

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL PTY. LTD.

33 Smith Street, Kempsey
NSW 2440
Australia

Email: info@macleayvalleytravel.com
Website: www.macleayvalleytravel.com

Telephone (02) 6562-6699
Toll Free 1800 81-0809
Fax (02) 6562-6276



Spain & Portugal

18 Day Conducted Tour

for only **\$8,575** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes and levies

This impressive tour represents good value for money, as it includes:

- Return economy class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Madrid and out of Barcelona with Emirates.
- 15 days touring Spain and Portugal, including two night stays in Madrid, Porto, Lisbon, Seville and Barcelona.
- Tapas in Madrid and Barcelona, Fado show in Lisbon, Douro River cruise in Porto, Flamenco show with dinner at the bullring in Granada, and a Paella dinner in Valencia.
- Good accommodation, mainly 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.



For a single room there is an additional cost of \$1,480.



Sydney & Melbourne passengers can upgrade to Premium Economy Class for the long haul flights from an additional \$3,590 per person for Sydney passengers and from \$2,400 per person for Melbourne passengers. Prices are subject to limited availability. Contact our office for details.

**Tour departs Australia 12th October
and returns 29th October 2024**

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Spain & Portugal Tour

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

12.10.24 Australia - Dubai

Depart Brisbane at 9.00pm on EK 435, arriving in Dubai at 5.10am the next morning (13.10.24).

Depart Sydney at 9.45pm on EK 413, arriving in Dubai at 5.15am the next morning (13.10.24).

Depart Melbourne at 10.15pm on EK 407, arriving in Dubai at 5.15am the next morning (13.10.24).

13.10.24 Dubai – Madrid, Spain

All passengers depart Dubai at 7.40am on EK 141, arriving in Madrid at 1.25pm.

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

The remainder of the day is at leisure to recover from your flights.

Accommodation: Melia Castilla or similar

14.10.24 Madrid

(B/D)

This morning we have a panoramic city tour of Madrid. See the medieval origins of the city, like the Arabic fortress at the Barrio de la Moreria, famous for its historical buildings, such as the Royal Palace. Then we head to Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcala. Admire the 19th century works such as the Prado Museum. The contemporary Madrid with areas such as Gran Via, Castellana, the district of Salamanca, Plaza Castilla and Parque del Oeste. Also see the commercial and financial areas of modern Madrid, the emblematic Las Ventas Bullring and the Santiago Bernabeu Football Stadium.

This evening we have included Tapas Tour. We will visit several typical Madrid establishments and taste the most classical tapas of the capital. Taverns full of flavour and history, a living memory of traditional Madrid. In each of them we will try some of its most characteristic tapas, accompanied by local wines.

Accommodation: Melia Castilla or similar

15.10.24 Madrid – Salamanca - Porto

(B)

After breakfast we depart Madrid for Salamanca. Enjoy free time in this university city with its vibrant community made up of various nationalities. The city was founded in the 1100's and is known for its ornate sandstone architecture. Later we continue to the Portuguese border and travel to Porto. On arrival we check into the hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: BessaHotel Boavista or similar

16.10.24 Porto

(B)

We begin today with a panoramic sightseeing tour of Porto, known for its stately bridges and production of port wine. We admire the cathedral, stock exchange building and Santa Clara Church. Afterwards we enjoy a cruise of the Douro River aboard the Blue Boats cruise and discover the historic heritage of the area, including a visit to a well-known port wine cellar with an included wine tasting.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Porto at your own pace.

Accommodation: BessaHotel Boavista or similar

17.10.24 Porto – Coimbra - Fatima

(B) This morning we depart Porto for Coimbra, which is a riverfront city in central Portugal. The city is the seat of one of the oldest universities in Europe and the birthplace of Fado. We have some free time in Coimbra, then continue to Fatima, centre of the Christian faith with its impressive Basilica. We have an overnight stay in Fatima.
Accommodation: Estrela Hotel, Aurea Hotel or similar

18.10.24 Fatima – Batalha – Nazare – Alcobaca – Obidos - Lisbon

(B/D) Today we set off for Lisbon. Our first stop is at the Batalha Monastery, which is one of the most beautiful examples of Portuguese and European architecture. It was erected in commemoration of the 1385 Battle of Aljubarrota and serves as the burial church of the 15th century Aviz dynasty of Portuguese royalty. Please note that entrance to the monastery is not included, due to time constraints. Next we visit the picturesque fishing town of Nazaré and enjoy some free time before continuing to Alcobaca, known for its World Heritage Gothic style monastery. Our next stop is the fortified town of Obidos, located on a hilltop and known as the wedding present town. Upon arrival in Lisbon, we check into the hotel for a two night stay. This evening we enjoy an included traditional dinner and Fado show, a music style which can be traced back to Lisbon in the 1820's.
Accommodation: Sana Malhoa or similar

19.10.24 Lisbon - Sintra - Lisbon

(B) Lisbon is the stunning capital city of Portugal, known in Roman times as Olisipo. On our morning sightseeing tour, we drive through the city's main squares and avenues. We see Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Coach Museum, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square and Liberty Avenue. In the afternoon we travel to the romantic town of Sintra. We have an outside visit to the Royal Palace on our walking tour. Then we travel to Cabo de Roca, the easternmost point of the European continent to enjoy impressive views of the Atlantic Ocean. Afterwards we return to our hotel in Lisbon through the coastal town of Cascais and the cosmopolitan city of Estoril, known for its famous casino (the largest in Europe).
Accommodation: Sana Malhoa or similar

20.10.24 Lisbon – Caceres - Cordoba

(B) This morning we depart Lisbon and travel back into Spain. We visit the World Heritage Old Town of Caceres, an urban ensemble of 9 hectares surrounded by a wall of 1,174 metres. The city's history of battles between Moors and Christians is reflected in the architecture, which is a blend of Roman, Islamic, Northern Gothic and Italian Renaissance styles. We have time to walk through its Plaza Mayor and the Old Town with its famous Medieval Quarter. Afterwards we continue to Cordoba for an overnight stay.
Accommodation: Hesperia Cordoba or similar

21.10.24 Cordoba - Seville

(B) Cordoba is a city located in the southern region of Andalusia. The city is home to one of the world's greatest Islamic buildings, the Mezquita, a symbol of the worldly, sophisticated culture that flourished here more than a millennium ago when Cordoba was capital of Islamic Spain and western Europe's biggest, most cultured city. We tour this impressive mosque and stroll through the narrow winding streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon we travel two hours to Seville for a two night stay. Accommodation: Hotel Melia Lebreros or similar

22.10.24 Seville

(B) Seville is the largest city in southern Spain. Greek legend has it that the city was built by Hercules himself, on six stone columns. However archaeology points to an early Bronze Age settlement around 1,000-1,100 B.C. Our morning panoramic city tour includes an inside visit to the cathedral, the second largest in the catholic world after St. Peters in Rome. We see the Santa Cruz Quarter which is the former Jewish Quarter of Seville, the Maria Luisa Park and the incredible Plaza de Espana, which is known as the 'Venice of Seville'. The afternoon is at leisure for you to take in the flavours of this active city. Accommodation: Hotel Melia Lebreros or similar

23.10.24 Seville – Ronda - Granada

(B/D) After breakfast we depart Seville and drive south passing typical villages to reach Ronda. In Ronda we have some free time to admire this town of Celtic origin and take in the marvellous view of the surrounding valley and mountain range. We then travel to Granada, which was the last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms until 1492. We visit the Alhambra and Generalife Gardens in the company of a local guide. The Alhambra is the main jewel of this beautiful city. During our visit to the Alhambra Palace and the surrounding group of small palaces, gardens, patios and towers, it becomes clear to us why King Boabdil cried when Granada was reconquered by the catholic monarchs. An outstanding feature is the Gardens of Generalife, which was the summer residence for the king. The area is a beautiful combination of water springs, gardens and architecture. Please note that the visit to the Alhambra is subject to the availability and confirmation of the Alhambra authority. This evening we have an included traditional dinner and Flamenco show in the Granada Bullring. Accommodation: Melia Granada or similar

24.10.24 Granada - Valencia

(B/D) We depart Granada for Valencia. Travelling via Murcia, capital of the fertile garden of the Segura River. We continue north via Alicante, the second largest city within the region of Valencia. Valencia is one of the main capitals of the Mediterranean Coast and home to the well renowned and delicious 'Paella'. At the end of the 19th century the city of Valencia experienced an important political and social development, which was reflected in the architecture of the city. On our tour we will see the Paseo de la Alameda, the Ensanche with significant buildings such as the Casa Chapa. We continue to the neighbourhood of Colon and commence a walking tour to discover the eclectic and original parts of the city, such as the Casa de los Dragones and its commercial area, the Plaza del Patriarca and the Palace of the Marquis de dos Aguas. Our tour will end at a local restaurant where we enjoy the

original and authentic Valencia Paella. The menu consists of starters, Valencian paella, dessert, coffee and a drink.

Accommodation: NH Center or similar

25.10.24 Valencia – Barcelona

(B)

Our morning city tour of this bright city includes a drive past the old riverbed of the Turia to the modern ‘City of Arts and Sciences’ architectural complex, to see the impressive exteriors of the six buildings. In the early afternoon we depart north along the Mediterranean coast to Catalunya, via Tarragona, the Roman Tarraco. We arrive in Barcelona and check into the hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Catalonia Barcelona Plaza or similar

26.10.24 Barcelona

(B/D)

Our morning city tour of Barcelona includes a drive along the main avenues with impressive modern buildings by Gaudí such as La Pedrera and Casa Milá, declared as World Heritage buildings for their impressive designs. We also see the Montjuïc Park with spectacular views of the city, Olympic Ring, Monument to Columbus and the Olympic Port. The afternoon is free for you to further discover this vibrant city. This evening enjoy an included farewell Tapas dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Catalonia Barcelona Plaza or similar

27.10.24 Barcelona - Dubai

(B)

This morning is at leisure. We have a 12 midday late checkout from our hotel. After that we can store our luggage at the hotel reception until our late afternoon transfer to the airport for our flights home.

Depart Barcelona at 8.25pm on EK 188, arriving in Dubai at 5.55am the next morning (28.10.24).

28.10.24 Dubai – Australia

Sydney passengers depart Dubai at 10.15am on EK 412, arriving in Sydney at 7.00am the next morning (29.10.24).

Melbourne passengers depart Dubai at 10.00am on EK 406, arriving in Melbourne at 6.25am the next morning (29.10.24).

Brisbane passengers depart Dubai at 10.25am on EK 434, arriving in Brisbane at 6.40am the next morning (29.10.24).

29.10.24 Arrive Australia

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.

1	2	3	4	5
---	---	---	---	---

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 some early departures.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Spain & Portugal 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.

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. In late 2024, 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.

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 and prices, subject to availability.

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.

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 - If required, 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: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Nationality: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Passport Nationality _____ Preferred Name: _____

(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.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____