

# TRAVEL NEWS

Newsletter of exciting travel offers from Macleay Valley Travel

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## Oberammergau – Once In A Decade Opportunity

This world-famous event has origins back to 1633 when the community of Oberammergau found itself under threat from the Bubonic plague.

The townspeople pledged that if God spared them from the plague, they would perform a play each decade to celebrate the life and death of Jesus.

Thankfully, the vow worked and the locals kept their promise — the very first play happening in 1634.

These days the performances take place on a much larger scale, with over 2,000 of the residents working together to ensure this wonderful spectacle honours the vow of their ancestors. The play runs for five hours with a dinner break half way through.

Macleay Valley Travel is providing a package tour which includes the Passion Play with 1A seating, the best seats in the house.

This is a leisurely paced tour through the Austrian Tyrol, the mountains of Slovenia, glorious Salzburg and Croatia to visit the delightful coastal cities of the Istrian Peninsula. Among the many included highlights will be Mad King Ludwig's fairytale castle, Austria's Lake District, Innsbruck, Venice, Slovenia's beautiful Lake Bled and Hitler's famous 'Eagle's Nest'

Further details of this 23-day conducted tour for \$10,215 per person twin share:

- ★ Return air fares with Thai International from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Munich.
- ★ A 17-day glorious, leisurely-paced tour through the Austrian Tyrol, the mountains of Slovenia, glorious Salzburg and Croatia, Austria's lake district, Innsbruck and romantic Venice.
- ★ Admission to the famous once-in-a-decade Oberammergau Passion Play with 1A seating, best in the house.



- ★ Accommodation in first class, mainly four star centrally located hotels. Most stops are two to three nights in each place.
  - ★ Many meals.
  - ★ A three-day stopover in Thailand on the way over and a two-day stopover on the way home.
  - ★ All touring and admission fees included, there are no optional extras.
  - ★ All tips to the tour manager, drivers, guides and hotel porters.
  - ★ Services of European and Thai tour guides, and if there are 12 or more tour participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.
- For a single room, there is an extra charge of \$1,375.

**The tour departs Australia on May 12 and returns June 3, 2010**

**STOP PRESS:** We are in the process of completing details of the following tours: *China's Greatest Sights: the China tour with everything, the Yangtze cruise, Tibetan rail journey, Panda Research Centre, Terra-cotta Warriors and Shanghai World Expo. Departing May 30, 19-day tour for \$5,885.*

*Singapore Fly Cruise: Seven nights including three-day cruise to Malaysia and Thailand on the Superstar Libra departing November 11, \$1,799.*

**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 – all prices include airport taxes and levies:

**Greece & Greek Islands:** Tour departing October 12 is full, but there is a second tour available departing March 22 Three-week tour – \$5,420.

**Old Burma Road to Burma and Yunnan:** Tour departing October 14 is full, second tour available departing March 17 – 20-day tour for \$4,670.

**Vietnam Luxury Tour:** 18-day tour departing October 15 – \$4,395.

**Japan & Taiwan Autumn Leaves:** 16-day tour departing November 5 – \$5,995 (Only four seats available).

**Vietnam Overland Tours:** Three-week tours departing November 4 and January 27 have only three seats available

on each – \$3,765, but good availability on new tours March 11 and May 6.

**Egypt with Nile Cruise:** 17-day tour departing November 7 – \$5,520 (two seats only available).

**Vietnam Explorer:** 15-day tours departing November 20 and February 26 – \$2,515.

**Thailand Shopping:** Eight-day tour departing November 18 – \$1,570.

**Vietnam Highlights:** 12-day tour departing January 15 – \$3,155.

**Thailand and the Chiang Mai Floral Festival:** Two-week tour departing January 27 – \$2,600 (six seats only).

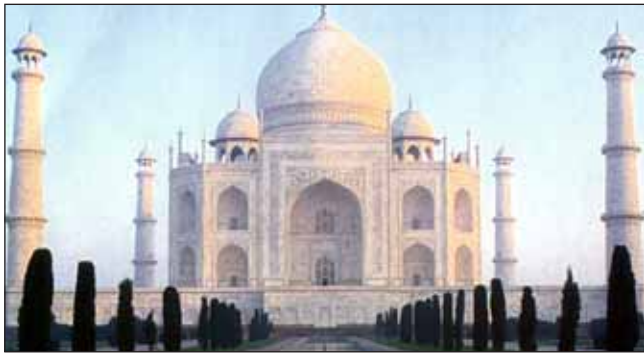
**Malaysia & Borneo:** 16-day luxury tour departing February 28 – \$4,770.

**Fire & Ice Fly/Cruise:** 24-day fly/cruise to the Hawaiian Islands and Alaska's Inside Passage departing April 21 – \$5,899.

**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.

## India Tour

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



**G**reat value, as this price covers all the following features:

- ★ 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, rail, 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 there will be an Australian tour leader if there are 12 or more passengers.

It is planned to restrict the number of participants to around 20 people.

**Departs Australia March 31 and returns April 19, 2010**

## Turkey with Anzac Day at Gallipoli

**19-day Conducted Tour for \$5,490  
per person twin share**

**I**ncredible value as the price covers all of the following features:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney to Istanbul with Malaysian Airlines.
- ★ 14-nights' accommodation in Turkey.
- ★ Two-day stopover in Kuala Lumpur with tours.
- ★ Many Meals.
- ★ Mainly four-star accommodation.
- ★ Sightseeing including Istanbul, Ankara, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Kusadasi, Troy.
- ★ Half-day Bosphorus cruise,
- ★ Extensive touring of the Gallipoli battlefields.
- ★ Services of a war historian.
- ★ Services of an experienced tour guide in Turkey.
- ★ Anzac Day Dawn Service, Australian National Service at Lone Pine.
- ★ Travel by modern, air conditioned coaches.
- ★ All entrance fees.
- ★ All hotel portorage.



If there are 14 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

If you require a single room, there will be an additional cost of \$945.

**Departs Australia April 13 and returns  
May 1, 2010**

## Japan & Taiwan Cherry Blossom Tour

**15-day Conducted Tour for \$6,190  
per person twin share**



**A**mazing value for a destination such as Japan, as the price covers:

- ★ 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 12 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 when it is at its best. The programme in Taiwan has many interesting features and this is a great opportunity to visit this fascinating yet seldom-visited country.

For a single room, there is an extra cost of \$1,095.

**Tour departs Brisbane on March 23 and Sydney on  
March 24, 2010**

## China Wonder Tour

**15-day Tour for only \$2,860  
per person twin share**

**W**onderful value, because all of 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 \$490.

For passengers from Brisbane or the Gold Coast, there will be connecting flights to Sydney for \$145 per person return, plus airport taxes.

**Tour departs Australia March 20 and  
returns April 3, 2010**

## Spain, Portugal and Morocco

**19-day Conducted Tour for only \$4,895 per person twin share**



**O**utstanding value for this tour as the low price covers all of the following:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne into Madrid, Spain, with Korean Airlines.
- ★ Good accommodation throughout, mainly three and a half to four-star.
- ★ A 14-day tour of Spain, Portugal and Morocco.
- ★ Three-day stopover in Seoul, Korea on the way over,
- ★ Breakfast daily plus other meals as per the itinerary.
- ★ Services of local tour guides and an Australian tour leader.
- ★ All transport and transfers.

For persons requiring a single room, there is an extra charge of \$945.

**Tours departs Australia March 4, returning March 23, 2010**

## Highlights of South America

**28-day Conducted Tour for \$11,275 per person twin share**

**T**his price represents excellent value for such an extensive tour to this destination and includes:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne into Santiago de Chile with Lan Chile and Qantas, plus all flights within South America.
- ★ Superb tour of South America by plane, coach, rail and boat visiting Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil and Argentina, where you will see Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca in Peru; the Sacred Valley in Cuzco; La Paz in Bolivia; Rio, Christ the Redeemer, Iguaza Falls and Sugar Loaf Mountain in Brazil, as well as the Argentinean and Chilean Lakes District.
- ★ Good accommodation throughout, mainly three and a 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, an Australian tour leader.



For a single room, there will be an extra cost of \$2,375.

**Tour departs Australia March 1 and returns March 28, 2010**

## Western Canada, the Rockies and Alaska

**23-day Conducted Tour for \$4,475 per person twin share**

**S**uperb value for a tour of this magnitude, as all the following are included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney and Brisbane into Vancouver with China Airlines.
- ★ A wonderful eight-day Alaskan cruise of the Inside Passage in a great cruise ship, Holland America's MS Zuiderdam, in an outside cabin.
- ★ A 12-day tour of Western Canada and the Rockies.



- ★ There will be a two-day stopover in Taiwan.
- ★ 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 12 or more participants, there will be an Australian tour leader.

For a single room, there will be an extra charge of \$2,285.

**Departs Brisbane May 9, Departs Sydney May 10**

## Korean Enchantment

**13-day Tour for \$4,445 per person twin share**



**H**ere is great value for this expensive destination with all the following included:

- ★ 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 will be an extra charge of \$755.

**Departs April 6 and returns April 18, 2010**

## Thailand: Off The Beaten Track

16-day Conducted Tour for only \$2,750 per person twin share

Wonderful tour mainly aimed at those who have been to Thailand before, but would also be an exciting tour for a first-time visitor.

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Bangkok and out of Chiang Rai with Thai International.
- ★ A wonderful 14-day tour around Thailand visiting such interesting places as the River Kwai, Amphor Maung, Khao Yai National Park, Phitsanalok, Chiang Mai, Ang Klang, Chiang Rai and the Golden Triangle.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Most meals.
- ★ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of an Australian tour leader and Thai tour guides.

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



**Tour departs Australia February 24 and returns March 11, 2010**

## Trans American Adventure

26-day Conducted Tour for only \$6,285 per person twin share



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

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney and Brisbane into New York and out of Los Angeles with China Airlines, Taiwan's national airline.
- ★ A wonderful 22-day coach tour right across the USA from east to west visiting all the most interesting places in this extraordinary country.

Two-day stopover in Taiwan.

- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
  - ★ Some meals.
  - ★ All transport and transfers.
  - ★ Services of American and Taiwanese tour guides 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 \$2,075.

**Tour departs Australia on May 24, 2010**

## Best of Italy

20-day Tour for \$4,875 per person twin share



This tour is great value as the following are all included in the price:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Rome.
- ★ Two-week tour of Italy visiting such exciting places as Rome, Florence, the Italian Lakes, Venice, Sorrento and the Isle of Capri.
- ★ A four-day tour in Thailand.
- ★ Good accommodation, mainly three to four-star.
- ★ Many meals.
- ★ All transport and transfers.
- ★ Services of Italian and Thai 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 \$890.

**Departs Australia February 24 and returns March 15, 2010**

## North East India Adventure Tour

(Nagaland, Assam and Darjeeling)

18-day Conducted Tour for \$5,940 per person twin share

Amazing off-the-beaten track tour to the isolated and seldom visited 'Switzerland of Asia'.

Nagaland is situated on the border of India, Tibet and Burma yet the Naga people more closely resemble the Thais than they do their neighbours. 'A beautiful country filled with beautiful people'. Assam is famous for its game parks and we visit the best one, Kazaringa, with its population of endangered one-horn rhinos, and here we go on three safaris one on elephant back. The old British hill station of Darjeeling near the borders of Nepal and Bhutan is famous for its scenic beauty and extensive tea plantations.

The following are included:

- ★ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Calcutta (Kolkata) with Singapore Airlines, plus three flights within India.
- ★ Three-day stopover in Calcutta; 12-day tour of Nagaland, Assam and Darjeeling; two-day stopover in Singapore.
- ★ Mainly three to four-star accommodation in main centres, but more basic in isolated areas and two nights home stay accommodation.
- ★ Most meals, all transport, all entrance fees including Kazaringa National Park and three game safaris; permit fee to visit Nagaland.
- ★ Local tour guides and an Australian tour leader if there are 12 or more participants.

A single room will incur an extra charge of \$1,185.

**Departs March 29, returns April 15, 2010**

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