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## GRAND EUROPEAN

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

**This price includes airport taxes & levies**

This incredible price includes all of the following:

- Economy Class airfares with Singapore Airlines from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into London and out of Paris.
- A 22 day tour of western and central Europe, visiting England, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy and France. This impressive tour has two night stays in London, Amsterdam, Lucerne, Vienna, Rome, Florence, French Riviera and Paris.
- A two night stopover in Singapore, with touring.
- 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, a Rhine River cruise in Germany and a private boat ride to the island of Venice.
- 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 Macleay Valley Travel tour participants, there will be an Australian tour escort.



The tour will visit Europe in Summer, which generally provides warm sunny days to make the most of your time overseas.

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 \$2,555.

**Tour departs Australia on the 7<sup>th</sup> August and returns 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

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

## **Itinerary for Grand European Tour – August 2020**

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

### **07.08.20 Australia – Singapore**

Depart Brisbane at 9.10am on flight SQ 256, arriving in Singapore at 3.30pm.  
Depart Melbourne at 9.35am on flight SQ 238, arriving in Singapore at 3.25pm.  
Depart Sydney at 11.00am on flight SQ 232, arriving in Singapore at 5.30pm.  
Upon arrival in Singapore we are transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Oasia Hotel Downtown

### **08.08.20 Singapore**

**(B)** This morning we have a Singapore city tour. First we explore the city by driving around the Civic District, passing by the Padang, Cricket Club, historic Parliament House, Supreme Court and City Hall. Next we stop at the Merlion Park and enjoy the impressive views of Marina Bay. There is an opportunity to have some photos taken with the Merlion, a mythological creature that is part lion and part fish. We visit Thian Hock Keng Temple, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, before driving past Chinatown. Next we proceed to the National Orchid Garden, located within Singapore Botanic Gardens, which boasts a sprawling display of 60,000 orchid plants. Our final stop is at Little India to experience the scent of joss sticks, jasmine and spices. Afterwards we are returned to the hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to relax or further explore Singapore.  
Accommodation: Oasia Hotel Downtown

### **09.08.20 Singapore – London, England**

**(B)** This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flight to London.  
Depart Singapore at 12.35pm on Singapore Airlines flight SQ 318, arriving in London at 7.15pm.  
Welcome to London! We are transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Hilton London Metropole or similar

### **10.08.20 London**

**(B)** Morning sightseeing with a local guide includes the famous landmarks, such as the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben beside the Thames River, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall's mounted horse guards and the Prime Minister's Downing Street residence, Piccadilly Circus and Buckingham Palace. We visit St. Paul's Cathedral, Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece built between 1675 and 1708.  
Accommodation: Hilton London Metropole or similar

### **11.08.20 London – Brussels, Belgium – Amsterdam, Holland**

**(B/D)** Meet our tour director and travelling companions and transfer by high speed Eurostar Train to Brussels and motorcoach to Amsterdam, where a welcome dinner awaits us at the hotel.  
Accommodation: Ramada Apollo Amsterdam Centre or similar

- 12.08.20 Amsterdam**  
**(B)** Meet our local guide and hear about the fascinating history of the 700 year old capital during a leisurely canal cruise. On the cruise, admire the patrician mansions and the gabled facades, the 'Golden Bend,' which is the most prestigious part of the Herengracht and a monument to the Golden Age and the Stopera, Amsterdam's proud concert hall. We also pass by the Hermitage, a branch museum of the Hermitage Museum of St. Petersburg. We visit a major diamond centre. For those who wish to experience Dutch life in the countryside, there is an optional excursion available to picture book Volendam, a fishing village at the former Zuiderzee, including visits to a working windmill, a clog maker, a cheese farm and dinner. Accommodation: Ramada Apollo Amsterdam Centre or similar
- 13.08.20 Amsterdam – Rudesheim, Germany – Rhineland**  
**(B/D)** Via the Dutch region best known as the setting of 'A Bridge Too Far', we enter Germany and the Rhine Valley, where a romantic Rhine Cruise past castle-crested cliffs, terraced vineyards and half-timbered towns awaits. A true highlight is an included wine tasting at Bruer's Rudesheimer Schloss in the capital of the Riesling wine country, followed by dinner with local specialties, before going to our hotel. Accommodation: Mercure Wiesbaden City or similar
- 14.08.20 Rhineland – Black Forest – Rhine Falls, Switzerland – Lucerne**  
**(B)** We stop in the Black Forest, renowned for its cuckoo clocks. Hear about the art of woodcarving from a local woodcarver and enjoy a taste of the traditional fruit wine. On the Swiss border, take photos of the thundering Rhine Falls and continue to picturesque Lucerne for a two night stay. Accommodation: Grand Hotel Europe or similar
- 15.08.20 Lucerne**  
**(B/D)** During our walking tour, admire the Lion Monument, dedicated to the fallen Swiss Guards who protected the Royal House of France during the French Revolution. We cross the famous covered Chapel Bridge to the Jesuit Church. Afterwards there is time to shop for Swiss watches, knives or chocolate. Why not join an optional excursion to Mount Pilatus? Dinner this evening is included. Accommodation: Grand Hotel Europe or similar
- 16.08.20 Lucerne – Vaduz, Liechtenstein – Innsbruck, Austria – Munich, Germany**  
**(B)** We stop in Vaduz, capital of the pocket-sized Principality of Liechtenstein, before entering Austria for a spectacular drive through the Tyrolean Alps to Innsbruck, capital of Tyrol. Walk through its quaint streets and take pictures of Emperor Maximilian's Golden Roof before continuing to Munich. Visit Marienplatz with its old and new town halls. You may wish to try a stein of beer at the famous Hofbrauhaus, Munich's most famous beer hall, dating back to 1589. Accommodation: Holiday Inn Munich Leuchtenbergring or similar
- 17.08.20 Munich – Salzburg, Austria – Vienna**  
**(B)** We arrive in Salzburg and follow our local guide for a pleasant stroll through the historic centre. Admire exquisite Mirabell Gardens, the Great Festival Hall, St. Peter's Monastery and magnificent Residenz Square, where some scenes of the Sound of Music movie were filmed. See Mozart's birthplace in the charming

Getreidegasse and browse through the downtown market. Next, pass the lovely Salzkammergut Lake District, also famous from the same movie and along the Danube Valley to Vienna, proud capital of Austria, where we have a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Am Konzerthaus MGallery or similar

**18.08.20 Vienna**

**(B)** Our included guided sightseeing features a drive along the Ringstrasse with its magnificent buildings like the Vienna State Opera and a stop at the Hofburg Palace, winter residence of the Austrian Imperial family. Marvel at the impressive courtyards, famous Heldenplatz and awesome St. Stephen's Cathedral. There is time to savour Sachertorte and watch the jolly crowd in one of Vienna's famous coffee houses or choose from a number of optional excursions available.  
Accommodation: Am Konzerthaus MGallery or similar

**19.08.20 Vienna – Venice area, Italy**

**(B)** We journey through the loveliest parts of Austria to Italy and the Adriatic Sea. Arrive in Venice, a powerful magnet for romantics and art lovers from all over the globe. You may wish to join an optional evening featuring an exciting water-taxi ride along the Grand Canal, followed by a Venetian dinner.  
Accommodation: Leonardo Royal Mestre or similar

**20.08.20 Venice – Chianti Hills**

**(B/D)** Enter Venice in style by private boat to St. Mark's Square and admire the byzantine basilica, lavish Doges' Palace with its Bridge of Sighs and watch skilled glassblowers fashion their delicate objects. Later we travel to our accommodation in the breathtaking Chianti Hills, surrounded by vineyards, olive groves and charming stone villages. This evening we enjoy an included traditional dinner with local wine.  
Accommodation: Compagnie des Hotels at Radda in Chianti or similar

**21.08.20 Chianti Hills – Assisi – Rome**

**(B)** Pass through the Apennine Mountains to peaceful Assisi. We 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. Then we continue to Rome, the 'Eternal City', for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Occidental Barcelo Aurelia or similar

**22.08.20 Rome**

**(B)** Guided Sightseeing starts with an included visit to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and the Last Judgement. This is followed by a visit to monumental St. Peter's Square and Basilica to admire Michelangelo's Pieta. Then enjoy views of other major sites as we drive to the Roman Forum to visit the amazing Colosseum, where gladiators once fought. For those who wish to see more, there is an optional walking tour with a local guide available to further explore more famous sites.  
Accommodation: Occidental Barcelo Aurelia or similar

**23.08.20 Rome – Florence**

**(B/D)** An easy morning drive to Florence, 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. Meet our local

guide for an included visit to the Academy of Fine Arts with Michelangelo's celebrated David. We continue our walking tour through the historic centre and stand in awe in front of the magnificent cathedral and admire Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze 'Gates of Paradise,' and sculpture-studded Signoria Square. Later we enjoy a tasty pizza at the Finisterrae restaurant.  
Accommodation: Starhotels Tuscany or similar

**24.08.20 Florence**

**(B)** Today is at leisure in Florence to explore this fascinating city at your own pace. For those who wish there are optional excursions available to make the most of your stay.  
Accommodation: Starhotels Tuscany or similar

**25.08.20 Florence – Pisa – Eze, France - French Riviera**

**(B)** In Pisa, marvel at its amazing Leaning Tower. Next, enjoy spectacular views driving along the Italian and French Rivas. We leave the highway for the panoramic Moyenne Corniche and visit one of the perfume factories for which the area is famous. We have a two night stay at our hotel.  
Accommodation: Aston La Scala at Nice or similar

**26.08.20 French Riviera**

**(B)** A leisurely day on France's most popular coast. To make the most of your stay, exciting optional excursions are available to the picturesque artist village of St. Paul de Vence and to Monte Carlo.  
Accommodation: Aston La Scala at Nice or similar

**27.08.20 French Riviera – Avignon – Lyon**

**(B/D)** Today we stop in Avignon, the medieval residence of several popes and antipopes. We walk through the old town and admire Pont d'Avignon, the bridge of the popular song and the magnificent Palace of the Popes. There is time to browse through the many shops for traditional Provencal products. Afterwards we travel to Lyon, capital of the Gauls during Roman times. This evening enjoy an included dinner.  
Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Lyon Cite Internationale or similar

**28.08.20 Lyon – Paris**

**(B)** We drive past the Burgundy vineyards and Fontainebleau Forest to Paris. Sightseeing with a local guide includes the Opera, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees and a relaxing Seine Cruise with spectacular views of Notre Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower. We have a two night stay at our Paris hotel.  
Accommodation: Mercure Paris Montemartre Sacre Coeur or similar

**29.08.20 Paris**

**(B/D)** A full day at leisure offers you the possibility to join optional excursions to the magnificent Palace of Versailles and the famous Louvre Museum with the Mona Lisa. Tonight, further explore Montemartre, Paris' renowned art district, where a included farewell dinner has been prepared at a local restaurant, the proper way to say au revoir to Paris.  
Accommodation: Mercure Paris Montemartre Sacre Coeur or similar

**30.08.20 Paris - Singapore**

**(B)**

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights home.

Depart Paris at 12 noon on Singapore Airlines flight SQ 335, arriving in Singapore at 6.50am the next morning (31.08.20).

**31.08.20 Singapore – Australia**

Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 9.35am on flight SQ 211, arriving in Sydney at 7.15pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 9.40am on flight SQ 245, arriving in Brisbane at 7.30pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 11.00am on flight SQ 217, arriving in Melbourne at 8.25pm.

**Note:**

The ground operator for the European component of this tour is Globus

## 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. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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### Tour Difficulty Level 3

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports, boarding trains quickly with your luggage, walking distances of over 500 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as early departures.





## Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Grand European 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. 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.

**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. Until this time the travel insurance may not be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bare 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 this tour if you are travelling on an Australian passport, provided you do not exceed a combined 90 days stay in any of the European Schengen countries, within any 180 day period. If you leave a Schengen area country and return within the same 180 day period, the previous stay will count towards the 90 day maximum. If you stay more than 90 days in a 180 day period in the Schengen area without a valid visa, you may be fined or banned from entering the Schengen area.

**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 (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2.75% surcharge for American Express.

**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 on this tour is \$55 per person, plus any applicable increase in airfare and taxes. Please inquire with our office for specific prices on any 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. 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. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 / BRISBANE

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

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

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

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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