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## SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

17 Day Conducted Tour  
for **\$6,375** per person twin share

**This price includes airport taxes & levies**

This is great value for a tour to Italy in Summer, as the price includes all of the following:

- Return economy class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth to Rome with Emirates.
- Very good accommodation, mainly four star hotels with private facilities.
- A 15 day tour of Southern Italy and Sicily, including Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii, a three night stay in the Taormina Riviera of Sicily and a two night stay in Palermo.
- A flight from Palermo to Rome, and an overnight stay at an airport hotel in Rome on the way home.
- All transfers and transport including the ferry crossing over the Strait of Messina.
- Many meals and entrance fees.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and driver.
- Services of local 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 anyone to share with but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1040.

**Tour departs Australia on the 10<sup>th</sup> August and returns 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

*We try harder to find you the best travel deal*

## **Itinerary for Southern Italy & Sicily Tour**

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

### **10.08.19 Australia – Dubai**

Depart Brisbane at 9.00pm on flight EK 435, arriving in Dubai at 5.10am the next morning (11.08.19).

Depart Sydney at 9.10pm on flight EK 413, arriving in Dubai at 5.40am the next morning (11.08.19).

Depart Melbourne at 9.15pm on flight EK 407, arriving in Dubai at 5.15am the next morning (11.08.19).

Depart Perth at 10.20pm on flight EK 421, arriving in Dubai at 5.20am the next morning (11.08.19).

### **11.08.19 Dubai - Rome, Italy**

**(D)** All passengers depart Dubai at 9.10am on flight EK 97, arriving in Rome at 1.25pm. Welcome to Rome! We are transferred to our hotel for an overnight stay.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this amazing city. At 5pm we meet our tour director and travelling companions and enjoy a welcome dinner at one of Rome's lively restaurants.

Accommodation: Ludovisi Palace or similar

### **12.08.19 Rome – Castel Gandolfo – Sorrento Coast**

**(B)** Today enjoy a unique experience with a guided visit of the impressive Papal Palace in Castel Gandolfo, former summer residence of the popes and a museum that has been open to the public since 2016. We also have an included visit to the magnificent Barberini Gardens, where ruins of the residence of Roman Emperor Domitian are still visible. Then we continue south on the 'Highway of the Sun' to the Sorrento Coast for a three night stay.

Accommodation: Towers Hotel Stabiae at Castellammare di Stabia or similar

### **13.08.19 Sorrento Coast (Excursion to Capri)**

**(B)** We have a wonderful program today. We speed across the bay by Jetfoil to the Isle of Capri and ride the Funicular to Capri village for a guided visit of this pretty town. There is time to explore the little shops on the piazzetta before returning to our hotel.

Accommodation: Towers Hotel Stabiae at Castellammare di Stabia or similar

### **14.08.19 Sorrento Coast (Excursion to Pompeii)**

**(B)** Today we have an included excursion to fascinating Pompeii, the Roman city both destroyed and preserved by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Follow our local guide for a walk past patrician homes, public baths and commercial districts, which strikingly recall day to day life when Rome was at the apex of her power. With the afternoon at leisure, you may wish to join an optional excursion to the Amalfi coast.

Accommodation: Towers Hotel Stabiae at Castellammare di Stabia or similar

**15.08.19 Sorrento Coast – Naples – Bari**

**(B)** Naples is a city steeped in volcanic history, rich archaeological treasures and castles and churches to rival Rome. A local guide acquaints us with the many sights during our city tour. We stop in the famous Piazza Plebiscito and savour a slice of Neapolitan pizza with an included tasting. Then we drive to Bari, capital of Apulia, the heel of Italy's 'boot', for an overnight stay.  
Accommodation: Grande Albergo delle Nazioni or similar

**16.08.19 Bari – Lecce – Alberobello**

**(B/D)** Discover Bari Vecchia, the city's oldest district, on foot during a pleasant stroll with a local guide. In Lecce, our guided walking tour reveals why Lecce is called the 'Florence of the South'. Admire its baroque buildings and squares and enjoy an included tasting of pasticciotto with almond flavoured iced coffee. We continue to Alberobello for a two night stay. This evening we have an included three course dinner.  
Accommodation: Victor Country or similar

**17.08.19 Alberobello**

**(B)** In the morning we enjoy a guided walking tour of the town and visit one of its unique Trulli (whitewashed stone, circular houses with pinnacled, conical roofs). The balance of the day is at leisure. You may wish to join an optional dinner at a traditional Apulian masseria.  
Accommodation: Victor Country or similar

**18.08.19 Alberobello – Matera – Scilla – Reggio Calabria**

**(B/D)** In Matera we enjoy a panoramic view of the picturesque Sassi Cave Houses, followed by a spectacular drive south along the Gulf of Taranto to Scilla, called the 'Venice of Calabria'. We arrive in Reggio Calabria and have a guided visit of the Museum that houses the world-famous bronze warrior sculptures, Bronzi di Riace. This evening we have an included three course dinner.  
Accommodation: Grand Hotel Excelsior or similar

**19.08.19 Reggio Calabria – Taormina Riviera, Sicily**

**(B)** We cross the Strait of Messina by ferry and start our discovery of the beautiful island of Sicily, the great melting pot of the Mediterranean world. Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Saracens, Normans, French and Spanish have left their marks and contributed to its rich heritage. We arrive in Taormina, a charming hilltop town overlooking the Ionian Sea and visit the ancient Greek Theatre dating back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC. There is time to stroll and shop along Corse Umberto I at your own pace. Don't miss the opportunity to taste local specialities like the Sicilian granita, a treat similar to sorbet (not included). We have a three night stay at our hotel in Taormina Riviera.  
Accommodation: Hilton Giardini Naxos at Giardini Naxos

**20.08.19 Taormina Riviera**

**(B/D)** The next two days are at leisure to relax in the beautiful resort or choose from the exciting optional excursions to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe, or to the fascinating archaeological site of Syracuse, birthplace of the mathematician Archimedes and once a powerful Greek port whose fleet was feared throughout the

Mediterranean. This evening we enjoy an included three course dinner at our hotel.  
Accommodation: Hilton Giardini Naxos at Giardini Naxos

**21.08.19 Taormina Riviera**

**(B/D)** Today is at leisure to relax or do as you please.

This evening we enjoy an included dinner at a local restaurant with breathtaking sea views.

Accommodation: Hilton Giardini Naxos at Giardini Naxos

**22.08.19 Taormina Riviera – Agrigento – Palermo**

**(B)**

We head south to Agrigento and enjoy a walk with our local guide through the breathtaking Valley of Temples. Even travellers who have visited Athens and Delphi are awed by the gigantic yet graceful Greek structures that miraculously survived 24 centuries of tormented history. We arrive at our hotel in Palermo for a two night stay.  
Accommodation: Plaza Opera or similar

**23.08.19 Palermo**

**(B/D)**

Guided sightseeing features the ornate Piazza Bellini, Capo Market, the baroque Church of Immacolata and a visit to the magnificent Cathedral. We drive up to Monreale for a panoramic view of the Conca d'Oro and a visit to the 12<sup>th</sup> century Norman Cathedral, famous for its 50,000 square feet of precious byzantine mosaics. Later we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, which is the perfect way to celebrate our time in Italy.

Accommodation: Plaza Opera or similar

**24.08.19 Palermo – Rome**

**(B)**

Today we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Rome.

Upon arrival in Rome we have the use of the hotel shuttle to transfer to transfer to our airport hotel for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn Rome Airport or similar

**25.08.19 Rome – Dubai**

**(B)**

Around midday we transfer back to Rome Airport using the airport shuttle for our flights home.

Depart Rome at 3.25pm on flight EK 98, arriving in Dubai at 11.25pm.

**26.08.19 Dubai – Australia**

Sydney passengers depart Dubai at 2.15am on EK 414, arriving in Sydney at 10.05pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Dubai at 2.30am on EK 430, arriving in Brisbane at 10.20pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Dubai at 2.40am on EK 408, arriving in Melbourne at 9.50pm.

Perth passengers depart Dubai at 2.45am on EK 420, arriving in Perth at 5.35pm.

**Note:** The ground operator for this tour 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, boarding trains quickly with your luggage, 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 Southern Italy & Sicily 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 10 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. No visas are required for Australian passport holders.

**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.

**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), etc. Also travel insurance. 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.

**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 prices on any extensions.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal 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 / PERTH

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Would you like to receive details of 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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