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Spain, Portugal & Morocco

Three Week Conducted Tour

for only **\$7,965** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes and levies

This impressive tour is represents good value, as the price includes:

- Return economy class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Madrid and out of Barcelona with Emirates.
- 16 days touring Spain, Portugal & Morocco, including two night stays in Madrid, Lisbon, Seville, Marrakesh and Fez.
- A high speed train ride from Madrid to Barcelona and a two night stay in Barcelona.
- A two night stopover in Dubai on the way over.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star with private facilities.
- Transport and transfers, and many meals.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- Services of local tour guides and an Australian tour escort.



Spain & Portugal are located on the Iberian Peninsula of Europe. Morocco on the continent of Africa is just a short ferry ride away across the Strait of Gibraltar. Join Macleay Valley Travel and experience the rich history and distinct cultures of these three glorious countries.

For a single room there is an additional cost of \$1,180.

Sydney passengers can upgrade to Premium Economy Class for the long haul flights from \$2,200 per person, subject to limited availability. Contact our office for details.

Tour departs Australia 9th May and returns 30th May 2024

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Spain, Portugal and Morocco Tour

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

09.05.24 Australia - Dubai

Depart Brisbane at 2.50am on EK 431, arriving in Dubai at 11.00am.
Depart Melbourne at 5.15am on EK 409, arriving in Dubai at 1.10pm.
Depart Sydney at 6.00am on EK 415, arriving in Dubai at 2.10pm.
All passengers are transferred to the Dubai hotel for a two night stay.
Accommodation: Hyatt Place Dubai or similar

10.05.24 Dubai (B)

After an included breakfast, we commence a half day city tour of modern Dubai. First we drive to Dubai Palm Jumeirah area and have a photo-stop of Blue Water Island. We then have an included one way monorail ride to the Palm Jumeirah. We continue for photo-stops at the iconic Burj Al Arab Hotel, The Point at the Palm and Dubai of the Future Museum. Afterwards we visit a showroom to see Lewan carpet art. Following this we are returned to the hotel with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

For those who wish there is an optional Dubai Desert Safari with Arabian BBQ dinner. The estimated price is \$50 USD per person, and can be paid to the guide on the day. Please note this activity can be quite rough and is not suitable for everyone.
Accommodation: Hyatt Place Dubai or similar

11.05.24 Dubai – Madrid

(D) We have an early morning transfer to the airport for our flight to Spain.
Depart Dubai at 7.40am on EK 141, arriving in Madrid at 1.25pm.
Upon arrival in Madrid we are transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.
Tonight we meet our tour director during an included dinner.
Accommodation: Hotel Praga or similar

12.05.24 Madrid

(B) Spaniards say the Spanish capital, situated 2,180 feet above sea level is the nearest thing to Heaven. Make the most of today on our included guided sightseeing tour, a full panoramic drive by way of the Calle Alcalá, Parliament Square and a picture stop outside the Royal Palace.
The remainder of the day is at leisure. For those who wish 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.
Accommodation: Hotel Praga or similar

13.05.24 Madrid - Avila - Salamanca - Coimbra, Portugal

(B/D) We head west this morning for a visit to ancient fortified Avila with its many towers, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We continue to Salamanca and spend some time wandering around Plaza Mayor, the grandest square in Spain. Across the border to Guarda, one of the most important strongholds in a set of fortifications which defended the Portuguese against Castile and Leon during the Middle Ages. From

here we descend to the valleys of the Serra da Estrela to Coimbra for an overnight stay. This evening we have an included dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Dom Luis or similar

14.05.24 Coimbra - Fatima – Obidos - Lisbon

(B)

Enjoy an included orientation tour of Coimbra, celebrated for its beauty and ancient university. Later we travel southwards to visit the Sanctuary of Fatima, one of Europe's most celebrated Marian shrines. We continue to fortified Obidos, known as one of the most picturesque towns in Portugal, before reaching Lisbon for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Roma Hotel or similar

15.05.24 Lisbon

(B)

Henry the Navigator made Lisbon the 15th century "Mistress of the Seas." On the included tour, see his monument, the Belem Tower, the Moorish Citadel and the impressive Commerce Square. Spend the afternoon at leisure in the Alfama's tile decorated streets, or take an optional excursion to the Portuguese Riviera.

Accommodation: Roma Hotel or similar

16.05.24 Lisbon - Seville, Spain

(B/D)

From the rolling plains of the Alentejo with its woodlands of cork and eucalyptus trees, we head south all the way to the brilliant light of Andalucia. Admire its neat white painted villages and sun drenched plantations of olives, figs and almonds, while travelling to magnificent Seville. This evening we have an included dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Don Paco or similar

17.05.24 Seville

(B)

Enjoy an included sightseeing tour of this vibrant city. Walk in the city centre, see some of the main highlights and spend time to admire the impressive Plaza d'España. Admire the banks of tiles representing the provinces of Spain. A frequent ritual for Spanish visitors is to look for the space dedicated to their province to take photographs. This afternoon is at leisure.

Accommodation: Hotel Don Paco or similar

18.05.24 Seville - Ferry to Morocco - Rabat

(B/D)

Today we drive through Spain's scenic sherry wine region and head south to the coast. Here we embark on the ferry and cruise across the Strait of Gibraltar to Morocco on the continent of Africa. Next we travel along what was once northern Africa's infamous Barbary Coast. Then we continue our drive south to Rabat, one of Morocco's imperial cities. Rabat is a cultural city deep-rooted in history, with many masterpieces decorating its streets and squares. The city is also a modern eco-responsible capital with its green spaces and beautiful parks. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Mercure Rabat Sheherazade or similar

19.05.24 Rabat - Casablanca - Marrakesh

(B/D)

Today starts with an included guided city sightseeing tour of the country's lively capital, including a visit to Chellah Gardens and Casbah des Oudaias. Later we reach

Morocco's western-most city, Casablanca. Enjoy an orientation drive in this modern city and see the illustrious Hassan II Mosque, perched dramatically on a platform over the Atlantic Ocean. It is one of the largest mosques in the world and its minaret soars 689 feet into the sky and part of the mosque's floor is made of glass so worshippers can kneel directly over the ocean's waters.

We continue onto the red oasis city of Marrakesh. Between tradition and modernity, Marrakesh is a city of unequalled sensations. The Jemaa El-Fna Square, the souks with their shimmering colours and oriental aromas makes Marrakesh a city of contrasts.

This evening we enjoy a feast of local specialities and wine on our included dinner, as well as a folklore show with music, belly dancing and more.

Accommodation: Zalagh Kasbah Hotel & Spa or similar

20.05.24 Marrakesh

(B/D)

The highlight of this morning is the included city sightseeing that will make us feel like we've been whisked back in time. Founded in the 9th century, Marrakesh remains a tapestry of ramparts, mosques, palaces, gardens and vibrant public squares and souks (markets), where buying and selling creates an entertaining atmosphere. We also visit Bahia Palace and Majorelle Gardens.

This evening we have an included dinner.

Accommodation: Zalagh Kasbah Hotel & Spa or similar

21.05.24 Marrakesh - Fez

(B/D)

Today we travel from Marrakesh to Fez, enjoying glimpses of North African village life reminiscent of Beau Geste. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

Accommodation: Menzeh Zalagh or similar

22.05.24 Fez

(B)

Ancient Fez is a city of outstanding scenic beauty. This morning we have an included sightseeing tour of the Medina, to discover the maze of narrow streets through the colourful bazaars and the exotic atmosphere. The madrasas, fondouks, palaces, residences, mosques and fountains dating back to the 13th century are now UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The afternoon is at leisure to explore at your own pace.

Accommodation: Menzeh Zalagh or similar

23.05.24 Fez - Ferry to Spain – Costa del Sol - Mijas

(B/D)

This morning we have an early departure north for the ferry back to mainland Spain to the Costa del Sol (Coast of the Sun). We overnight in Mijas.

This evening enjoy an included dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Ilunion Mijas or similar

24.05.24 Mijas - Granada, Spain

(B/D)

This morning we drive along the Costa del Sol and head to Granada, in the heart of Andalusia. We have an included guided visit of the Alhambra, a lavish palace and fortress complex built by Moorish kings. Marvel at its architectural beauty and magnificent gardens with construction dating back to 889 A.D.

Please note that the entrance to Nasrid Palace is not guaranteed, as it depends on the local authorities. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

Accommodation: Gran Hotel Luna De Granada or similar

25.05.24 Granada - Madrid

(B) Today we travel north to Madrid through the very heart of La Mancha region, famed for its castle, windmills and wine. We have an overnight stay in Madrid.
Accommodation: NH Madrid Ventas or similar

26.05.24 Madrid - Barcelona

(B) We transfer to Madrid train station to take a high speed train to Barcelona. Upon arrival in Barcelona we transfer to our hotel for a two night stay.
Accommodation: NH Collection Barcelona Constanza or similar

27.05.24 Barcelona

Our time in Barcelona is at leisure to do as much or as little as you choose.
Accommodation: NH Collection Barcelona Constanza or similar

28.05.24 Barcelona – Dubai

Today is at leisure in Barcelona. We check out of the hotel at the standard check out time. After this we can store our luggage in the reception area of the hotel until our afternoon transfer to the airport for our flights home.
Depart Barcelona at 8.40pm on flight EK 188, arriving in Dubai at 5.35am the next morning (29.05.24).

29.05.24 Dubai – Australia

Sydney passengers depart Dubai at 10.15am on EK 412, arriving in Sydney at 6.05am the next morning (30.05.24).
Melbourne passengers depart Dubai at 10.05am on EK 406, arriving in Melbourne at 5.30am the next morning (30.05.24).
Brisbane passengers depart Dubai at 10.35am on EK 434, arriving in Brisbane at 6.25am the next morning (30.05.24).

30.05.24 Arrive Australia

Note: The primary ground operator for this tour 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, walking distances of approximately 500 metres and over 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. This tour covers three countries within Europe & Africa and has a significant amount of time spent on the coach.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Spain, Portugal & Morocco 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. Macleay Valley Travel 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. Any refund for a cancelled booking will not be paid until the airline provides the refund to Macleay Valley Travel.

Limitation of Liability concerning Covid-19 - It is possible that there may be outbreak(s) of Covid-19 during this tour.

Whilst we take necessary safety precautions, Macleay Valley Travel cannot be held responsible for any quarantines or other associated costs brought about by quarantines, border closures and/or travel delays. You acknowledge that you are voluntarily participating in the tour with knowledge of the inherent risks of Covid-19 and agree to assume all risks.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance that includes medical coverage for Covid-19 is required. Please contact your preferred travel insurance provider. The responsibility to obtain adequate travel insurance rests with the passenger. Proof of your travel insurance is required to be presented to us on or before the final payment date of the tour.

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.

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. From November 2023, Australian citizens travelling to the EU will require an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) for stays of up to 90 days. This is otherwise known as a European visa waiver. The expected cost for this is 7-10 Euros per person, payable by credit card.

Ground Operator - Our primary operator for this tour is Cosmos. They will be in touch closer to the departure date to obtain your acceptance to their own terms and conditions. These conditions must be accepted to participate on the tour, and are in addition to Macleay Valley Travel's terms and conditions.

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 and departure taxes. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1.2% is added to the price to help defray the merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for payments made using American Express.

Breakaway - All prices are based on group travel and a minimal number of post tour extensions may be permitted. Please contact our office for information, subject to availability.

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.

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. It is strongly recommended that you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, but this is not mandatory. Passengers must comply with any specific Covid-19 requirements that may be imposed by airlines and/or authorities of the destinations visited.

Twin Share Bookings - 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. 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.

Disclosure of fees or commissions received from third parties - Macleay Valley Travel Pty Ltd may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third parties under this contract.

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, pandemics, endemics, 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

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

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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