

TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers
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AMAZING CENTRAL AMERICA COSTA RICA, PANAMA & GUATEMALA

Central America is an area of great natural beauty and amazing bio-diversity.

Costa Rica is famous for eco-tourism with great opportunities for wildlife viewing, bird watching and other outdoor activities. Costa Rica's stunning scenic heritage unfolds in an ever-changing panorama of steaming volcanoes, forested mountains, dramatic skies and beautiful countryside.

Panama is so much more than its legendary feat of mankind that united two entire oceans. The country's narrow land mass serves as a physical and cultural land bridge between North and South America. Panama City is one of the most cosmopolitan, culturally distinct and enjoyable cities in all of Central America. Modern commercial buildings blend with cobbled streets and Spanish colonial architecture of centuries past.

Set amongst breathtaking mountain scenery, Guatemala is a country with a colourful history and friendly people. The designs and colours seen in their artwork and clothes reflect their friendly, easy-going nature. Guatemala is a great destination to see first hand the works of the ancient Mayans, stretching back over 4000 years.

This wonderful 24 day tour for only \$8,675 per person twin share includes:



★ Economy class airfares with Qantas & American Airlines from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane into San Jose, Costa Rica, and out of Guatemala City, plus 4 flights within Central America.

★ A 20 day tour of Costa Rica, Panama & Guatemala including the wild-life hotspot of Tortuguero National Park, the stunning Lake Atitlan, a partial transit of the Panama Canal, the beautiful colonial town of Antigua and the ultimate Mayan site of Tikal.

★ An overnight stopover in Dallas, Texas, in each direction, with touring in Dallas on the way home.

★ Good accommodation, mainly 2 to 4 star with private facilities.

★ Many meals, all transport and entrance fees to many attractions.

★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.

★ Services of local tour guides in each country and if there are 15 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

For anyone requiring a single room there is a very reasonable extra cost of \$1495.

The tour departs Australia on 30th October and returns 22nd November 2019.

See Japan at its Best

Japan is a beautiful country at any time of the year, but in autumn the countryside is quite breathtaking with whole mountainsides displaying the burnished reds, oranges and browns of the autumn leaves.

On the next page are details of our November tour which goes there when these colours should be at their most spectacular. ♦

It's Not Too Late!

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

China Tour with Spectacular Yangtze Cruise: 15 day tour departing April 23 – \$3,655

Inside Vietnam with no single supplement: 20 day tours departing June 3, August 12 & Nov 14 – \$3,985

Alpine Adventure: 17 day tour departing July 13 – \$5,965

South Africa with Victoria Falls: 19 day tour departing Aug 1 – \$7,965

Scandinavia & the Arctic Circle: 3 week tour departing Aug 2 – \$6,995

Grand European: 25 day tour departing Aug 9 – \$8,195

Southern Italy & Sicily: 17 day tour departing Aug 10 – \$6,375

America's National Parks: 17 day tour departing Aug 12 – \$4,975

Russian Waterways: 20 day tour departing Aug 16 – \$6,895

Western Canada & Canadian Rockies with Alaskan Cruise: 22 day tour departing Sep 2 – \$6,975

Greece & the Greek Islands: 17 day tour departing Sep 5 – \$6,780

Balkans & Dalmatian Coast: 3 week tour departing Sep 5 – \$7,295 (4 seats only)

Spain, Portugal & Morocco: 3 week tour departing Oct 2 – \$5,785 (4 seats only)

East African Tour to Kenya & Tanzania: 16 day safari departing Oct 3 – \$9,965 (3 seats only) ♦

STOP PRESS: We have recently completed or are currently in the process of completing arrangements for the following tours: Vietnam Explorer – 16 Oct \$2,625; Singapore Tour for Gardening Enthusiasts – 24 Oct \$2,995; Southern India – 6 Nov \$3,995; India – 14 Nov \$5,485; Sri Lanka with no single supplement – 26 Nov \$4,795

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 on Facebook!

Japan Autumn Leaves Tour

**13 Day Conducted Tour for \$6,675
per person twin share**

THIS AMAZING PRICE includes:

- ★ Air fares with Qantas from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Tokyo and out of Osaka.
- ★ A 12 day tour of Japan during the spectacular autumn leaves period.
- ★ Accommodation in mainly three to four star hotels with private facilities.
- ★ Nearly all meals in Japan, as stated in the itinerary.
- ★ All transfers and transport, and entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ A Maiko Dance performance.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and driver.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

The colourful autumn leaves draw just as many visitors to Japan in autumn as the cherry blossoms do in spring, and the viewing of autumn leaves has been a popular activity in Japan for centuries. Today people still set out all over the country to find the best spot to view the beauty of the stunning yellow, orange and red leaves.



Don't miss your chance to tour Japan during this great season.
For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1140.
**Tour departs Australia 8th November and returns
20th November 2019**

Incredible Iceland

**16 Day Conducted Tour for only \$9,565
per person twin share**



GREAT VALUE for an expensive destination such as Iceland as all of the following are included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Reykjavik, Iceland with Singapore Airlines and Iceland Air.
- ★ A 9 day circle tour of Iceland, including whale watching at Lake Myvatn, Europe's biggest glacier at Vatnajokull National Park, the floating icebergs on the glacial lagoon at Jokulsarlon, beautiful Westman Islands and the main sights of the famous Golden Circle.
- ★ An overnight stay at an airport hotel in Singapore.
- ★ A two night stopover in London.
- ★ A two night stopover in Paris on the way home.
- ★ Many meals, including seven three course dinners in Iceland.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 15 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

For anyone requiring a single room there would be an extra \$1875.
This tour is exclusive to Macleay Valley Travel clients with a limit of about 25 passengers.

**Tour departs Australia 7th September and returns 22nd
September 2019**

China Tour with Spectacular Yangtze Cruise

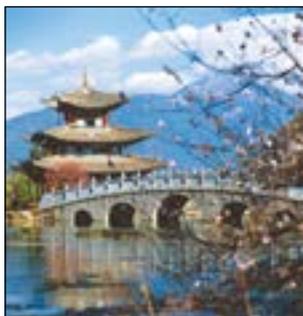
**15 Day Conducted Tour for only \$3,695
per person twin share**



HERE IS INCREDIBLE VALUE as the price includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Shanghai and out of Beijing with China Eastern Airlines, plus three flights within China.
- ★ A 4 night American Victoria cruise on the magnificent Yangtze River.
- ★ 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.

For a single room there is an additional cost of \$1255



**Tour departs Australia 3rd September and returns
17th September 2019**

Baltics, Russia and Scandinavia Tour

**3 Week Conducted Tour for \$5,995
per person twin share**



A WONDERFUL TOUR, which visits Denmark, East Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Finland and Sweden. The low price includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane with Singapore Airlines into Copenhagen and out of Stockholm.
- ★ A 17 day tour of northern Europe.
- ★ A 2 day stopover in Singapore.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4 star.
- ★ Many meals and all transport and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the tour director and drivers.
- ★ 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 \$1470.

**Tour departs Australia 14th August and returns
3rd September 2019**

Essence of South America

**22 Day Conducted Tour for \$11,955
per person twin share**

GREAT VALUE for such an extensive tour to this destination as it includes:



- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Lima, Peru and out of Santiago de Chile with Lan 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.
- ★ Meals as per the itinerary.
- ★ Many entry fees, national park fees, all transport and transfers.
- ★ South American tour guides and if there are 10 or more tour participants there will be a national escort in South America.

A single room is at an extra cost of \$1,780.

NOTE: an optional 5 day pre tour Galapagos Islands extension available for an additional \$4,030 per person twin share or \$6,025 single room.

There is also an optional pre tour Amazon extension available for an additional \$1,850 per person twin share or \$2,650 single room.

There is an optional post tour Patagonia extension available for an additional \$3,630 per person twin share or \$5,025 single room.

**Tour departs Australia 7th October and returns
28th October 2019**

Vietnam Luxury Tour

**20 Day Conducted Tour for \$4,999
per person twin share**

HERE IS incredible value for a luxury tour as it covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines and also two flights within Vietnam.
- ★ Superb 4-5 star accommodation or the best available, with nothing under 4-star.
- ★ Most meals, many at top restaurants.
- ★ A 19 day coach and air tour of Vietnam from south to north, visiting all the interesting places in this fascinating and beautiful country, including the fascinating hill-tribe area of Sapa.
- ★ All transport and transfers in Vietnam.
- ★ All hotel portorage and tips to the tour guides, drivers and waiters etc.
- ★ Service of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1,995.

NOTE: There is an optional luxury 3 day extension to Angkor Wat for \$1395 per person twin share or \$1675 for a single room.

It is planned to restrict this tour to a maximum of 22 people.

**Tour departs Australia 7th October and returns
26th October 2019**

New Zealand Garden Lovers

**Two Week Conducted Tour With Taranaki Garden
Spectacular & Nelmac Garden Festival Marlborough for
\$5,495 per person twin share**

THE SUPERB price includes:

- ★ Economy Class air fares with Qantas from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Auckland and out of Christchurch.
- ★ A 14 day tour of both the north and south islands of New Zealand with a scenic inter-island ferry crossing.
- ★ Visits to 14 of New Zealand's most notable gardens and also several other gardens associated with the two garden festivals.
- ★ Visits to the Rotorua thermal wonderland including a wonderful Maori cultural experience and hangi dinner.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4½ star.
- ★ Many meals, all transport, transfers, entrance fees & pre-paid gratuities.
- ★ Services of a local driver/guide and if there are 15 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



This is an exclusive tour group for Macleay Valley Travel passengers, with numbers limited to a maximum of 22 passengers.

For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1,480.

**Tour departs Australia 29th October and returns
11th November 2019**

Around Taiwan

**9 Day Conducted Tour for only \$3,475 per person with no
single supplement for solo travellers**



THIS GREAT PRICE includes:

- ★ Return economy class air fares from Sydney and Melbourne to Taipei with Cathay Pacific Airways.
- ★ An 8 day tour around Taiwan, visiting Taipei, Sun Moon Lake, Kaohsiung, Taitung and Hualien.
- ★ Our tour includes the East Coast National Scenic Area and Taroko Gorge.
- ★ Very good accommodation, 3 star in Taipei and 4 - 5 star outside of Taipei.
- ★ Nearly all meals.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the tour guide and drivers.
- ★ Services of an English speaking Taiwanese tour guide and if there are 10 or more passengers there will be an Australian Tour Escort.

With this tour, single travellers can have a single room without paying a single room supplement.

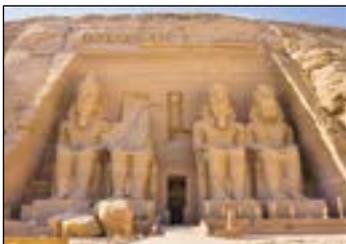
**Tour departs Australia 5th November and returns
13th November 2019**

Egypt – Land of the Pharaohs

20 Day Conducted Tour for only \$5,975 per person twin share

THIS IS fantastic value as the price covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Cairo with Emirates.
- ★ A wonderful 15 day tour of Egypt, including a four day cruise from Luxor to Aswan on the Nile River.
- ★ The tour includes the Great Pyramids of Giza, the fabulous Egyptian Museum, the incredible temples of Abu Simbel, Aswan, Alexandria and 5 days in Cairo.
- ★ Very good accommodation with private facilities throughout, mainly 4 to 5 star.
- ★ A 3 night stopover in Dubai with tours.
- ★ Many meals as per the itinerary and all transport and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- ★ Services of Egyptian tour guides and if there are 15 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1530.

This is a small group tour with a maximum of 22 passengers.

Tour departs Australia 24th October and returns 12th November 2019

Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure

24 Day Conducted Tour for \$4,825 per person twin share

THIS WONDERFUL TOUR goes off the usual tourist track and is great value as it includes:

- ★ Airfares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Hanoi and out of Siem Reap with Singapore Airlines & Silk Air, and two domestic flights within Asia.
- ★ A 19 day Vietnam tour by coach and air visiting the Sapa hill tribe area, the former demilitarized zone, the Central Highlands and the Mekong Delta.
- ★ A 4 day tour of Cambodia visiting Phnom Penh and the wonderful world heritage Angkor Wat complex.
- ★ Good 3 to 4 star accommodation, or the best available in isolated areas.
- ★ All transport including the boat on the Mekong River between Chau Doc in Vietnam and Phnom Penh.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities for the guides, drivers and bus boy.
- ★ Vietnamese and Cambodian tour guides, and if there are 12 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



For a single room there is an extra charge of \$1155.

Tour departs Australia 3rd September and returns 27th September 2019

European Waterways Austria to the Black Sea

18 Day Conducted Tour for \$6,995 per person twin share

AMAZING VALUE for a European river cruise on the Danube in the summertime, as the price includes:

- ★ Economy Class air fares Sydney and Melbourne into Munich, Germany and out of Bucharest, Romania with Qatar Airways.
- ★ A 11 day river cruise from Linz, Austria to Tulcea, Romania, near the Black Sea, aboard the impressive *Ms Vivaldi*, a comfortable three deck cruise ship built in 2009.
- ★ The cruise visits the countries of Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania.
- ★ A 2 night pre-cruise stopover in Munich, with a day tour to Neuschwanstein Castle.
- ★ A 2 night post-cruise stopover in Bucharest with a day tour to Dracula Castle in Transylvania.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star with private facilities.
- ★ Most meals, transfers and transport, port charges and entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities for the stopovers in Munich and Bucharest (but not on the cruise).
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants, an Australian tour escort.



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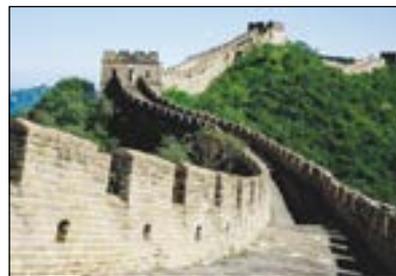
Tour departs Australia 23rd July and returns 9th August 2019

China Highlights

12 Day Conducted Tour for only \$3,895 per person with no single room supplement for solo travellers

THIS TOUR is great value as it includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Beijing and out of Shanghai with Qantas.
- ★ A wonderful 11 day tour of China including 3 nights in Beijing, 3 nights in Shanghai, 2 nights in Xian and 1 night each in Hangzhou and Suzhou.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 - 4 star.
- ★ Most meals and all entrance fees.
- ★ Transfers and transport, including the high speed train from Beijing to Xian and from Xian to Shanghai (second class).
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- ★ Services of Chinese tour guides, a national guide and if there are 12 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.
- ★ With this tour, single travellers can have a single room without paying a single room supplement.



This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the most famous sites of China, including the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Terra Cotta Warriors and The Bund.

Tour departs Australia 20th October and returns 31st October 2019

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