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Italy, France & Spain

20 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 Madrid, Spain and out of Rome, Italy with Cathay Pacific Airways.
- 16 days touring the Mediterranean countries of Spain, France and Italy from Madrid to Rome. The tour visits such exciting places as Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona, French Riviera, Cinque Terre, Venice, Assisi, Rome and more.
- A two 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 English speaking tour guides, and if there are 12 or more Macleay Valley Travel 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 \$1330.

**Tour departs Australia on the
26th September and returns
15th October 2018**

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

26.09.18 Australia – Hong Kong

Brisbane passengers depart at 11.10am on CX 146, arriving in Hong Kong at 8.00pm. (This flight goes via Cairns).

Sydney passengers depart at 2.10pm 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.

Upon arrival we are met and transferred to the hotel for a two night stay.

27.09.18 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.

28.09.18 Hong Kong

(B/D)

Today is at leisure in Hong Kong. We have a 6pm late checkout from our hotel rooms. This evening we check out of the hotel and transfer to the pier for a cruise onboard the MV Rainbow Star to Lamma Island, which is located on the south west

side of Hong Kong Island. Here we will enjoy a seafood dinner with award winning dishes at the Rainbow Seafood Restaurant. Visitors from all over the world flock to the island to enjoy fresh seafood at a plethora of terraced restaurants raised on stilts above the bay. After dinner we cruise back to the mainland while enjoying the world class multimedia light and sound show 'A Symphony of Lights'. This show has been awarded the world's largest permanent light and sound show by Guinness World Records. After disembarking the ship we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Spain.

29.09.18 Hong Kong – Madrid, Spain

(D) Depart Hong Kong at 00.50am on CX 315, arriving in Madrid at 8.45am. We will be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore the city. Tonight we will meet our tour director and fellow travellers with an included dinner.

Please note that your hotel room may not be ready for check-in until the usual afternoon check-in time. If you would like to be guaranteed early access into your hotel room, you will need to pay for the previous nights accommodation, at a cost of of \$80 per person twin share or \$146 single room. Alternatively you can store your luggage at the hotel until your room becomes available.

30.09.18 Madrid

(B) Not only is it the capital of Spain, but because it is situated 2180 feet above sea level, the Spaniards rightly say it's the nearest thing to heaven. Enjoy the main highlights on the included guided city tour or consider an optional tour to Toledo. The splendid setting of this old walled city above the Tagus was made famous in El Greco's painting. Even now, it's like a great open-air museum of Spanish history and art.

01.10.18 Madrid – Cuenca – Valencia

(B/D) We travel southeast to Cuenca, perched high above the precipices of the Jucar and Huecar Rivers. It is famous for its 'hanging houses' that are suspended over the Huecar Ravine. We then continue to Valencia, Spain's third-largest city. Enjoy the sights with a local guide and visit magnificent Science Park, designed by architect Santiago Calatrava. Dinner this evening is included.

02.10.18 Valencia – Peniscola - Barcelona

(B) Today we visit Peniscola Castle in Castellon, built by the Knights Templar in the 14th century. The promontory on which the castle and town are located is a fine reminder of medieval times. We continue our journey through orange groves and seaside resorts past Tarragona to Catalonia's lively and beautiful capital, Barcelona.

03.10.18 Barcelona

(B) Sightseeing with a local guide includes a drive around Monjuic to see the Olympic Stadium and a great panoramic view of the port and city. The drive continues to the city centre of Plaza Catalunya and to Paseo de Gracia to admire the greatness and eccentricity of Gaudi's architectural masterpieces in the Houses Batllo and Mila and the Sagrada Familia (entrance fees not included). This afternoon is at leisure to further explore Barcelona, or you may wish to join an optional excursion to Montserrat.

- 04.10.18 Barcelona – Collioure, France - Marseille**
(B/D) We leave Spain today and cross the border into France to visit Collioure. This picturesque village is nestled in an idyllic place on the rocky Mediterranean coastline and is sheltered by the Pyrenees. We then continue onto the oldest city in France, Marseille. This evening we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.
- 05.10.18 Marseille – Cassis – French Riviera**
(B) Capital of the Provence, Marseille was founded by the Greeks in 600 BC. See the city's bustling ancient heart – the picturesque Vieux Port (old port), where elegant markets and handsome townhouses surround the boat-filled harbour. Then, head for the hilltop Basilica Notre Dame De La Garde, with stunning views of the city. Follow the coastal route toward Cassis, a small fishing port lined with cafes and restaurants and stop to discover the town before reaching Nice. Later, you might like to join the optional Monte Carlo by Night excursion.
- 06.10.18 French Riviera (excursion to Eze)**
(B) Start the day with a visit to a perfume workshop in Eze. Later there is time at leisure to relax, dabble in the Mediterranean Sea, stroll along the famous Promenade des Anglais or join an optional excursion to the artists town of St. Paul de Vence.
- 07.10.18 French Riviera – Cinque Terre area, Italy**
(B/D) Enjoy the wonderful coastal scenery along the French and Italian Rivas as we travel toward Cinque Terre. Take the train in Levanto and stop in some of the most enchanting villages of the spectacular Cinque Terre region, where the beauty of the rugged cliffs and romantic fishing villages once inspired Lord Byron. There are several breathtaking trails carved into the rocks connecting the villages, affording dramatic sea views. Dinner this evening is included.
- 08.10.18 Cinque Terre Area – Verona – Venice area**
(B) We travel through areas of culinary excellence in the Po plains to reach the romantic city of Verona. See Romeo and Juliet's balcony and enjoy some time at leisure. We then continue to the Venice area for a two night stay.
- 09.10.18 Venice**
(B/D) Venice is more like a marvellous film set than a real-life city, with its criss-crossing canals, gondolas and water buses, arched bridges, palaces and 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. Dinner this evening is included.
- 10.10.18 Venice area – Assisi - Rome**
(B) We cross the Po Delta and head into the verdant Apennines to medieval Assisi enclosed by ramparts and little changed since the Middle Ages. This is the town of the deeply mystical and poetic St. Francis. We will see the upper and lower Basilica with the beautiful frescoes by Giotto, then we head for Rome for a three night stay.
- 11.10.18 Rome**
(B) The 'Eternal City' is steeped in history, vibrantly alive and exciting and absolutely unique. Included sightseeing with a local guide starts with St. Peter's Square and

Basilica. Other sightseeing highlights include the iconic Colosseum, the largest amphitheatre ever built, the Roman Forum, Piazza Venezia and Campidoglio. An optional visit is available to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, world famous for Michelangelo's impressive fresco of The Last Judgement.

12.10.18 Rome

(B) The next two days are at leisure in Rome. There is plenty to see and do in Italy's capital, which is a sprawling cosmopolitan city that has nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture.

13.10.18 Rome

Today is at leisure in Rome.

14.10.18 Rome – Hong Kong

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights home. Depart Rome at 12.50pm on CX 292, arriving in Hong Kong at 6.20am the next morning (15.10.18).

15.10.18 Hong Kong - Australia

Sydney passengers depart Hong Kong at 8.45am on CX 139, arriving in Sydney at 8.45pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Hong Kong at 10.35am on CX 163, arriving in Melbourne at 10.40pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Hong Kong at 12.45pm on CX 157, arriving in Brisbane at 11.15pm.

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



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, boarding trains quickly, 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 early departures.

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 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. 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 (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.

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. 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 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: _____

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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

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

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

Optional Extensions: _____

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

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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