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Conducted 19 Day Tour *Greece & the Greek Islands*

for only **\$5,995** per person twin share

This price is fantastic value for a tour of Greece in autumn as it covers all of the following:

- Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth to Athens with Emirates.
- A wonderful 15 day tour of Greece and the Greek Islands, including a four day cruise to the Greek islands of Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete and Santorini, with many included shore excursions, including the incredible excavation site of Ephesus.
- Good quality accommodation with private facilities throughout, mainly 3 to 3½ star.
- A 3 night stopover in Dubai including a day tour to Abu Dhabi.
- Many meals as per the itinerary and all transport and transfers.
- Prepaid gratuities to the tour director, drivers and the onboard service personnel on the cruise.
- Services of Greek tour guides and if there are 14 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you do not have a travel partner but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1280 based on an inside cabin or \$1525 based on an outside cabin.

To upgrade to an outside cabin on the cruise would cost an extra \$245 per person twin share.

Tour departs Australia 6th October and returns 25th October 2017

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Greece and the Greek Islands Tour

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

06.10.17 Australia - Dubai

Depart Brisbane at 9.00pm on Emirates flight EK 435, arriving in Dubai at 5.10am the next morning (07.10.17).

Depart Sydney at 9.45pm on Emirates flight EK 413, arriving in Dubai at 5.15am the next morning (07.10.17).

Depart Perth at 10.20pm on Emirates flight EK 421, arriving in Dubai at 5.20am the next morning (07.10.17).

Depart Melbourne at 10.25pm on Emirates flight EK 407, arriving in Dubai at 5.30am the next morning (07.10.17).

07.10.17 Dubai - Athens

All passengers transfer to the next flight. Depart Dubai at 10.50am on EK 209, arriving in Athens at 3.30pm. We will be transferred to our Athens hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the Greek capital. Later we will meet our tour director and fellow travellers.

08.10.17 Athens

(B)

A day to do just as you please. You can join an optional day cruise to the islands of Aegina, Hydra and Poros. In the evening there is free time to enjoy the lively atmosphere of the tavernas and nightclubs in the old Plaka district with its narrow streets and sound of bouzouki music.

09.10.17 Athens - Corinth - Epidaurus - Nauplia

(B)

Join the included guided tour of Athens featuring the highlights of this ancient capital and a visit to the Acropolis. Next we cross the Corinth Canal, then journey into the Argolis to stop in Epidaurus. We visit the open air theatre, which can still seat 14,000 spectators. Then head for the coast and overnight in Nauplia.

10.10.17 Nauplia - Mycenae - Sparta

(B/D)

This morning enjoy the included guided excursion to the archaeological site and museum of Mycenae, a city fortress cursed by the gods but rich in gold and warrior kings. Afterwards we travel into the Peloponnese to Sparta for an overnight stay. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

11.10.17 Sparta - Mystra - Olympia

(B/D)

Enjoy the included sightseeing of the medieval byzantine citadel of Mystra, at one time known as 'The Florence of the East.' In the afternoon continue our drive to Olympia, the legendary town of the Olympic games, where every four years the city-states engaged in sport instead of war. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

12.10.17 Olympia - Patras - Delphi

(B)

Focus on Olympia where the athletes of antiquity performed in honour of the King of Deities. Learn more about the history of the Olympic games on the optional sightseeing tour. In the afternoon, drive north towards Patras, the capital of the Peloponnese and the west coast's largest port. Then we head through picturesque

fishing villages along the south coast of the mainland to mystical Delphi, crossing the spectacular Rion-Antirion Bridge.

- 13.10.17** **Delphi - Kalambaka**
(B/D) This morning we have free time, or if you wish there is an optional sightseeing tour of the archaeological site of Delphi. In the afternoon we drive to Kalambaka for an overnight stay. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
- 14.10.17** **Kalambaka - Meteora - Athens**
(B) A short drive to Meteora, which is a cluster of Christian Orthodox Monastic Buildings perched in an unforgettable manner on a set of rising rock formations. Our included visit is certainly the day's highlight. Later we drive to Athens for a two night stay.
- 15.10.17** **Athens**
(B) A full day at leisure to explore the unseen parts of the city, or maybe even join an optional excursion.
- 16.10.17** **Athens – Lavrion - Cruising: Mykonos**
(B/L/D) Early morning embarkation and an afternoon spent cruising in the Aegean. Evening arrival in Mykonos, a granite island and the most typical of the Cyclades. Its white and blue houses, windmills and chapels seem to make the island's light even more translucent. Spend some time visiting a taverna or just wandering around the town enjoying its timeless beauty.
On the cruise all the following are included:
Buffet breakfasts, open-air buffet lunches, multi-course dinners, Captain's welcome cocktail dinner, Greek night dinner, resident band, casino, port taxes and gratuities to the value of \$71 to the onboard service personnel.
- 17.10.17** **Cruising: Kusadasi, Turkey & Patmos, Greece**
(B/L/D) Two ports of call today. First Kusadasi on the Turkish coast. An included morning excursion takes us to the fascinating Greek, Roman, and Byzantine excavations of Ephesus. Next discover the tiny Greek island of Patmos, where St. John the Divine wrote the Revelation. The 11th century monastery with its valuable manuscript collection is well worth a visit.
- 18.10.17** **Cruising: Rhodes**
(B/L/D) Dock in Rhodes, largest of the Dodecanese Islands and site of the Colossus of Rhodes, a 105-foot statue destroyed by an earthquake in 224 BC. Explore the sites in the historic Old City with its ramparts and palaces built by the Knights of St. John during the Crusades. Another possibility is to join an included excursion to Lindos and the fabulous Temple of Athena. If sightseeing is not your thing, Rhodes' sun-drenched beaches and colourful shopping districts are within easy walking distance of the port. Sail from Rhodes around dinner time.
- 19.10.17** **Cruising: Crete and Santorini**
(B/L/D) Morning at Heraklion on the island of Crete. A few miles away is Knossos, the centre of the 3000 BC Minoan civilization. An optional excursion can be booked. Next port of call (weather permitting) is Santorini, the 'Black Pearl of the Aegean.'

The included shore excursion here takes us up to the cliff-top village of Oia for one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas.

20.10.17 Lavrion - Athens

(B) Early morning arrival in Lavrion. After disembarking the cruise ship we drive to Athens. There is more time to explore the unseen parts of the city or do some last-minute shopping.

21.10.17 Athens - Dubai

(B) This morning is at leisure. We check out of the hotel at the usual mid morning check out time. After this we can leave our luggage at the hotel while we further explore Athens. Later we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Dubai. Depart Athens at 6.00pm on EK 210, arriving in Dubai at 11.40pm. Upon arrival in Dubai we are met and transferred to the Arabian Courtyard Hotel & Spa for a three night stay.

22.10.17 Dubai

(B) This morning is at leisure. In the afternoon we sample the historic sites and vibrant cosmopolitan life of Dubai on our included sightseeing tour. The tour starts with a photo stop at the iconic landmark of Dubai, Burj Al Arab, which is a luxury hotel standing on an artificial island. The shape of the building is designed to mimic the sail of a ship. Proceed to Jumeriah, the picturesque palace and coastal residential area of Dubai, which is also home to the impressive Jumeirah Mosque. The tour continues to Al Bastakiya, the old part of Dubai, to reach the museum located in Al Fahidi Fort. Afterwards we board the Abra (water taxi) to cross the creek to the spice souk. On our return there is time to shop in the most famous market of Dubai, the gold souk. The souk consists of over 300 retailers that trade almost exclusively in jewellery. By some estimates, approximately 10 tons of gold are present at any given time in the souk.

23.10.17 Dubai – Abu Dhabi – Dubai

(B/D) Today we witness some amazing new developments within the Emirates on our full day Abu Dhabi tour. On arrival at the island city's outskirts, we visit Masdar City, a US \$20 billion enterprise for an insight into Abu Dhabi's quest to become a source for knowledge and innovation in the areas of renewable energy and green technology. Next we have a short drive to Yas Island, one of two newly developed destinations, providing photo opportunities of the vibrant Yas Viceroy Hotel, built on the Yas Marina F1 circuit. Afterwards we have a brief stop at the exciting Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, which allows enthusiasts a chance to purchase souvenirs at the world's first and only Ferrari designed motorsport theme park. The tour continues to Saadiyat Island, another new destination with lofty cultural ambitions. A photo stop is made at the UAE Pavilion, an award winning fully recyclable building before visiting Manarat Al Saadiyat, a purpose built visitor centre that brings alive the islands extraordinary vision through scale models and a brief video presentation.

We return to the mainland and have a brief stop outside the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the largest in the world. Following this we return to Dubai. Please note the dress code for this day tour is loose long trousers or long skirts and long sleeves to ankle/wrist. No shorts for men and no tight or transparent clothing. Women must cover their head with a scarf.

In the evening we enjoy a fabulous, relaxing Dhow Cruise with dinner. We join a

traditional Arabian dhow for a journey with a contrast of the old and new Dubai, while we cruise on Dubai Creek. Enjoy a sumptuous feast of Arabic and International cuisine while gently gliding past illuminated souks, banks and palaces.

24.10.17 **Dubai - Australia**

(B)

This morning we have an early breakfast before being transferred to the airport for our flight home.

Perth passengers depart Dubai at 10.10am on EK 424, arriving in Perth at 00.50am the next morning (25.10.17)

Melbourne passengers depart Dubai at 10.15am on EK 406, arriving in Melbourne at 6.35am the next morning (25.10.17).

Sydney passengers depart Dubai at 10.15am on EK 412, arriving in Sydney at 7.00am the next morning (25.10.17).

Brisbane passengers depart Dubai at 10.40am on EK 434, arriving in Brisbane at 6.25am the next morning (25.10.17).

Note: Accommodation on the boat is in inside cabins. This can be upgraded to outside cabins for an extra \$245 per person. There are very limited outside cabins available.

Also note: The ground operator in Greece is Cosmos



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Greece & the Greek Islands 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 in full 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. Visas are not required for Dubai, Greece and the included shore excursions to Turkey, if travelling on an Australian passport.

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.

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.

Not Included in the Cost - Travel Insurance, visas and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary) etc are not included in the cost. 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.

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: _____

Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Nationality: _____

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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 / PERTH

Any existing medical conditions? Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Special Dietary Needs - Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Are you taking 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.