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## EUROPE IN DEPTH

34 Day Conducted Tour  
for **\$8,975** per person twin share

**This price includes airport taxes & levies**

This is unbelievable value for such a comprehensive tour of Europe in quality accommodation. The price includes all of the following:

- Economy Class airfares with Cathay Pacific from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into London and out of Paris.
- A 31 day tour of western and central Europe, visiting eleven countries including; England, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Croatia, Italy, France and Spain. Some of the many highlights include a Romantic Rhine cruise, the Black Forest in Germany & the Amalfi Coast.
- A 2 night stopover in Hong Kong.
- Very good accommodation, mainly 4 star.
- Many meals, as stated in the itinerary.
- All transfers and transport, including the high speed Eurostar Train from London to Brussels and the high speed TGV train from Bordeaux to Paris.
- Entrance fees to many attractions.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and drivers.
- Services of English speaking tour guides, and if there are 14 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.



The tour will visit Europe in late Autumn, which is generally considered to be the off season, allowing a saving of approximately \$3000 per person on the same tour in peak season. The cool weather will provide beautiful scenery and travelling at this time of the year will afford an opportunity for some unique Christmas shopping.



If you don't have anyone to share with but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$2,445.

**The tour departs Australia on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and returns 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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

## **Itinerary for Europe in Depth Tour**

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

### **01.11.17 Australia – Hong Kong**

Depart Brisbane at 00.45am on CX 156, arriving in Hong Kong at 7.25am.

Upon arrival in Hong Kong, Brisbane passengers will be met and transferred to the hotel (please note your hotel room may not become available until the usual afternoon check in time).

Depart Melbourne at 3.25pm on CX 104, arriving in Hong Kong at 9.45pm.

Depart Sydney at 3.50pm on CX 100, arriving in Hong Kong at 9.55pm.

Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Hotel Panorama By Rhombus

### **02.11.17 Hong Kong**

**(B)**

This morning we have a half day Hong Kong Island Tour.

Our first stop is Man Mo Temple, which was built in 1847 and dedicated to the gods, Man (Literature) and Mo (Martial Arts). The temple is notable for its many fine, well-polished brass and pewter incense burners. Our next stop is Victoria Peak, overlooking the west of Hong Kong Island. It is the highest peak on the island and the most enduring tourist attraction in Hong Kong. We take a ride on the city's oldest transport, the 112 year old Peak Tram. In the early colonial rule, Victoria Peak was accessible only to Hong Kong's high society while the commoners could only visit the peak by permit from the colony's governor. Today Victoria Peak is a world renowned scenic spot. Our ride on the Peak Tram ascends to Victoria Peak, which is 1805 feet above sea level. On the peak we will experience the dazzling panorama of Hong Kong Island, the harbour, Kowloon Peninsula and the hills beyond.

We also visit Aberdeen, located on the southern tip of Hong Kong Island. It is the largest satellite town with a population of about 60,000. It was a pirates den two centuries ago and later turned into a simple fishing village. In recent years, with local high rise building developments, Aberdeen has modernised and now it has become a vibrant waterfront resort for people from metropolitan Hong Kong. Despite modernization, traditional fishing life still prevails. Hundreds of junks and sampans serve as floating homes for thousands of people. They crowd in the narrow harbour, dramatically juxtaposed against the modern high rise buildings that spread up the nearby hillsides. We take a 20 minute sampan ride in the harbour to truly appreciate this fascinating place, followed by a visit to a prestigious jewellery factory, where we can find famous hand-crafted jewellery.

We also stop at Stanley Market. Stanley is a coastal village on the southern side of Hong Kong Island. It is a must see place for visitors to Hong Kong. Stanley used to be a small fishing village but in recent years, a series of restaurants and pubs have been established here. Now this village is bustling with throngs of people. Stanley Market is located up the road from the harbour and the highlight of Stanley. Over the years it's become known for its bargains, which includes silk garments, sportswear, art, Chinese costumes, souvenirs, ornaments and a host of fantastic crafts. It is one of the famous open-air markets in Hong Kong. Strolling in this street and bargaining with the shrewd vendors is something most travellers find amusing to try.

Afterwards we are returned to the hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Panorama By Rhombus

**03.11.17 Hong Kong - London**

**(B)** This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flight to London. Depart Hong Kong at 12.05pm on CX 239, arriving in London at 5.20pm. Welcome to London! We are transferred to our London hotel for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Hilton London Metropole or similar

**04.11.17 London**

**(B)** Morning sightseeing with a local guide includes all the famous landmarks including; the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben beside the Thames River, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall's mounted horse guards, the Prime Minister's Downing Street, Piccadilly Circus, and Buckingham Palace. Visit St Paul's Cathedral and see the Changing of the Guard, if held.  
Accommodation: Hilton London Metropole or similar

**05.11.17 London – Brussels, Belgium**

**(B/L/D)** This morning we will meet our tour director and travelling companions and board the high-speed Eurostar Train to Brussels. Walk to the Grand Place and admire its baroque guild houses and the gothic Town Hall. Don't leave Brussels without first rubbing the statue of Everard t'Serclaes, a 14<sup>th</sup>-century hero, for good luck, and taking pictures of the tiny but world-famous statue of Manneken Pis. Also enjoy a light lunch with waffles and a beer tasting at a local café. A welcome dinner with wine awaits us at the hotel.  
Accommodation: Radisson Blu Royal or similar

**06.11.17 Brussels – Amsterdam, Holland**

**(B/D)** In Amsterdam, enjoy a Canal Cruise, the best way to see the 700-year-old capital, and visit a major diamond centre. Later you may wish to join an optional excursion to visit a cheese farm, a clog maker, a working windmill, and the pretty fishing village of Volendam. This evening enjoy an included dinner.  
Accommodation: Novotel Amsterdam City or similar

**07.11.17 Amsterdam – Heidelberg, Germany**

**(B/D)** Pass the locale of A Bridge Too Far on the way to Germany and enjoy this afternoon's highlight, a romantic Rhine Cruise along the prettiest part of the Rhine River. Arrive in Heidelberg and take pictures of its castle. This evening enjoy an included dinner.  
Accommodation: Leonardo Hotel or similar

**08.11.17 Heidelberg – Black Forest – Rhine Falls, Switzerland – Lucerne**

**(B)** This morning we stop in the Black Forest, renowned for cuckoo clocks. Hear about the art of woodcarving from local woodcarver, Adolf Herr, and enjoy a taste of the local fruit wine. Next, take pictures of the thundering Rhine Falls and continue to picturesque Lucerne for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Ameron Flora or similar

**09.11.17 Lucerne**

**(B/D)** During our walking tour, admire the emotional Lion Monument, dedicated to the fallen Swiss Guards who protected the Royal House of France during the French

Revolution, and cross the famous covered Chapel Bridge to the Jesuit Church. If you wish you can join optional tours either climbing Mount Pilatus by cable car, or take a cruise on the fjord-like lake. This evening enjoy an included dinner.  
Accommodation: Ameron Flora or similar

**10.11.17** **Lucerne – Vaduz, Liechtenstein – Innsbruck – Salzburg, Austria**  
**(B/D)** A short stop in Vaduz, capital of the pocket-sized Principality of Liechtenstein. Next is Innsbruck, Austria's Olympic resort in the Tyrolean mountains. Walk through the Old Town to Emperor Maximilian's Golden Roof, and shop for crystal, for which Innsbruck is famous, before continuing to Salzburg, where a special dinner with wine awaits us at Farmhouse Lenzenbauer.  
Accommodation: Crowne Plaza The Pitter

**11.11.17** **Salzburg – Vienna**  
**(B)** A pleasant stroll with our local guide takes us through the historic centre. Admire exquisite Mirabell Gardens, the Great Festival Hall and Residenz Square. Then, drive past the lovely Salzkammergut Lake District, made famous by the movie The Sound of Music, and along the Danube Valley to Vienna, the capital of Austria.  
Accommodation: Hilton Vienna Danube Waterfront or similar

**12.11.17** **Vienna**  
**(B)** Guided sightseeing features the State Opera House, the Jewish Quarter, Heldenplatz, St Stephen's Cathedral, and stop at Hofburg Palace. Also admire the unusual Hundertwasserhaus. To make the most of your stay you may wish to join an optional excursion to magnificent Schonbrunn Palace.  
Accommodation: Hilton Vienna Danube Waterfront or similar

**13.11.17** **Vienna – Zagreb, Croatia – Ljubljana, Slovenia**  
**(B/D)** A scenic drive through Carinthia brings us to Zagreb, the proud capital of Croatia. Guided sightseeing features all important landmarks of the Lower Town and medieval Upper Town, such as the Parliament, Stone Gate, the Archbishop's Palace, and a visit to the majestic Cathedral. We continue to Ljubljana, the elegant capital of Slovenia. This evening enjoy an included dinner.  
Accommodation: Austria Trend Ljubljana or similar

**14.11.17** **Ljubljana**  
**(B)** Meet our local guide and admire Ljubljana's medieval castle, the impressive City Hall, and visit magnificent St Nicholas' Cathedral. Later, you may wish to consider joining an optional excursion to wonderful Lake Bled.  
Accommodation: Austria Trend Ljubljana or similar

**15.11.17** **Ljubljana – Postojna – Venice, Italy**  
**(B)** Today we enjoy an exciting visit to the spectacular Postojna Caves by mini-train. The caves were discovered in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and opened to the public in 1819. Then, follow the Adriatic coast to romantic Venice for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Plaza at Mestre or similar

- 16.11.17 Venice**  
**(B/D)** We enter Venice in style by private boat. Highlights of our guided walking tour are St Mark's Square and Basilica, lavish Doges' Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Also enjoy a Glassblower demonstration. The afternoon is free to explore the maze of little streets, bridges, and canals on your own or to join exciting optional excursion to enhance your stay. This evening enjoy an included dinner.  
Accommodation: Plaza at Mestre or similar
- 17.11.17 Venice – Assisi**  
**(B/D)** Through the Apennine Mountains to peaceful Assisi. Visit St Francis' Basilica, the hub of a religious order devoted to the ideals of humanity, forgiveness, simplicity, and love for all God's creatures. This evening enjoy an included dinner.  
Accommodation: Grand Hotel Dei Congressi or similar
- 18.11.17 Assisi – Amalfi Coast – Sorrento**  
**(B)** Enjoy a comfortable drive along the Highway of the Sun past Rome to Sorrento. While driving to Positano, we will see one of Italy's most beautiful coastlines, the Amalfi Coast. We visit a picturesque village where we can taste the local Limoncello Liquor. Then we travel to Sorrento for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Michelangelo or similar
- 19.11.17 Sorrento – Capri - Sorrento**  
**(B)** Today we speed across the bay by Jetfoil to the Isle of Capri. Ride the Funicular to Capri village for a guided visit of this pretty town. There is free time to explore the little shops on the piazzetta before returning to Sorrento.  
Accommodation: Michelangelo or similar
- 20.11.17 Sorrento – Pompeii – Rome**  
**(B)** Pompeii was a Roman city both destroyed and preserved by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. We follow our local guide past patrician homes, public baths, and commercial districts that strikingly recall day-to-day life when Rome was at the apex of her power. Then continue to Rome, the 'Eternal City'.  
Accommodation: Crowne Plaza St Peter's or similar
- 21.11.17 Rome**  
**(B)** Today we enjoy unique sightseeing, including inside visits to the highlights of religious and ancient Rome including; the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgement, monumental St Peter's Square and Basilica to admire Michelangelo's Pieta, the amazing Colosseum, and the Roman Forum, where Roman legions marched in triumph. For those who wish to see it all, an optional walking tour with a local guide is available to further explore famous sites like the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and more.  
Accommodation: Crowne Plaza St Peter's or similar
- 22.11.17 Rome – Florence – Tuscany**  
**(B/D)** In Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance', we enjoy a walking tour with a local guide and admire the cathedral, the Baptistry's 'Gate of Paradise' and visit sculpture-studded Signorina Square, and see Ponte Vecchio. There is time to shop for leather

and gold before continuing to Montecantini, our peaceful Tuscan resort.  
Accommodation: Croce di Malta at Montecantini or similar

**23.11.17 Tuscany – Pisa – Eze – Nice, France**

**(B)** Marvel at the Leaning Tower in Pisa before continuing on a spectacular drive along the Italian and French Rivas. Leave the highway in France, and join the Moyenne Corniche. In Eze we visit a perfume factory and hear about the history and production of perfume. Then continue to our hotel in Nice on the Cote d'Azur for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: NH Nice or similar

**24.11.17 Nice**

**(B)** Today is at leisure to enjoy this enchanting French Riviera resort at your own pace. Exciting optional excursions are available to the picturesque artist village of St Paul de Vence and to famous Monte Carlo.  
Accommodation: NH Nice or similar

**25.11.17 Nice – Arles – Barcelona, Spain**

**(B/D)** In Arles, walk to the impressive Roman Amphitheater before continuing to the Spanish border and splendid Barcelona for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Catalonia Barcelona Plaza or similar

**26.11.17 Barcelona**

**(B)** Sightseeing with a local guide features the spectacular Sagrada Familia Basilica, Gaudi's masterpiece, and a panoramic view of the city and harbour from Montjuic Hill. Also visit the Gothic Quarter.  
Accommodation: Catalonia Barcelona Plaza or similar

**27.11.17 Barcelona – Madrid**

**(B)** Enjoy rustic Catalan and Aragonian landscapes on our journey to Madrid, the capital of Spain since 1561.  
Accommodation: Melia Galgos or similar

**28.11.17 Madrid**

**(B)** Guided sightseeing features the highlights of Madrid and a special visit to the palatial Prado Museum with its priceless art treasures. The afternoon and evening are at leisure.  
Accommodation: Melia Galgos or similar

**29.11.17 Madrid – Bilbao – Biarritz, France**

**(B/D)** Our highlight today is a stop in Bilbao to visit the spectacular Guggenheim Museum, designed by architect Frank Gehry in 1997. We continue to picturesque Biarritz, an ancient fishing village turned trendy seaside resort, for an overnight stay.  
Accommodation: Radisson Blu or similar

**30.11.17 Biarritz – Bordeaux**

**(B/D)** Leave the coast and travel through the Landes region to Bordeaux and enjoy an

orientation tour. This evening enjoy an included dinner.  
Accommodation: Mercure Chateau Chartrons or similar

**01.12.17 Bordeaux – Paris**

**(B/D)** Travel by high-speed TGV Train to Paris. The afternoon is at leisure with the possibility of joining an optional excursion to the magnificent Louvre Museum with the Mona Lisa. This evening a special dinner with wine has been prepared for us at Les Noces de Jeannette restaurant. Afterwards we enjoy a drive through the ‘City of Light’.  
Accommodation: Catalogne Paris Gare Montparnasse or similar

**02.12.17 Paris**

**(B)** Morning sightseeing with a local guide includes the most famous sights and a visit to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. An optional excursion to the lush Palace and Gardens of Versailles is available. Tonight, an optional evening out for dinner and show at the Moulin Rouge may be the best way to say “au revoir, Paris”.  
Accommodation: Catalogne Paris Gare Montparnasse or similar

**03.12.17 Paris – Hong Kong**

**(B)** This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights home. Depart Paris at 12.25pm on CX 260, arriving in Hong Kong at 6.55am the next morning.

**04.12.17 Hong Kong – Australia**

Sydney passengers depart Hong Kong at 8.40am on CX 139, arriving in Sydney at 8.45pm.  
Melbourne passengers depart Hong Kong at 10.20am on CX 163, arriving in Melbourne at 10.35pm.  
Brisbane passengers depart Hong Kong at 12.35pm on CX 157, arriving in Brisbane at 11.15pm.

**Note:** The ground operator for the European segment of this tour is Globus.



## **Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Europe in Depth 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 10 weeks prior to departure.

**Refunds and Cancellations:** Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

**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.

**Insurance:** Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

**Passports:** All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. No visas are required for Australian passport holders.

**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:** All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance. Similarly, credit card payments can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 3% surcharge for Diners Club.

**Booking through other Agents:** As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

**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. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

**Twin Share Bookings** - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

**Breakaway Fee** - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$105 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

**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. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

**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, 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.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Passport Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

(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 / BRISBANE

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

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

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

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

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person.

**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.**