

TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers
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CENTRAL EUROPE — FEATURING THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

The Oberammergau Passion Play dates back to the year 1633, when the residents of the small town of Oberammergau vowed that if God spared them from the bubonic plague ravaging the region, they would produce a play thereafter for all time, depicting the life and death of Jesus.

After their vow, the adult death rate slowly subsided and the villagers believed they had been spared and thus kept their part of the vow.

The Passion Play was first performed in 1634 and is now performed every ten years by the residents of Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany. The world-famous play portrays the Passion of Christ from his entry into Jerusalem to the Resurrection. It typically consists of 2,000 actors, singers, musicians and technicians, all of which are residents of Oberammergau.

Join Macleay Valley Travel on a fascinating tour of Central Europe, primarily through the for-



mer Habsburg Empire. Enjoy guided sightseeing of the must-see sights and also a leisurely Danube cruise along the most scenic section of the river.

This 15-day tour departing Australia on the 7th August 2020 visits Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary and Austria. The price of \$7,985 per person twin share includes:

- ★ Return Economy Class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane with Singapore Airlines to Munich.
- ★ A 12 day tour of Central Europe, featuring two nights in Munich, Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Oberammergau.
- ★ A stopover in Singapore with tours. Very good accommodation, mainly 4 to 4½ star.
- ★ Many meals and all transport and transfers.
- ★ 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.

Unfortunately single rooms are no longer available for this departure. Contact Macleay Valley Travel for the full itinerary.

China's Spectacular Ice Festival

The Harbin Ice Festival takes place every winter in north east China, and is the largest ice and snow festival in the world. On the next page are details of our 11 day small group tour departing in January. ♦

It's Not Too Late!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Baltics, Russia & Scandinavia: 3 week tour departing August 14 – \$5,995

Cape Town to Victoria Falls Safari: 26 day tour departing August 15 – \$7,985 (3 seats)

Sri Lanka: 16 day tour departing September 2 – \$4,645

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

China Tour with Spectacular Yangtze Cruise: 15 day tour departing September 3 – \$3,695

Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure: 24 day tour departing September 4 – \$4,825

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

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

Incredible Iceland: 16 day tour departing September 7 – \$9,565

East Africa: 16 day tour departing October 3 – \$9,965 (4 seats)

Vietnam Luxury Tour: 20 day tour departing October 7 – \$4,999

Essence of South America: 22 day tour departing October 7 – \$11,955

China Highlights with no single supplement: 12 day tour departing October 20 – \$3,895

New Zealand Garden Lovers: 2 week tour departing October 29 – \$5,495

Costa Rica, Panama & Guatemala: 24 day tour departing October 30 – \$8,675

Around Taiwan with no single supplement: 9 day tour departing November 5 – \$3,475 ♦

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

Inside Vietnam with no single supplement 13 Feb – \$3,985; Thailand at Leisure 19 Feb – \$2,975; Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure 4 March – \$4,825; Thailand & Chiang Mai Floral Festival 3 Feb; Japan Cherry Blossoms 19 March; Spain, Portugal & Morocco March.

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!

China and the Harbin Ice Festival

**11 day Conducted Tour for \$3,895
per person twin share**

A GREAT PRICE during the school holiday period which includes:

- ★ Airfares from Sydney and Melbourne into Dalian and out of Harbin with China Eastern Airlines.
- ★ 10 days in China during winter, mainly visiting the north east of the country, including Dalian, Shenyang, Changchun and a three night stay in Harbin, visiting the spectacular Ice Festival.
- ★ A stay in Shanghai on the way over.
- ★ A Maglev bullet train ride, a wonderful acrobatic show and a visit to the Siberian Tiger Park.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly four star hotels with private facilities.
- ★ All transfers, most meals and entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities, local guides, a national guide and an Australian tour escort.



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

The Harbin Ice Festival takes place every winter and is the largest ice and snow festival in the world, attracting both international and domestic visitors alike. The festival includes the world's biggest ice sculptures.

This will be a small group tour, with a maximum of 22 passengers.

**Tour departs Australia 6th January and returns
16th January 2020**

Britain Tour with Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle



**18 Day Conducted Tour for \$5,995
per person twin share**

THIS WONDERFUL PRICE includes:

- ★ Return Economy Class airfares to London with Thai International from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.
- ★ A 2 week tour of England, Scotland and Wales, including inside visits to Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and the Royal Yacht Britannia.
- ★ Stopovers in Thailand in both directions.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3-4 star. Many meals, transport and entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers. Services of experienced tour guides and if there are 12 or more Macleay Valley Travel 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 \$1225.

**Tour departs Australia 13th September
and returns 30th September 2019**

Vietnam Overland Tet Tour

**3 Week Conducted Tour for only \$4,165
per person twin share**



INCREDIBLE PRICE to Vietnam during the colourful & exciting "Tet" (Vietnamese New Year) includes:

- ★ Return airfares 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 and includes the hill tribe area of Sapa.
- ★ All transport, most meals and entrance fees.
- ★ An overnight cruise on Halong Bay.
- ★ Quality 3 to 4 star accommodation.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the guide, driver and bus boy. Services of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1285. There is an optional 4 day extension to Angkor Wat for \$995 per person twin share or \$1,190 for a single room.

**Tour departs Australia 23rd January and returns
13th February 2020**

Singapore Tour For Gardening Enthusiasts

**8 Day Conducted tour for only \$2,995
per person twin share**



A GREAT PRICE, which includes:

- ★ Return airfares to Singapore from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane with Singapore Airlines.
- ★ Very good accommodation, staying at the 4 star Oasia Hotel Downtown.
- ★ Full buffet breakfast daily, plus some other meals.
- ★ Entrance fees to the Gardens by the Bay with Garden Rhapsody Light Show, Singapore city tour with Bumboat cruise, Chinese & Japanese Gardens, Jurong Bird Park, Singapore Zoo, Hort Park, Sentosa Island and the Lee Kong Natural History Museum.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities, local guide and Australian tour escort.

For anyone requiring a single room there would be an extra \$595.

**Tour departs Australia 24th October and returns
31st October 2019**

Thailand Mountains & Beaches Tour

15 Day Conducted Tour for only \$3,690
per person twin share



THIS TOUR is outstanding value as it includes:

- ★ Economy Class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Bangkok and out of Phuket with Thai International, plus a flight within Thailand.
- ★ 3 nights in Bangkok, 1 night in Phitsanalook, 1 night in Lampang, 2 nights in Chiang Rai, 3 nights in Chiang Mai and 3 nights in Phuket.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star in centrally located hotels.
- ★ Many meals, entrance fees and all transport.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the guide, driver and bus boy
- ★ Services of an experienced Thai tour guide and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

This tour visits the most interesting places in this fascinating country. Most people will appreciate longer stays in each destination. With this tour we guarantee twin share accommodation for anyone who wants this.

For persons requiring a single room, there is an extra charge of \$785.

Tour departs Australia 20th November and returns 4th December 2019

Vietnam Explorer Tour

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



INCREDIBLE PRICE includes all this:

- ★ Return airfares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines, plus two flights within Vietnam.
- ★ Three nights in bustling Saigon, three nights in historic Hoi An, four nights in beautiful Hanoi, the "Paris of the East", two nights in the hill tribe village of Sapa and one night in Halong Bay.
- ★ Good three to four star accommodation.
- ★ Breakfast daily plus five lunches and three dinners.
- ★ All transfers, city tours and 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 \$755.

There is also an optional 3 day extension to Angkor Wat available.

Two Tours departing Australia on 16th October 2019 and 10th March 2020

North Korea Tour

2 Week Conducted Tour for \$5,275 per person twin share



AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY to visit mysterious Communist North Korea. The price includes:

- ★ Return economy class airfares with Qantas from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Beijing, China.
- ★ Five 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.
- ★ All 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, and entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Visa fee for entrance into North Korea (visa for China not included).
- ★ Services of local tour guides and an Australian Tour Escort.

This tour is not recommended for a novice traveller. It is aimed at experienced travellers wishing to see a seldom visited destination. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1190.

Tour departs Australia 18th September and returns 1st October 2019

Japan Autumn Leaves Tour

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

THIS AMAZING PRICE for a tour of Japan includes:

- ★ Airfares 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 13th November and returns 25th November 2019



Southern India Tour

**15 Day Conducted Tour for only \$3,995
per person twin share**

AN EXCELLENT PRICE covering all of the following:

- ★ Airfares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Chennai and out of Cochin with Singapore Airlines and Silk Air.
- ★ An extensive two week overland tour of Southern India including Pondicherry, Chettinad, Periyar and much more.
- ★ The tour visits several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, a wildlife sanctuary, a tea and spice plantation and an overnight cruise on the Backwaters of Allepey in a houseboat.
- ★ Good accommodation, many meals, entrance fees and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities for the guide and drivers.
- ★ Services of Indian tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

If you require a single room is an extra charge of \$1,180.



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

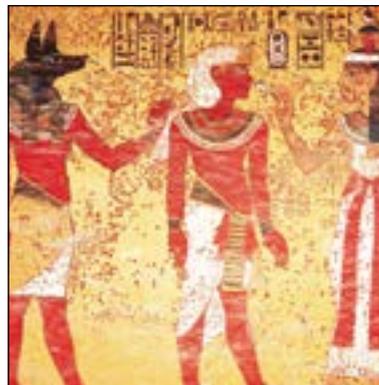
**Tour departs Australia 19th February and returns
4th March 2020**

Egypt – Land of the Pharaohs

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

FANTASTIC PRICE, which includes:

- ★ Return airfares 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.
 - ★ A 3 night stopover in Dubai with tours.
 - ★ Transport, many meals and entrance fees.
 - ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
 - ★ Services of Egyptian tour guides and an Australian tour escort.
- If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1560.

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

**Tour departs Australia 16th February and returns
6th March 2020**

Inside Vietnam Tour

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

FANTASTIC VALUE for a tour to Vietnam with no single supplement. The price includes:

- ★ Return airfares 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 entrance fees, transport and most meals.
 - ★ An overnight cruise on Halong Bay.
 - ★ Services of a Vietnamese tour guide and 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.

**Tour departs Australia 14th November and returns 3rd
December 2019**

India Tour

**19 Day Conducted Tour for only \$5,485
per person twin share**

THIS GREAT PRICE includes:

- ★ Airfares 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, entrance fees, and transport.
 - ★ Prepaid gratuities for the guide and drivers.
 - ★ Services of Indian tour guides and an Australian tour escort.
- If you require a single room, there is an extra charge of \$1790.

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

**Tour departs Australia 14th November and returns
3rd December 2019**

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