

TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers
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Intriguing Israel and Jordan



For anyone who has an interest in the history of our world, Israel & Jordan are must-see destinations.

Many of their historical sites are revered by three powerful religions, Christianity, Judaism & Islam. In addition, these countries offer surprising scenic beauty and endless-fascination. Israel's location at the intersection of three continents and two seas means that it has unique geographical features and a complex and often brutal history. Jordan has hallmarks of a civilisation so ancient that some can be traced back to the very dawn of mankind. Our Israel & Jordan 20 day tour departing 5th February 2019 represents excellent value at only \$7,995 per person twin share as it includes:

★ Return economy airfares with Emirates

from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane & Perth to Amman, Jordan.

- ★ A 5 day tour of Jordan, including amazing Petra, the ruined city of Jerash, a jeep tour of the magical desert of Wadi Rum, and Amman's magnificent citadel.
- ★ An 11 day tour of Israel from Eilat in the south to the scenic Golan Heights in the north. Places visited include the site of Jesus' crucifixion and his garden tomb, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, the moving Holocaust Museum, the Valley of Elah where David slew Goliath, the extraordinary mountain top fortress of Masada, and a chance to float in the Dead Sea.
- ★ A 2 night stopover in Dubai.
- ★ Good 3-4 star accommodation.
- ★ Most meals, all transport and transfers, as

well as entrance fees to many attractions.

- ★ Jordan visa fee for Australian passport holders.
- ★ Gratuities for 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 is an extra cost of \$1650. This is a small group tour with a maximum of about 22 passengers. ♦

Deluxe Thailand at a Reasonable Price!

It is rare to be able to travel in 5 star luxury at a very affordable price. On the next page are details of our 5 star Thailand tour that does just that. ♦

We arrange special tours for private groups with 10 or more tour participants: If you think you could organise your own group contact us and we will discuss the advantages for you in doing this. ♦

It's Not Too Late!

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

Scandinavia & Arctic Circle: 3 week tour departing Aug 3 – \$6,995 (2 seats only).

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

Mongolia Adventure: 2 week tour departing Aug 28 – \$5,395.

Western Canada & Canadian Rockies with Alaskan Cruise: 26 day tour departing Aug 28 – \$7,285.

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

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

Incredible Iceland: 18 day tour departing Sep 5 – \$9,675 (2 seats only).

Moscow to Astrakhan: 19 day tour departing Sep 5 – \$5,845.

Italy, France & Spain: 20 day tour departing Sep 26 – \$5,995.

East Africa Tour to Kenya & Tanzania: 16 day safari departing Oct 3 – \$9,675.

Vietnam Luxury: 20 day tour departing Oct 8 – \$4,999 (2 seats only).

New Zealand Garden Lovers: 15 day tour departing Oct 24 – \$5,835.

Iran (Persia): 15 day tour departing Oct 31 – \$6,495.

Mexico & Cuba: 19 day tour departing Nov 5 – \$8,975.

Around Taiwan: 9 day tour with no single supplement departing Nov 6 – \$3,435.

India: 19 day tour departing Nov 15 – \$5,365.

Southern India: 17 day tour departing Nov 21 – \$3,995.

South American Voyager: 26 day tour departing Nov 25 – \$7,985.

China & the Harbin Ice Festival: 12 day tour departing Jan 6 – \$3,945 (4 seats only). ♦

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

- Vietnam Overland Tet Tour Feb 3 – \$3,945
- Sri Lanka (Ceylon) Mar 1 & Mar 20 – \$4,645
- Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure Mar 5 – \$4,825
- Thailand at Leisure Mar 13 – \$2,890
- Vietnam Explorer Mar 18 – \$2,625
- India Tour Mar 21 – \$5,395.

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!

Deluxe Thailand Tour

12 Day Conducted Tour for only \$2,990
per person twin share



THIS OUTSTANDING PRICE includes:

- ★ Return Economy Class air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Bangkok with Thai International.
 - ★ Three nights in Bangkok, staying at the 5 star Grande Centre Point Ploenchit Hotel in a Deluxe Room. The hotel is situated in one of the nicest parts of Bangkok, with world class shopping malls nearby.
 - ★ Seven nights at the wonderful Centara Grand Beach Resort in Hua Hin (formerly the Sofitel Hua Hin). This historic 5 star beachfront hotel was the first resort hotel in Thailand, and is right next to Hua Hin's main shopping area.
 - ★ Most meals, as per the itinerary.
 - ★ A full program of included day tours.
 - ★ All transport and transfers within Thailand. Hotel portorage and prepaid gratuities to the guide, driver and bus boy.
 - ★ Services of an experienced Thai 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 is an extra charge of \$960. This is a small group tour with a maximum of 22 passengers.

**Tour departs Australia 17th October and returns
28th October 2018**

Balkans and the Dalmatian Coast

3 Week Conducted Tour for \$7,195 per person twin share



THIS GREAT PRICE includes:

- ★ Economy class air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Perth into Zagreb, Croatia and out of Athens, Greece with Qatar Airways.
- ★ A 17 day tour of Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia Herzegovina, Serbia, Macedonia and Greece.
- ★ 2 nights in Athens with an included visit to the incredible Acropolis.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 – 4 star.
- ★ Most meals, all entrance fees, transfers and transport. Services of local tour guides and if there are 15 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

For a single room there is an extra charge of \$1290. This is a special group tour with numbers limited to approximately 22 passengers.

**Tour departs Australia 8th October and returns
28th October 2018**

Vietnam Explorer Tour

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

AN INCREDIBLY LOW PRICE which includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane 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.
- ★ Breakfast daily plus three lunches and two dinners.
- ★ All transfers between the airports and hotels and city tours in Saigon and Hanoi.
- ★ A full day boat cruise of amazing Halong Bay, one of Vietnam's spectacular World Heritage sites.
- ★ 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 \$755. There is an optional 3 day extension to Angkor Wat available for an additional \$995 per person twin share and \$1165 single room.

**Tour departs Australia on 17th October and returns
31st October 2018**

19 Day New Zealand Rail, Cruise and Coach Tour

for \$6,760 per person twin share

THIS EXTENSIVE TOUR of New Zealand includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney into Auckland and out of Christchurch with Air New Zealand. Flights out of Melbourne and Brisbane are also available.
- ★ A wonderful 19 day tour of New Zealand, touring both the North & South Islands.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 4 star, with 6 two night stays.
- ★ Luxury coach travel & hotel portorage.
- ★ 18 cooked breakfasts and 14 sumptuous dinners, 1 picnic lunch and 2 delicious morning teas.
- ★ A 400 page New Zealand Eyewitness Travel Guide (1 per couple).
- ★ Four breathtaking rail journeys, including Glenbrook Vintage Railway, Coastal Pacific Rail Journey, TanzAlpine and Silver Fern Seaside Rail Journey.
- ★ Milford Sound overnight cruise.
- ★ Professional services of a 'Coach Captain' and tour guide.



For a single room there will be an extra charge of \$2,090.
**Tour departs Australia 5th February and returns
23rd February 2019**

Cambodia In Depth

15 Day Conducted Tour for \$3,535 per person twin share

A **WONDERFUL TOUR**, which goes off the usual tourist track and includes:

- ★ Return Economy Class airfares from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne into Phnom Penh, Cambodia with Singapore Airlines and Silk Air.
- ★ A 14 day overland tour of Cambodia by coach and train. Highlights of the tour include 3 nights in the lively capital Phnom Penh, 3 nights in Siem Reap including the incredible Temples of Angkor, Tonle Sap Lake, an Irawaddy Dolphin Cruise, the spectacular Preah Vihear Temple, the charming town of Battambang, a train ride on Cambodia's only train route and a 2 night stay in the seaside town of Kep.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 4 star in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap and mainly 3 star or the best available in the more isolated areas.
- ★ Nearly all meals, with many eating establishments supporting a good cause.
- ★ Cambodian tour guides, and if there are 12 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.
- ★ Entrance fees, transport and prepaid gratuities.



For a single room there is an extra charge of \$680. This tour is designed mainly for the adventurous and those that appreciate authentic destinations, untouched by mass tourism. This is a small group tour with a maximum of 22 tour participants.

Tour departs Australia 22nd January and returns 5th February 2019

Japan Autumn Leaves Tour

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

WONDERFUL VALUE for an expensive destination such as Japan. The price includes:

- ★ Air fares with Cathay Pacific Airways from Sydney and Melbourne into Tokyo and out of Osaka.
- ★ 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 12 day tour of Japan during the spectacular autumn leaves period.
- ★ A Geisha/Maiko Dance performance and a Japanese Tea Ceremony.
- ★ 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.

The tour departs Australia on the 11th November and returns 23rd November 2018

Egypt – Land of the Pharaohs

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



FANTASTIC VALUE for this tour, which 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 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 \$1395.

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

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

Vietnam Golf Tour

12 Day Conducted Tour, only \$4,465 per person twin share

A **GREAT TOUR** including all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines plus two flights within Vietnam.
- ★ An 11 day coach and air tour of Vietnam from South to North, visiting Saigon, Mekong Delta, Danang, Hoi An and Hanoi.
- ★ 5 rounds of golf at some of Vietnam's top golf courses, including Long Thanh Golf Course near Saigon, the Greg Norman designed Danang Golf Resort, the famous Montgomerie Links in Danang, the natural beauty of Sky Lake Golf Club and King's Island Golf Club near Hanoi, uniquely accessible by speed boat.
- ★ Excellent accommodation, mainly 5 star.
- ★ Many meals and all transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the tour guide and drivers.
- ★ Service of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more participants an Australian tour escort.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1185.



Tour departs Australia 11th February and returns 22nd February 2019

Spain, Portugal and Morocco

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

AN INCREDIBLE PRICE which 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

Inside Vietnam Tour

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



FANTASTIC VALUE for a conducted tour to Vietnam with no single supplement. The 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 and an overnight cruise on Halong Bay.
 - ★ Quality accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star.
 - ★ Many meals and all transport & transfers.
 - ★ 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.

Tours depart Australia 13th August 2018, 15th November 2018 and 25th February 2018

Europe in Depth

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

PRICE INCLUDES airport taxes & levies and is outstanding value for a 33 day tour visiting 11 countries with in Europe in quality hotel accommodation. It 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.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 4 star.
- ★ Many meals, entrance fees and pre-paid gratuities.
- ★ All transfers and transport, including the high speed Eurostar Train from London to Brussels and the high speed TGV train from Bordeaux to Paris.
- ★ Services of English speaking tour guides, and if there are 14 or more passengers 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

Thailand and Chiang Mai Floral Festival

Two week conducted tour for only \$3,490 per person twin share

A WONDERFUL TOUR including:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Bangkok return with Thai Airlines plus a flight within Thailand.
- ★ Four days in Chiang Mai for the spectacular floral festival.
- ★ Two days touring the River Kwai area, staying overnight on the floating jungle rafts hotel on the river.
- ★ A four-day coach tour of Northern Thailand.
- ★ A two-night stay at a beautiful resort hotel in Cha'Am, staying in Deluxe Ocean View Rooms.
- ★ Quality hotel accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4½ star.
- ★ Full breakfast daily, plus many other meals.
- ★ Visits to the Queen Mother's Extensive Gardens, The Royal Park Rajapruek, Chiang Mai's botanical gardens, a horticultural research rose garden, the colourful Bangkok Flower Market, Museum of Floral Culture and one of Thailand's biggest export orchid nurseries.
- ★ Entrance fees, transport and prepaid gratuities.
- ★ Services of an experienced Thai tour guide and if there are 12 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



For persons requiring a single room, there is an extra charge of \$755.

Tour departs Australia 28th January and returns 11th February 2019

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