

# TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers from Macleay Valley Travel

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## Thailand and the Chiang Mai Floral Festival Tour

THIS IS OUR OLDEST and one of our most successful tours. We have done this tour every year for the past 18 years, with very positive feedback from the tour participants

The tour is much loved by garden enthusiasts, as in addition to the floral festival we visit Bangkok's amazing flower market, the Queen Mother's extensive and colourful mountain-top garden, Thailand's first botanical garden covering 560 acres, a large orchid nursery and a huge plant nursery stocking everything associated with horticulture.

A centre piece of the floral festival is the procession of spectacular floral floats, interspersed with great marching bands. The procession is so huge it takes several hours to go by.

This 2 week fully conducted tour departs 2nd February and is great value at only \$3175 per person twin share as the price covers all of the following:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane to Bangkok with Thai International, plus a flight within Thailand.
- ★ All airport taxes and fuel levies.
- ★ Four days in Chiang Mai for the spectacular floral festival.



- ★ A 4 day tour of northern Thailand.
- ★ Two days touring the River Kwai area staying overnight at the floating jungle rafts hotel on the river.



- ★ A 2 night stay in a lovely beach-front resort hotel in Cha'Am.
- ★ Quality 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 star hotels.
- ★ Many meals and all transport and entrance fees.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the guide, driver and bus-boy.
- ★ Services of a Thai tour guide and Australian tour escort. ◆

## Facebook

Airlines and cruise companies often release great deals that must be acted upon quickly to take advantage of the great savings on offer. We have started to put these specials, along with articles of general interest on our Facebook page. Like us on Facebook today! ◆

## It's Not Too Late!

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

**Vietnam Discovery:** 3 week tour departing Aug 18 – \$3885 (2 seats only)

**Inside Vietnam:** 20 day tour departing Sep 8 & Feb 15 – \$3985 (no single supplement)

**Russian Waterways:** 19 day tour departing Aug 23 – \$5995

**Mongolia Adventure:** 2 week tour departing Sep 1 – \$5275 (4 seats only)

**East Balkans:** 19 day tour departing Sep 1 – \$6870

**South Africa:** 3 week tour departing Sep 1 – \$6975

**Central Europe:** 16 day tour departing Sep 3 – \$4765

**India:** 19 day tour departing Sep 5 – \$4945

**China tour with spectacular Yangtze cruise:**  
2 week tour departing Sep 9 – \$3395

(2 seats only)

**Around Thailand:** 2 week tour departing Sep 16 – \$2835

**East Africa (Kenya & Tanzania):** 17 day tour departing Oct 7 – \$8495

**Eastern Turkey & the Black Sea:** 18 day tour departing Oct 7 – \$5695

**Around Tasmania:** 12 day tour departing Oct 9 – \$2955

**West Turkey:** 18 day tour departing Oct 21 – \$5085

**New Zealand:** 16 day tour departing Nov 5 – \$4340

**Vietnam Overland:** 3 week tour departing Nov 11 – \$3815

**Laos, Cambodia & Golden Triangle:** 19 day tour departing Nov 16 – \$4295

**Vietnam Highlights:** 11 day tour departing Jan 16 – \$2895. ◆

**NOTE:** If you don't have someone to travel with, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will do our best to match you up with someone else in the same position.

**STOP PRESS** — We have recently completed or are in the process of completing arrangements for the following tours:  
**Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure** – 3 Mar, \$4,585; **Java & Bali** – 9 Mar, \$2,995; **Laos Cambodia Golden Triangle** – 14 Mar, \$4,295; **India** – 24 Mar, \$4,975; **Vietnam Discovery** – 7 Apr, \$3,885; **China with Yangtze Cruise** – 27 Apr, \$3,495; **Spain, Portugal & Morocco March, America's Golden West March.**

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

## Antarctica – The White Continent

**17 Day Conducted Tour for only \$13,785 per person twin share**

### PRICE includes:

- ★ Return airfares from Sydney and Melbourne to Ushuaia, Argentina with Air New Zealand and Aerolineas Argentinas.
- ★ A wonderful 10 day expedition cruise from Ushuaia to the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands in a superior cabin. Your polar vessel the MV Ushuaia has an intimate size of just 88 passengers and there will often be two landings per day via a fleet of Zodiac watercraft.
- ★ A 3 night stopover in Buenos Aires on the way over and 1 night stopover on the way home.
- ★ A 1 night stopover in the charming town of Ushuaia, which is on the southernmost point of Argentina.
- ★ All meals on the vessel, and lecture programs.
- ★ Port charges, and all transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of local guides, highly experienced captain and crew, and if there are 15 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

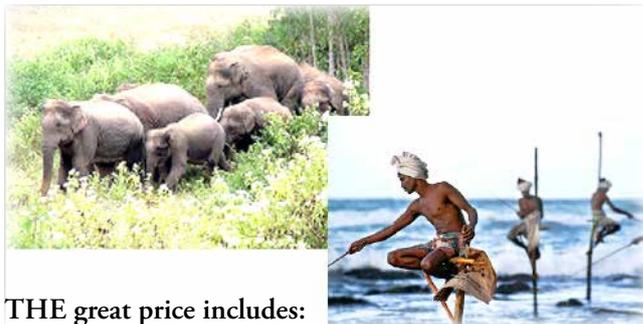


Antarctica is one of the last untouched destinations in the world where you can see remarkable wildlife, such as penguins, seals, whales and orcas, up-close and in abundance amidst pristine, awe-inspiring scenery.

**Tour departs Australia 20th March and returns 5th April 2016**

## Sri Lanka (Ceylon) Tour

**16 Day Conducted Tour for only \$4,095 per person twin share**



### THE great price 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.
- ★ Entrance fees, transfers and nearly all meals.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4½ star.
- ★ 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 \$1120.

**Tour departs Australia 21st September and returns 6th October 2015**

## Vietnam Luxury Tour

**20 Day Conducted Tour for \$4,590 per person twin share**

THIS PRICE is incredible value for a luxury tour as it includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines considered by many people to be one of the best airlines in the world, and also two flights within Vietnam.
- ★ Superb 5-star accommodation or the best available.
- ★ 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 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 \$1,765.

There is an optional luxury 3 day extension to Angkor Wat for \$1165 per person twin share or \$1495 for a single room.

**Tour departs Australia 2nd November and returns 21st November 2015**

## Western Canada and Canadian Rockies with Alaskan Cruise

**25 Day Conducted Tour for only \$6,875 per person twin share**



### THIS IS superb value as it includes:

- ★ 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 Volendam in an inside cabin. An outside cabin would cost an additional \$399 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.
- ★ All transport, port charges and 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 \$2,299 for an inside cabin or \$2,699 for an outside cabin.

**Tour departs Australia 10th May and returns 3rd June 2016**

26 Day Conducted First Class

## European Winter Wonderland with Christmas in Vietnam

for only \$10,675 per person twin share  
Flying Business Class!

THIS incredible price for a first class tour of Europe and Vietnam includes:

- ★ Business Class airfares from Sydney and Melbourne into Paris and out of London with Vietnam Airlines.
- ★ A 17 day tour of Europe in the festive Christmas period, visiting France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium and England.
- ★ A 3 day stopover in Saigon on the way over and a 6 day stopover on the way home, with Christmas Day in Saigon.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 4 – 5 star.
- ★ Many meals, all transfers and prepaid gratuities.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 14 or more participants an Australian tour escort.



This is a wonderful opportunity to experience Europe during the winter period prior to Christmas. The tour includes some of the best of Europe's great highlights. When combined with the comfort of Business Class flights and luxury Vietnam stopovers in each direction, there is probably no better way to enjoy this festive time of the year.

For anyone requiring a single room there is an extra charge of \$1995.

**Tour departs Australia 1st December and returns 27th December 2015**

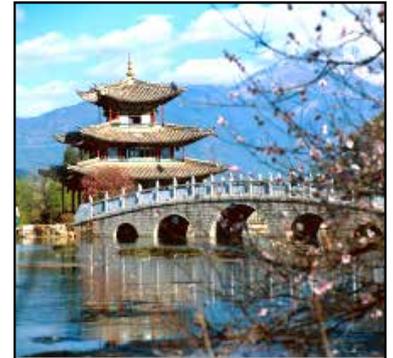
2 Week Conducted

## China Highlights Tour

For only \$3,290 per person with no single room supplement for solo travellers

This tour is incredible value as the price covers all of the following:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Beijing and out of Shanghai with China Eastern Airlines, plus two flights within China.
- ★ A wonderful 13 day tour of China including 5 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.
- ★ Nearly all meals, all entrance fees, transfers and transport.
- ★ 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.

For passengers from Brisbane, there will be connecting flights to Sydney for \$240 return.

**Tour departs Australia 13th October and returns 26th October 2015**

## The Essence of South America Tour

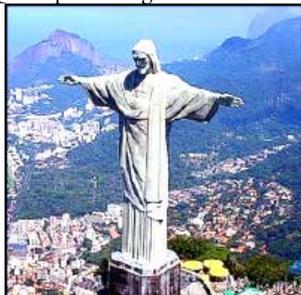
22 Day Conducted Tour for \$10,995 per person twin share

HERE IS an extensive tour which 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, entry fees, many meals and all transfers.
- ★ 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 \$2,230

There is an optional 6 day pre tour Galapagos Islands extension available for an additional \$5,260 per person twin share or \$7,450 single room.

There is also an optional pre tour Amazon extension available for an additional \$1,188 per person twin share of \$1,767 single room.

**Tour departs on Australia 13th March and returns 3rd April 2016**



## Vietnam Overland Tour

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

THIS FANTASTIC price during the colourful & exciting "Tet" (Vietnamese New Year) period includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne & 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 transport, entrance fees and many meals.
- ★ Services of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.
- ★ A cruise on Halong Bay in an historic junk.
- ★ Quality 3 to 4 star accommodation.

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

There is an optional 4 day extension to Angkor Wat for \$895 per person twin share or \$995 for a single room.

**Tour departs 19th January and returns 9th February 2016**



*Ten Day Conducted*

## Thailand Shopping Tour

**\$2,495 per person twin share**

AN INCREDIBLE price which includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Bangkok with Thai International, one of the world's great airlines.
  - ★ 6 Nights in Bangkok, with fabulous shopping, food and entertainment. Accommodation is at the 3 star centrally situated Manhattan Hotel.
  - ★ Two nights in Pattaya, one of south-east Asia's popular beach resorts. Accommodation is at the 3½ star Sunshine Hotel, only a short walk from the beach-front and from Pattaya's largest shopping centre.
  - ★ A full program of included day tours with all entry fees paid.
  - ★ Breakfast daily, plus many other meals.
  - ★ Prepaid gratuities to the tour guide, driver and bus boy.
  - ★ Full time service of an experienced Thai tour guide and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.
- If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$295.

For this tour we will guarantee twin share accommodation to anyone who wants it.

The itinerary for this tour has been designed to allow shoppers to have many opportunities to experience Thailand's wonderful shopping facilities and prices, but at the same time include a great program for non-shopping partners.

**Tour departs 2nd December and returns 11th December 2015**

## Old Burma Road Tour

to Burma, Yunnan (South China) and Eastern Tibet

**23 Day Adventure Tour**  
for only **\$5,985 per person twin share**

THIS WONDERFUL 'off the beaten track' tour 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 Zondiang on the Eastern Tibetan plateau, the original 'Shangri La'.
- ★ A 2 day stopover in Singapore.
- ★ Good accommodation, most meals.
- ★ Entrance fees, transfers and prepaid gratuities.
- ★ Services of Burmese & Chinese 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 \$1170.

**Tour departs Australia 3rd March and returns 25th March 2016**

## Vietnam Explorer Tour

**15 day Conducted Tour only \$2,625 per person twin share**

THIS PRICE is incredible value as it covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Brisbane & Melbourne into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines plus two flights within Vietnam.
- ★ There will be four nights in bustling Saigon, four nights in historic Hoi An, four nights in beautiful Hanoi, the "Paris of the East" and one night in Halong Bay.
- ★ Good three to four star accommodation. The hotels rooms are all air conditioned and have private facilities.
- ★ Breakfast daily plus three lunches and two dinners.
- ★ City tours in Saigon and Hanoi and a full day boat cruise of amazing Halong Bay.
- ★ Service of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.



There will be a full program of optional half-day and full-day tours.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$695.

NOTE: There is an optional 3 day extension to Angkor Wat available for an additional \$895 per person twin share and \$995 single room.

**Two tours departing Australia 21st October 2015 and 9th March 2016**

17 Day

## Highlights of New Zealand Tour

**for \$4,390 per person twin share**

THIS GREAT price includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Christchurch and out of Auckland with Air New Zealand.
  - ★ A wonderful 17 day tour of New Zealand, touring both the North and South Islands, with city sights tours of Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington and Auckland.
  - ★ Quality 3 to 3.5 star accommodation.
  - ★ 15 cooked breakfasts and 13 sumptuous dinners, 1 picnic lunch and a delicious morning tea.
  - ★ Luxury coach travel and hotel portage.
  - ★ Four cruises, including a Milford Sound Cruise
  - ★ Transalpine rail journey, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world.
  - ★ Professional services of a driver/guide, referred to as a 'Coach Captain'
- For a single room there will be an extra charge of \$1180.



**Tour departs Australia 23rd February and returns 10th March, 2016**

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