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## CHINA & THE HARBIN ICE FESTIVAL

11 Day Conducted Tour

for **\$4,230** person twin share

**This price includes airport taxes & levies**

This is great value for a tour of China during the school holiday period, as it includes all of the following:

- Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Dalian and out of Harbin with China Eastern Airlines.
- 10 days in China during winter, mainly visiting the north east of the country, including Dalian, Shenyang, Changchun and a three night stay in Harbin, visiting the spectacular Ice Festival.
- A stay in Shanghai on the way over.
- A Maglev bullet train ride, a wonderful acrobatic show and a visit to the Siberian Tiger Park.
- Very good accommodation, mainly four star.
- All transfers and transport and entrance fees to many attractions.
- Most meals.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and drivers.
- Services of local tour guides, a national guide and an Australian tour escort.



For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1295.



The Harbin Ice Festival takes place every winter and is the largest ice and snow festival in the world, attracting both international and domestic visitors alike. The festival includes the world's biggest ice sculptures.

**Tour departs Australia 6<sup>th</sup> January and returns 16<sup>th</sup> January 2027**

*We try harder to find you the best travel deal*

## **Itinerary for China & the Harbin Ice Festival**

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

### **06.01.27 Australia – Shanghai, China**

Depart Sydney at 12 noon on flight MU 562, arriving in Shanghai at 7.30pm.  
Depart Melbourne at 12 noon on flight MU 738, arriving in Shanghai at 6.55pm.  
Upon arrival in Shanghai we will be met by our guide and transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Shanghai Ambassador Hotel or similar

### **07.01.27 Shanghai**

**(B/L/D)** This morning we will visit the traditional Yu Gardens, the Old Chinatown with its twisting alleyways, many shops and hawkers and of course the Bund. We also have a short tea ceremony. Then we have free time to explore Shanghai at our own pace. Later we visit a silk spinning mill and also the Pudong area with its modern architecture.  
This evening enjoy an included dinner, followed by an exciting acrobatic show.  
Accommodation: Shanghai Ambassador Hotel or similar

### **08.01.27 Shanghai – Dalian**

**(B/D)** After breakfast we are transferred to the Maglev train station. We will get the opportunity to experience this high-speed wonder from Shanghai city to Shanghai Airport for our flight to Dalian. On arrival in Dalian we are met and taken on a sightseeing tour of the city, including some of the many Russian and Japanese style streets. Afterwards we have visits to Binhai Road, the North Giant Bridge, Tiger's Land and the Xin Hai Square City Sculpture or the People's Square. Following this we are transferred to our hotel for an overnight stay. Dinner this evening is included.  
Accommodation: Dalian New World Hotel or similar

### **09.01.27 Dalian - Shenyang**

**(B/L/D)** This morning is at leisure in Dalian. You may wish to use this opportunity to purchase some warmer clothing at a nearby department store.  
After an included lunch, we depart Dalian by high speed train to Shenyang (Second Class). On arrival in Shenyang we enjoy an included dinner and are then transferred to our hotel for a two night stay. Dinner this evening is included.  
Accommodation: Swisshotel Shenyang or similar

### **10.01.27 Shenyang**

**(B/L/D)** The highlight for today in Shenyang is the renowned Old Forbidden City. Before the Qing Emperor defeated the peasant uprising army at the end of Ming dynasty and conquered Beijing, Shenyang was the capital city of the Qing Dynasty. Shenyang Old Forbidden City is one of only two large-scale palace complexes in China.  
Later we will visit the 918 Museum. This museum is dedicated to showing and explaining the many kinds of torture and killings that the Japanese inflicted on the local Chinese. For dinner this evening we enjoy a local Lao Bian Dumpling Feast.  
Accommodation: Swisshotel Shenyang or similar

**11.01.27    Shenyang - Changchun**

**(B/L/D)** After breakfast we will farewell Shenyang and travel by coach to Changchun, the capital city of Jilin Province. In Changchun we will visit the Imperial Palace, used by the last emperor Pu Yi of the Qing Dynasty. Lunch and dinner today are included. Accommodation: New Century Grand Hotel Changchun or similar

**12.01.27    Changchun - Harbin**

**(B/L/D)** This morning we have a walk around South Park Lake, which is located in the south west of Changchun City and is the largest urban park in north east China. Here we will see a beautiful lake, weeping willow trees, winter flowers, singing birds and many traditional Chinese ancient buildings.

Afterwards we travel to Harbin by coach. Upon arrival we will check in to our hotel for a three night stay. Harbin is famous for its annual ice festival and the city bears 'Ice World' as its main claim to fame. Lunch and dinner today are included.

Accommodation: Sheraton Harbin Xiangfang Hotel or similar

**13.01.27    Harbin**

**(B/L/D)** This morning we have a visit to the famous Songhua River where we can see the local winter swimmers exercising. This is one of the features of Harbin's Ice and Snow Festival. After an included lunch we visit St. Sophia Church, which was built in 1907. We then head to the Central Avenue of Harbin, where we will be able to take in the many Russian-style buildings. Lunch today is included.

Late this afternoon we will be transferred to the Ice and Snow World.

This evening we have an included dinner at the Ice Palace, located within the Shangri-La Hotel.

After exploring the attractions and sculptures we will be transferred back to the hotel.

Accommodation: Sheraton Harbin Xiangfang Hotel or similar

**14.01.27    Harbin**

**(B/L/D)** Today we will visit the Siberian Tiger Park. The Siberian tiger is considered an endangered species and in the 1980s, it was listed as one of the first class national protected animals of China. After an included lunch we visit the Sun Island Snow Carving Exhibition. There will be time for us to wander around the riverbank area or participate in local amusement activities.

Accommodation: Sheraton Harbin Xiangfang Hotel or similar

**15.01.27    Harbin – Shanghai - Australia**

**(B)** This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights home.

Depart Harbin at 11.55am on MU 5610, arriving in Shanghai at 3.30pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Shanghai at 8.30pm on MU 737, arriving in Melbourne at 10.00am the next morning (16.01.27).

Sydney passengers depart Shanghai at 8.55pm on MU 561, arriving in Sydney at 10.00am the next morning (16.01.27).

**16.01.27    Arrive Australia**

Sydney & Melbourne passengers arrive at 10am this morning.

**Note:** The Harbin Ice Festival is made possible due to its location in north eastern China, receiving cold winter winds from Siberia. As such the temperatures during this period will be extremely cold, reaching lows of -30 degrees Celsius, plus wind-chill.

### Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour.

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### Tour Difficulty Level 4

This tour rating typically involves an above average level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, boarding trains quickly, walking distances of up to 2 kilometres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets and being capable of doing this with your own luggage. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as early departures. Unfortunately this tour rating is not recommended for individuals who cannot walk unaided.



## Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's China Harbin Ice Festival Tour

**Deposits and Payments** - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 8 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

**Refunds and Cancellations** - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline. Any refund for a cancelled booking will not be paid until the airline(s) provide the refund to us.

**Insurance** - Adequate travel insurance that includes medical coverage for Covid-19 is required. We do not currently provide insurance. Please contact your preferred travel insurance provider. The responsibility to obtain adequate travel insurance rests with the passenger. Proof of your travel insurance is required to be presented to us on or before the final payment date of the tour.

**Airline Tickets** - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

**Passports** - All travellers require a passport with at least 6 months validity at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. At present, no visas are required for this tour if travelling on an Australian passport. We will advise in due course if this situation changes.

**Basic Tour Price and Taxes** - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

**Not Included in the Cost** - Travel insurance and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), covid-19 tests etc are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1.2% is added to the price to help cover merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

**Breakaway** - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and extensions may not be permitted. Please contact our office if you are interested in extending your time overseas.

**Health and Fitness** - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. It is strongly recommended that you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, but this is not mandatory. Passengers must comply with any specific Covid-19 requirements that may be imposed by airlines and/or authorities of the destinations visited.

**Accreditation** - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices.

**Disclosure of fees or commissions received from third parties** - Macleay Valley Travel Pty Ltd may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third parties under this contract.

**Airline Seating** - Macleay Valley Travel has no control over group seating and any seating requests are not guaranteed.

**Limitation of Liability concerning Covid-19** - There may be outbreak(s) of Covid-19 during this tour. Whilst we take necessary safety precautions, Macleay Valley Travel cannot be held responsible for any quarantines or other associated costs brought about by quarantines, border closures and/or travel delays. You are aware that Covid-19 is a highly contagious and dangerous disease that may result in significant personal illness and even death. You acknowledge that you are participating in the tour with knowledge of the inherent risks of Covid-19, and you agree to assume all risks.

**Limitation of Liability** - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, pandemics, endemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally, you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program. Many of the destinations visited on this tour will likely occur during a period of extreme cold weather. While care is taken, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable for death, injury or illness relating to exposure and/or danger to said weather conditions. This may include, but is not limited to, frostbite and breaking bones on slippery surfaces. It is your responsibility to dress and wear appropriate footwear for these weather conditions.

## MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

**A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM**

Name of Tour : \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 1** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 2** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **PostCode** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone / Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Passport Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

**Single room / Twin beds / Double bed:** (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE

Special Dietary Requests – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Extensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Any existing medical conditions? Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person and the health & fitness form.

**DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name. If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.**

**HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE**

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details and severity: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No
3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No  
If no, please provide details about these limitations: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No
10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No  
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No
11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: \_\_\_\_\_

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

**DISCLAIMER**

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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