

# BY PRIVATELY CHARTERED QANTAS 747

■ South Africa ■ Victoria Falls ■ Kenyan Game Park ■ Istanbul ■ *Gallipoli Option* ■ Ephesus ■ Taj Mahal ■ Beijing ■ Great Wall Of China

5 SEPTEMBER – 23 SEPTEMBER 2011 (19 DAYS)







The CAPTAIN'S CHOICE TOUR is renowned for taking guests to some extraordinary destinations throughout the world, places which are true highlights of their region. The Captain's Choice Tour was created in 1994, initially as a one off tour aboard a privately chartered Qantas aircraft. The popularity of this tour seeded the growth of the company that is now recognised as Australia's leader in luxury travel to remote and exotic destinations. This will be our 33<sup>rd</sup> international Private Jet tour, we are the world's leader in Private Jet tours. In September 2011 we invite you to join an exploration of the incredible continents of Asia and Africa. These two diverse continents boast some of the world's most

prolific wildlife, huge waterfalls, spectacular mountains and ancient cultures. Our tour combines the beauty of Cape Town and the Cape Peninsula; the legendary Victoria Falls; your choice of two of the world's greatest game reserves – Masai Mara National Park, teeming with game during the annual wildlife migration, or Samburu National Park in northern Kenya; the mystical and alluring city of Istanbul; the opportunity to visit Gallipoli; some of the world's best preserved Roman ruins at Ephesus; the incredible Taj Mahal; and the cultural treasures of Beijing including the Great Wall of China. Our exclusive flights aboard a Qantas 747-400 enable you to visit the diverse highlights of Asia and Africa and assure you of the very best in airline travel, onboard service and security; plus our Private Jet helps to minimise airport formalities and immigration procedures. The Captain's Choice Tour offers an all inclusive tour, where your every need is taken care of by an experienced Tour Escort Team and accompanying doctor. We invite you to join The Captain's Choice Tour on this remarkable travel experience.

- PHIL & KAYE ASKER, FOUNDERS & DIRECTORS OF THE CAPTAIN'S CHOICE TOUR

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#### THE CAPTAIN'S CHOICE TOUR 2011







Exclusive Highlights

Stay in luxury on Cape Town's V&A Waterfront District

Visit Nelson Mandela's prison cell on Robben Island, escorted by a former political prisoner

Partake in a wine tasting and lunch at a vineyard in the Cape Winelands

Spend two nights at the sumptuous Royal Livingstone Resort, located within the roar of Victoria Falls

Enjoy a unique dinner aboard a steam train into Victoria Falls National Park

Witness the annual wildlife migration from the Masai Mara to the Serengeti











TOP ROW: STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA; MASAI GIRL; VICTORIA & ALFRED WATERFRONT, CAPE TOWN; LION; BLUE MOSQUE; MIDDLE ROW: VICTORIA FALLS; SAROVA CAMP TENT; BOTTOM ROW: BREAKFAST AT ROYAL LIVINGSTONE RESORT; ANZAC COVE, GALLIPOLI; MASAI WARRIORS









# All Inclusive Tour

When you travel with The Captain's Choice Tour you can be confident that there are no extra hidden costs. We are genuinely all inclusive.

Air travel (in the class of your choice) aboard our Private Qantas 747.

All flights are during the day.

- 5 star hotels in each city and premium game lodges in Kenya.
  - All sightseeing excursions featuring personal headsets for enhanced comprehension and enjoyment.

All meals including regional banquets and entertainment plus numerous dine-around evenings, where you choose from a selection of restaurants.

Drinks – wine, beer and soft drink are included with each group dinner (not included on dine-around evenings). Bottled water is provided at each meal and aboard sightseeing transport.

All tipping, taxes, transfers and travel insurance\*.

Tour is led by an experienced Tour Manager and a large Tour Escort Team including an accompanying doctor.

Special luggage handling arrangements to ensure the safe delivery of your luggage from room to room between destinations. Plus increased luggage allowance for all guests.

Transport used for sightseeing is not filled to capacity to ensure your comfort and enhance your experience.

\*Conditions apply, please refer to Terms & Conditions.











# Solo Travellers

Passengers travelling as couples or alone are equally welcome. A convivial group of passengers ensures making friends is easy and a personable Tour Escort Team means there is always someone to share the joy of travel. We guarantee to match you with another solo traveller at no additional cost or a single room supplement is offered should you wish to have sole occupancy of a room.





Select is a flexible program unique to The Captain's Choice Tour. Select offers you a choice in dining options and several touring activities. As you read the tour itinerary you will notice italicised text preceded by this symbol [S]. All Select options listed in this brochure are included in your tour price (unless otherwise indicated).

▶ Select

# Our Hotels

**Cape Town** – Table Bay Hotel, located on the Victoria & Albert Waterfront **Victoria Falls** – Royal Livingstone Resort, a superb property featuring luxurious accommodation, beautiful grounds and located beside the Zambezi River

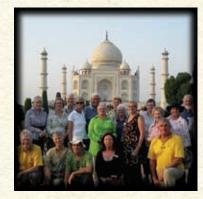
Masai Mara National Park – one of three excellent game lodges

Samburu National Park Option – Samburu Simba Lodge

Istanbul - Sheraton Ataköy Hotel, on the shores of the Sea of Marmara

Canakkale – Kolin Hotel, located beside the beach on Canakkale Strait Izmir/Ephesus – Hilton Izmir Hotel, located close to the waterfront and near the Old Town

Delhi – The Oberoi, one of Delhi's finest hotelsBeijing – The Peninsula, a sumptuous and centrally located boutique hotel



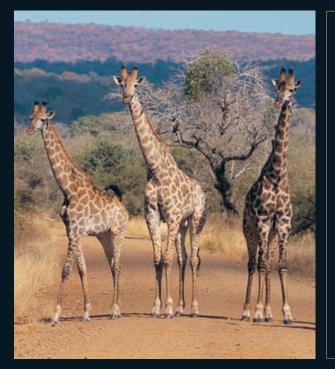


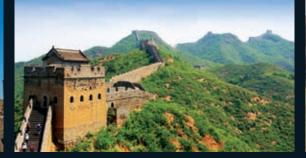


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Exclusive Highlights

Explore the mystical city of Istanbul Lose yourself in Istanbul's Grand Bazaar Valk on the beach at ANZAC Cove in Gallipo Experience the incredible Roman ruins of Ephesus in Turkey See one of the world's greatest architectural marvels, the Taj Mahal

nmerse yourself in the history of Beijing

Climb the Great Wall of China

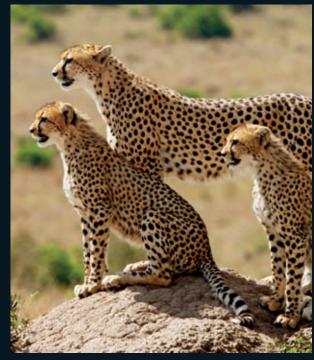














TOP ROW: VICTORIA FALLS; PERGAMON; GREAT WALL; ELEPHANT, MASAI MARA; ROBBEN ISLAND; MIDDLE ROW: GIRAFFE & CHEETAH, MASAI MARA; Bottom Row: Hippopotamus; Masai Bush Dining; Gallipoli, Turkey; Ephesus Statue; Sarova Tent Accommodation



Ossie Miller, Fleet Captain 747

AM EXCITED to be the Qantas 747 that will take this tour are incredible and offer the traveller an your lifetime! The Qantas





# Aboard Your Private Jet

QANTAS HAS AN international reputation for their outstanding safety record, modern aircraft, inflight services and facilities. You will travel on a state-of-the-art Boeing 747 aircraft, which is not filled to capacity to ensure a comfortable and convivial atmosphere onboard. Impeccable service standards are facilitated by two senior Qantas Captains, a First Officer, additional flight attendants and Qantas specialists in the areas of Food Service, Engineering, Security and Catering. Flying aboard your privately chartered Qantas Jet is an incredible experience. The aircraft and specially selected Qantas crew wait for you in each destination and welcome you back onboard to fly to the next exciting location. An extraordinary camaraderie develops between fellow travellers, crew and Tour Escorts.

# The Qantas Crew

Your aircraft will be commanded by Ossie Miller, a senior Qantas Captain, who will be supported by another experienced Senior Captain and a First Officer. The Captain and his flight crew are looking forward to an outstanding tour and putting into practice their vast experience and skill – including special scenic flying over points of interest allowing maximum viewing pleasure for all passengers.

# Spacious Seating

Our Private Qantas 747 offers four classes of seating for your air travel. The aircraft is not filled to capacity and all guests, within their class, rotate seats on each sector to ensure a fair allocation of positions throughout the cabin. Our itinerary is planned to minimise overnight flights to ensure your comfort.

- **First Class** features full length, flat bed sleeper seats. Offering you a premier flying experience with Qantas' full First Class gourmet meal and bar service including prestige French Champagne.
- **Business Class** features Qantas' 'Lie-flat' Sky Beds. Qantas' highly regarded Business Class seats offer you ample space and comfort, accompanied by excellent fine dining and wines.
- **Premium Economy Class** features Qantas' Premium Economy Class configuration, with additional space, top quality meals and a private cabin area.
- **Deluxe Economy Class** featuring regular international Economy Class seats. The cabin is not filled to capacity to ensure all guests have an empty seat between themselves and the next person; each guest is guaranteed an aisle or a window seat this ensures the comfort of each person within the Economy Class cabin. An enhanced bar and meal service is provided, ensuring all guests enjoy excellent meals plus top quality wines, spirits and French Champagne.





# Your tour *itinerary*



#### TRAVEL DATES

5 September - 23 September 2011 (19 Days)

### DAY 1: MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER Sydney – Cape Town (South Africa)

OIN YOUR PRIVATE Qantas 747 in Sydney early this afternoon for the direct daytime flight to Cape Town. On all flights an enhanced meal service and Business Class bar service is provided including French Champagne, fine Australian wines and premium spirits.

We arrive in Cape Town early this evening and transfer to the luxurious Table Bay Hotel, located on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, for a three night stay.

Cape Town is South Africa's most spectacular city, surrounded by mountains and sea. Enjoy the spectacular location of our hotel.

### DAY 2: TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER Cape Town

This morning we ride the cable car up Table Mountain for the stunning view over Cape Town, its bay and the beautiful coastline. We then visit the Cape Winelands and the lovely old university town of Stellenbosch, which abounds in Cape-Dutch style architecture. We enjoy wine tasting and lunch at a top vineyard. We return to Cape Town mid afternoon with time for shopping and further exploration.

Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening. As with all group dinners wine, beer and soft drink are included.

#### DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER Cape Town

This morning we take a ferry to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 19 years. We see the former President's cell and tour the jail on this eerie prison island. The trip back to Cape Town offers magnificent views of the city and Table Mountain. This afternoon we take a breathtaking scenic coastal drive along the Cape Peninsula. Ride the funicular to the top of Cape Point for the spectacular view over the Cape of Good Hope. Coastal vistas continue as we visit a penguin colony and the scenic villages of Simonstown, Fish Hoek and Muizenberg.

► Tonight is a dine-around evening – choose to dine at our hotel, with your Tour Manager or independently at one of a selection of restaurants on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront.

#### DAY 4: THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER Cape Town – Victoria Falls (Zambia)

Late this morning we fly to Lusaka, Zambia, to join a local charter flight (Boeing 737) to Victoria Falls. We have two nights at the luxurious Royal Livingstone Hotel, located beside Africa's greatest waterfalls.

This evening we dine under the stars in a traditional African Boma.

#### DAY 5: FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER Victoria Falls

The Zambezi plummets in a single vertical drop into a transverse chasm 1,700m wide and up to 108m high.

We take a walking tour around the edge of Victoria Falls for magnificent views of this natural wonder.

► An optional helicopter flight over the Falls is available (additional cost).

This afternoon is free to relax at our fine hotel and enjoy the natural spectacle.

Late this afternoon we join the beautifully restored Royal Livingstone Express for a steam train trip into the National Park. Enjoy drinks in the Lounge or Observation Cars, observe game as we travel through the National Park along the historic Zambezi Sawmills Railway and, as the sun sets, delight in the view of the Zambezi River from the train. Dinner will be served in the ornate dining cars on our return journey through the African bush.

### DAY 6: SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER Victoria Falls – Masai Mara Game Reserve or Samburu National Park (Kenya)

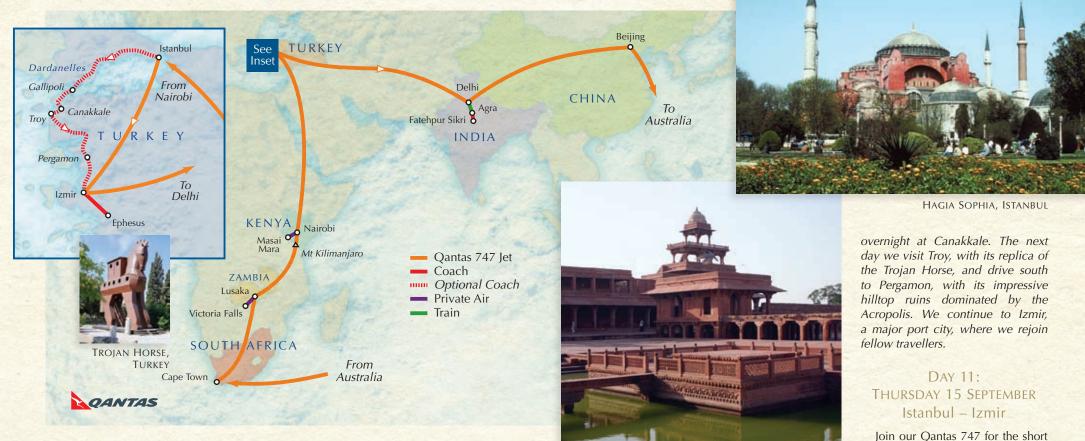
Join a local 737 charter flight to Lusaka to rejoin our Qantas 747 for the flight to Nairobi. As we descend we hope to obtain spectacular views of Africa's highest mountain, Mt Kilimanjaro. We continue by smaller aircraft to Masai Mara National Park, part of the Serengeti eco system. We will be accommodated in one of three excellent game lodges – Mara Sarova, Simba or Sopa Lodges - in the heart of prime game viewing country within one of Africa's greatest game reserves. We have timed our visit to coincide with the annual wildebeest and zebra migration, a natural phenomena every September. Lines and lines of animals, including the majestic big cats, are on the migration trail. Our game viewing commences as we take our first game drive on our way from the airstrip to our lodge. Tonight you will be lulled to sleep by the distant sounds of African wildlife.

▶ If you have already visited Masai Mara you may prefer, at no additional cost, to fly to Samburu National Park for stunning game viewing in northern Kenya at the Samburu Simba Lodge.

### DAY 7: SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER Masai Mara National Park

Join our 4WD vehicles on safari this morning. You may be treated with the sights of cheetah stalking their prey, prides of lion, elephants, buffalo, giraffe and hippo cavorting in the Mara River. We hope

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to see the spectacular wildlife migration of thousands of zebras, wildebeest and gazelle in the Masai Mara on their way to the Serengeti. Dinner this evening features Kenyan specialities and Masai Dancers.

#### DAY 8: MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER Masai Mara National Park -Istanbul (Turkey)

This morning we take an early morning game drive and return to our lodge for a late breakfast. We join the smaller aircraft to Nairobi, where we rejoin our Qantas 747 for our onward flight to Istanbul. Istanbul is a city full of intrigue and history, at the

crossroads of East and West - a scintillating destination for travellers. We check in to our five star hotel this evening.

#### DAY 9: TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER Istanbul

This morning we explore the ancient district of Sultanahmet to visit the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, the magnificent Byzantine Church of St Sophia and opulent Topkapi Palace. After lunch, overlooking the Golden Horn, there will be time to explore the Grand Bazaar.

> Enjoy a dine-around evening, where you choose from a selection of the hotel's restaurants and local dining establishments.

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#### DAY 10: WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER Istanbul

This morning we visit the renowned Dolmabahce Palace - built by the Sultan beside the Bosphorus, the underground cistern and the bustling Spice Bazaar. This afternoon is free to explore the old and new city.

> You may wish to join a complimentary two day option to visit Gallipoli, Troy and Pergamon. We drive from Istanbul to Gallipoli and ANZAC Cove. Walk on the beach at ANZAC Cove, visit Lone Pine Cemetery and see the Turkish Memorial. We

have two nights at the Izmir Hilton. > This evening choose from your hotel restaurant or one of the lively seafood restaurants beside the Agean.

#### DAY 12: FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER **Ephesus**

luncheon flight to Izmir, a major city

on the Agean Sea and close to the

ancient Roman ruins of Ephesus. We

Today we visit the best preserved of all the classical ruins and the Roman capital of Asia Minor, Ephesus. Ephesus was a strategic gateway to the Eastern World with over 250,000 people living here nearly 2,000 years ago. The city dates

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CLOCKWISE TOP LEFT: BLUE MOSQUE; EPHESUS; DOLMABAHCE PALACE; GREAT WALL; TIANANMEN SQUARE

back to the 10th century BC and more fascinating remains have recently been uncovered. Walk down the marble paved street, with groove marks from ancient chariot wheels, past the ruins of major civic buildings and temples. The Library of Celsus, a structure of unique beauty with a spectacular restored façade, once contained 12,000 scrolls of papyrus manuscripts. The Grand Theatre held 25,000 spectators and had exceptional acoustics. Ephesus is an outstanding archaeological site.

You will have time to shop for leather before returning to our hotel.

This evening enjoy another dinearound evening.

#### DAY 13: SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER Izmir – Delhi (India)

Late this morning we join our Qantas Jet. Enjoy the party atmosphere onboard and fine food and wine before our early evening arrival in Delhi. Delhi is known as India's most pleasant major city and surprises the visitor with captivating monuments and hidden gems. We check in to our five star hotel this evening.

#### DAY 14: SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER Delhi

This morning we tour the sights of New Delhi including the spectacular Mughal buildings and the British style Parliament House linked with India Gate along the wide Raj Path. We will also visit the Embassy area, Connaught Circus, the circular streets in the heart of the city and Lakshimi Narayan Hindu Temple.

After lunch we will explore Old Delhi to see the contrasting style of the ancient city. We drive through the crowded streets to visit the Red Fort, built by Shah Jahan in the 17th century, showing the extravagance of the time. We explore the narrow streets of Chandi Chowk (Silver Street), the bustling centre of Old Delhi and visit the Jama Masjid Mosque and Raj Ghat, a serenely peaceful place where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in 1948.

Enjoy a dine-around dinner at our hotel this evening.

### DAY 15: MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER Agra & Taj Mahal

Today will live long in your memory! We join India's fastest train for the two hour trip to Agra. Agra was the capital of the Mughals, known for their passion of architecture that left it with some of the loveliest structures in the world. Undoubtedly India's greatest tourist attraction is the Taj Mahal, a monument of love built by the King for his Queen. We will visit the magnificent and awe inspiring Taj Mahal this morning. We will also see the imposing Agra Fort, where the Emperor spent his last days in prison gazing at the tomb of his wife. We explore the beautiful palaces and pavilions inside Agra Fort before lunch.

► This afternoon we take a drive to Fatehpur Sikri, a ghost town close to Agra. Fatehpur Sikri is a fascinating complex, left deserted by its inhabitants not long after it was built. Alternatively, venture into town for some shopping opportunities including the fine, handmade Indian carpets.

We take our fast train back to Delhi this evening.

### DAY 16: TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER Delhi – Beijing (China)

Late this morning we fly over the Himalaya to the dynamic Chinese capital, Beijing. We have three nights at our sumptuous hotel, The Pensinsula. A fitting conclusion to our exploration of some of the world's most iconic destinations.

### DAY 17: WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER Beijing

This morning we experience the spine tingling feeling of walking across historic Tiananmen Square, lined by the Great Hall of the People and Chairman Mao's Mausoleum.

We also visit the Forbidden City, formerly the Imperial Palace.

► This afternoon you may wish to join a guided rickshaw tour of Old Beijing's narrow hutongs (laneways); take a tour to the Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven; or shop for the many bargains within the city, making use of the generous luggage allowance.

Choose from a selection of restaurants at our hotel for a dine-around dinner this evening.

### DAY 18: THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER Beijing

> The ancient art of Tai Chi is practiced

throughout China and this morning you are invited to join a beginner's lesson.

Today we drive to the Great Wall of China and take a walk atop of the wall, a remarkable experience.

► Early this evening you may wish to visit Shichahai Lake, where we board wooden, lantern-lit boats powered by a single oarsman. In the middle of the lake we light candles in paper boats and set them afloat in the water.

This evening we come together for our Farewell Peking Duck Dinner.

### DAY 19: FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER Depart Beijing

Depart Beijing this morning. Enjoy the lively atmosphere onboard as you exchange addresses with your fellow travellers and relax in the convivial atmosphere aboard our Qantas Jet.

We arrive in Sydney this evening.

### TOUR COST

Prices (in Australian Dollars) are all inclusive – per person, twin share from Sydney flying aboard a Private Qantas 747.

#### Earlybird Saving – save \$1,000 per person if you book and deposit by 3/6/11.

DELUXE ECONOMY CLASS (Air Travel)	\$24,990
PREMIUM ECONOMY CLASS (Air Travel)	\$28,990
BUSINESS CLASS (Air Travel)	\$35,990
FIRST CLASS (Air Travel)	\$45,990
Single Room Supplement	\$3,800

Please enquire for prices and schedules to/from Sydney from other cities. Single rooms are available at a supplement or we will allocate two single travellers of the same gender to a room without any additional cost.

Guaranteed tour price, no currency or fuel surcharges will apply.

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## Why travel with The Captain's Choice Tour?

- The world's leader in Private let tours our 33rd Private let tour
- Australian family owned & operated
- Travel with Australia's leading airline, Qantas
- 747-400 offers a choice of 4 classes of travel

Deluxe Economy Class ensures comfort & space – aisle or window seat & a vacant seat between each guest

Experienced Tour Escort Team including a Tour Doctor

- All meals are included
- Drinks included with all group dinners

## Giving Back



THE CAPTAIN'S CHOICE TOUR believes in giving back to the people living within the countries that we visit. We use independent local guides to support the local industry. In addition we have a charitable foundation and work in conjunction with Rotary Aid International to complete projects within some of the countries that we visit on our tours. In 2010 we opened our first two schools in rural Cambodia. In 2011 we are building classrooms within existing schools in Tanzania and Madagascar.



### Tour Costs Do Not Include

Passport and visa charges, vaccinations and on-tour suggested medications, items of a purely personal nature (laundry bills, bar bills, phone calls, etc), expenses incurred for items purchased away from group tour (meals, tours, transport, etc), excess luggage (on scheduled flights), insurance for extensions to travel dates/ pre-existing medical conditions/age loading fees, plus any other items not mentioned in this brochure. > Select options are included (with exception of the heli flight on Day 5) but may be limited by capacity. Wine, beer & soft drink are included at each group dinner (not included on dine-around evenings) & aboard the aircraft; drinks at other times are at additional expense.







## Terms & Conditions

TOUR OPERATOR Phil Asker Pty Ltd, ACN 063 895 876, ABN 82 063 895 876, TCF 5541 is the Tour Operator of the program.

- APPOINTED AIRLINES Various international airlines are our nominated carriers. However, these airlines are not involved in the organisation of the tour.
- **RESERVATIONS** Reservations may be made with: The Captain's Choice Tour, Level 1, 35 Seymour Street, Ringwood, Victoria 3134, Australia. Telephone: 61 3 8814 5700. Fax: 61 3 8814 5799. Freecall: 1800 650 738 within Australia or 0800 650 740 within New Zealand. Travel Agents Licence No: 31891.
- YOUR HOLIDAY CONTRACT Your holiday contract is with Phil Asker Pty Ltd. We have made every effort to ensure that the ship, ground transportation, airlines, meals, beverages, photographs, pricing and all other services will be as represented in this brochure. Please note that we cannot be responsible for the acts or omissions of suppliers or services, or for any misrepresentation made by the suppliers or third parties. The services are subject to the conditions imposed by the suppliers and their liability may be limited by their tariffs, conditions of carriage, international conventions and agreements, or customs and their businesses. Therefore, Phil Asker Pty Ltd cannot assume responsibility for any claims, losses, damage, costs, or expenses of any nature arising out of injury, accident or death, loss of or damage to or delay in connection with luggage or other property, delay, inconvenience, upset, disappointment, stress, frustration or loss of employment or loss of holiday time resulting from:
- a) The act or fault or omission of any party other than Phil Asker Pty Ltd or its employees; and
- b) The passenger's failure to obtain related documentation.

The passenger will not be entitled to any refund if the passenger fails to follow the instructions of Phil Asker Pty Ltd or its representatives. We reserve the right to alter or cancel any services you have purchased and inclusions may vary depending on weather, tour operator's arrangements, or other uncertainties, and are subject to change. If we are unable to provide a service comparable to that described in the brochure, we will refund you the difference between the cost of the described service and the lower dollar value of the substituted service. The photographs appearing in this brochure are representational only and are not a guarantee that everything will be exactly as depicted at the location upon arrival. Every endeavour will be made to provide the nominated sightseeing, though no guarantees can be made. The Tour Manager/Operator reserves the right to change hotels and itineraries nominated in this brochure. Every endeavour will be made to substitute with accommodation and travel arrangements of a similar standard.

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS A non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 per person is required to confirm your booking. Final payment must be received 12 weeks prior to the published departure date of the tour. Bookings made inside 12 weeks prior to the published departure date are payable in full on confirmation. Reservations will be made strictly in order of receipt of deposits. Changes made to your booking may incur an amendment fee.

- **CAPTAIN'S CLUB BENEFITS** All guests who travel on a Captain's Choice Tour automatically become members of the Captain's Club. Members who have completed 1-3 tours receive a \$250 per person reduction off their next tour. Members who have completed 4+ tours receive a \$500 per person reduction off their next tour. Members who have completed 4+ tours also receive complimentary home-airport-home limousine transfers (within a 40km radius of an international airport).
- **TOUR PAYMENT/COSTS** All care has been taken to create information contained within this brochure but circumstances, including but not limited to, airline schedule changes, tax increases and increases in operational costs, are subject to change. The Captain's Choice Tour cannot be held responsible for changes that occur and reserves the right to increase the price of any travel arrangement up to the date of departure. The dates, prices and itinerary in this brochure supersede any older brochures featuring tours listed within this brochure. Flights on dates listed in the brochure are subject to availability. If not available at time of booking, passengers may be required to pay additional airfares and/or land arrangements. This brochure may be superseded by another brochure featuring the same tours.
- **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS** A passport valid for at least six months after the return date of the tour is required. Australian and New Zealand passport holders require visas for various countries visited. Details will be advised by The Captain's Choice Tour. Visa forms will be forwarded to all passengers 4 months prior to departure and we will obtain visas on your behalf (at an additional cost). Tickets, final itineraries, detailed travel information and a list of passenger names and suburb of residence will be forwarded to you approximately two weeks prior to departure. If you do not wish your name to appear on the passenger list please advise at the time of booking.
- **CANCELLATION FEES** A comprehensive travel insurance policy is included in the tour cost and provides protection against cancellation fees. Claims may be made for cancellation due to unexpected medical and unforeseen circumstances as specified in the insurance proposal. Due to the stringent financial conditions of operating these tours, the following cancellation fees apply:
- a) Deposit non-refundable and non-transferable; and
- b) Cancellations inside 12 weeks prior to the published departure or failure to board the tour 100% of the cost of the tour.
- **HEALTH** For health requirements, please contact your doctor or the Travellers' Medical and Vaccination Centre in capital cities. The doctor accompanying The Captain's Choice Tour will provide a list of recommended medical items and vaccinations that should be considered by guests in consultation with their own doctor prior to travel. All passengers are required to complete a Fitness/Activity questionnaire at the time of booking. Travellers of any age with a normal level of health, mobility and fitness should not experience difficulty in participating in all aspects of the tour. If you have limited mobility or any major health problem, you are required to advise the

Tour Operator at the time of reservation. The places visited on virtually all of our tours are unsuitable for travellers requiring wheelchairs. Wheelchairs or walking frames cannot be carried or provided on our tour vehicles. We reserve the right to decline or terminate participation in certain circumstances after consultation with the tour doctor. All sectors of trains, buses and confined areas are non-smoking. Aboard the ships are some designated smoking areas. Most flights are now nonsmoking in accordance with international agreements.

- **DOCTOR** A doctor will travel with the group for the duration of the tour. A doctor may or may not accompany **Select** Options. The doctor is an independent registered medical practitioner who is available to provide immediate but limited medical attention to tour guests should the need arise. The doctor carries his or her own independent professional indemnity insurance and carries a limited amount of medical supplies. Phil Asker Pty Ltd is not responsible or liable for any advice or treatment that may be provided by the doctor, or any failure on the part of the doctor to fully diagnose or treat any medical injury or condition which may arise or be identified during the course of the tour.
- TRAVEL INSURANCE We suggest that all passengers take out travel insurance. The price of your tour includes a travel insurance policy underwritten and managed by Cerberus Special Risks Pty Ltd ABN 81 115 932 173 AFS License No. 308461 and underwritten by certain Underwriters at Lloyd's. Travel insurance is provided as part of this package. Any information provided in the brochure is general and does not consider your objectives, financial situation or needs. To decide if this travel insurance meets your needs, you should refer to the Product Disclosure Statement ('PDS') available from www.captainschoice.com. au. If you elect to decline the accepted travel insurance, the tour price will be reduced by the amount of the policy but you are required to advise us of your alternate insurance arrangements prior to making your final tour payment. The combined Financial Services Guide and Product Disclosure Statement will be provided when you enquire into this package. A policy will be issued on successful completion of an insurance application form and payment of deposit. Any passengers 81 years and over as well as those with pre-existing conditions must complete a Medical Declaration Form and may be required to pay an additional premium. Cover for passengers 81 years and over and those with pre-existing conditions shall be subject to the insurer's approval.
- **PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM** Reservations are accepted on a firstcome, first-served basis. The Tour Operator reserves the absolute discretion, in the event of behaviour detrimental to other persons, to decline any person's participation at any time during the program and cancel that person's participation in the tour, in which case any refund will be on a recoverable cost basis only.
- CANCELLATION OF TOUR AND ITINERARY CHANGES In the event that, at the sole discretion of the Tour Operator, it is necessary or advisable for the tour to be cancelled due to such events as outbreak of conflict, government intervention, or withdrawal of traffic rights, or in the event of insufficient participants being available, the refund of all the monies paid, pro rata if applicable after departure, shall constitute a

full and final settlement by the Tour Operator and their agents of any obligation to participants. The operation of the tour program, according to the planned itinerary, is at the sole discretion of the Tour Operator, having in mind the welfare of all participants and the safe and prudent operation of the program.

- AIRLINE SCHEDULE CHANGES The airline departure, arrival and connection times are correct at the time of brochure printing (January 2011). There are occasions when airlines change their schedules and this may affect the operation of the tour. If an airline schedule change occurs The Captain's Choice Tour cannot be held responsible but we will endeavour to find the most suitable connection according to the original itinerary. Additional costs incurred as a consequence of airline schedules are at the expense of the passenger. Internal flight connections are in Economy Class, unless specified.
- **GOVERNING RULE** The tour proposal set out herein and the participants' acceptance by completion of the registration/booking form creates an agreement between the Tour Operator and the participants subject to the law of the State of Victoria, Australia. Completion of the registration/ booking form, together with the participant(s)' signature, verifies acceptance of these terms and conditions.
- **UNUSED SERVICES** No refunds can be given for unused or partially used services during the tour program.
- **PHOTO/VIDEO** Photographs or videos of the tour may be taken which may be used for promotional purposes. If you submit photographs to be included on the group's DVD of images we reserve the right to publish them in future promotional material. Completion of your registration/booking form and acceptance of documents indicates your acceptance and release for this material to be used for promotional or resale purposes.
- **GST** Currently GST is not applicable to international reservations. However, some Australian domestic connection travel may be subject to GST.
- **GROUP TOUR** It may be possible to make individual alterations to the itinerary away from the group tour (e.g. leave/return to Australia earlier/later), however, these changes may be subject to a surcharge.
- **SOLO TRAVELLERS** We will guarantee to arrange for single travellers to share a room in hotels to avoid incurring additional costs. We may accommodate a smoker and a non smoker together, in this instance the room provided will be a non smoking room. If preferred, a single room supplement price is offered if you wish to have single room occupancy.
- LOW CARBON COMMITMENT The Captain's Choice Tour works in partnership with Climate Friendly and GreenPower to reduce/offset carbon emissions caused by the electricity used in our office and flights associated with direct business activity (does not include flights for tours). Carbon credits are used to invest in renewable energy projects (such as wind farms). Please visit www.climatefriendly.com for further details. We will continue to work towards a Low Carbon future.
- **USE AMEX POINTS TO PAY** You can use your AMEX Membership Reward Points to pay for part or all of your tour. You can even use points to pay for your deposit. \$100 of travel = 10,000 points.



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