

# TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers from Macleay Valley Travel

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## Greece & The Greek Islands – in Their Summer

This wonderful tour allows you to see the great historical sites of Greece, 'the Cradle of Democracy', with a wonderful cruise to the scenically beautiful Greek Islands and the chance to visit Ephesus in Turkey, one of the greatest archaeological sites in the world.

The tour price of \$5,490 per person twin share is great value for a Greek tour in the peak early summer period, as all the following are included in the price:!

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Athens with Singapore Airlines.
- ★ A wonderful 17-day tour of Greece and the Greek Islands of Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete and Santorini.



- ★ Good quality accommodation with private facilities throughout, mainly three to three and a half-star.
- ★ A two-night stopover in Singapore.

- ★ Many meals, as per the itinerary.
- ★ All transport and transfers, including a four-day cruise on a modern ocean liner.
- ★ Services of Greek tour guides and, if there are 12 or more participants, an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there is an extra cost of \$1,255.

**Departs Australia May 29, returns June 18, 2012**

### It's Not Too Late!

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

**Vietnam Highlights:** 11-day tour departing Jan. 16 – \$2,785, only two seats available.

**Thailand & Chiang Mai Floral Festival:** Departure on January 27 is full, but there is availability on a second tour departing Jan. 29, two-week tour – \$2,695.

**Morocco & Tunisia:** 22-day tour departs Feb. 9 – \$5,475, only two seats left.

**Owner's Indulgence Tour to Thailand & South Vietnam:** 18-day luxury tour departing Feb. 24 – \$4,590.

**Malaysia & Borneo:** 16-day luxury tour departing Feb. 26 – \$4,435.

**Vietnam Explorer:** 15-day tours departing Feb. 29 & May 16 – \$2,525.

**Bali:** 11-day tour departing March 4 – \$1,675.

**West Turkey:** 19-day tour departing March 7 – \$4,875.

**Laos, Cambodia & Golden Triangle:** 18-day tour departing March 15 – \$3,750, only four seats left.

**Spain, Portugal & Morocco:** 20-day tour departs March 17 – \$4,640.

**Japan/Taiwan Cherry Blossom:** 15-day tour departing March 21 – \$5,845.

**European Waterways:** 20-day luxury tour and river cruise departing March 24 – \$8,585, only two seats left.

**America's Golden West:** 19-day tour departing March 26 – \$3,499, three seats only.

**China Wonder:** 15-day tours departing March 27 & May 14 – \$3,145.

**India:** 19-day tour departs March 29 – \$4,885.

**South America:** 28-day tour departing April 1 – \$10,290.

**Java & Bali:** 16-day tour departing April 2 – \$2,745.

**Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure:** 24-day tour departing May 3 – \$3,995.

**Russian Waterways:** 21-day tour departing May 9 – \$5,850, 5 seats only.

**Across America:** 28-day tour departs May 22 – \$5,995, 4 seats left.

**China with Yangtze Cruise & Tibet:** 18-day tour departing May 30 – \$4,885.

### A GREAT VALUE CRUISE...

Twenty-four day fly, cruise and stay — Sydney to Hong Kong on board the luxurious Queen Mary 2 from only \$4,580 per person twin share, inside cabin, departing Sydney on March 7.

This price includes all of the following:

- ★ A 19-day cruise from Sydney to Hong Kong.
- ★ Three nights post cruise accommodation at the Marco Polo Hotel, Hong Kong.
- ★ One-way air fare from Hong Kong to Sydney with Virgin Atlantic.
- ★ All gourmet meals on board and world class entertainment.
- ★ All port charges and air taxes.

**STOP PRESS:** We are in the process of completing arrangements for the following tours: USA east coast and west coast departing June; 2-week tours to Thailand, Burma & Laos, three tours each with two departures late July-early Sept.; Scandinavia & Arctic Circle, mid August departure.

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

**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.

## China 'Avatar' Tour with Majestic Yangtze Cruise

**17-day Conducted Tour for \$3,975 per person twin share**

This is a wonderful tour combining a visit to the spectacular Zhangjiajie National Forest park strongly reminiscent of Pandora of Avatar fame, a 5-star cruise on the Yangtze River and a visit to the Chengdu Giant Panda research facility, including:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane with Singapore Airlines and Silk Air into Guangzhou (Canton) and out of Chengdu, plus a flight within China.
- ★ A one-night Singapore stopover.
- ★ A 15-day tour of China, including three days exploring the breathtakingly beautiful Zhangjiajie area and four nights cruising the Yangtze on the five-star America Victoria cruise ship with balconies for each cabin.
- ★ Good, mainly four-star, accommodation.
- ★ All meals when in China.
- ★ All entrance fees and transport.
- ★ Services of Chinese tour guides, and if there are 12 or more tour participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.



For a single room, there is an extra charge of \$820.

**Departs Australia on April 12 and returns April 28, 2012**

## Thailand & Chiang Mai Floral Festival

**Two week conducted Tour for only \$2,695 per person twin share**

**O**utstanding value tour, as all of the following are included:

- ★ 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 the Hua Hin area, the Royal beach resort on the Gulf of Siam.
- ★ Quality hotel accommodation, mainly three and a half to four and a half-star.
- ★ Full breakfast daily, plus many other meals as per itinerary.
- ★ Visits to an outstanding orchid nursery in Chiang Mai and the Bangkok flower market.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions and historical parks.
- ★ Wonderful bargain price shopping, including a tour to Chiang Mai's famous handicraft factories to see manufacture of lacquer ware, weaving of Thai silk, wood carving and furniture, silverware and jewellery manufacture.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Full time services of an experienced Thai guide and an Australian tour leader.

If you require a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$580.

**Tour departs Australia January 29 and returns February 12, 2012**

## Vietnam Overland

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



**T**his 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 if there are 12 or more passengers, there will be an Australian tour leader.
- ★ All transport and transfers in Vietnam.
- ★ A cruise on Halong Bay in an historic junk.
- ★ Quality three to four-star accommodation.
- ★ Many meals as stated in the itinerary.

There is an optional three-day extension to Angkor Wat for \$835 per person twin share or \$930 for a single room.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$795.

**Departs Australia January 20, March 14 and June 13**

## Baltics, Russia and Scandinavia

**20-day Conducted Tour for \$5,275 per person twin share**

**W**onderful comprehensive tour visiting Denmark, East Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Finland and Sweden. It is great value as all of the following are included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane with Thai International into Copenhagen and out of Stockholm.
- ★ A 16-day tour of northern Europe.
- ★ A three-day stopover in Thailand.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three and a half to four-star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Services of European and Thai guides, and if there are 14 or more tour members, there will be an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$945.



**Tour departs Australia May 23 and returns June 11, 2012**

## Western Canada, The Rockies & Alaskan Cruise

**25-day Conducted Tour for only \$6,385 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 Vancouver with Korean Air.
- ★ A wonderful eight-day Alaskan cruise of the Inside Passage in a great cruise ship, Holland America's MS Zuiderdam, in an inside cabin. An outside cabin would cost an additional \$367 per person twin share. A verandah cabin would cost an extra \$684 per person twin share.
- ★ A 12-day tour of Western Canada and the Rockies.
- ★ There will be a two-night stopover in Seoul on the way over and a one-night stopover on the way back.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ All meals while on the cruise.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Port charges and fees.
- ★ Services of Korean and Canadian tour guides, and if there are 14 or more tour participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.



For a single room, there will be an additional cost of \$1,975 for an inside cabin or \$2,427 for an outside cabin.

**Tour depart Australia August 25 and returns September 18, 2012**

## Vietnam Discovery



**Three Weeks Conducted Tour for only \$3,885 per person twin share**

Great value for a tour of Vietnam, with all the following included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines, plus two flights within Vietnam with Vietnam Airlines.
- ★ A 20-day coach, air and rail tour of Vietnam, including two days touring the hill tribe areas of Sapa and two days and a night cruising world heritage Halong Bay in a luxury junk.
- ★ All entrance fees.
- ★ Services of a Vietnamese tour guide, and if there are 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Excellent accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Most meals.

For a single room, there will be an additional cost of \$879.

**Note:** There is an optional 4 day extension to Angkor Wat available for an additional \$885 per person twin share and \$995 single room.

**Departs Australia April 2 and returns April 22, 2012**

## British Isles, Chelsea Flower Show

**27-Day Conducted Tour for only \$6,275 per person twin share**

For an expensive destination such as Britain, here is great value with all the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into London with Thai Airlines.
- ★ A three-week, in-depth tour of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- ★ Three days in London, including a full day at the wonderful Chelsea Flower Show.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Bangkok with day tours included.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of British and Thai tour guides and an Australian tour leader if there are 12 or more participants. A single room would be an extra cost of \$1,290.

**Optional Extension to France:** An eight-day tour of Paris and north-west France for an additional cost of \$1,285 per person twin share or \$1,665 single room.

**Floriade Extension:** Eight-day first class tour of Holland and Belgium. Every 10 years the World Horticultural Expo is held in the Netherlands at Verlo. At Floriade 2012 you will wander through gardens designed by famous landscape architects and creative artists, be inspired by impressive pavilions with striking ideas, innovations and enjoy a cultural program from all over the world for an additional cost of \$2,755 or \$3,575 single room

**Departs May 22 returns June 17. France only extension returns June 23. France & Floriade returns June 29, 2012**

## Grand Tour of France

**20-Day Conducted Tour for \$4,790 per person twin share.**

Great value for a tour of France in the peak early summer period, as all of the following are included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Paris return with Thai International.
- ★ A 14-day tour of all the main tourist areas of France, including three days in wonderful Paris.
- ★ A five-day stopover in Thailand.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transport and transfers.



- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Services of French and Thai tour guides, 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 \$890.

**Departs Australia June 7 and returns June 26, 2012**

## Poland with Helsinki, Hong Kong & Thailand

19-Day Conducted Tour for \$5,675  
per person twin share



This is good value for a tour of this nature because all of the following are included:

- ★ Air fares with Qantas and Finnair from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Warsaw return.
- ★ An 11-day tour of Poland in the peak late spring period visiting all the interesting places in this fascinating but seldom visited country.
- ★ Two days in Helsinki (Finland) with tours.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Hong Kong on the way over.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Bangkok on the way back.
- ★ Good three to four-star accommodation.
- ★ Many meals and all entrance fees.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 12 or more travellers, there will be an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there will be an extra cost of \$935.

**Tour departs Australia May 17 and returns  
June 4, 2012**

## Central Europe

18-Day Conducted Tour for only \$4,769  
per person twin share

Here is great value as all of the following are included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Frankfurt with Thai International.
- ★ A 15-day tour of Central Europe visiting Germany, Poland, Hungary and Austria, with two night stays in five cities.
- ★ A one-day stopover in Bangkok on the way over.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Many meals, as per the itinerary.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of European and Thai tour guides, and if there are 14 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there is an extra charge of \$885.

**Tour departs Australia June  
8 and returns  
June 25, 2012**



## Eastern Turkey and Black Sea

19-day Conducted Tour for \$5,520  
per person twin share

This is a great price for this tour as it includes all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Istanbul with Singapore 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 Mount Ararat of Noah's Ark fame.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Singapore.
- ★ Excellent accommodation in Turkey, mainly four to five-star, and special class heritage hotels.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Services of Turkish tour guides, and if there are 12 or more participants, an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there is an extra cost of \$810.

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

Note: There is an optional 15-day pre-tour extension of West Turkey departing March 7.

**Tour departs Australia March 21 and returns  
April 8, 2012**

## Mexico with Tokyo & Los Angeles Stopovers

20-day First Class Group Tour for only \$6,575  
per person twin share

Here is great value for this luxury tour with all the following included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Los Angeles return with Singapore Airlines, plus a flight from Los Angeles to Cancun return with Virgin America.
- ★ A 10-day first class tour of the fascinating Yucatan area of Mexico.
- ★ A two-night stopover in Los Angeles on the way over and a one-night stopover on the way back.
- ★ A three-day stopover in Tokyo with tours.
- ★ A one-night stopover in Singapore.
- ★ First class accommodation, mainly four to five-star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Services of Mexican, American and Japanese tour guides, 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 \$1,290.

**Tour departs Australia February 12 and returns  
March 2, 2012**



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