

TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers from Macleay Valley Travel

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Russia – A Fascinating Destination

Our tours to Russia are proving very popular as it is a scenically beautiful destination with many fascinating sights, but not easy to visit on your own.

This no doubt is part of the reason why our fully conducted tours are so popular, as we take all the hassle out of things for you.

Below are details of our 20-day conducted

tour departing May 18 and costing \$5,850 per person twin share. The main part of the tour is spent on a modern river boat cruising between St Petersburg and Moscow. All the accommodation is in outer cabins with large scenic windows.

Of course, included in the tour, is a visit to the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg, considered by many to be the best museum in the world.



Air travel is by Qantas and Finnair and quite relaxing with a stopover in Hong Kong on the way over and Helsinki and Hong Kong on the way back.

As these tours are so popular, we plan to repeat the tour in August.

Russian Waterways with Helsinki Stopover

A 20-day conducted tour for \$5,850 per person twin share including:

- ★ Air fares with Finnair and Qantas from Sydney into St Petersburg and out of Moscow.
- ★ An 11-day river cruise between St Petersburg and Moscow, including all port taxes.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Hong Kong on the way over.
- ★ A three-day stopover in Hong Kong on the way back.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Helsinki.
- ★ All accommodation, mainly three-star.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All entrance fees.
- ★ Services of local tour guides. There will be an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there will be an extra cost of \$1,145.

The tour departs Australia May 18 and returns June 6, 2011.

STOP PRESS: We are in the process of completing arrangements for the following tours: *Thailand & Angkor Wat*, 15 days departing May 11, July 20 and Sept. 7 – \$2,857; *Around Thailand*, 15 days departing May 11, July 20 and Sept. 7 – \$2,550; *Scandinavia*, 19-day tour departing May 15 – \$5,575; *Poland tour* departing early June.

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.

It's Not Too Late!

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

Thailand & Chiang Mai Floral Festival:

The 15-day tours departing Jan 26 and Jan 28 are both full, but at present there is availability on the third tour departing Jan. 31. — \$2,695.

Owner's Indulgence Luxury Tour: Thailand and Vietnam departing Feb. 21 – \$4,475 for this wonderful 18-day tour.

Vietnam Golfing: 19-day tour departing Feb. 23 – \$5,290.

Italy: 18-day tour departing Feb. 23 – \$4,995.

Spain, Portugal & Morocco: 22-day tour departing Feb. 23 – \$5,595.

Central Europe: 15-day tour departing Feb. 23 – \$4,585.

Malaysia & Borneo: 16-day luxury tour departing Feb. 27 – \$4,457.

West Turkey: 19-day tour departing March 6 – \$4,390.

Thailand Golfing: Two-week tour departing March 16 – \$3,975.

Eastern Turkey & Black Sea: 19-day tour departing March 19 – \$4,995.

Old Burma Road: 19-day tour departing March 23 – \$4,590.

North Africa – Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt: 26-day tour departing February 28 – \$6,585.

South America: 23-day tour departing March 14 – \$10,197.

Vietnam Explorer: The 15-day tour departing March 16 is full, but the May 4 departure is available – \$2,525.

China Wonder Tour: 15-day tour departing May 15 is full, but there is availability on the March 20 departure and the new departure on May 14 still has six seats available – \$2,990.

Thailand Off The Beaten Track: 16-day tour departing March 21 – \$2,895.

Greece and Greek Islands: Three week tour departing March 21 – \$5,585. There will be a second tour departing early October.

Japan & Taiwan Cherry Blossom Tour: 15 days, departing March 23 – \$5,985.

Europe & Ireland: 24-day tour departing March 24 – \$5,990.

Laos, Cambodia & Golden Triangle: 18-day tour departing March 30 – \$3,785.

India: 19-day tour departing March 30 – \$4,885.

Across Southern USA: 24-day tour departing April 7 – \$5,385.

Western Canada, Canadian Rockies with Alaska Cruise: 26-day tour departing May 6 – \$6,685.

British Isles & Chelsea Flower Show: Four-week tour departing May 23 – \$6,985.

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.

Trans-American Adventure

25-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 New York and out of Los Angeles with V Australia.
- ★ A wonderful 23-day coach tour right across the USA from east to west, visiting all the most interesting places in this extraordinary country.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of American tour guide, and if there are 14 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.



For anyone requiring a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$1,775. With this tour, we guarantee twin share accommodation for everyone who wants it.

Departs May 10 and returns June 2, 2011

Best of China with Yangtse Cruise & Tibet

18-day Conducted Tour for \$4,885 per person twin share



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

- ★ Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Beijing and out of Shanghai with Air China, plus four flights within China.
- ★ A four-day five-star cruise on the mighty Yangtse River.
- ★ Three days in Lhasa, Tibet's mysterious capital, plus a full day on the Lhasa express train.
- ★ Two days in Xian with a visit to the famous Terra Cotta Warriors.
- ★ Three days in Beijing and three days in Shanghai.
- ★ Good, mainly four-star, accommodation.
- ★ Nearly all meals.
- ★ All transfers and entrance fees.
- ★ Tips for guides and drivers (except on Yangtse cruise).
- ★ Chinese visa fee for Australian passport holders.
- ★ Chinese tour guides and if there are 14 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there would be an extra cost of \$890.

Departs Sydney and Melbourne May 29, returns to Melbourne June 14 and Sydney June 15, 2011

Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure Tour

24-day Conducted Tour for \$3,875 per person twin share

This wonderful tour goes off the usual tourist track and is great value as it includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Hanoi and out of Siem Reap with Singapore Airlines and a domestic flight within Asia.
- ★ An 18-day Vietnam tour by coach, air and train visiting the Sapa hill tribe area, the former demilitarised zone, the central tablelands and the Mekong Delta.
- ★ A four-day tour of Cambodia, visiting Phnom Penh and the wonderful world heritage Angkor Wat complex.
- ★ A one-day Singapore stopover.
- ★ Good three to four-star accommodation, or the best available in isolated areas.
- ★ All transport, including the boat on the Mekong River between Chau Doc in Vietnam and Phnom Penh.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Full breakfast daily plus most other meals.
- ★ Australian tour leader as well as Vietnamese and Cambodian tour guides.

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

This tour is designed mainly for clients who have already been to Vietnam and done the standard Saigon to Hanoi tour. Virtually everyone who has been to Vietnam loves this destination and would like to go back to see more of the country.

Tour departs Australia June 2 and returns June 25, 2011

Vietnam Highlights

12-Day Conducted Tour for only \$2,785 per person twin share



Here is great value for a tour to Vietnam during the peak school holiday period as the price includes all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines, plus two flights within Vietnam.
- ★ An 11-day coach and air tour of Vietnam, visiting most of the outstanding places in this beautiful country.
- ★ Service of an experienced Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more participants, there will also be an Australian tour leader.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Excellent accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Many meals, as stated in the itinerary.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional cost of \$455.

Tour departs Sydney April 13 and returns April 24, 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 beautiful country. It goes to several areas not often visited by tourists.
- ★ All entrance fees.
- ★ Services of an experienced Australian tour leader and local Vietnamese tour guide.
- ★ All transport and transfers in Vietnam.
- ★ Quality three to four-star accommodation.
- ★ Many meals, as stated in the itinerary.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$885.

Tours depart March 28 and May 18, 2011

Taiwan International Flora Expo with Hong Kong Extension

13-day Conducted Luxury Tour for \$3,385 per person twin share

Great value for this excellent tour, as the price includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney and Brisbane into Hong Kong via Taipei with China Airlines.
- ★ Nine-day tour around Taiwan, including a day at the spectacular International Flora Expo.
- ★ A three-day Hong Kong tour, including Macau, 'Asia's Las Vegas'.
- ★ Superb four to five-star accommodation.
- ★ Some meals.
- ★ All transfers and entrance fees.
- ★ Taiwanese and Hong Kong 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 \$1,125.

To fit in with China Airlines flights to Brisbane, travellers to Brisbane will need to have an extra day in Taipei and an extra day in Hong Kong. This will cost an extra \$190 per person twin share, or \$365 per person single room.

Tour departs Sydney March 19 and returns March 32; departs Brisbane March 18 and returns April 1, 2011

Galapagos Islands, the Amazon & Easter Island

19-day Conducted Tour for \$9,785 per person twin share

Here is excellent value for a tour visiting the most interesting but difficult to reach and expensive places in South America, includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne into Santiago de Chile with Lan Chile and Qantas, plus six flights within South America.
- ★ A five-day Galapagos Islands tour, four-day stay at Sacha Lodge in Ecuador's Amazon region, two days in Santiago and three days on mysterious Easter Island.
- ★ Good accommodation throughout, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Many meals, as per itinerary.
- ★ All entry fees, cruises and most national park fees.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ South American 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 \$1,565.

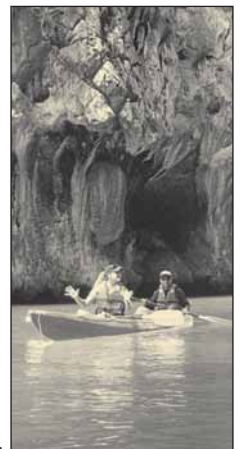
Tour departs May 27 and returns June 14, 2011

Thailand at Leisure

Two-Week Conducted Tour for \$2,065 per person twin share.

These tours to Thailand offer incredible value as they include:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Bangkok with Thai International, one of the world's best airlines.
- ★ Five nights' accommodation at the Manhattan Hotel, Bangkok, a three-star centrally located hotel in the popular Sukhumvit shopping and entertainment area.
- ★ Seven nights' accommodation at the Methavali Hotel in Chaám, the lovely resort town in the Gulf of Siam. Chaám is the favourite holiday resort for the Thai people and you have the chance to mix with the people. The hotel is a lovely three and a half-star beachfront resort hotel.
- ★ One night at the four-star Felix Resort Hotel, situated right beside the Bridge over the River Kwai, plus a tour to see the famous Tiger Temple where the monks handle and care for these wild animals.
- ★ Full breakfast daily, with a great choice of Western and Thai food, plus one lunch and two dinners.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Services of an experienced Australian tour leader and Thai tour guide.



If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$485.

Three tours in 2011 departing May 11, July 20 and September 7

Burma (Myanmar)

**Two-Week Conducted Tour for only \$3,385
per person twin share**

Wonderful price for a tour to exciting, mysterious Burma (Myanmar) which covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Rangoon with Thai International, one of the world's best airlines, and three domestic flights within Burma.
- ★ A 12-day tour of Burma by coach, plane and boat. Although this is one of the world's poorest countries, it is rich in culture with lovely, friendly people and magnificent scenery.
- ★ A two-night stopover in Bangkok.
- ★ Full breakfast daily in Bangkok and Rangoon with all meals supplied outside these two cities.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Service of Burmese and Thai tour guides and also an Australian tour leader for the flights between Sydney and Bangkok and the stay in Bangkok.



If you require a single room, there will be an additional cost of \$385.

**Three tours in 2011 departing May 11, July 20
and September 7**

Laos & North Thailand

**Two-Week Conducted Tour for \$3,195
per person twin share**

This tour represents incredible value as the low price covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Bangkok and a flight from Vientiane to Bangkok with Thai International plus a flight within Laos.
- ★ A four-day coach tour into North Thailand and the Golden Triangle.
- ★ A seven-day boat, coach and air tour of Laos, including two days cruising the mighty Mekong River, and three days in the wonderful world heritage town of Luang Prabang.
- ★ Two days in Bangkok, one of the most exciting cities in the world, with fabulous shopping, food and entertainment.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three-star.
- ★ Services of Thai and Laotian tour guides and there will also be an Australian tour leader for the flights and your stay in Bangkok.



If you require a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$425.

**Three of these tours during 2011, departing May 11,
July 20 and September 7**

Java & Bali with Singapore Stopover

**16-day Conducted Tour for \$2,490 per person
twin share**



Wonderful value for this tour with all of the following included:

- ★ Air fares with Singapore Airlines from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Jakarta and out of Denpasar, Bali.
- ★ A 10-day coach tour from Jakarta to Bali.
- ★ A four-day stay in the Kuta Beach area of Bali.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Singapore.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three and a half-star.
- ★ Breakfast daily in Indonesia.
- ★ All entrance fees.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ 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 charge of \$565.

Tour departs Australia April 3 and returns April 18, 2011

Korean Enchantment

**13-day Tour for only \$4,385
per person twin share**



This is great value as the price includes all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Seoul with Singapore Airlines.
- ★ A 10-day tour of South Korea.
- ★ A two-day Singapore stopover.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly four-star.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ All admission fees.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Services of a Korean tour guide and, if there are 12 or more bookings, there will be an Australian tour leader.

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

**Tour departs Australia April 6 and returns
April 18, 2011**

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