

TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers from Macleay Valley Travel

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Wonderful Value European Tour!

A 30-day tour to Europe and Vietnam for only \$6,485 per person twin share!

A bit different from most European tours as besides visiting the usual European destination of Holland, Italy and France you also go to East Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria and Slovenia.

Another good feature is that in most places there are two-night stopovers, so the pace is not as hectic as in most pan European tours and includes:

★ Air fares with Singapore Airlines from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Singapore,

Saigon and London return.

- ★ Seven-day tour of South Vietnam.
- ★ 19-day European tour visiting Holland, East Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Slovenia, Italy & France.
- ★ One-night stopovers in Singapore & London.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three and a half to four-star.



- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Services of tour guides in Vietnam and Europe, with an Australian tour leader if there are 12 or more participants.

For a single room, there is an extra charge of \$1,575.

Departs Oct. 10, back Nov. 8, 2011

A Different China Tour

We have a new China tour that should be of interest to clients who have already done the standard China tour to Beijing, Shanghai and Xian.

This tour visits the southern province of Yunnan, probably the most scenically beautiful part of China, mysterious and fascinating Lhasa (Tibet) and Chengdu with its famous Panda Research Station. This wonderful 16-day tour costs only \$3,895 per person twin share. (See page 2)

STOP PRESS: We are in the process of completing arrangements for the following tours: Greece & The Greek Islands, 3-week tour departing Oct. 3 – \$5,390; Spain, Portugal, Morocco, 3-weeks departing Nov. 2 – \$5,595; Israel, 17-days departing Nov. 17 – \$4,990; New Zealand, 17-days, departs Nov. 20 – \$3,979; Laos, Cambodia, Golden Triangle departs early November.

NOTE: Our prices now include all airport taxes and levies payable with air tickets, as now required by law. As these taxes and levies can vary and are beyond our control, the final payment may vary slightly. (MVT is now on Facebook!)

It's Not Too Late!

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

Thailand at Leisure: Two-week tours departing May 11, July 20, Sept. 7 – \$2,065.

Around Thailand: Two-week tours departing May 11, July 20, Sept. 7 – \$2,550.

Burma: Two-week tours departing May 11, July 20, Sept. 7 – \$3,385.

Laos & North Thailand: Two-week tours departing May 11, July 20, Sept. 7 – \$3,195.

Thailand and Angkor Wat: Two-week tours departing May 11, July 20, Sept. 7 – \$2,875.

China Wonder Tour: The first five tours are full, but there are some seats available on the May 29 and Sept. 10 departures — Two-week tours for \$2,990.

Russia: 20-day tours departing May 18 and Aug. 31 are full, but seats are available on the new Aug. 24 departure – \$5,955.

China Yangtze Cruise and Tibet: 18-day tour departing May 29 – \$4,885.

Uzbekistan: The two-week tour departing June 5 is full, but there are places available on the new departure on Sept. 4 – \$3,995.

Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure Tour: 24-day tour departing June 2 is full, but is a new departure available on Sept. 1 – \$3,975.

Baltics, Russia & Scandinavia: The 20-day tour departing May 25 is full, but there is availability on the new tour departing Aug. 24 – \$5,490.

Scandinavia with Thailand Stopover: 19-day tour departing May 15 – \$5,575.

Vietnam Explorer: 15-day tours departing May 4, July 27, Oct. 12 – \$2,525.

Poland with Helsinki, Hong Kong & Thailand 20-day tour departing June 8 – \$5,585.

Thailand Luxury Tour to Bangkok & Cha'Am: 12-day tour departing June 15 – \$2,585. There will also be another longer tour departing mid-October.

Scandinavia & The Arctic Circle: 19-day tour departing August 13 – \$5,985.

China with Yangtze Cruise & Panda Research Station: Two-week tour departing Aug. 14 – \$3,885.

Southern Germany & Austria: Three-week tour departing August 24 – \$6,795.

Vietnam Discovery: Three-week tour departing Sept. 7 – \$3,885

TWIN SHARING: All our tour prices are quoted per person twin share. If you don't have someone to twin share with, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will do our best to match you up with someone else in the same situation, but this is not guaranteed.

Yunnan & Tibet

16-day Conducted Tour for only \$3,895
per person twin share



This fabulous tour is incredible value for the price and covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane with Thai International into Kunming and out of Chengdu, plus three flights within China.
- ★ A 13-day China tour including four days in Lhasa, Tibet. Yunnan Province is home for most of China's fascinating hill tribe people. In Chengdu you will visit the wonderful Giant Panda Research & Breeding Centre.
- ★ Good quality mainly four-star accommodation with private facilities throughout.
- ★ All meals.
- ★ A two-night stopover in Thailand.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Services of local tour guides in China and Thailand, and if there are 14 or more passengers, there will be an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there is an additional cost of \$535.

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

Departs September 9 and returns September 24, 2011

South Africa

23-day Conducted Tour for \$5,785 per person twin share



Comprehensive tour of this fascinating country, including:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Capetown and out of Johannesburg with Malaysian Airlines.
- ★ A 19-day tour of South Africa from Capetown to Johannesburg.
- ★ Game viewing in Kruger National park, Hluhluwe Game Reserve, St Lucia Wetlands, Cango Wildlife Ranch, Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary and Nado Elephant Park.
- ★ A two-day Kuala Lumpur stopover.
- ★ Local African and Malaysian tour guides and if there are 15 or more passengers, there will be an Australian tour leader.
- ★ Some meals.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to 3.5-star.
- ★ All applicable entry fees and national park fees.
- ★ All transport.

For anyone requiring a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$775.

Departs September 1 and returns September 23, 2011

Route 66 Across America

20-Day Conducted Tour for \$5,385
per person twin share



Superb value for a tour of this magnitude, as all of the following are included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Los Angeles with Air New Zealand, plus a flight from Los Angeles to Chicago with American Airlines.
- ★ A wonderful 16-day coach tour across the USA from east to west on the famous Route 66 visiting all the most interesting places in this extraordinary country.
- ★ A one-day stopover in Auckland, New Zealand.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Eight breakfasts and one lunch.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of American tour guide and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour leader.
- ★ This is a special tour coinciding with the annual Route 66 Festival in Springfield Illinois and the spectacular Albuquerque Balloon Festival.

For a single room, there would be an extra cost of \$1,235.

**Departs Australia September 20 and returns
October 9, 2011**

Vietnam Luxury Tour

19-day Conducted Tour for \$4,185
per person twin share

This price is incredible value for a luxury tour, as it covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines and also two flights with Vietnam Airlines.
- ★ Luxury five-star accommodation or the best available, with nothing under four-star.
- ★ Most meals, many at top restaurants.
- ★ An 18-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, waiters, etc.
- ★ Service of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there is an extra charge of \$1,475.

It is planned to restrict this tour go a maximum of 20 people.

**Tour departs Australia October 17 and
returns November 5, 2011**



Phuket & Lanta Island, Thailand

Two-week Conducted Tour featuring for \$1,999 per person twin share

Incredible value in this tour to Thailand when you consider how much you get for this great price:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Phuket return with Thai International and a flight from Krabi to Bangkok with Thai Domestic.
- ★ Seven nights' accommodation at the Patong Lodge Hotel, Phuket, a three-star hotel close to the beachfront and within walking distance of the vibrant Patong Beach shopping and entertainment area.
- ★ Three nights' accommodation at the Royal Lanta Resort on Koh Lanta. This is a lovely three and a half-star beachfront resort hotel on beautiful and peaceful Lanta Island.
- ★ Two nights' accommodation at the three-star Manhattan Hotel, situated in the middle of the Sukhumvit shopping and entertainment area in Bangkok. A great chance for shopping in the best shopping city in the world.
- ★ One night at the three-star Cabana Resort Hotel on Phi Phi Island.
- ★ All transport and transfers within Thailand.
- ★ Full breakfast daily plus one lunch and one dinner.
- ★ Services of an experienced local Thai tour guide, and if there are 14 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional cost of \$390.

Tour departs Australia August 10 and returns August 24, 2011



Laos, North Vietnam & The Golden Triangle

24-Day Conducted Adventure Tour for only \$3,890 per person twin share

A Wonderful "off the beaten track" adventure tour visiting the rarely visited hill-tribe areas of North East Laos and North-West Vietnam including:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane with Thai International into Chiang Mai and out of Hanoi.
- ★ A five-day tour of the Golden Triangle area.
- ★ A nine-day coach and boat tour of Laos, including two days cruising the mighty Mekong River, two days in the wonderful World Heritage town of Luang Prabang and five days touring the wild country of North-East Laos before crossing into Vietnam.
- ★ A nine-day tour of North Vietnam, visiting the Dien Bien Phu battlefield area, the Sapa hill tribe, Hanoi and a cruise on World Heritage Halong Bay.
- ★ Three to four-star accommodation, or the best available in the isolated areas.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ All entrance fees.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and, if there are 12 or more participants, an Australian tour leader.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional cost of \$795. **PLEASE NOTE:** Some of the roads travelled are fairly rough, so if you don't think you can handle this, don't go on this tour. However, the scenery is quite spectacular. As this is an Adventure Tour, it will be a small group with a maximum of 22 passengers.

Departs August 17 and returns September 9, 2011

Vietnam Overland

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



This must be the best value tour of Vietnam as the price covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and 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 entrance fees.
- ★ Services of a Vietnamese tour guide and an Australian tour leader.
- ★ All transport and transfers in Vietnam.
- ★ An overnight cruise of Halong Bay in an historic junk.
- ★ Quality three to four-star accommodation.
- ★ Many meals, as stated in the itinerary.

For a single room there is an extra charge of \$795.

Tours depart May 18, August 10 & November 9, 2011

USA West Coast, USA and Canada East Coast Autumn Leaves

One Month Conducted Tour for only \$6,685 per person twin share

Here is excellent value for a tour of this magnitude as all of the following are included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Los Angeles return with V Australia, plus a flight from San Francisco to New York and from New York to Los Angeles.
- ★ A 13-day tour of Western USA from Los Angeles to San Francisco.
- ★ A 15-day tour of North East USA and Canada during the spectacularly colourful autumn leaves time.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of American tour directors, and if there are 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there is an additional cost of \$1,955. With this tour we guarantee twin share accommodation for anyone who wants it.



Tour departs on September 19 and returns October 18, 2011

Southern Italy & Sicily

**20-Day Conducted Tour for \$4,995
per person twin share.**



Great value for this destination as all of the following are included:

- ★ Return air fares with Cathay Pacific from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Rome.
- ★ A 16-day tour of Southern Italy and Sicily, including Sorrento, the Isle of Capri and the Amalfi coast.
- ★ An overnight boat trip from Palermo to Naples.
- ★ A three-day Hong Kong stopover.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to 3.5-star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of Hong Kong and Italian tour guides and, if there are 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

For persons requiring a single room, there is an extra charge of \$980.

**Departs Australia October 4 and returns
October 23, 2011**

Balkans and The Dalmatian Coast

**19-Day Conducted Tour for only \$6,485
per person twin share**

Here is great value for this area, as all the following are included:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Istanbul with Singapore Airlines plus a flight with Turkish Airlines from Istanbul to Zagreb.
- ★ A 16-day first class tour of Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia Herzegovina, Serbia, Bulgaria and Turkey.
- ★ First class accommodation, mainly four-star.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ All entrance fees.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 14 or more tour participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

If you require a single room, there will be an extra cost of \$875.

This is a special small group tour just for Macleay Valley Travel clients with maximum number of 22 passengers.

**Tour departs Australia
September 27 and
returns October 14, 2011**



Eastern Turkey and Black Sea

**19-day Conducted Tour for only \$5,325 per person
twin share**

Wonderful value as this great price includes all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Istanbul with Malaysian Airlines, plus a flight within Turkey.
- ★ A fascinating 15-day tour of eastern Turkey, the Black Sea coast, the 'fertile crescent' where civilisation began, and views of Mt Ararat, of Noah's Ark fame.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Kuala Lumpur.
- ★ Excellent accommodation, mainly four to five-star and special class heritage hotels.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Services of Turkish and Malaysian tour guides, and if there are 12 or more tour participants, there will also be an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$775.

For anyone with an interest in history, Turkey is a fascinating place. Eastern Turkey is very much off the usual tourist track, but is quite beautiful with a wonderful history and culture.

**Tour departs Australia October
9 and returns October 27, 2011**



Turkey with Malaysian Stopover

**19-day Conducted
Tour for only \$4,580
per person twin share**

A truly great price for this tour as the price covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Istanbul with Malaysian Airlines.
- ★ A 15-day tour of fascinating, historical Turkey including a visit to Anzac Cove, Gallipoli and the amazing restoration of Ephesus.
- ★ A two-night stopover in Kuala Lumpur.
- ★ Service of tour guides, and if there are 12 or more tour participants, there will also be an Australian tour leader.
- ★ Entrance fees to most attractions.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Excellent accommodation, mainly four-star.
- ★ Many meals, as stated in the itinerary.

For a single room, there is an extra charge of \$657.

For anyone with an interest in history, Turkey is a fascinating country. Just to see the excavation of Ephesus would by itself make the whole trip worthwhile.

**Tour departs Australia October 23 and returns
November 10, 2011**



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