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Italy with Hong Kong Stopover

18 Day Conducted Tour

for only **\$6,985** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes and levies

This price is good value for a tour of Italy as all of the following are included:

- Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Rome with Cathay Pacific Airlines.
- A wonderful 14 day tour of Italy visiting such exciting places as Rome, Pisa, Florence, Milan, Lugano (Switzerland), Venice, Assisi, Sorrento, the Isle of Capri, the beautiful Italian lakes and more.
- A two day stopover in Hong Kong.
- Very good accommodation, mainly 4 star.
- Many meals, entrance fees to many attractions and all transport.
- Prepaid gratuities to the tour director and drivers.
- Services of local English speaking 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 match you up with another traveller, but this is not guaranteed. If you would like a single room there is an extra cost of \$960.

Tour departs Australia on the 3rd June and returns 20th June 2016

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Italy Tour - June 2016

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

03.06.16 Australia - Hong Kong

Depart Brisbane at 00.50am on CX 156, arriving in Hong Kong at 7.35am.

Depart Sydney at 2.15pm on CX 100, arriving in Hong Kong at 9.35pm.

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

We will be met at the airport and transferred to the Hotel Panorama By Rhombus for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Hotel Panorama By Rhombus

04.06.16 Hong Kong

(B)

This morning we have 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 you 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 20 minute sampan ride in the harbour to truly appreciate this fascinating place, followed by a visit to a prestigious jewellery factory, where you 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 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.

Afterwards we are returned to the hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Panorama By Rhombus

05.06.16 Hong Kong

(B)

Today is at leisure to explore Hong Kong or relax in the hotel. We have a 6pm late check-out from the hotel. In the evening we are transferred to the airport for our

flight to Rome.

06.06.16 Hong Kong - Rome

Depart Hong Kong at 12.40am on CX 293, arriving in Rome at 7.30am. We are transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Rome. Please note that your hotel room may not be available until the standard afternoon check in time. In this case you can store your luggage at the hotel and explore Rome. Accommodation: Universo Hotel or similar

07.06.16 Rome

(B/D) Today is at leisure in Rome. At 5pm meet our tour director and travelling companions for a special welcome dinner with wine at one of Rome's lively restaurants. Accommodation: Universo Hotel or similar

08.06.16 Rome

(B) This morning we enjoy a guided sightseeing tour featuring visits to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, which is world famous for Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and the Last Judgement. We also visit monumental St. Peter's Square and Basilica to admire Michelangelo's Pieta. Afterwards we visit the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, where Roman legions marched in triumph. Accommodation: Universo Hotel or similar

09.06.16 Rome - Pisa - Florence

(B) Today we leave Rome and head to Florence, the capital city of Tuscany. En route we marvel at the amazing Leaning Tower of Pisa. Then on to Florence 'Cradle of the Renaissance.' Tonight there is an optional dinner available for you to try out Tuscan specialities. Accommodation: Kraft Hotel / Grand Hotel Mediterraneo or similar

10.06.16 Florence

(B) Follow our local guide to the Academy of Fine Arts and see Michelangelo's David. Admire the magnificent cathedral, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's "Gate of Paradise", and sculpture-studded Signoria Square and see Ponte Vecchio. To enhance our stay, optional excursions are available to San Gimignano, Italy's most picturesque medieval town. Accommodation: Kraft Hotel / Grand Hotel Mediterraneo or similar

11.06.16 Florence – Milan - Lake Maggiore

(B/D) Travel north across the Apennine hills and through the flat Po area to Milan, the commercial capital of Italy. We visit the Museum of La Scala Opera House. Then enjoy a walk to the glass-domed Galleria and the gothic Duomo. Our destination this evening is elegant Stresa on beautiful Lake Maggiore. Accommodation: Grand Hotel Bristol at Stresa or similar

12.06.16 Lake Maggiore - Isola dei Pescatori - Lake Maggiore

(B/D) This morning is at leisure with the chance to join an optional excursion to the baroque palace and peacock gardens of enchanting Isola Bella. Later, join an

included boat cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, where a dinner of local specialities at La Pescheria awaits you.

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Bristol at Stresa or similar

13.06.16 Lake Maggiore – Lugano, Switzerland - Venice Island, Italy

(B) Cross the Swiss border and stop in Lugano. There is time to stroll along the spectacular lake and on Via Nassa. You may also choose to sip an espresso on Piazza Riforma. We then head back to Italy and travel to romantic Venice. Enter in style by private boat. Perhaps you may wish to take an optional gondola ride tonight?

Accommodation: All'Algelo Hotel Venice Island or similar

14.06.16 Venice Island

(B) The highlights of our guided walking tour today are St. Mark's Square and the Byzantine Basilica, lavish Doges' Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Then watch a skilled glassblower fashion their delicate objects in the age old manner. A wonderful optional excursion is available to colourful Burano Island.

Accommodation: All'Algelo Hotel Venice Island or similar

15.06.16 Venice Island - Padua - Assisi

(B/D) Today we leave Venice for Assisi. En route we stop in Padua and walk to the Piazza delle Erbe to enjoy an included cappuccino at the popular Pedrocchi Cafe. Arrive in peaceful Assisi where our local guide takes us for a visit to St. Clare's Church and St. Francis' Basilica, built on top of his tomb.

Accommodation: Windsor Savoia or similar

16.06.16 Assisi - Sorrento

(B) Leave the province of Umbria and turn south to the charming bayside resort of Sorrento. There is time for shopping or an optional excursion to the Amalfi Coast and Positano.

Accommodation: Michelangelo Hotel or similar

17.06.16 Sorrento, excursion to Capri

(B) Speed across the bay by Jetfoil to the Isle of Capri. Ride the funicular to Capri village for a guided visit of this pretty town. Visit the Gardens of Augustus, terraces overlooking the sea, offering a spectacular panoramic view and taste of Granita (a semi-frozen drink). There is some free time to explore the little shops on the piazzetta before returning to Sorrento. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Accommodation: Michelangelo Hotel or similar

18.06.16 Sorrento - Pompeii - Rome

(B/D) Stop for a guided visit of Pompeii, the Roman city both destroyed and preserved by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. This evening we are back in the "Eternal City" for a special farewell dinner with wine and opera at La Carovana Restaurant as a proper way to say "*Arrivederci, Roma!*"

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Rome Aurelia or similar

19.06.16 Rome - Hong Kong

(B) Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we transfer to the airport for our flights home. All passengers depart Rome at 12.35pm on CX 292, arriving in Hong Kong at

6.10am the next day (20.06.16).

20.06.16 Hong Kong - Australia

Sydney passengers depart Hong Kong at 9.00am on CX 139, arriving in Sydney at 8.00pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Hong Kong at 10.35am on CX 163, arriving in Melbourne at 9.50pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Hong Kong at 12.50pm on CX 157, arriving in Brisbane at 11.25pm.

Note: The ground operator for this tour whilst in Italy is Globus



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Italy 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.

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 Italy or Hong Kong if travelling on an Australian passport.

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.

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), travel insurance etc.

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.

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 \$150 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

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.

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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

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.