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## Conducted 17 Day Tour *Greece & the Greek Islands*

for only **\$6,780** per person twin share

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

- Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Athens with Emirates.
- A wonderful 12 day tour of Greece and the Greek Islands, including a three day cruise to the Greek islands of Mykonos, Patmos, Crete and Santorini and the incredible excavation site of Ephesus, Turkey.
- Mainly 4 star accommodation with private facilities throughout, including Greece accommodation taxes.
- A 3 night stopover in Dubai, with tours.
- 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 12 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 \$1075 based on an inside cabin or \$1460 based on an outside cabin.

To upgrade to an outside cabin on the cruise would cost an extra \$168 per person twin share.

*Tour departs Australia 5<sup>th</sup> September and returns 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019*

*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

### **05.09.19 Australia - Dubai**

Depart Sydney at 9.10pm on Emirates flight EK 413, arriving in Dubai at 5.40am the next morning (06.09.19).

Depart Melbourne at 9.15pm on Emirates flight EK 407, arriving in Dubai at 5.15am the next morning (06.09.19).

Depart Brisbane at 10.50pm on Emirates flight EK 431, arriving in Dubai at 7.00am the next morning (06.09.19).

### **06.09.19 Dubai - Athens**

All passengers transfer to the next flight. Depart Dubai at 10.50am on EK 209, arriving in Athens at 3.00pm. We will be transferred to our Athens hotel for a two night stay. 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 and have a welcome drink.

Accommodation: Zafolia Hotel or similar

### **07.09.19 Athens**

**(B)**

Today's sightseeing with a local guide includes a visit to the world famous Acropolis, perched high on a rocky outcrop overlooking the city. Here, see the Parthenon and Erechtheum with its Porch of Maidens, the Temple of Athena Nike, and enjoy a panoramic view that includes glimpses of the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Theatre of Dionysus, and the beautifully preserved Theseum, where Socrates taught. Later we have a city orientation tour, featuring the Old Parliament House and a picture stop at the Panathenaic Stadium. Built in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD, it is the only stadium in the world built entirely of marble and was host to the opening and closing ceremonies of the first modern Olympics in 1896. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Accommodation: Zafolia Hotel or similar

### **08.09.19 Athens - Corinth – Mycenae - Epidaurus - Nauplia**

**(B/D)**

Cross the spectacular Corinth Canal, then visit ancient Corinth, where St Paul preached. Our highlights today are Mycenae, where 19<sup>th</sup> century excavations reveal impressions of the splendours so vividly described by Homer. Admire the Beehive Tombs, known as the Treasury of Atreus, the Lion Gate, Europe's oldest known monument, Remains of Agamemnon's Royal Palace and the impressive fortifications of the Citadel. We also visit the museum, followed by a short drive to Epidaurus for a tour of its amazingly well preserved 2,300 year old open-air theatre. We overnight in nearby Nauplia. This evening we have an included three course dinner with wine.

Accommodation: Amalia Hotel or similar

### **09.09.19 Nauplia - Olympia**

**(B/D)**

Enjoy spectacular scenery on the way through the Arkadian Mountains and then spend the afternoon in Olympia, where the athletes of antiquity competed in honour of the king of deities. Learn about the history of the original Olympic Games as we walk among the impressive remains of the Gymnasium and the Temples of Hera and Zeus. We also visit the museum that displays Praxiteles magnificent statue of Hermes. Tonight enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn how to make the

traditional Greek tzatziki appetiser.  
Accommodation: Europa Hotel or similar

**10.09.19 Olympia – Patris – Delphi**

**(B/D)**

Today we travel via the busy seaport of Patras and proceed to mystical Delphi. The afternoon is devoted to a fascinating tour of the ancient sanctuary of the god Apollo in its dramatic setting on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. Hear about the Oracle and tour the excavations. We end the day with a visit to the Archaeological Museum to admire the Charioteer, an extraordinary 5<sup>th</sup> century BC bronze statue. A highlight this evening is a dance lesson, where we'll learn how to dance the sirtaki, made famous in the movie Zorba the Greek, accompanied by a glass of the traditional Ouzo. Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Amalia Hotel or similar

**11.09.19 Delphi - Meteora area**

**(B/D)**

We drive past Lamia and Trikala to Kalambaka and the unreal, fantastic landscape of Meteora with its rock-top monasteries. Visit Varlaam Monastery, famous for its frescoes and St Stephen's Monastery, featuring a unique collection of icons and an incredible panoramic view. Please note that ladies should pack a long skirt as shorts or trousers may be inappropriate when visiting the monasteries.

This evening we enjoy an included three course dinner with wine.

Accommodation: Amalia at Kalambaka or similar

**12.09.19 Meteora area – Thermopylae – Athens**

**(B)**

Today's highlight is a guided visit to Thermopylae, the site of the heroic battle of Leonidas' 300 doomed Spartans against Xerxes' huge Persian army. On the way back to Athens our tour director will tell us about Thebes, the setting of Sophocles' Oedipus Rex, and Marathon, where 10,000 Athenians defeated more than twice that number of Persian invaders in 490 BC. Tonight you may like to take part in an optional dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Zafolia Hotel or similar

**13.09.19 Athens – Lavrion – Embarkation - Mykonos**

**(B/L/D)**

This morning head for Lavrion/Piraeus where we will sail into the deep blue waters of the Aegean Sea. Later we dock at the mountainous island of Mykonos with its characteristic windmills and dazzling white houses. There is time to wander through narrow paved streets before returning to the ship.

Our cruise ship, the Celestyal Olympia has nine decks and is fully air conditioned.

The ship has a swimming pool, gift shop, 724 staterooms with private facilities, fitness centre, sauna and wellness centre. The ship features various restaurants and dining areas, duty-free shop and bars.

Accommodation: Celestyal Olympia or similar

**14.09.19 Kusadasi, Turkey & Patmos, Greece**

**(B/L/D)**

Two ports of call today. First Kusadasi on the Turkish coast. We visit 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, and see the Grotto of Apocalypse. Please note that Australian passport holders do not require a visa for this day visit to Turkey

Accommodation: Celestyal Olympia or similar

**15.09.19 Heraklion, Crete – Santorini, Greece**

**(B/L/D)**

Our first port of call today is Heraklion on the island of Crete. A few miles away is Knossos, the centre of the 3000 BC Minoan civilization. Our afternoon port of call (weather permitting) is Santorini, the 'Black Pearl of the Aegean.' You may wish to join one of the optional shore excursions, either to the volcano or up to the cliff-top village of Oia for one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas.

Accommodation: Celestyal Olympia or similar

**16.09.19 Lavrion – Disembarkation - Athens**

**(B)**

After breakfast onboard the ship we disembark in Lavrion and we drive to Athens. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the unseen parts of the city or do some last-minute shopping.

Accommodation: Wyndham Grand Hotel or similar

**17.09.19 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 6.05pm on EK 210, arriving in Dubai at 11.35pm. Upon arrival in Dubai we are met and transferred to our hotel for a three night stay.

Accommodation: Arabian Courtyard Hotel & Spa

**18.09.19 Dubai**

**(B)**

This morning 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.

The remainder of the day is at leisure. For the adventurous there is an optional desert safari with BBQ dinner available.

Accommodation: Arabian Courtyard Hotel & Spa

**19.09.19 Dubai**

**(B/D)**

Today is at leisure. In the evening we enjoy a 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.

Accommodation: Arabian Courtyard Hotel & Spa

**20.09.19 Dubai - Australia**

**(B)**

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

Melbourne passengers depart Dubai at 10.15am on EK 406, arriving in Melbourne at 5.35am the next morning (21.09.19).

Sydney passengers depart Dubai at 10.15am on EK 412, arriving in Sydney at 6.05am the next morning (21.09.19).

Brisbane passengers depart Dubai at 10.35am on EK 434, arriving in Brisbane at 6.25am the next morning (21.09.19).

**Note:** The ground operator in Greece 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 and hotels, walking distances of up to 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 some early departures.

## 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 13 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, 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 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 on this tour is \$105 per person. Please inquire with our office for specific prices on any 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 (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% 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.

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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Requests - Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Are you taking 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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