

TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers from Macleay Valley Travel

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Two Wonderful New Tours...

Our Trans America tour and our Route 66 Across America tour have both proved very popular.

Participants have expressed an interest in doing a similar tour but taking a different route across America.

To cater for this demand, we are now doing a tour across Southern USA from Los Angeles to Atlanta, Georgia. Further details are below.

Something entirely different is our North Africa tour visiting Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt. This tour is very much off the beaten track, with Tunisia in particular seeing very few tourists, even though it has many important historical sites, including the ruins of ancient Carthage, see page 2 for details.

Across Southern USA

A 24-day conducted tour from Los Angeles to Atlanta Georgia for \$5,385 per person twin share including:

★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into and out of Los Angeles with V Australia plus a flight from Atlanta to LA with Delta Airlines.



★ A wonderful 22-day coach tour right across Southern USA from west to east visiting all the most interesting places in this extraordinary country, including three days in wonderful

New Orleans.

★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.

★ 11 breakfasts.

★ 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.

For anyone requiring a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$1,455. With this tour, we guarantee twin share accommodation for everyone who wants it.

The tour departs Australia April 7 and returns May 1, 2011.

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.

Vietnam Overland : 21-days departing Feb 2 is full, but there are vacancies on tours departing March 28 and May 18 — \$3,815.

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.

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

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

Trans-America Tour departing May 10.

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.

North Africa: Morocco, Tunisia & Egypt

26-day Conducted Tour for \$6,585 per person twin share

This value price for an unusual and exotic tour covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Casablanca and out of Tunis with Thai International and Egypt Air, plus a flight from Casablanca to Tunisia with Royal Moroccan Airlines.
- ★ A 10-day tour of Morocco, and eight-day tour of Tunisia, a four-day Egypt tour and a two-day Thailand stopover.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ All entrance fees and many meals.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of local tour guides in each destination and if there are 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

This is a wonderful off-the-beaten-track tour. Tunisia in particular is seldom visited by tourists and is a fascinating place, including the ruins of famous Carthage.

**Departs Australia
February 28 and returns
March 25, 2011**



British Isles, Chelsea Flower Show



**Four-week Conducted Tour for \$6,985
per person twin share**

Great value for an expensive destination such as Britain as all the following are included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into London with Malaysian Airlines.
- ★ A three-week in-depth tour of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- ★ Four days in London, including a full day at the wonderful Chelsea Flower Show.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Kuala Lumpur with day tours included.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of British and Malaysian tour guides and an Australian tour leader.

For anyone requiring a single room, there would be an extra cost of \$1,675. With this tour, we guarantee a twin-share for everyone who requires it.

Departs Australia May 23 and returns June 19, 2011

Thailand — Off The Beaten Track



**Conducted 16-day Tour for only \$2,895
per person twin share**

Mainly aimed at people who have been to Thailand before, but would also be an exciting tour for a first time visitor to Thailand, including:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Bangkok and out of Chiang Rai with Thai International.
- ★ A wonderful 15-day tour around Thailand visiting such interesting places as the River Kwai, Amphor Maung, Khao Yai National Park, Phitsanalok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai and the Golden Triangle.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ Entrance fees to most attractions.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of an Australian tour leader and Thai tour guides.

For a single room, there is an extra charge of \$645.

**Tour departs Australia March 21 and
returns April 6, 2011**

Greece & The Greek Islands

**Conducted Three-Week Tour for \$5,585
per person twin share**

Wonderful value for the price of this tour as it covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Athens with Thai International.
- ★ A wonderful 15-day tour of Greece and the Greek Islands including a tour to the islands of Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete and Santorini.
- ★ Good quality accommodation with private facilities throughout, mainly three to three and a half star.
- ★ A five-day stopover in Thailand, visiting some "off the beaten track" destinations.
- ★ Breakfast daily, plus many other meals as per the itinerary.
- ★ All transport and transfers, including a four-day cruise on a modern ocean liner.
- ★ Services of Greek and Thai tour guides and an Australian tour leader.

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the Greek Islands during spring, without the summer crowds.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional cost of \$1,255.

To upgrade to an outside cabin on the cruise would cost an extra \$90 per person twin share.



**Tour departs Australia March 21 and returns
April 10, 2011**

Japan & Taiwan Cherry Blossoms Tour

15-day Conducted Tour for \$5,985 per person twin share

Here is amazing value for this destination as the price covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares with China Airlines from Sydney and Brisbane into Hiroshima and out of Narita (Tokyo). Both flights go via Taipei.
- ★ Accommodation in three to four and a half-star hotels with private facilities.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ A 10-day tour of Japan by coach and train.
- ★ A three-day tour of Taiwan.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Services of Japanese and Taiwanese tour guides, and if there are 14 or more participants, an Australian tour leader.

The tour will visit Japan in spring, when the cherry blossoms are in full bloom. This is an opportunity to see this beautiful country at its best. The program in Taiwan has many interesting features and here is a great opportunity to visit this fascinating yet seldom visited country.



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

Tour departs Brisbane and Sydney on March 23, 2011

Essence of South America

23-day Conducted Tour for \$10,197 per person twin share

Excellent value for such an extensive tour to this destination, as the price includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne into Santiago de Chile with Lan Chile and Qantas, plus all flights within South America.
- ★ A superb tour of South America by plane, coach, rail and boat visiting Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil and Argentina. Some of the many highlights will be Machu Pichu and Lake Titicaca in Peru; the Sacred Valley in Cuzco; La Paz in Bolivia; Rio, Christ the Redeemer, Iguaza Falls and Sugarloaf Mountain in Brazil as well as the Argentinian and Chilean Lakes District.
- ★ Good accommodation throughout, mainly three and half to four-star.
- ★ Meals as per itinerary.
- ★ All entry fees, national park fees and cruises.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ South American tour guides and, if there are 10 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.



Because of the special nature of this tour, the number will be restricted to a maximum of 20 passengers.

A single room, carries an extra cost of \$2,375.

Tour departs March 14 and returns April 5, 2011

Laos, Cambodia and The Golden Triangle

18-day Conducted Tour for only \$3,785 per person twin share

This tour represents good value as the price includes all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Chiang Mai and out of Phnom Penh with Singapore Airlines, plus two other flights within SE Asia.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Singapore.
- ★ A three-day tour of the Golden Triangle area.
- ★ A seven-day coach, air and boat tour of Laos, including two days cruising the mighty Mekong River and three days in the wonderful world heritage town of Luang Prabang.
- ★ A five-day tour of Cambodia, including three days inspecting the wonderful historic area of Angkor Wat.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ A balloon ride to see Angkor Wat at sunrise.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ 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 additional cost of \$685.

Tour departs Australia March 30, returning April 16, 2011

Vietnam Explorer

15-day Conducted Tour for only \$2,525 per person twin share.

This 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.
- ★ 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. The hotel rooms are all air conditioned and have their own bathroom and toilet.
- ★ Breakfast daily plus three lunches and two dinners.
- ★ All transfers between the airport and hotels.
- ★ City tours in Saigon and Hanoi.
- ★ Service of an Australian tour leader, plus Vietnamese tour guides.
- ★ A full day boat cruise of amazing Halong Bay, one of Vietnam's spectacular World Heritage sites.

There will be a full program of additional half and full-day tours.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge 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.



Tours Depart Australia March 16 and May 4, 2011

India Tour

19-Day Conducted Tour for \$4,885 per person twin share

Great value for this enthralling tour, as it covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Delhi and out of Bombay (Mumbai) with Singapore Airlines, plus three flights within India.
- ★ An extensive 16-day coach, air and boat tour of India, including a visit to the wonderful Taj Mahal.
- ★ A two-day stopover in Singapore.
- ★ Mainly four-star accommodation throughout.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of Indian tour guides and an Australian tour leader if there are 12 or more passengers.



If you require a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$1,180. It is planned to restrict this tour to approximately 22 people.

**Tour departs Australia March 30
and returns April 18, 2011**

Western Canada, Canadian Rockies with Alaska Cruise

**26-day Conducted Tour for \$6,685
per person twin share**

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

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne into Vancouver with Air New Zealand.
- ★ 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 \$419 per person twin share.
- ★ A 12-day tour of Western Canada and the Rockies.
- ★ There will be a three-day stopover in Auckland.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ All meals while on the cruise.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Port charges and fees.
- ★ Services of local tour guides 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 extra charge of \$2,375.

Tour departs Australia May 6, 2011

China Wonder Tour

**15-day Tour for only \$2,990 per person
twin share**



Wonderful value for this fascinating tour as all the following are included:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Shanghai and out of Beijing plus three flights within China with China Eastern Airlines.
- ★ A 14-day tour of China including touring in Beijing, Shanghai, Xian and the spectacularly beautiful Guilin.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly four-star.
- ★ Nearly all meals.
- ★ All entrance fees.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Service of Chinese tour guides, 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 \$680.
For passengers from Brisbane or the Gold Coast, there will be connecting flights to Sydney for \$145 per person return, plus airport taxes.

Tours depart Australia March 20 and May 15, 2011

Europe and Ireland

**24-day Conducted Tour for only \$5,990
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 Rome and out of London with Singapore Airlines, plus a flight from London to Dublin return with Air Lingus.
- ★ An 11-day Europe tour from Rome to London visiting Italy, Austria, Switzerland and France.
- ★ A one-day London stopover.
- ★ A nine-day tour of Ireland.
- ★ A two-day Singapore stopover.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Many meals and entrance fees.
- ★ All transfers and transport.
- ★ Local tour guides, and if there are 14 or more tour members, there will be an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there is an extra charge of \$1,230.



**Tour departs Australia March 24 and returns
April 17, 2011**

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