

TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers
from Macleay Valley Travel



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SWITZERLAND, GERMANY, AUSTRIA & ITALY ADVENTURE



The Alps are the highest and most extensive mountain range system that lies entirely within Europe. Stretching approximately 1,200 kilometres across eight countries, the mountains were formed over tens of millions of years as the African and Eurasian tectonic plates collided.

The event resulted in sedimentary rocks rising into high mountain peaks such as Mont Blanc and the Matterhorn. The Alpine region contains about a hundred peaks higher than 4,000 metres, known as the 'four-thousanders'.

The region has a strong cultural identity with the traditional culture of farming,

cheese making and woodworking still in existence in the Alpine villages.

Below are details of a fabulous 17 day tour visiting the Alpine countries of Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Italy, including train trips on the world famous Bernina Express and Glacier Express.

The tour represents excellent value at \$5,565 per person twin share. This price includes:

- ★ Economy Class air fares to Europe with Singapore Airlines.
- ★ A 2 day stopover in Singapore.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four star.
- ★ Many meals, all transfers and entrance fees.

It's Not Too Late!

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

Vietnam Overland Tour: 3 week tours departing Nov 7 & Jan 26 – \$3,815.

India Tour: 19 day tour departing Nov 17 – \$5,265.

Thailand Shopping Tour: 10 day tour departing Nov 30 – \$2,495.

Vietnam Highlights Tour: 11 day tour departing Jan 16 – \$2,895.

Tasmanian Experience: 10 day tour departing Jan 18 – \$3,268.

Thailand & the Chiang Mai Floral Festival: 2 week tour departing Feb 1 – \$3,275.

Ethiopia Adventure Tour: 16 day tour departing Feb 26 – \$6,165.

Vietnam Explorer Tour: 15 day tours departing Mar 8 & May 10 – \$2,625.

Essence of South America: 23 day tour departing Mar 12 – \$11,495.

Laos, Cambodia & the Golden Triangle: 19 day tour departing Mar 13 – \$4,675.

Spain, Portugal & Morocco: 3 week tour departing Mar 15 – \$5,495 (4 seats only).

Garden Lovers Luxury European Tour: 20 day tour departing April 4 – \$8,975.

Vietnam Discovery Tour: 3 week tour departing April 6 – \$3,960.

Poland with Highlights of Budapest: 18 day tour departing April 27 – \$5,975. ◆

- ★ A 13 day tour from Munich to Zurich by coach and train. Scenic highlights include Inn Valley, Grossglockner, Dolomites, Lake Carezza, Engadine National Park, the Swiss Alps and Lake Como.
 - ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and drivers.
 - ★ Services of tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants, an Australian tour escort.
- For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1,130.

Tour departs Australia on the 15th July, 2017. ◆

Alaska & the Yukon Overland

On the next page are details of an exciting new 18 day conducted tour to Alaska and the Yukon, including a 3 day stopover in Victoria, Canada. ◆

We want to hear from you...

Is there a destination you have always wanted to visit? Macleay Valley Travel is frequently considering more tour destinations and would welcome your input in this area. If you have a specific destination in mind, please phone us toll free on 1800 810 809 or email us at info@macleayvalleytravel.com. Expressing an interest does not commit you in any way. ◆

STOP PRESS: We have recently completed or are in the process of completing arrangements for the following tours: Western Canada & Alaska – Aug; Scandinavia and the Arctic Circle – Aug; Mongolia Adventure – Aug; Italy, France & Spain – Sep; Iran – November.

NOTE: If you don't have someone to travel with, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will do our best to assign you with another traveller

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

Alaska and the Yukon Overland

18 Day Conducted Tour for \$6,895 per person twin share

GREAT VALUE for this expensive destination as it includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney and Brisbane into Anchorage, Alaska with the award winning Air Canada.
- ★ A 13 day tour of Alaska and the Yukon, visiting such fascinating places as Anchorage, Valdez, Tok, Whitehorse, Skagway, Dawson City, Fairbanks and Denali National Park.
- ★ A 3 day stopover in Victoria, Canada, including a visit to the spectacular Burchart Gardens.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 – 4 star.
- ★ All transport and prepaid gratuities to the tour director and drivers.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



For this tour we will guarantee twin share accommodation to anyone who wants it. For anyone requiring a single room there is an extra charge of \$1,655.

Tour departs Australia on the 24th May and returns 10th June 2017

China Tour with Spectacular Yangtze Cruise

15 Day Conducted Tour for only \$3,655 per person twin share

THIS TOUR is incredible value for the price and covers all of the following:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Shanghai and out of Beijing with China Eastern Airlines, plus three flights within China.
- ★ A 4 night American Victoria cruise on the magnificent Yangtze River.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 4 star.
- ★ Nearly all meals, entrance fees and transport.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the guides and drivers (except on Yangtze Cruise).
- ★ Services of Chinese tour guides, a national guide and if there are 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour escort.



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

Tour departs Australia 16th May and returns 30th May 2017

Russian Waterways Tour

20 Day Conducted Tour for \$6,295 per person twin share



THIS wonderful price includes:

- ★ Economy Class air fares with Finnair and Qantas from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Moscow and out of Helsinki.
- ★ A 12 day river cruise between Moscow and St Petersburg including all port taxes.
- ★ A 1 day stopover in Hong Kong on the way over and 1 day in Singapore on the way home.
- ★ A 3 day stopover in Helsinki including a full day excursion to Tallinn, Estonia.
- ★ Many meals, all transfers and good accommodation, mainly 3 – 4 star.
- ★ A 2nd class train ride from St Petersburg to Helsinki.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the guide and driver in Hong Kong, Singapore and Helsinki (not included in Russia).
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 12 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

For a single room there is an extra cost of \$995.

Tour departs Australia 28th May and returns 16th June 2017

Thailand at Leisure

2 Week Conducted Tour for \$2,490 per person twin share



AN INCREDIBLE PRICE, which includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane to Bangkok with Thai International.
- ★ Five nights in Bangkok, five nights in the lovely beach resort town of Cha'Am, one night on the River Kwai and 1 night at the Rose Garden.
- ★ Full breakfast daily with a good choice of western and Thai food, plus 4 lunches & 3 dinners.
- ★ All transfers & transport and prepaid gratuities for the included tours.
- ★ Some day tours including entrance fees.
- ★ Services of an experienced Thai tour guide and if there are 12 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

On the days there are no included tours there will be a full program of optional day tours available.

For a single room there is an extra charge of \$680.

Tour departs Australia 30th March and returns 12th April 2017

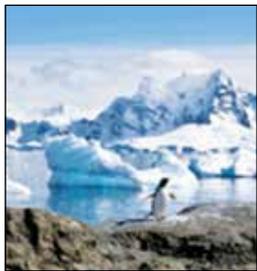


South America & Antarctica

31 Day Conducted Tour for \$12,295 per person twin share

AMAZING VALUE for a tour to these expensive destinations, as the price includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Santiago de Chile with Latam Airlines plus all flights within South America.
- ★ A 22 day Holland America Cruise from Santiago to Buenos Aires in an oceanview cabin (porthole). Highlights of the cruise include the Chilean Fjords, Cape Horn, Argentine Patagonia, the Antarctica Peninsula, the Falklands archipelago and much more.
- ★ 8 days land touring of Santiago, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and Iguazu Falls.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4 star, all transfers and entrance fees to many attractions.



- ★ All meals on the cruise and many other meals.
 - ★ South American tour guides, and if there are 10 or more tour participants there will be a national escort (for the land content only).
- A single room is an extra cost of \$4,520.

Tour departs Australia on the 29th January and returns 28th February 2017

British Isles with the R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show

28 Day Conducted tour only \$7,675 per person twin share



THIS IS GREAT VALUE for an expensive destination such as Britain as all of the following are included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into London with Thai International.
- ★ A 3 week in depth tour of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- ★ Four nights in London including a full day at the wonderful Chelsea Flower Show.
- ★ A 2 night stopover in Thailand.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star.
- ★ Many meals and all transport and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and an Australian tour escort.

For anyone requiring a single room there would be an extra \$1,725.

Tour departs Australia 22nd May and returns 18th June 2017

West Coast Adventure: Darwin to Perth

25 Day Conducted Tour for \$9,395 per person twin share



THIS VALUE PRICE includes all of the following:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Darwin and out of Perth with Qantas.
- ★ A 25 day overland tour of Northern Territory and Western Australia. Some of the highlights of the tour include; Darwin Harbour Sunset Cruise, The Pinnacles, Argyle Diamond Mine, Cable Beach, Monkey Mia Dolphins and a Shark Bay Cruise.
- ★ Accommodation in mainly 3 to 4½ star hotels with private facilities
- ★ Most meals and all transfers and transport.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ Modern two door, toilet equipped coaches with spacious leg room, reclining seats and footrests.
- ★ Services of an experienced coach captain and tour host.



For a single room there is an extra cost of \$2,330.

Tour departs on the 17th August and returns 10th September 2017

Vietnam & Cambodia Adventure Tour

24 Day Conducted Tour for \$4,765 per person twin share



THIS WONDERFUL TOUR goes off the usual tourist track and is great value as it includes:

- ★ Airfares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Hanoi and out of Siem Reap with Singapore Airlines & Silk Air, plus two flights within Vietnam.
- ★ An 18 day Vietnam tour by coach and air visiting the Sapa hill tribe area, the former demilitarized zone, the central tablelands and the Mekong Delta.
- ★ A 4 day tour of Cambodia visiting Phnom Penh and the wonderful world heritage Angkor Wat complex in Siem Reap.
- ★ A one night stopover in Singapore.
- ★ Good 3 to 4 star accommodation, or the best available in isolated areas.
- ★ All transport, entrance fees and most meals.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities for the guides, drivers and bus boy.
- ★ Vietnamese and Cambodian tour guides, and if there are 12 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

For a single room there is an extra charge of \$1,160.

Tour departs Australia 30th March and returns 22nd April 2017

Sri Lanka (Ceylon) Tour

16 Day Conducted Tour for only \$4,475
per person twin share.



FANTASTIC VALUE for a tour to this fascinating country as it includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Colombo with Singapore Airlines.
- ★ A 14 day coach and rail tour of Sri Lanka (Ceylon) visiting many major tourist attractions in this scenically beautiful country.
- ★ A wildlife jeep safari in Yala National Park, as well as a visit to an elephant orphanage and also a turtle hatchery.
- ★ Nearly all meals, all entrance fees and all transport.
- ★ Very good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4½ star.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the guide, driver and bus boy.
- ★ Services of local English speaking tour guides in Sri Lanka and if there are 12 or more tour participants, there will be an Australian tour escort.

The tour program has been designed to provide you with a great overview of Sri Lanka and also allow sufficient leisure time to enjoy the facilities of the lovely hotels and resorts.

For a single room there is an extra charge of \$1260.

**Tour departs Australia 22nd March and returns
6th April 2017**

Baltics, Russia and Scandinavia Tour

3 Week Conducted Tour for \$5,995 per person twin share



A WONDERFUL comprehensive tour visiting Denmark, East Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Finland and Sweden. The price includes:

- ★ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane with Thai International into Copenhagen and out of Stockholm.
- ★ A 17 day tour of northern Europe.
- ★ A 2 day stopover in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4 star.
- ★ Many meals and all transport and transfers.
- ★ Prepaid gratuities to the tour director and drivers.
- ★ Services of European and Thai tour guides and if there are 14 or more tour members there will be an Australian tour escort.

For a single room there is an extra charge of \$1325.

**Tour departs Australia 17th May and returns
6th June 2017**

Balkans and the Dalmatian Coast

3 Week Conducted Tour for \$7,195 per person twin share

THIS FANTASTIC small group tour includes:

- ★ Economy class air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Perth into Zagreb, Croatia and out of Athens, Greece with the award winning Qatar Airways.
- ★ A 17 day tour of Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia Herzegovina, Serbia, Macedonia and Greece.
- ★ 2 nights in Athens with an included visit to the incredible Acropolis.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly 3 – 4 star.
- ★ Most meals, all transport and all entrance fees.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and if there are 15 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

For a single room there is an extra charge of \$1280.

This is a special group tour just for Macleay Valley Travel clients with numbers limited to approximately 20 passengers.

**Tour departs Australia 10th May and returns
30th May 2017**



20 Day Conducted

Inside Vietnam Tour

Only \$3,985 per person with no single room supplement for solo travellers

THIS IS FANTASTIC value for a conducted tour to Vietnam with no single supplement. Consider how much you get for this great price per person:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines, plus one flight within Vietnam.
- ★ An 18 day coach and air tour of Vietnam from south to north, visiting many of the most interesting places in this fascinating and beautiful country.
- ★ Services of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.
- ★ Many meals, all entrance fees and all transport.
- ★ An overnight cruise on Halong Bay in an historic junk.
- ★ Quality accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star.

With this tour, single travellers can have a single room without paying a single room supplement.

There is an optional 4 day extension to Angkor Wat for \$1035 per person, with no single supplement for solo travellers.

**Tour departs Australia
6th June and returns
25th June 2017**



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