

# TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers from Macleay Valley Travel

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## Five Wonderful New Tours!

On the following pages are details of the most exciting collection of new tours that we have ever had — four in to Europe during the peak summer period and one to Central Asia.

On May 25 a comprehensive tour to the Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia as well as Denmark, East Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland and Sweden.

Departing June 1, is a tour to France, the world's most popular tourist destination. It also includes a stopover at a luxury beach-front hotel in Cha'Am, Thailand.

Departing June 8, is a tour to Poland including stopovers in Helsinki (Finland), Hong Kong and Bangkok.

Departing August 24 is a tour to the most scenic, beautiful parts of Europe, southern

Germany and Austria, concentrating on the Black Forest, Bavaria and the Tyrol.

The tour to Uzbekistan in Central Asia departs June 5 and visits a remote part of the historic Great Silk Road and is a wonderful adventure tour done in relative comfort. There are stopovers in Korea in both directions.

### Uzbekistan (Central Asia) with Korean Stopovers

A two-week tour for \$3,975 per person twin share, including:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney to Tashkent via Seoul with Asiana Airlines, plus a flight within Uzbekistan.
- ★ Nine-day tour of historic Uzbekistan (a remote part of the historic Great Silk Road).
- ★ One night stopover in Seoul on the way over and a three-night stopover on the way back.
- ★ Good three to four-star accommodation.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ All admission fees, transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of Uzbek and Korean tour guides, and if there are 12 or more participants, an Australian tour leader.

Single room, an extra cost of \$635.

This wonderful tour really gets off the beaten track, visiting such wonderful historic places as Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva. For centuries these cities were trading posts along the Great Silk Road, their magnificent, opulent mosques and palaces presided over by fearsome Khans. The Chinese considered this to be the edge of the known world and even today few tourists make it this far.

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

### It's Not Too Late!

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

*Malaysia & Borneo:* 16-day luxury tour departing Feb 24 – \$4,457.

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

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

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

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

*Taiwan with Hong Kong extension:* 13-day luxury tour departing March 19 – \$3,385.

*China Wonder Tour:* Tours departing March 20, May 14 and 15 are full; there are six seats on May 22 departure and good availability on Sept. 11 departure – \$2,990.

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

*Greece & Greek Islands:* Three-week tour departing March 21 – \$5,585. Second tour departs Oct. 3.

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

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

*Vietnam Overland:* Only two seats on the three-week tour departing March 28, but good availability on May 18 and Aug. 10 tours.

*Laos, Cambodia & Golden Triangle:* Five seats left on the 18-day tour departing March 30 – \$3,785.

*Java & Bali:* 16-day tour departing April 3 – \$2,490.

*Korea:* 13-day tour departing April 6 – \$4,385.

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

*Vietnam Highlights:* 12-day tour departing April 13 – \$2,785.

*Trans America Adventure:* 25-day tour departing May 10 is full. There is a second tour departing June 7 available – \$5,585.

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

*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.

*Russia:* 20-day tour departing May 18 is full, but there is availability on second tour departing Aug. 31 – \$5,895.

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

*Galapagos Islands, The Amazon, Easter Island:* 19-day tour departs May 29 – \$9,785.

*China, Yangtze Cruise & Tibet:* 18-day tour departing May 27 – \$4,885.

*Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure:* 24-day tour departs June 2 – \$3,875.

**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.

**STOP PRESS:** We are in the process of completing arrangements for the following tours: South Africa with optional Victoria Falls extension departing early September; The Balkans departing late October; Middle East departing late October; Israel departing November; New Zealand departing November 20.

**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!)

## Baltics, Russia & Scandinavia



**20-day Conducted Tour for \$5,390 per person twin share**

**W**onderful comprehensive tour visiting Denmark, East Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Finland and Sweden including:

- ★ 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 3.5 to four star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ 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 anyone requiring a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$945.

**Departs May 25 and returns June 13, 2011**

## Grand Tour of France

**Three-week Conducted Tour for \$4,885 per person twin share**



**G**reat value for a tour to France in the peak early summer period, as all of the following are included:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Paris return with Thai International, one of the world's best airlines.
- ★ A 14-day tour of all the main tourist areas of France, including three days in wonderful Paris.
- ★ A six-day stopover in Cha'Am, Thailand. Cha'Am is the favourite beach resort of the Thai people and we will be staying in a near-new beachfront 4.5 star resort hotel with a full programme of included day tours.
- ★ 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 would be an extra cost of \$955.

**Departs Australia June 1 and returns June 21, 2011**

## Poland, with Helsinki, Hong Kong & Thailand

**20-day Conducted Tour for \$5,585 per person twin share**

**T**his 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 early summer period visiting all the interesting places in this fascinating but seldom visited country.
- ★ Two days in Helsinki (Finland) with tours.
- ★ Three-day stopover in Hong Kong on the way over.
- ★ 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 is an extra charge of \$975.



**Tour departs Australia June 8 and returns June 27, 2011**

## Southern Germany & Austria

**Three-week Conducted Tour featuring the Black Forest, Bavaria and the Tyrol for \$6,795 per person twin share**

**G**reat value price for this tour which includes all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares with Thai International from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Frankfurt and out of Munich.
- ★ A 14-day leisurely tour through the heartland of Southern Germany and the Austrian Tyrol. Commencing with a three-night stay in the wonderful Black Forest, enjoy included excursions to Strasbourg, Triberg, Freiberg, Colmar and the Alsace Wine Road. In Bavaria, spend another three nights touring the mountains and fabulous castles of Mad King Ludwig. The last delightful five nights stay in the glorious Austrian Tyrol with visits to Salzburg, Innsbruck and Hitler's infamous Eagle's Nest. Highlights include Krimml Waterfalls, Neuschwanstein 'fairytale' castle, Heidelberg Castle, boat ride on beautiful Lake Konigsee and scenic Zillertalbahn steam train ride.
- ★ A four-day stopover in Thailand on the way over and a two-day stopover on the way back.
- ★ Good three to four-star accommodation.
- ★ All transport and entrance fees.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ Within Europe, the tips for tour guides, driver and hotel porters are included.
- ★ Services of German and Thai tour guides and if there are 12 or more tour participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional cost of \$775.

**Tour departs Australia August 24 and returns September 14, 2011**

## Around Thailand

**Two-Week Conducted Tour for only \$2,550  
per person twin share**



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

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Bangkok with Thai International.
- ★ A 10-day coach tour into North Thailand and the Golden Triangle, 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 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.
- ★ 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.

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

**Three tours for 2011, departing May 11, July 20**

## China with Majestic Yangtse River Cruise & Panda Research Centre

**Two-Week Conducted Tour for only \$3,885  
per person twin share**

**I**ncredible value for this tour and the price covers all of the following:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Shanghai and out of Beijing with China Eastern Airline plus three flights within China.
- ★ A three-day four-star cruise on the magnificent Yangtse River.
- ★ Great accommodation, mainly four-star.
- ★ Visit to the Great Wall of China and to Xian to see the Terra Cotta Warriors.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ All entrance fees to sightseeing spots and entertainment.
- ★ Private transfers and transport.
- ★ Services of Chinese tour guides, and if there are 14 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader



Tips for national guide, local guides and driver.

- ★ Chinese visa fee for Australian passport holders.

For a single room there is an extra charge of \$775.

**Tour departs August 14 and returns August 28, 2011**

## Thailand & Angkor Wat (Cambodia)

**Two-Week Conducted Tour for only \$2,875  
per person twin share**

**H**ere is excellent value as this competitive price 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 at the Manhattan Hotel, Bangkok.
- ★ Seven nights 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 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.



Angkor Wat ruins

For a single room, there is an additional cost of \$525.

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

## Scandinavia & The Arctic Circle



**Three-Week Conducted Tour for \$5,985  
per person twin share.**

**G**reat value for this destination as the low price includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Helsinki Finland with 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-night Bangkok stopover.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Services of tour guides in Scandinavia, Thailand and Hong Kong, 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 \$975.

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

**Departs Australia August 13 and returns  
September 3, 2011**

## Vietnam Explorer

**15-Day Conducted Tour for only \$2,525  
per person twin share**

**T**his price is incredible value as it covers all of the following:

- ★ 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.
- ★ There will be four nights in bustling Saigon, four nights in historic Hoi An, four nights in beautiful Hanoi, the 'Paris of the East', and one night in Halong Bay.
- ★ Good three to four-star accommodation.
- ★ Breakfast daily, plus two lunches and two dinners.
- ★ All transfers between the airports and hotels.
- ★ City tours in Saigon and Hanoi.
- ★ Service of a Vietnamese tour guide, and if there are 12 or more passengers, there will be an Australian tour leader.
- ★ A full day boat cruise of amazing Halong Bay, one of Vietnam's spectacular World Heritage sites.



There will be a full programme of optional half-day and full day tours.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional cost of \$590.

NOTE: There is an optional three-day extension to Angkor Wat available for an additional \$835 per person twin share and \$930 single room.

**Tour departs Australia on May 4, 2011**

## Vietnam Discovery



**Three-Week Conducted Tour for only \$3,885  
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.
- ★ Service of a Vietnamese tour guide, and if there are 12 or more participants, an Australian tour leader.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Excellent accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Most meals.

If you require a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$790.

**Tour departs Australia September 7 and returns**

## Scandinavia with Thailand Stopover

**19-day Conducted Tour for only \$5,575 per person  
twin share**

**W**onderful value for this tour as the price includes all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Copenhagen with Thai Airways, considered one of the world's best airlines.
- ★ A 12-day tour of Denmark, Sweden and Norway seeing these countries in the lush beauty of early summer.
- ★ One-day stopover in Bangkok.
- ★ Five days in a resort hotel on the Gulf of Siam.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to 3.5-star.
- ★ Breakfast daily, plus many other meals.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Services of tour guides in Scandinavia and in Thailand there will be an Australian tour leader.



For a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$830.

**Tour departs Australia May 15 and returns June 2, 2011**

## Thailand Luxury Tour to Bangkok & Cha'Am

**12-day Conducted Tour for \$2,585  
per person twin share**

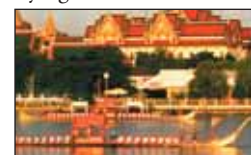
**A**mazing value for a luxury tour where almost everything is included. The price covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares with Thai International from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Bangkok.
- ★ Four nights accommodation in Bangkok at the centrally situated four and a half-star Dusit Thani Hotel staying in their deluxe club rooms with complimentary cocktails and refreshments every evening.
- ★ One night accommodation in the four-star Rose Garden Hotel, including their famous cultural show.
- ★ Six nights accommodation at the four and a half-star Bannpantai Beach Resort in Cha'Am on the Gulf of Siam. This is a near-new, centrally situated beachfront hotel.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ A full programme of day tours with all entrance fees.
- ★ All tips to tour guides, drivers and porters.
- ★ Services of a professional Thai 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 \$770

This is a small group tour with a maximum number of 20 passengers.

**Tour departs Australia June 15 and returns  
June 27, 2011**



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