

# TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers from Macleay Valley Travel

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## Two Adventure Tours to South East Asia

In July and August, we have two “off the beaten track” tours to hill-tribe areas seldom visited by outsiders.

The first one, departing July 18, visits Yunnan, China’s southern most province and North Vietnam. A surprising feature of this tour is that in most of the places visited we have been able to arrange four to five-star luxury accommodation covering the areas of both China and Vietnam where the greatest

number of different hill tribes are located.

More details of this tour are below.

The second tour, departing August 4, visits the Golden Triangle, Laos and North Vietnam. The Laos section is particularly exciting, as you have two days cruising the mighty Mekong River, two days in world heritage Luang Prabang and five days touring the wild country of North-East Laos and the mysterious Plain of Jars before crossing into Vietnam.

Details of this tour are on page two.

### Luxury Adventure Tour to Yunnan (South China) and North Vietnam

18-day tour for only \$3,955 per person twin share includes:

- ★ Airfare with Thai International from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Kunming and out of Hanoi.
- ★ A seven-day tour of the southern section of China’s Yunnan Province near the Vietnamese border. This scenically beautiful area is home to the largest number of different hill tribes in all of China.
- ★ A nine-day tour of North Vietnam visiting their hill tribe areas around historic Dien Bien Phu and beautiful Sapa, etc. A visit and cruise on Halong Bay is also included.
- ★ A one-night stopover in Bangkok, staying in a lovely hotel in the middle of the fantastic Siam Square shopping and entertainment area.
- ★ Great accommodation, four to five-star, except for several isolated areas where the accommodation is the best available in these areas.
- ★ Almost all meals.
- ★ All transport, transfers and entrance fees.
- ★ Services of Chinese, Vietnamese and Thai tour guides and if there are 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

For anyone requiring a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$685.

This tour departs Australia July 17 and 18, returning August 4, 2010.

### It’s Not Too Late!

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

**Vietnam Explorer:** 15-day tour departing February 26 is full, but there is good availability on the tour departing June 20 and a new tour departing mid-October.

**Thailand Off the Beaten Track:** 16-day tour departing Feb. 24 – \$2,750, three seats only available.

**Spain, Portugal & Morocco:** Two tours in March are full, new tour departing October 11 has good availability – \$5,495 (6 seats only).

**China Wonder Tour:** March 20 tour is full but there are six seats on the second tour departing April 15 — 15-day tour for \$2,955.

**Japan & Taiwan Cherry Blossom Tour:** 15-day tour departing March 24 – \$6,190.

**Japan Cherry Blossom Tour:** Two-week tour departing March 25 – \$5,985.

**India:** 19-day tour departing March 31 – \$4,985.

**Korean Enchantment:** 13-day tour departing April 6 – \$4,445.

**Turkey with Anzac Day at Gallipoli:** 19-day tour departing April 13 – \$5,490.

**Western Canada & Alaska:** 23-day tour departing May 10 (inside cabins only) – \$6,045.

**Trans America Adventure:** The tour departing May 24 is full, another departs September 14. – 25-day tour for \$5,385.

**Old Burma Road, Yunnan & Eastern Tibet:** 19-day tour departing March 17 – \$4,670.

**Vietnam Overland:** Three-week tours departing April 1, May 6, July 29, August 26 – \$3,815.

**Java & Bali:** 16-day tour departing April 4 (Six seats only) – \$2,480.

**Greece & Greek Islands:** March 22 tour is full, a new tour departs October 4. – Three-week tour for \$5,420.

**Laos, Cambodia & Golden Triangle:** 18-day tour departing April 21 – \$3,785.

**Owner’s Indulgence Luxury Tour:** 18-day to Thailand and South Vietnam departing April 28. – \$4,365.

**Shanghai World Expo & Beijing Tour:** 10-day tour departing May 14 – \$2,490.

**Thailand at Leisure:** Two-week tours departing May 19, July 21, Sept. 8 – \$2,065.

**Laos & North Thailand:** Two-week tours departing May 19, July 21, Sept. 8 – \$2,985.

**Scandinavia:** 19-day tour departing May 23 – \$5,775.

**China’s Greatest Sights:** 19-day tour departing May 30 – \$5,855.

**Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure:** 24-day tour departing June 10 – 3,975.

**STOP PRESS:** We are in the process of completing details of the following tours: In September, there will be a four-week tour of South America. — China with Yangtze Cruise, 17 days, departing September 3 – \$4,485. — Route 66 across America, 19 days departing September 23 – \$4,885. — Cambodia & Vietnam Adventure, three weeks, departing October 10 – \$3,580. — Eastern Turkey and the Black Sea, 19 days, departs October 10 – \$4,985. — Jordan, Syria, Lebanon & Eastern Turkey, 20 days, departing October 14 – \$6,285. — West Turkey, 19 days, departs Oct. 24 – \$4,285.

**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.

**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.

## Laos, North Vietnam & Golden Triangle

**24-day Conducted Adventure Tour for \$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. Incredible value as all the following are included:

- ★ 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 N.E. Laos before crossing into Vietnam.
- ★ A nine-day tour of North Vietnam, visiting the Dien Bien Phu battlefield area, the Sapa hill tribe area, Hanoi and a cruise on world heritage Halong Bay.
- ★ Three to four-star accommodation, or best available in isolated areas.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Services of local tour guides, and there will be an Australian tour leader if there are 12 or more participants.



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

As this is an Adventure Tour, it will be a small group with a maximum of 22 passengers.

**Departs Australia August 4, returning August 27, 2010**

## South Africa

**20-day Conducted Tour for \$4,985 per person twin share**



This is a wonderful tour in a fascinating country which includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Johannesburg and out of Capetown with Malaysian Airlines.
- ★ A 16-day tour of South Africa from Johannesburg to Capetown.
- ★ Game viewing in Kruger National Park.
- ★ A two-day Kuala Lumpur stopover.
- ★ Local African tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ All applicable entry fees and national park fees.
- ★ All transport.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$990.

There is an optional three-day extension to Victoria Falls for an additional \$890 per person twin share or \$1,265 single room.

**Departs Australia September 2 and returns**

## Russian Waterways with Helsinki Stopover

**18-day Conducted Tour for \$5,850 per person twin share**



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

- ★ Air fares with Finnair and Cathay from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane 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 with tours.
- ★ All accommodation, mainly three star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transport, transfers and entrance fees.
- ★ Services of local 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 \$1,145.

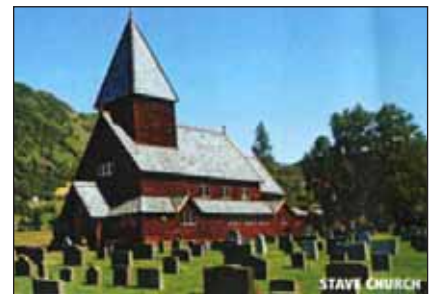
**Tour departs Australia September 1 and returns September 18, 2010**

## Scandinavia and The Arctic Circle

**Three-week Conducted Tour for only \$6,185 per person twin share**

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

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Helsinki, Finland with British Airways, Finnair and Qantas.
- ★ A 14-day tour of Finland, Lapland and the Arctic Circle, Norway and Sweden.
- ★ A three-night stopover in Hong Kong on the way home.
- ★ A two-day Bangkok stopover.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Service of tour guides in Scandinavia, Thailand and Hong Kong. If there are 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.



For persons requiring a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$1,030.

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the "Land of the Midnight Sun" in all the spectacular beauty of late Summer.

**Tour departs Australia August 14 and returns September 4, 2010**

## China's Silk Road and Shanghai World Expo

**18-day Conducted Tour for \$4,965  
per person twin share**

**T**he ancient Silk Road was China's link with Central Asia and Europe.

On this tour you will discover the mystery and excitement of this legendary route and experience the cultural contrast and diversification of the area. Two highlights are visiting the huge, famous Sunday Market in Kashgar and concluding the tour with a visit to Shanghai's wonderful World Expo.

All items below are included in the price:

- ★ Return air fares with China Southern from Sydney into Xian and out of Shanghai, plus four flights within China.
- ★ Two overnight train trips in first class soft sleeper quad share compartments.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly four to five-star hotels in central locations, or the best available in remote areas.
- ★ Nearly all meals.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ All entrance fees, including the World Expo.
- ★ Chinese tour guide, and if there are 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.
- ★ Chinese visa fee for Australian passport holders.



This will be a small group tour with a maximum number of 18. For a single room, there is an extra charge of \$735.

**Departs Sydney August 18 and returns  
September 4, 2010**

## Western Europe and Oberammergau

**23-day Conducted Tour for \$7,785  
per person twin share**



**A** good value tour when you consider what is included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into London with Malaysian Airlines.
- ★ A 17-day tour of Western Europe visiting Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and France.
- ★ Admission to the once-in-a-decade Oberammergau Passion Play, with first class seating.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ Three nights in London.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ★ Services of European and Malaysian tour guides and if there are 12 or more tour participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

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

**Tour departs Australia August 27 and  
returns September 18, 2010**

## Vietnam Discovery

**Three-week Conducted Tour for \$3,920  
per person twin share**



**H**ere is great value for a tour of Vietnam, as all the following are 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 three 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 travellers, 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 extra charge of \$875.

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 and see more of the country.

**Tour departs Australia August 31, 2010**

## Galapagos Islands, the Amazon, Easter Island, Tahiti

**21-day Conducted Tour for \$10,625  
per person twin share**

**E**xcellent value as this tour visits the most interesting, difficult to reach and expensive places in South America and 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 the Ecuador's Amazon region, two days in Santiago and three days on mysterious Easter Island.
- ★ A two-day stopover in beautiful Tahiti on the way home.
- ★ 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 will be an extra charge of \$1,493.

As this is a special tour, numbers will be limited to a maximum of 16 passengers.

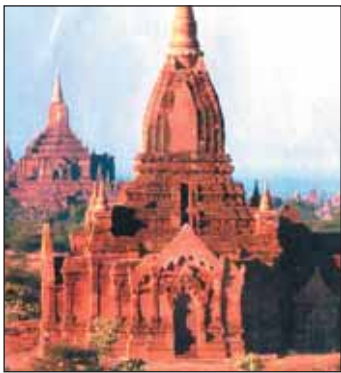
**Departs Australia May 28 and returns June 17, 2010**

## Burma (Myanmar)

**Two-week Conducted Tour for only \$2,995  
per person twin share**

**W**onderful 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 for the stay in Bangkok.



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

**Three tours in 2010 departing May 19, July 21  
and September 8**

## Around Thailand

**Two-week Conducted Tour for only \$2,585  
per person twin share**

**T**his tour represents incredible value as the low price includes all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Bangkok with Thai International, one of the world's great airlines.
  - ★ A 10-day coach tour into North Thailand and the Golden Triangle and south to the River Kwai.
  - ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
  - ★ Three nights in Bangkok, one of the most exciting cities in the world, with fabulous shopping, food and entertainment.
  - ★ One night at the Felix Resort Hotel situated right beside the Bridge on the River Kwai, plus a tour to see the famous Tiger Temple, where monks handle and care for these wild animals.
  - ★ Full breakfast daily, with many other meals.
  - ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
  - ★ Full time service of a professional Thai tour guide within Thailand and there will also be an Australian tour leader.
  - ★ All transport and transfers.
- For anyone requiring a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$485.



**Three tours for the year 2010, departing May 19, July 21  
and September 8**

## Thailand and Angkor Wat (Cambodia)

**Two-week Conducted Tour for \$3,090  
per person twin share**

**H**ere is a competitively priced tour which covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Bangkok with Thai International, and from Bangkok to Siem Reap with Bangkok Airways.
- ★ A three-day tour of awe-inspiring Angkor Wat, with all admission fees and accommodation in the three and a half-star Apsara Angkor Hotel.
- ★ Three nights accommodation at the Manhattan Hotel, Bangkok.
- ★ Seven nights accommodation at the Methavali Hotel, a three and a half-star beachfront resort hotel in Cha'am, one of the loveliest resort towns on the Gulf of Siam.
- ★ One night at the Felix Resort Hotel situated right beside the Bridge over the River Kwai, plus a tour to see the famous Tiger Temple, where monks handle and care for these wild animals.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Full breakfast daily, plus all meals in Cambodia.
- ★ Service of an experienced Australian tour leader as well as Thai and Cambodian tour guides.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$525.

**Three tours for 2010, departing May 19, July 21 and  
September 8**

## Phuket & Lanta Island in Thailand

**Two-weeks Conducted Tour for only \$2,265  
per person twin share**

**G**reat value for 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 at the three-star Manhattan Hotel in the middle of Sukhumvit shopping and entertainment area, Bangkok. A great chance for shopping in the best shopping city in the world.
  - ★ One night at the three and a half-star Cabana Resort Hotel, Phi Phi Island.
  - ★ All transport and transfers within Thailand.
  - ★ Full breakfast daily, plus one lunch and one dinner.
  - ★ Service of experienced local Thai tour guide and if there are 14 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.
- For a single room there will be an extra charge of \$430.

**Departs Australia August 11 and returns  
August 25, 2010**

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