

# TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers  
from Macleay Valley Travel



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## European Waterways – Austria to the Black Sea on the Lower Danube River...

This wonderful Danube cruise with its connected land tours visits the less-visited countries of Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania.

It is rare that a river can offer such cultural and natural diversity. Imposing monasteries, baroque edifices, picturesque villages, sumptuous cities, bustling metropolises and productive farms call out to be visited from the banks of the Danube. The splendour of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire with its magnificent architecture is a fascinating combination with the public magnificence and private squalor and cement-block architecture of 45 years of communism.

The incredible price of \$6,995 per person twin share includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Munich, Germany and out of Bucharest, Romania with the highly rated Qatar Airlines.
- ★ An 11 day river cruise from Linz, Austria, to Tulcea, Romania, near the Black Sea, aboard the impressive Ms Vivaldi, a modern, 3 deck river cruise ship.
- ★ A 2 night pre cruise stopover in Munich with a day tour to the spectacular Neuschwanstein Castle.
- ★ A 2 night post cruise stopover in Bucharest with a day trip to Dracula's Castle in Transylvania.



- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star with private facilities.
- ★ Nearly all meals, all transfers, port charges and entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities for the stopovers in Munich and Bucharest (not included for the cruise).
- ★ Services of local tour guides and an Australian tour escort.

For anyone wishing to have a single room and cabin there is an extra charge of \$1640.

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

## North Korea – A Hidden World

North Korea, the "Hermit Kingdom" is the world's most reclusive country. This Stalinist type communist state exists outside the

realm of the 21st century, playing by its own rules and living in the shadow of its hereditary rulers' powerful personalities. On this tour be prepared to discover a place quite unlike any other in the world, where the surprises may in turn delight and unsettle.

Further details of this unique, fascinating tour are on the next page. ♦

**STOP PRESS:** We have recently completed or are currently in the process of completing arrangements for the following tours:  
Baltics, Russia & Scandinavia 14 Aug – \$5,995; Cape Town to Victoria Falls Safari 15 Aug – \$7,985; China with Spectacular Yangtze cruise 3 Sep – \$3,695; Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure 3 Sep – \$4,825; Incredible Iceland 7 Sep – \$9,565; Spain, Portugal & Morocco 2 Oct – \$5,785; Vietnam Luxury 7 Oct – \$4,999; Vietnam Explorer 16 Oct – \$2,625; Treasures of Ancient Turkey 27 Oct – \$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!

## It's Not Too Late!

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

- Singapore for Gardening Enthusiasts:* 8 day tour departing February 28 – \$2,995
- Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure:* 25 day tour departing March 5 – \$4,825
- Thailand at Leisure:* 15 day tour departing March 13 – \$2,890
- Vietnam Explorer:* 15 day tour departing March 18 – \$2,625
- America's Golden West:* 17 day tour departing March 29 – \$4,595
- Vietnam Discovery:* 3 week tour departing April 2 – \$3,960 (2 seats only)

*Northern Japan Spring Tour:* 16 day tour departing April 15 – \$6,995 (2 seats only)

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

*Garden Lover's Tour to Eight of the World's Top Gardens:* 24 day tour departing April 24 – \$11,975

*Baltics, Russia & Scandinavia:* 3 week tour departing May 1 – \$5,995

*Russian Waterways:* 20 day tour departing May 3 – \$6,575 (2 seats only)

*Western Canada & Alaska:* 25 day tour departing May 3 – \$7,285

*British Isles:* 28 day tour departing May 19 – \$8,975 (2 seats only). ♦

## North Korea Tour

**15 Day Conducted Tour for \$5,275 per person twin share**

**THE PRICE for this mysterious tour includes:**

- ★ Return economy class fares with Singapore Airlines from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Beijing, China.
- ★ Six days touring north east China, travelling between cities by high speed train.
- ★ A one week tour of North Korea, with five nights in the capital Pyongyang and one night in Nampo City, located on the west coast.
- ★ Transfers and transport, including train travel to & from Dandong to Pyongyang.
- ★ Many meals, with all meals provided in North Korea.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3-4 star, or the best available.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- ★ Visa fee for entrance into North Korea.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and an experienced Australian Tour Escort who has previously travelled to North Korea.

This tour is not recommended for a novice traveller. It is aimed at experienced travellers wishing to see a seldom visited destination. This is a special group tour just for Macleay Valley Travel clients with numbers limited to approximately 24 passengers.

For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1190.



**Tour departs Australia on the 14th August and returns 28th August 2019**

## Alpine Adventure Switzerland, Germany, Austria & Italy

**17 Day Conducted Tour for \$5,965 per person twin share**



**THIS GREAT PRICE includes:**

- ★ Economy Class air fares with Singapore Airlines from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Munich, Germany and out of Zurich, Switzerland.
- ★ A 13 day tour from Munich to Zurich by coach and train. Scenic highlights include Inn Valley, Grossglockner, Dolomites, Lake Carezza, Engadine National Park, the Swiss Alps and Lake Como.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four star.
- ★ Many meals, as stated in the itinerary.
- ★ All transfers and transport and entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and drivers. Services of tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants, an Australian tour escort.

For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1,225.

**Tour departs Australia on the 13th July and returns 29th July 2019**

## 20 Day Conducted Inside Vietnam Tour

**Only \$3,985 per person (with no single room supplement for solo travellers)**



**HERE IS a fantastic price, which includes:**

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines, plus one flight within Vietnam.
- ★ An 18 day coach and air tour of Vietnam from south to north, visiting many of the most interesting places in this fascinating and beautiful country.
- ★ Quality accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star.
- ★ All transport and many meals.
- ★ An overnight cruise on Halong Bay.
- ★ Services of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.

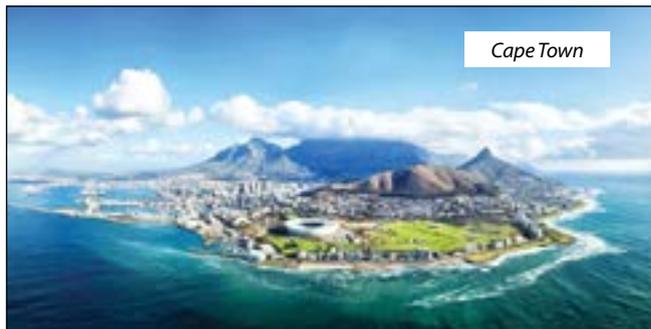
With this tour, single travellers can have a single room without paying a single room supplement.

There is an optional 4 day extension to Angkor Wat for \$1075 per person, with no single supplement for solo travellers.

**Two tours departing Australia 3rd June and 12th August 2019**

## South Africa Tour With Victoria Falls

**Conducted 19 day tour \$7,965 per person twin share**



**AN amazing tour, which 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 and Hluhluwe Game Reserve.
- ★ 3 days in Victoria Falls, with an excursion to Chobe National Park in Botswana.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the tour guide and driver.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 3 1/2 star.
- ★ Local tour guides and if there are 15 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.

For a single room there will be an additional charge of \$1,265.

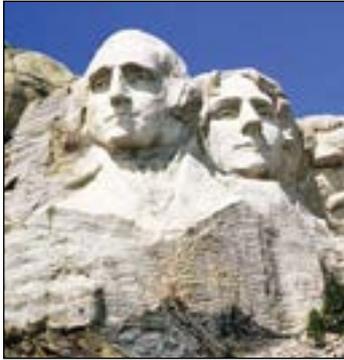
**Tour departs Australia 1st August and returns 19th August 2019**

## America's National Parks & Canyon Country

**17 Day Conducted Tour for only \$4,975 per person twin share**

**THIS IS WONDERFUL VALUE as it includes:**

- ★ Return economy class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Las Vegas with Qantas and United Airlines.
- ★ A 15 day coach tour visiting the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Yellowstone National Park, Black Hills of South Dakota, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, the wild west town of Jackson and exciting Las Vegas.
- ★ National Park admission fees and all transport.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 star.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main guide & driver.
- ★ Services of an American tour guide and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



For this tour we will guarantee twin share accommodation for anyone who wants it. For anyone requiring a single room there will be an extra charge of \$1615.

**Tour departs Australia 12th August and returns 28th August 2019**

## Scandinavia & the Arctic Circle

**3 Week Conducted Tour for only \$6,995 per person twin share**

**GREAT VALUE for this expensive destination as it includes:**

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Helsinki and out of Oslo with Finnair and Qantas.
- ★ A 17 day tour of Finland, Lapland, the Arctic Circle and Norway.
- ★ A two night stopover in Thailand on the way over.
- ★ A one day stopover in Hong Kong on the way home.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star.
- ★ Many meals, entrance fees and all transport.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- ★ Services of experienced tour guides and if there are 12 or more participants there will be an Australian Tour Escort.

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 2nd August and returns 23rd August 2019**

## Russian Waterways Tour

**20 Day Conducted Tour for \$6,895 per person twin share**

**A COMPREHENSIVE TOUR which 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 guides and drivers 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 \$1175.

It is possible to upgrade your cabins on the cruise ship: Deluxe Main Deck – \$260 per person twin share (twin beds); Deluxe Boat Deck – \$585 per person twin share (double bed); Suite Middle Deck – \$880 per person twin share (double bed)

**Tour departs Australia 16th August and returns 4th September 2019**

## Sri Lanka (Ceylon) Tour

**16 Day Conducted Tour for only \$4,645 per person twin share**

**A FANTASTIC TOUR, which 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 Udawalawe 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, 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 \$1290.

**Tour departs Australia 18th September and returns 3rd October 2019**



## Greece & the Greek Islands

Conducted 17 Day Tour for only \$6,780  
per person twin share

THIS IS GREAT VALUE for a tour of Greece in early autumn as it covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Athens with Emirates.
- ★ A wonderful 12 day tour of Greece and the Greek Islands, including a three day cruise to the Greek islands of Mykonos, Patmos, Crete and Santorini and the incredible excavation site of Ephesus, Turkey.
- ★ Mainly 4 star accommodation with private facilities throughout, including Greece tourism taxes.
- ★ A 3 night stopover in Dubai, with tours.
- ★ Many meals as per the itinerary and all transport and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the tour director, drivers and the onboard service personnel on the cruise.
- ★ Services of Greek tour guides and if there are 12 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.



To upgrade to an outside cabin on the cruise would cost an extra \$168 per person twin share.

For a single room there will be an additional charge of \$1075 based on an inside cabin or \$1460 based on an outside cabin.

**Tour departs Australia 5th September and returns 21st September 2019**

## Western Canada and Canadian Rockies with Alaskan Cruise

22 Day Conducted Tour for only \$6,975 per person  
twin share

THIS SUPERB PRICE includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne into Vancouver with Air Canada.
- ★ A 12-day tour of Western Canada and the Rockies
- ★ 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. A window cabin would cost an additional \$640 per person twin share. A balcony cabin would cost an extra \$1,050 per person twin share.
- ★ A full day tour of Vancouver after the cruise, including the Capilano Suspension Bridge.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3-4 star.
- ★ All meals while on the cruise.
- ★ All transport, transfers, port charges & fees.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the tour director and driver (not included on the cruise ship).
- ★ Services of local tour guides and an Australian tour escort. For a single room there is an extra charge of \$2,630 based on an inside cabin.



**Tour departs Australia 2nd September and returns 23rd September 2019**

## Southern Italy & Sicily

17 Day Conducted Tour for \$6,375 per person twin share



A GREAT TOUR TO ITALY IN SUMMER, which includes:

- ★ Return economy class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth to Rome with Emirates.
- ★ A 15 day tour of Southern Italy and Sicily, including Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii, a three night stay in the Taormina Riviera of Sicily and a two night stay in Palermo.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly four star hotels with private facilities.
- ★ A flight from Palermo to Rome, and an overnight stay at an airport hotel in Rome on the way home.
- ★ All transfers and transport including the ferry crossing over the Strait of Messina.
- ★ Many meals and entrance fees.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and driver.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 12 or more Macleay Valley Travel tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1040.

**Tour departs Australia on the 10th August and returns 26th August 2019**

## Grand European

25 Day Conducted Tour for \$8,195 per person twin share

ALL THE FOLLOWING are included in this amazing price:

- ★ Economy Class airfares with Singapore Airlines from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into London and out of Paris.
- ★ A 22 day tour of western and central Europe, visiting England, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy and France.
- ★ This impressive tour has two night stays in London, Amsterdam, Lucerne, Vienna, Rome, Florence, French Riviera and Paris.
- ★ A two night stopover in Singapore, with touring.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 4 star.
- ★ Many meals and entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ All transfers and transport, including the high speed Eurostar train from London to Brussels, a Rhine River cruise in Germany and a private boat ride to the island of Venice.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and drivers.
- ★ Services of English speaking tour guides, and if there are 14 or more Macleay Valley Travel tour participants, there will be an Australian tour escort.



The tour will visit Europe in Summer, which generally provides the best weather to make the most of your time overseas.

For a single room there is an extra cost of \$2,490.

**Tour departs Australia on the 9th August and returns 2nd September 2019**

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