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Italy, France & Spain

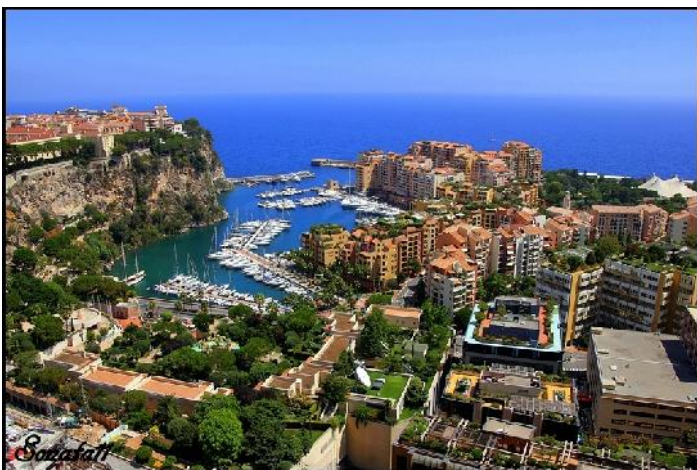
23 Day Conducted Tour

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

This price includes airport taxes and levies

This price is great value for a tour of these three countries, as all of the following are included:

- Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Rome, Italy and out of Madrid, Spain with Cathay Pacific Airways.
- A wonderful 20 day tour of Italy, France and Spain from Rome to Madrid. The tour visits such exciting places as Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan, Monte Carlo, Lyon, Paris, Barcelona, Valencia, Madrid and more.
- A one day stopover in Hong Kong.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3 - 4 star.
- Many meals and all transport and transfers.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- Services of local tour guides, and if there are 12 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you don't have a travel partner but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will do our best to assign you another person, but this is not guaranteed. If you would like a single room there is an extra cost of \$1530.

**Tour departs Australia on the
7th September and returns
29th September 2017**

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Italy, France & Spain Tour

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

07.09.17 Australia – Hong Kong

Brisbane passengers depart at 11.10am on CX 146, arriving in Hong Kong at 8.10pm. (This flight goes via Cairns).

Sydney passengers depart at 2.05pm on CX 100, arriving in Hong Kong at 9.35pm.

Melbourne passengers depart at 2.20pm on CX 104, arriving in Hong Kong at 9.50pm.

We will be met at the airport and transferred to the Eaton Hotel for an overnight stay.

08.09.17 Hong Kong

(B) Today there will be 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 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 is 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. At the conclusion of the morning tour we are returned to the hotel for some free time. We have a 6pm late checkout from our hotel rooms.

This evening we are transferred to the pier to board an authentic Chinese sightseeing cruise vessel and sail around the vibrant Victoria Harbour, considered to be one of the world's most impressive natural harbours. At night time the spectacular Hong Kong skyline on both sides of the harbour will fire our imagination as the dazzling

neon cityscape emerges. The cruise comes to a highlight as the Symphony of Lights show brightens up the skyline with a spectacular display of laser beams bouncing off skyscrapers from both sides of the harbour every night from 8pm to 8.20pm. The synchronized 20 minute display is accompanied by music and commentary, depicting the growth of Hong Kong from a sleepy fishing village to the dynamic city it is today. During the cruise we can enjoy both the uninterrupted view of the dazzling laser show as well as an assortment of included drinks on board. After the cruise we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Rome.

09.09.17 Hong Kong - Rome

Depart Hong Kong at 12.40am on CX 293, arriving in Rome at 7.25am. We will be met at the airport and transferred to our Rome hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore this ancient capital.

Please note that your hotel room may not be ready for check-in until the afternoon. If you would like to be guaranteed early access into your hotel room there will be an additional charge of \$120 per person twin share or \$186 single room. Alternatively you can store your luggage at the hotel until your room becomes available.

10.09.17 Rome

(B) Today is at leisure in the wonderful city of Rome. Rome, the 'Eternal City', is a city steeped in history, vibrantly alive and exciting and absolutely unique! In the afternoon we will meet our European tour director.

11.09.17 Rome

(B) Today's included sightseeing with a local guide starts in St. Peter's Square, followed by a visit to the Roman Forum and the iconic Colosseum.

12.09.17 Rome - Florence - Montecatini

(B/D) Travel to Florence, 'Cradle of the Renaissance' and city of the powerful Medici dynasty. The included walking tour with a local guide features most of the city highlights. We will see Piazza Santa Croce, beautiful Piazza Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Loggia dei Lanzi and the impressive Piazza del Duomo with its cathedral housing the Giotto Campanile.' Later, a short drive delivers us to the spa town of Montecatini for an overnight stay. Tonight enjoy an included dinner.

13.09.17 Montecatini - Parma - Venice Area

(B) This morning we head for Parma, which is located in the Emilia-Romagna region, made famous by its ham and parmesan cheese. The included sightseeing with a local guide introduces us to the city's hidden treasures. Later, we continue into the farmland of the Po Valley for a two night stay in the Venice area.

14.09.17 Venice Area

(B/D) Venice is more like a marvelous film set than a real-life city, with its criss-crossing canals, gondolas and water buses, arched bridges, palaces and quiet little piazzas. The included orientation starts with a boat ride to St. Mark's Square and is followed by time at leisure and a chance to watch Venetian glassblowers fashion their delicate objects as they did centuries ago. Don't miss out on the quintessential Venice experience of an optional gondola ride along the picturesque canals with a local troubadour to serenade you. Tonight enjoy an included dinner.

- 15.09.17 Venice Area - Verona - Milan**
(B) This morning we visit Verona, which was medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. See Juliet's house and balcony and stroll around the picturesque market square. Afterwards we travel to vibrant Milan, hub of Italy's economic miracle and the capital of fashion. Enjoy a short city sightseeing tour with a local guide.
- 16.09.17 Milan - Monte Carlo - Valbonne, France**
(B) We journey south this morning with views of the Italian Flower Riviera. En route we visit Monte Carlo in the principality of Monaco, the second smallest and most densely populated country in the world. Afterwards we travel to Valbonne for a two night stay.
- 17.09.17 Valbonne, Excursion to Grasse**
(B) This morning we visit a perfume workshop in Grasse. Later there is time at leisure. You may wish to join an optional excursion to the picturesque hilltop town of St. Paul de Vence, one of the oldest medieval towns on the French Riviera.
- 18.09.17 Valbonne - Avignon - Lyon**
(B/D) This morning we head to Avignon for an included visit to the magnificent Palace of the Popes (audio guide included). Then we travel onto Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for an overnight stay. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
- 19.09.17 Lyon - Paris**
(B) Start the day with included, guided sightseeing of Lyon, a commercial, industrial and banking powerhouse for the past 500 years. Then travel through the picturesque Burgundy vineyards and fields toward Paris, the French capital known as the 'City of Light'. Tonight don't miss the optional cabaret outing, a true Parisian spectacle!
- 20.09.17 Paris**
(B) Our included sightseeing with a local expert takes in many of the must-see Parisian sights, such as the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Opera, La Sorbonne, Madeleine, the Pyramid near the Louvre, the Invalides and Champs Elysees. The remainder of the day is at leisure in Paris.
- 21.09.17 Paris - Amboise - Bordeaux**
(B/D) We travel south along the spectacular Loire River to Amboise for a visit with a local guide to its splendid 11th century castle that was a favourite of French kings. Continue through the Cognac Region and head towards Bordeaux on the banks of the Garonne. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
- 22.09.17 Bordeaux - Biarritz - Bilbao, Spain**
(B/D) Today we leave the Landes region and visit Biarritz, an ancient fishing village turned trendy seaside resort, before crossing the border into Spain. Overnight in the Basque capital and port town of Bilbao. Tonight enjoy an included dinner.
- 23.09.17 Bilbao - Pamplona - Barcelona**
(B/D) Depart Bilbao this morning and stop in Pamplona, capital of the ancient Kingdom of

Navarra, famous for its 'bull run'. Then on to Barcelona, Catalonia's lively and beautiful capital. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

24.09.17 Barcelona

(B) This morning's included sightseeing with a local guide features a drive around Montjuic to see the Olympic Stadium and a great panoramic view of the port and city. We arrive at the city centre's Plaza Catalunya and to Paseo de Gracia to marvel at Gaudi's architectural masterpieces in the Houses Batllo and Mila.

25.09.17 Barcelona - Valencia

(B) Pass through fragrant orange groves and charming seaside resorts past Tarragona and on to Valencia, known for having hosted the America's Cup in 2005. You may choose to join the optional excursion which drives along wide avenues lined with fig and palm trees and along the old quarter's narrow streets past fine gothic houses and typical patios.

26.09.17 Valencia - Cuenca - Aranjuez - Madrid

(B) Leave the coast and head inland stopping in the historical towns of Cuenca to see its hanging houses, and Aranjuez, site of the royal palaces and gardens and situated on the Castilian Plain. Then we travel on to Madrid, the Spanish capital, with time to enjoy a relaxed evening.

27.09.17 Madrid

(B/D) This morning there is an optional tour to Toledo. The splendid setting of this old walled city above the Tagus was made famous in El Greco's painting and even now it's like a great open-air museum of Spanish history and art. Later there is an included city sightseeing tour. Madrid is situated 2,180 feet above sea level and the Spaniards say Madrid is the nearest thing to heaven. This evening enjoy an included farewell dinner.

28.09.17 Madrid – Hong Kong

After breakfast this morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights home. Depart Madrid at 12.30pm on CX 320, arriving in Hong Kong at 7.05am the next morning (29.09.17).

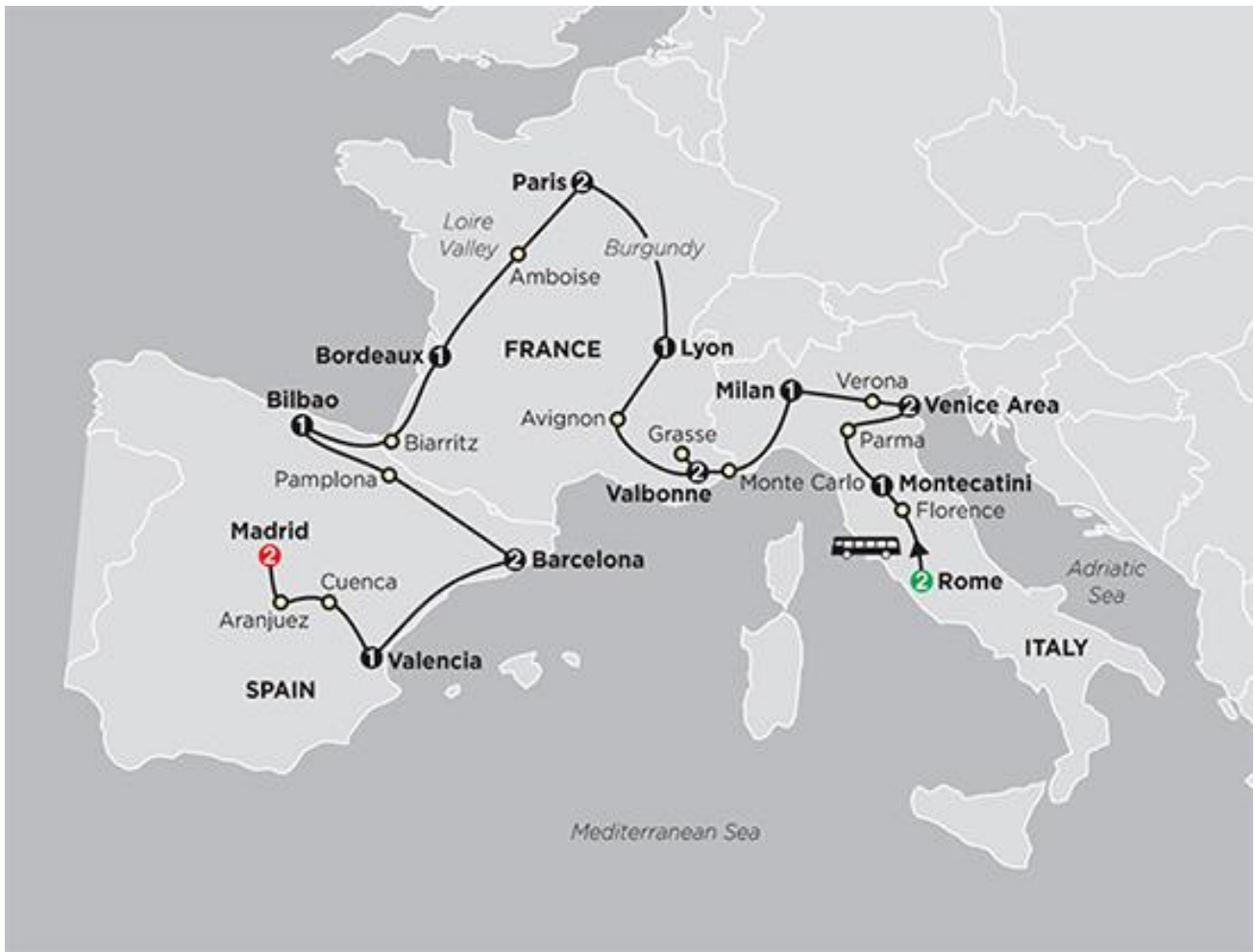
29.09.17 Hong Kong - Australia

Sydney passengers depart Hong Kong at 9.10am on CX 139, arriving in Sydney at 8.05pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Hong Kong at 10.35am on CX 163, arriving in Melbourne at 9.55pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Hong Kong at 12.45pm on CX 157, arriving in Brisbane at 11.25pm.

Note: The ground operator for this tour whilst in Europe is Cosmos



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travels Italy, France & Spain 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 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 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: _____

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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

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

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.