director and drivers.
- ★ Services of American tour guides and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



For a single room there is an extra charge of \$2,980.

Tour departs Australia 9th May and returns 5th June 2017

Vietnam Discovery

3 Week Conducted Tour only \$3,960 per person twin share



THIS GREAT tour includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Brisbane & Melbourne into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines plus two flights within Vietnam.
- ★ A 20-day coach and air tour of Vietnam, including 2 days touring the hill-tribe areas of Sapa and 2 days and a night cruising world heritage Halong Bay in a luxury junk.
- ★ Service of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more participants an Australian tour escort.
- ★ All entrance fees, transport and transfers.
- ★ Very good accommodation mainly 3 - 4 star.
- ★ Most meals.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1075.

There is an optional 3 day extension to Angkor Wat available for an additional \$995 per person twin share and \$1155 single room.

Tour departs Australia 6th April & returns 26th April 2017

China with Spectacular Yangtze Cruise

2 Week Conducted Tour for only \$3,595 per person twin share

HERE IS incredible value for the price and covers all of the following:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Shanghai and out of Beijing with China Eastern Airlines, plus three flights within China.
- ★ A 3 day American Victoria cruise on the magnificent Yangtze River.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 4 star.
- ★ Nearly all meals.
- ★ All entrance fees, transfers and transport.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the guides and drivers (except on Yangtze Cruise).
- ★ Services of Chinese tour guides, a national guide and if there are 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour escort.



**Tour departs Australia
26th April and returns
9th May 2017**

Western Canada & Canadian Rockies with Alaskan Cruise

25 Day Conducted Tour only \$6,995 per person twin share

SUPERB VALUE for a tour of this magnitude as all of the following are included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Vancouver with Cathay Pacific.
- ★ A wonderful 8 day Alaskan cruise of the Inside Passage in a great cruise ship Holland America's MS Nieuw Amsterdam in an inside cabin. An outside cabin would cost an additional \$585 per person twin share.
- ★ A 12-day tour of Western Canada and the Rockies.
- ★ A 3 night stopover in Hong Kong.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3-4 star.
- ★ All meals while on the cruise and all transport.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the tour director and driver (not included on the cruise ship).
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

For a single room there is an extra charge of \$2,415.



**Tour departs Australia 5th May and returns
29th May 2017**

Essence of South America

23 Day Conducted Tour for \$11,495 per person twin share

GREAT VALUE for such an extensive tour to South America as it includes:



- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Santiago de Chile with Latam Airlines and Qantas plus all flights within South America.
- ★ A superb tour of South America by plane, coach and rail, visiting Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil and Argentina.
- ★ Some of the many highlights you will be seeing are: Peru, Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca; Cuzco, the Sacred Valley; Bolivia, La Paz; Brazil, Rio, Christ the Redeemer, Iguazu Falls and Sugar Loaf Mountain.
- ★ Good accommodation throughout, mainly 3 ½ star to 4 star.
- ★ All transport, many meals, entry fees and national park fees.
- ★ South American tour guides and if there are 12 or more Macleay Valley Travel tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

A single room is an extra cost of \$1,800.

There is an optional 5 day pre tour Galapagos Islands extension available for an additional \$5,586 per person twin share or \$7,870 single room. There is also an optional pre-tour Amazon extension for an additional \$1,485 per person twin share or \$2,330 single room.

There is an optional post-tour Patagonia extension available for an additional \$2,194 per person twin share or \$3,319 single room.

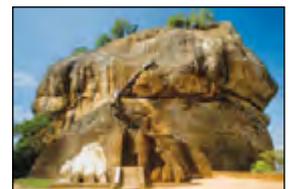
**Tour departs on Australia 12th March and returns
3rd April 2017**

Sri Lanka (Ceylon)

16 Day Conducted Tour for only \$4,475 per person twin share.

THE PRICE is fantastic value for a tour to this fascinating country, as it includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Colombo with Singapore Airlines.
- ★ A 14 day coach and rail tour of Sri Lanka (Ceylon) visiting many major tourist attractions in this scenically beautiful country.
- ★ A wildlife jeep safari in Yala National Park, as well as a visit to an elephant orphanage and also a turtle hatchery.
- ★ Nearly all meals.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4½ star.
- ★ All entrance fees and all transfers and transport.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the guide, driver and bus boy.
- ★ Services of local English speaking tour guides in Sri Lanka and if there are 12 or more tour participants, there will be an Australian tour escort.



The tour program has been designed to provide you with a great overview of Sri Lanka and also allow sufficient leisure time to enjoy the facilities of the lovely hotels and resorts.

For a single room there is an extra charge of \$1260.

**Tour departs Australia 1st March and returns
16th March 2017**

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