

TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers
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Enchanting Southern India...



Southern India is a region greatly influenced by its stunning coastline and the mysticism and magic of ritual and ceremony.

South India is a place of beaches, rivers and canals, water is both a treasured resource and a revered deity. From the laid-back beaches of Chennai (formerly Madras) to the fishermen of Kochi Harbour and the relaxed pace of houseboat living on the Kerala Backwater, the friendly faces of the locals and slow pace of life is infectious.

Madurai is one of the world's greatest temple towns and pilgrimage sites. Over 2,500 years old, this extraordinary place will lift your soul as you explore the incred-

ible Meenakshi Temple and its over 30,000 sculptures.

Southern Indian food is considered one of the world's most delicious cuisines. The abundant use of peppers, cumin, chillies, cinnamon, cloves, turmeric and lots of coconut milk results in many spicy and delicious dishes.

Macleay Valley Travel's 17 day southern India tour departs 31st October and is wonderful value at only \$3,995 per person twin share, as all the following are included:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Chennai and out of Cochin with Singapore Airlines and Silk Air.
- ★ An extensive 16 day tour of southern India. The tour visits several UNESCO

World Heritage Sites, a wildlife sanctuary, tea and spice plantations and an overnight houseboat cruise.

- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 4 star.
- ★ Breakfast and dinner every day.
- ★ Entrance fees, transport and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities for the guide and drivers.
- ★ Services of Indian tour guides and an Australian tour escort.

This is a small group tour with about 22 tour participants.

For anyone requiring a single room there is an extra charge of \$1380. ♦

It's Not Too Late!

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

China with Spectacular Yangtze Cruise: 15 day tour departing April 24 – \$3,655 (4 seats only)

Western Canada & Alaska: 22 day tour departing May 7 – \$6,585

Trans American Adventure: 29 day tour departing May 8 – \$7,295

Vietnam Explorer: 15 day tours departing May 9 & October 17 – \$2,625

Inside Vietnam with no single supplement: 20 day tour departing June 4 – \$3,985

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

Thailand Mountains & Beaches: 2 week tour departing August 8 – \$3,455

Mongolian Adventure: 2 week tour departing August 28 – \$5,395

Western Canada & Alaska: 26 day tour departing August 28 – \$7,285

Baltics, Russia & Scandinavia: 3 week tour departing August 29 – \$5,995

China with Spectacular Yangtze Cruise: 15 day tour departing September 4 – \$3,655

Incredible Iceland: 18 day tour departing September 5 – \$9,675

Moscow to Astrakhan: 19 day tour departing September 5 – \$5,845 (4 seats only)

Vietnam Luxury: 20 day tour departing October 8 – \$4,999. ♦

STOP PRESS: We have recently completed or are currently in the process of completing arrangements for the following tours:

- Singapore Garden Festival July 20 – \$2,995
- Deluxe Thailand Tour Oct 17 – \$2,990
- Balkans & Dalmatian Coast 8 Oct – \$7,195
- Around Taiwan with no single supplement Nov 6 – \$3,435
- Sri Lanka with no single supplement Nov 12 – \$4,735
- China & the Harbin Ice Festival Jan 6 – \$3,945.

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!

South American Voyager



26 Day Tour & Cruise for \$7,985 per person twin share

THIS incredible price includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and out of Santiago de Chile with Lan Airlines, plus two other flights within South America.
- ★ A 14 day Patagonian cruise in an inside cabin from Buenos Aires to Santiago around the southernmost point of mainland South America, Cape Horn. Your cruise is onboard Holland America's MS Zaandam.
- ★ Good accommodation throughout, mainly 3½ star to 4 star.
- ★ Most meals, including 23 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 15 dinners.
- ★ Transport and transfers.
- ★ South American tour guides (except on the cruise).

A single room is an extra cost of \$4,025.

There is an optional post tour extension to Machu Picchu available for an additional \$2,795 per person twin share or \$3,575 single room.

Oceanview Cabin – From \$300 per person twin share

Balcony Cabin – From \$2,450 per person twin share

Tour departs on Australia 25th November and returns 20th December 2018

Egypt – Land of the Pharaohs

Conducted 20 Day Tour for only \$5,765 per person twin share



FANTASTIC VALUE for this tour, as the price includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth 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 including a day tour to Abu Dhabi.
- ★ Many meals, all transport and prepaid gratuities.
- ★ 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 \$1395.

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

Tour departs Australia 8th November and returns 27th November 2018

20 Day Conducted Inside Vietnam Tour

only \$3,985 per person with no single room supplement for solo travellers

THIS wonderful price 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.

- ★ Many meals, all entrance fees and transport,

- ★ An overnight cruise on Halong Bay in an historic junk.

- ★ Quality accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star.

- ★ 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 13th August and 15th November 2018



Mexico and Cuba

for \$8,975 per person twin share

HERE is a great price, which includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Mexico City with Qantas and American Airlines, plus international flights from Cancun to Havana and Havana to Mexico City with Aeromexico and a domestic flight within Mexico.

- ★ An 8 day tour of Mexico and the Yucatan, visiting the awe-inspiring Mayan temples, pyramids and many other places of historical importance.

- ★ An 8 day tour of Cuba, visiting Trinidad, Cienfuegos, Santa Clara and five nights in Cuba's capital Havana. Cuba is a unique blend of communism and capitalism.

- ★ A stopover in Dallas, Texas on the way home.

- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star.

- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main 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 will be an extra charge of \$1955.

This is a special group tour with a maximum of about 26 passengers.

Tour Departs Australia 5th November and returns 23rd November 2018



East Africa, Kenya & Tanzania

Conducted 16 day safari tour for \$9,675 per person twin share

THIS value price includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane & Perth to Nairobi, Kenya with Emirates.
- ★ A quality 12 day safari tour of Kenya and Tanzania.
- ★ Game viewing in Lake Nakuru National Park, Masai Mara Game Reserve, Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tarangire National Park and Amboseli National Park.
- ★ A 2 day Dubai stopover.
- ★ Most meals, entry fees and national park fees.
- ★ Mainly 4 star African themed hotel and lodge accommodation with private facilities throughout.
- ★ Custom designed 4WD safari vehicles with pop-up roofs. Every passenger has a window seat in the vehicle.
- ★ Local African & Arab tour guide/drivers and if there are 14 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.



On this tour you should be able to see the greatest migration on earth! The annual migration of literally millions of wildebeests and zebras occurs between the Masai Mara in Kenya and the Serengeti in Tanzania. For a single room there will be an additional charge of \$1630.

Tour departs Australia 3rd October and returns 19th October 2018

15 day Conducted Iran (Persia) Tour

For \$6,495 per person twin share



A WONDERFUL opportunity to experience the isolated and seldom visited country of Iran. The price includes:

- ★ Economy Class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne and Perth into Tehran and out of Shiraz with Qatar Airways.
 - ★ A 12 day coach tour of fascinating Iran (Persia), visiting Tehran, Kashan, Isfahan, Yazd, Shiraz and more. The tour includes a visit to Golestan Palace, the incredible archaeological site of Persepolis, Isfahan's Imam Square and the famous Treasury of National Jewels in Tehran.
 - ★ Nearly all meals, entrance fees and all transport and transfers.
 - ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 3 to 5 star.
 - ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
 - ★ Services of English speaking local guides and an Australian tour escort.
- If you require a single room there will be an additional charge of \$995. This tour visits many fascinating off-the-beaten-track destinations, with histories dating back thousands of years. This is a special group tour just for Macleay Valley Travel clients with a maximum number of about 22 passengers.

Tour departs Australia 31st October and returns 14th November 2018

Europe in Depth

33 Day Conducted Tour for \$9,575 per person twin share



INCREDIBLE VALUE for such a comprehensive tour of Europe. The price includes:

- ★ Economy Class airfares with Singapore Airlines from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into London and out of Paris.
- ★ A 31 day tour of western and central Europe, visiting eleven countries including; England, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Croatia, Italy, France and Spain. Some of the many highlights include a Romantic Rhine cruise, the Black Forest in Germany & the Amalfi Coast.
- ★ A one night stopover in Singapore staying near the airport.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 4 star.
- ★ Many meals, all transfers and transport including two high speed train rides.
- ★ Entrance fees, prepaid gratuities, English speaking local guides and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

The tour will visit Europe in late Autumn, which is generally considered to be the off season, allowing a saving of approximately \$2000 per person on the same tour in peak season. The cool weather will provide beautiful scenery and travelling at this time of the year will afford an opportunity for some unique Christmas shopping.

For a single room there is an extra cost of \$2,445.

The tour departs Australia on the 1st November and returns 3rd December 2018

New Zealand Garden Lovers Tour

15 Day Conducted Tour for \$5,835 per person twin share



THE EXCELLENT PRICE includes:

- ★ Economy Class air fares with Qantas from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Auckland and out of Christchurch.
- ★ A 15 day tour of both the north and south islands of New Zealand with a scenic inter-island ferry crossing.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4 star.
- ★ Many meals, all transport and entrance fees.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the driver/guide.
- ★ 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. In addition to visiting many of New Zealand's most popular tourist sites, this tour also visits 12 of New Zealand's most spectacular gardens. The tour takes place in mid spring when the gardens and scenery should be at their most spectacular.

For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1,720.

Tour departs Australia on the 24th October and returns 7th November 2018

Spain, Portugal and Morocco

3 Week Conducted Tour for only \$5,785 per person twin share



INCREDIBLE VALUE for this tour, as the price includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth into Madrid, Spain with Emirates.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four star.
- ★ A 16 day tour of Spain, Portugal and Morocco.
- ★ A 2 day stopover in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, with tours.
- ★ Breakfast daily plus many meals as per the itinerary.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 14 or more tour participants, there will be an Australian tour escort.
- ★ All transport and transfers and prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.

For a single room there is an additional cost of \$1265.

Tour departs Australia 10th October and returns 30th October 2018

Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure Tour

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

THIS WONDERFUL TOUR goes off the usual tourist track and 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.
- ★ Mainly 3 to 4 star accommodation,.
- ★ All transport including the boat on the Mekong River between Chau Doc in Vietnam and Phnom Penh.
- ★ Entrance fees, most meals and prepaid gratuities.
- ★ Vietnamese and Cambodian tour guides, and if there are 12 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.



For a single room there is an extra charge of \$1135.

Tour departs Australia 6th September and returns 29th September 2018

INDIA TOUR

19 Day Conducted Tour only \$5,365 per person twin share

THIS great price includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Delhi and out of Bombay (Mumbai) with Singapore Airlines plus 3 flights within India.
- ★ An extensive 16 day coach, air and boat tour of India including a visit to the wonderful Taj Mahal.
- ★ A 2 day stopover in Singapore.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4½ star.
- ★ Many meals, all transport and entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities for the guide and drivers.
- ★ Services of Indian tour guides and if there are 12 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

If you require a single room is an extra charge of \$1620.

It is planned to restrict the number of participants to a maximum of approximately 22 people.



Tour departs Australia 15th November and returns 4th December 2018

Italy, France & Spain

20 Day Conducted Tour for only \$5,995 per person twin share

HERE IS GREAT VALUE for a tour of these three countries, as it includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Madrid, Spain and out of Rome, Italy with Cathay Pacific Airways.
- ★ 16 days touring the Mediterranean countries of Spain, France and Italy from Madrid to Rome. The tour visits such exciting places as Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona, French Riviera, Cinque Terre, Venice, Assisi, Rome and more.
- ★ A two day stopover in Hong Kong.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 - 4 star.
- ★ Many meals and all transport and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- ★ Services of English speaking tour guides, and if there are 12 or more Macleay Valley Travel tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you would like a single room there is an extra cost of \$1330.

Tour departs Australia on the 26th September and returns 15th October 2018

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