

Mat McLachlan

WW2 History Cruise

A bespoke holiday experience designed to provide an immersive war history experience

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A MEMORABLE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE

Hosted aboard P&O Pacific Dawn, this 10-night holiday will provide guests an experience like no other as they explore the history of neighbouring Papua New Guinea.

A truly immersive experience, guests will enjoy a range of workshops, shore excursions and seminar discussions all hosted by renowned historians and led by Mat McLachlan.

The holiday will take guests on a journey both on and off the ship. Sea days will be characterised by thought provoking and engaging sessions peppered around plenty of free time to check out Pacific Dawn amenities and

services. Shore side, a series of exclusive tours will be on offer for guests to experience first-hand monumental sites such as Milne Bay and Rabaul. All official Mat McLachlan WW2 History Cruise events are included in the holiday package price.



Date	Destination	Program
26 Aug 20	Brisbane, Australia	Cocktail/Welcome Party
27 Aug 20	Day at Sea	Conference Day 1
28 Aug 20	Day at Sea	Conference Day 2
29 Aug 20	Alotau, Papua New Guinea	The Battle of Milne Bay Tour
30 Aug 20	Kitava, Trobriand Is.	Group Dinner
31 Aug 20	Rabaul, Papua New Guinea	War and Colonial History Tour
1 Sep 20	Kiriwina Is., Trobriand Is.	Free evening
2 Sep 20	Conflict Is., Papua New Guinea	Group Dinner
3 Sep 20	Day at Sea	Conference Day 3
4 Sep 20	Day at Sea	Group Dinner
5 Sep 20	Brisbane, Australia	

Interior from	Oceanview from	Balcony from
\$2,599pp*	\$2,799pp*	\$3,699pp*

*Prices are per person in AUD, based on twin share accommodation in each of the specified cabin categories. Prices are inclusive of port charges, government fees and are correct as at 8 July 2019. Mat McLachlan History Cruise package is only available through CruiseCO. Package includes cruise, welcome cocktail party, shore excursions at Rabaul and Alotau, and, dedicated conference seminars. Cabin numbers are limited and subject to availability. Deposit of \$500 per person is required at time of booking, final balance due 28 May 2020. Cabins are on a guarantee basis and will be allocated only 48 hours prior to the sailing. Single travellers must pay a single supplement of 200%. 3rd & 4th person pricing \$1799 per person. Agents may charge service fees and/or fees for card payment. Cancellations made 91 days or more will have Deposit retained. Cancellations made 90 days or less prior to sailing will result in no refund. Passengers are bound by the full P&O Cruises Australia terms and conditions.

YOUR HISTORIANS

HOSTED BY MAT MCLACHLAN

Mat McLachlan is a leading battlefield historian, author and founder of Mat McLachlan Battlefield Tours who has spent more than two decades following in the footsteps of Australian troops around the world. He is an authority on the battlefields of the Western Front, Gallipoli, the Pacific battlefields of World War Two, the Vietnam War and the Normandy landing beaches.

His 2007 book, *Walking with the Anzacs*, is the definitive guide to Australian battlefields on the Western Front and has been reprinted seven times. Mat's second book, *Gallipoli: The Battlefield Guide*, is the most comprehensive guide to the Australian battlefields of Gallipoli.

Mat regularly appears in historical documentaries (*Tony Robinson's World War 1*, *Australia: Life on the Edge*, *Lost in Flanders*), as well as on television and radio programs to discuss Australia's wartime history, commemorative days and key battle anniversaries.



SUPPORTING HISTORIANS

Karl James

Dr Karl James has been a historian at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, since 2006, and has been Head of the Military History Section from May 2019. A graduate of the University of Wollongong, his research focuses on Australia's involvement in the Second World War. His publications include *Kokoda: Beyond the Legend* (editor), *Double Diamonds: Australian Commandos in the Pacific War, 1941-45* and *The Hard Slog: Australians in the Bougainville Campaign, 1944-45*. He is a member of the editorial staff for the Memorial's magazine *Wartime*.



He has worked on major exhibitions at the Memorial, including as lead curator for *From the Shadows: Australia's Special Forces (2017-18)*, the special anniversary exhibition *Rats of Tobruk, 1941 (2011)*, and the refurbishment of the permanent Second World War Galleries (2010).

Dr James is currently working with Professor Peter Dean on the edited volume *Australia in the Second World War*. Dr James is also writing a new history of the 1941 siege of Tobruk and a popular history of the operations of HMAS Sydney's (III) Carrier Air Group in 1951-52 during the Korean War.



Gary McKay

Gary McKay spent 30 years as an army officer after being conscripted for national service in 1968. He served in South Vietnam in 1971 as an infantry rifle platoon commander where he was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry and severely wounded in the last major Australian battle of the Vietnam War.



In 1987 Gary's best-selling autobiography *In Good Company, Australia's Battlefields in Vietnam, Going Back* was released and he began what is now a full-time career as a non-fiction writer and freelance historian. He is Australia's most prolific writer on the subject of the Vietnam War having released 12 books with Allen & Unwin. Two of his latest, *Australia's Battlefields in Vietnam* and *Going Back* have been highly acclaimed by veterans who have returned to Vietnam and those wanting to see where Australia fought during the war. Gary has also travelled widely in the Pacific doing research and leading battlefield tours in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

David Howell

David Howell is a Melbourne-based historian, author and tour guide. Growing up with the stories of the war in New Guinea by his grandfather, David has made over 50 crossings of the famous Kokoda Track along with visiting most of the major battlefields in Papua New Guinea.



David spent the last five years working at the Shrine of Remembrance, the national war memorial of Victoria where he created their journal, *Remembrance*. He is a serving member of the Army Reserve and has deployed on peacekeeping operations. David is also the Hon. Secretary of the 39th Australian Infantry Battalion.

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