

Mat McLachlan

WW2 History Cruise

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

Departs 6 October 2021

**ADD A PRE-CRUISE
EXTENSION INCL.**

- 1 night at the Royal on the Park Brisbane incl. breakfast (Deluxe Room)
- Coach Transfer from Hotel to Port

ONLY \$119pp*



A MEMORABLE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE

Hosted aboard P&O Pacific Explorer, 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 Explorer 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
6 Oct 21	Brisbane, Australia	Cocktail/Welcome Party
7 Oct 21	Day at Sea	Conference Day 1
8 Oct 21	Day at Sea	Conference Day 2
9 Oct 21	Alotau, Papua New Guinea	The Battle of Milne Bay Tour
10 Oct 21	Kitava, Trobriand Is.	Group Dinner
11 Oct 21	Rabaul, Papua New Guinea	War and Colonial History Tour
12 Oct 21	Kiriwina Is., Trobriand Is.	Free evening
13 Oct 21	Conflict Is., Papua New Guinea	Group Dinner
14 Oct 21	Day at Sea	Conference Day 3
15 Oct 21	Day at Sea	Group Dinner
16 Oct 21	Brisbane, Australia	

Interior from	Oceanview from	Balcony from	Mini Suite from	Suite from
\$1,999pp*	\$2,799pp*	\$3,599pp*	\$4,299pp*	\$5,299pp*

*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 13 August 2020. 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 8 July 2021. Cabins are on a guarantee basis and will be allocated only 48 hours prior to the sailing. Slight changes to the program may occur if needed by the organisers. -Pre-cruise extension: Amount is in addition to the price of the cruise and is per person based on twin share. 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 90 days or more before sailing will have Deposit retained. Cancellations made between 89-45 days prior to sailing will result in 50% loss of monies paid and cancellations less than 44 days prior to sailing no refund. Passengers are bound by the full P&O Cruises Australia terms and conditions and Mat McLachlan Battlefield Tours 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.



MASTER of CEREMONIES

Chris Masters

Chris Masters is one of Australia's best-known, most successful and most influential investigative journalists - inducted into the Australian Media Hall of Fame in 2017. He retains the record of longest serving reporter on Australia's longest running current affairs program, *Four Corners*. Over 25 years he made a series of nation shaping reports, among them *The Moonlight State*, investigating police corruption in Queensland which helped trigger the Fitzgerald Inquiry and reforms across Australia. He has received multiple awards including the premier Gold Walkley for his international expose of the sinking of the *Rainbow Warrior*, and is the author of five best-selling books.

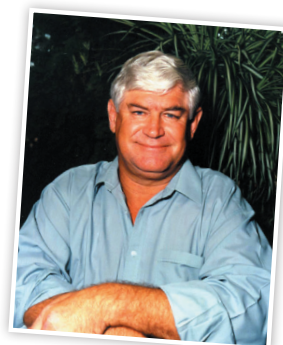


SUPPORTING HISTORIANS

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.

