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Italy, France & Spain

23 Day Conducted Tour

for only **\$5,895** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes and levies

This price is great value for a tour of these three countries, as all of the following are included:

- Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Rome, Italy and out of Madrid, Spain with Thai International Airlines and Lufthansa.
- A wonderful 19 day tour of Italy, France and Spain from Rome to Madrid. The tour visits such exciting places as Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan, Monte Carlo, Lyon, Paris, Barcelona, Valencia, Madrid and more.
- A two day stopover in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3 - 4 star.
- Many meals and all transport and transfers.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- Services of European and Thai tour guides, and if there are 12 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



With this tour we guarantee twin share accommodation for anyone who wants this. If you would like a single room there is an extra cost of \$1060.

**Tour departs Australia on the
3rd September and returns
25th September 2015**

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Italy, France & Spain Tour

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

03.09.15 Australia - Bangkok

Sydney passengers depart at 10.00am, on TG 476, arriving in Bangkok at 4.20pm.
Brisbane passengers depart at 2.00pm on TG 474, arriving in Bangkok at 8.20pm.
Melbourne passengers depart at 2.15pm on TG 466, arriving in Bangkok at 8.45pm.
All flights will be met at the airport and transferred to the Galleria 10 Hotel in central Bangkok for a two night stay.

04.09.15 Bangkok - Damnoen Saduak - Bangkok

(B/L)

Full day tour to the famous Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, including a long-tail boat trip through rural klongs (canals). Next visit a Thai handicraft centre, then onto the Rose Garden for their famous culture show, followed by a short elephant show. A superb buffet lunch is included. Afterwards we return to the hotel.

05.09.15 Bangkok

(B/D)

Today is at leisure to explore Bangkok or relax in the hotel. We have a 6pm late check-out from the hotel. Enjoy an included dinner before being transferred to the airport for your flight to Italy.

06.09.15 Bangkok - Rome

Depart Bangkok at 12.20am on TG 944, arriving in Rome at 6.50am. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your Rome hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore this ancient capital. In the afternoon, meet your tour director and fellow travellers.

Please note that your hotel room may not be ready for check-in until the afternoon. If you would like to be guaranteed early access into your hotel room there will be an additional charge of \$145 per person twin share or \$231 single room. Alternatively you can store your luggage at the hotel until your room becomes available.

07.09.15 Rome

(B)

Rome, the 'Eternal City', is a city steeped in history, vibrantly alive and exciting and absolutely unique! The included sightseeing with a local guide starts in St. Peter's Square, followed by a visit to the Roman Forum and the iconic Colosseum.

08.09.15 Rome - Florence - Montecatini

(B/D)

Travel to Florence, 'Cradle of the Renaissance' and city of the powerful Medici dynasty. The included walking tour with a local guide features most of the city highlights. You will see Piazza Santa Croce, beautiful Piazza Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Loggia dei Lanzi and the impressive Piazza del Duomo with its cathedral housing the Giotto Campanile and the magnificent East Door of the Baptistery, known as the 'Gate of Paradise.' Later, a short drive delivers you to the spa town of Montecatini for an overnight stay. Tonight enjoy an included dinner.

09.09.15 Montecatini - Parma - Venice Area

(B)

This morning we head for Parma by way of Cisa pass. Parma is located in the

Emilia-Romagna region, made famous by its ham and parmesan cheese. The included sightseeing with a local guide introduces you to the city's hidden treasures. Later, we continue into the farmland of the Po Valley for a two night stay in the Venice area.

- 10.09.15 Venice Area**
(B/D) Venice is more like a marvelous film set than a real live city, with its criss-crossing canals, gondolas and water buses, arched bridges, palaces and quiet little piazzas. The included orientation starts with a boat ride to St. Mark's Square and is followed by time at leisure and a chance to watch Venetian glassblowers fashion their delicate objects as they did centuries ago. Don't miss out on the quintessential Venice experience of an optional gondola ride along the picturesque canals with a local troubadour to serenade you. Tonight enjoy an included dinner.
- 11.09.15 Venice Area - Verona - Milan**
(B) This morning we visit Verona, which was medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. See Juliet's house and balcony and stroll around the picturesque market square. Afterwards we travel to vibrant Milan, hub of Italy's economic miracle and the capital of fashion. Enjoy a short city sightseeing tour with a local guide.
- 12.09.15 Milan - Italian Riviera - Cannes Area, France**
(B) An early start this morning as you journey south with views of the Italian Riviera. En route we visit Monte Carlo before arriving in the Cannes area.
- 13.09.15 Cannes Area**
(B) This morning we visit a perfume factor in Grasse. Maybe join an optional excursion to the picturesque hilltop town of St. Paul de Vence.
- 14.09.15 Cannes Area - Avignon - Lyon**
(B/D) This morning we head to Avignon for an included visit to the magnificent Palace of the Popes (audio guide included). Then we travel onto Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for an overnight stay. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
- 15.09.15 Lyon - Paris**
(B) Start the day with included, guided sightseeing. Then travel through the picturesque Burgundy vineyards and fields toward Paris, the French capital known as the 'City of Light'. Tonight don't miss the optional cabaret outing, a true Parisian spectacle!
- 16.09.15 Paris**
(B) Our included sightseeing with a local expert takes in many of the must-see Parisian sights, such as Notre Dame Cathedral, Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Opera, La Sorbonne, Madeleine, the Pyramid near the Louvre, the Invalides and Champs Elysees. The remainder of the day is at leisure in Paris.
- 17.09.15 Paris - Amboise - Bordeaux**
(B/D) Start the day by motoring south along the Loire River to Amboise for a visit with a local guide to its splendid 11th century castle that was a favourite of French kings. Continue through the Cognac Region and head towards Bordeaux on the banks of the

Garonne. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

18.09.15 Bordeaux - Biarritz - Bilbao, Spain

(B/D)

Leave the Landes region. Visit Biarritz, an ancient fishing village turned trendy seaside resort, before crossing the border into Spain. Overnight in the Basque capital and port town of Bilbao. Tonight enjoy an included dinner.

19.09.15 Bilbao - Pamplona - Barcelona

(B/D)

Depart Bilbao this morning and stop in Pamplona, capital of the ancient Kingdom of Navarra, before reaching Barcelona, Catalonia's lively and beautiful capital. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

20.09.15 Barcelona

(B)

This morning's included sightseeing with a local guide features a drive around Montjuic to see the Olympic Stadium and a great panoramic view of the port and city. You arrive at the city centre's Plaza Catalunya and to Paseo de Gracia to marvel at Gaudi's architectural masterpieces in the Houses Batllo and Mila and the Sagrada Familia (entrance fees not included).

21.09.15 Barcelona - Valencia

(B)

Pass through fragrant orange groves and charming seaside resorts past Tarragona and on to Valencia, known for having hosted the America's Cup in 2005. You may choose to join the optional excursion which drives along wide avenues lined with fig and palm trees and along the old quarter's narrow streets past fine gothic houses and typical patios.

22.09.15 Valencia - Cuenca - Aranjuez - Madrid

(B)

Leave the coast and head inland stopping in the historical towns of Cuenca and Aranjuez, situated on the Castilian Plain. Travel on to Madrid, the Spanish capital, with time to enjoy a relaxed evening.

23.09.15 Madrid

(B/D)

Situated 2,180 feet above sea level, the Spaniards say Madrid is the nearest thing to heaven. Guided sightseeing starts with a full panoramic drive by way of the Avenida Mayor, Puerta del Sol, Parliament Square and a picture stop outside the Royal Palace. Afterwards 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. This evening enjoy an included farewell dinner.

24.09.15 Madrid - Frankfurt - Bangkok

(B)

We have an early morning departure from the hotel to Madrid Airport. Depart Madrid at 8.35am on Lufthansa flight LH 1123, arriving in Frankfurt at 11.10am. Transfer to your next flight. Depart Frankfurt at 2.45pm on TG 921, arriving in Bangkok at 6.25am the next morning (25.09.15).

25.09.15 Bangkok - Australia

Melbourne passengers depart Bangkok at 8.10am on TG 461, arriving in Melbourne at 8.00pm.

For Brisbane and Sydney passengers we can arrange day use accommodation until 6pm in the Bangkok Airport area.

Sydney passengers depart Bangkok at 7.20pm on TG 475, arriving in Sydney at 7.20am the next morning (26.09.15).

Brisbane passengers depart Bangkok at 11.59pm on TG 473, arriving in Brisbane at 11.50am the next morning (26.09.15).

Note: The day use accommodation for Sydney and Brisbane passengers is an extra charge of \$55 per person twin share or \$90 single room. Alternatively passengers are free to do their own thing.

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



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travels Italy, France & Spain Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 10 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

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 if travelling on an Australian passport.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$55 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

Not Included in the Cost - Travel Insurance, visas and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary) etc are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments 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.

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.

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.

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 de facto 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. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

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.