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Conducted 20 Day **ITALY, SICILY & MALTA TOUR**

for only **\$10,745**
per person twin share

This is a great opportunity to experience the sights, sounds and culture of these Mediterranean destinations. The price covers all of the following:

- Airfares from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane into Rome and out of Malta with Emirates, plus flights from Italy to Sicily and Sicily to Malta. Please contact our office for prices on Emirates flight upgrades.
- Nine days in Italy, travelling overland from Rome to Venice with a four night stay in Venice.
- A one week tour of Sicily, visiting Palermo, Agrigento, Syracuse and the Taormina Riviera region.
- Four days in the historical island nation of Malta, being inhabited since 5,900 B.C. & considered a living museum.
- Very good accommodation, mainly 4 star.
- Breakfast daily, as well as two lunches and six dinners.
- Services of local tour guides and an Australian tour escort.
- Transport and transfers, as well as prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.



For a single room, there is a single supplement of \$1270, subject to availability.

Italy, Sicily and Malta offer a captivating blend of history, culture, and natural beauty, making them a fantastic combination for travellers. From ancient ruins to vibrant cities and stunning coastlines. The cooler time of the year to visit these countries will mean less crowds at major tourist attractions and better value.



Tour departs Australia 1st March and returns 20th March 2026

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Italy, Sicily & Malta Tour

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

01.03.26 Australia – Dubai

Depart Brisbane at 8.55pm on EK435, arriving in Dubai at 5.30am the next morning (02.03.26).

Depart Sydney at 9.45pm on EK 413, arriving in Dubai at 5.15am the next morning (02.03.26).

Depart Melbourne at 11.55pm on EK 405, arriving in Dubai at 7.00am the next morning (02.03.26).

02.03.26 Dubai – Rome, Italy

(D) All passengers depart Dubai at 8.55am on EK 97, arriving in Rome at 12.40pm.

Welcome to Rome, a city steeped in history, culture, and beauty. Rome is the capital of Italy with a history spanning over 28 centuries, dating back to around 753 BC. The city is known for its ancient ruins, artistic heritage and vibrant culture.

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

This evening we have an included welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Starhotels Metropole or similar

03.03.26 Rome

(B) Today we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Rome. We will see the Vatican Museums, St Peter's Square and Basilica, and the Colosseum.

We will also have an inside visit to the Sistine Chapel, located within the Vatican Museum in Vatican City. Stand in awe and wonder amid one of mankind's greatest artistic achievements. Hear how in 1508, a young Michelangelo was commissioned by Pope Julius II to decorate the chapel's ceiling. Michelangelo's 4 year project was indeed one of physical pain and psychological distress, while painting from scaffolds high above the sanctuary floor. Nevertheless he created what is considered the most famous ceiling in the world, depicting the creation of Adam in striking alfresco style.

The late afternoon is at leisure to discover Rome on your own, or perhaps take an optional tour to see some more the city's highlights.

Accommodation: Starhotels Metropole or similar

04.03.26 Rome – Assisi - Florence

(B) This morning we depart Rome on a scenic drive to Florence. En route we stop in Assisi and walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, with a visit to the Basilica named after the deacon, friar and mystic who became one of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity. Revered for his love of the Eucharist and the Earth, Francis found communion with God through nature here in this Italian village where he lived and died. Marvel at the magnificent frescoes by Italian master Giotto that adorn the Basilica where the saint is buried.

This evening you may wish to enjoy an optional dinner in the delightful Tuscan countryside, featuring authentic traditional dishes using the finest local ingredients.

Accommodation: Hotel Royal Firenze or similar

05.03.26 Florence

(B/L) Today we will witness some of the world's most magnificent art, including Michelangelo's masterpiece, David, located within the Academy of Fine Arts. We also

see Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze 'Gates of Paradise' and Signoria Square. Enjoy some free time and an included light lunch next to Santa Croce Square.
Accommodation: Hotel Royal Firenze or similar

06.03.26 Florence – Pisa – Venice Island

(B) This morning we depart for Venice, enroute we have a stop to take photos of the iconic Leaning Tower. See architecture gone askew from the viewpoint of the Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa. Take the ultimate selfie in front of the Leaning Tower with a tilt of the head or other popular poses to commemorate your visit to this example of medieval art located in this beautiful piazza. Travel distance is approximately 450kms.
Upon arrival in Venice we check into our hotel. We have a four night stay in Venice.
Accommodation: Carlton on The Grand Canal or similar

07.03.26 Venice Island

(B/D) Today we take a private boat ride on the canals and enjoy a guided walking tour including St. Mark's Square, Doges' Palace and the Bridge of Sighs and view of the Basilica. St. Mark's Basilica dominates the square, offering visitors a spectacular view of the great arches, marble embellishments and the Romanesque carvings of its façade. Also gracing the square is Doge's Palace, a masterpiece of Venetian Gothic architecture. The enclosed Bridge of Sighs, connecting the palace with the prison, is named for the prisoners sighs at seeing their last view of the Rio di Palazzo on their walk to the prison. Afterwards we see a glassblower demonstration followed by some free time.
Dinner this evening is included at the hotel.
Accommodation: Carlton on The Grand Canal or similar

08.03.26 Venice Island

(B) Today is at leisure to explore Venice on your own. The city is built on a group of 118 islands that are separated by expanses of open water and canals. Portions of the city are linked by 438 bridges. Venice is know as the floating city, but it is also slowly sinking. In the past century, the city has subsided by approximately 25cm.
Accommodation: Carlton on The Grand Canal or similar

09.03.26 Venice Island

(B) Another day to take in the sights and atmosphere of this unique city. Perhaps consider a gondola ride on the Grand Canal, or explore the city's charming neighbourhoods. You may also wish to visit some of the museums, such as the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, or just relax and enjoy the local cuisine, such as cicchetti (Venetian tapas).
Accommodation: Carlton on The Grand Canal or similar

10.03.26 Venice – Rome - Palermo, Sicily

(B/D) This morning we are transferred to Venice Airport for our flights to Palermo, via Rome. Upon arrival in Palermo, we are transferred to the hotel for a two night stay.
This evening we have a welcome to Sicily dinner at the hotel.
Accommodation: Garibaldi or similar

11.03.26 Palermo

(B) Today we enjoy a guided sightseeing tour. We will see the Church of Immacolata and visit the cathedral. We also drive up to Monreale for a panoramic view of the Conca d'Oro and visit the Norman cathedral. The story of the splendid Monreale Cathedral starts when the Arabs took control of Palermo. They transformed the cathedral into a

mosque and banished the Bishop of Palermo from town. Not wishing to venture too far from his beloved cathedral, the bishop settled in a small village in the hills overlooking Palermo, the site of modern-day Monreale. There, he built a modest church to keep the flame of local Christian worship alive. Today the cathedral is known for its stunning mosaics that cover an area of over 64,500 square feet.

Accommodation: Garibaldi or similar

12.03.26 Palermo – Agrigento

(B/D) After breakfast we have a guided walking tour of the Valley of Temples. The ruins of Akragas remain Sicily's most amazing archaeological site. The impressively well-preserved Tempio della Concordia sits in spectacular setting upon a ridge where it served as a beacon for homecoming sailors and today draws enthralled visitors to revel in the remarkable Valley of the Temples. Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Della Valle or similar

13.03.26 Agrigento – Piazza Armerina - Syracuse

(B/L) Today we have a guided visit of the Villa Romana del Casale with the largest and most complex collection of Roman mosaics in the world. Explore the extraordinary example of Roman power in one of the most luxurious villas of its kind in the Italian countryside. The magnificently preserved mosaics show the strength of the Roman influence and power throughout the Mediterranean region.

We enjoy an included lunch with regional specialties at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Villa Politi or similar

14.03.26 Syracuse – Catania – Taormina Riviera

(B) After breakfast we have a guided visit to the Greek and Roman ruins of the Archaeological Park featuring the Greek Theatre and the Roman Amphitheatre. Afterwards we continue to Catania and enjoy some free time on the way to Taormina Riviera.

Accommodation: Hellenia Yachting Hotel or similar

15.03.26 Taormina Riviera

(B/D) Today we have a guided excursion to Mount Etna. Mount Etna is Europe's tallest volcano and one of the most active in the world. Learn how an eruption in 1669 that lasted 112 days developed a record long stream of lava that destroyed the city of Catania. Followed by an orientation walk through Taormina town and some free time. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Hellenia Yachting Hotel or similar

16.03.26 Catania – La Valletta, Malta – St. Julian

(B) This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flight to La Valletta, Malta. In La Valletta we enjoy an orientation walk that includes the Barakka Gardens. We then continue onto St. Julian for a three night stay. Named for the patron Saint that bears his name, this seaside town is rich with history and has lovely views of the rocky stretch along the promenade.

Accommodation: Mercure St. Julian's Malta or similar

17.03.26 St. Julian

(B) Today is free to explore the city. You may wish to visit the little island of Gozo, home to the oldest freestanding structures in the world, the 5,500 year old complex of the

Ggantija Temples. Locals claim the site was built by giants, hence the name 'Ggantija.'
Accommodation: Mercure St. Julian's Malta or similar

18.03.26 St. Julian – Excursion to Rabat, - Mosta & Mdina

(B/D) Our first stop today is to Rabat, where we stop in the city famous for its catacombs. We continue onto Mosta to take pictures of the stunning Roman Catholic church with a unique architectural history before arriving into Mdina. Here we walk through the 'Silent City' and take in views of the ancient walls. When the capital city was moved out of Mdina, the city was left uninhabited so people started to consider it a ghost town and the 'silent city' nickname was born. This name is still fitting today as there are many signs around the city urging visitors to be silent. No cars are allowed in the city.
Accommodation: Mercure St. Julian's Malta or similar

19.03.26 St. Julian, Malta - Dubai

(B) This morning we have a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, followed by check out. Later we are transferred to the airport for our flights home.
All passengers depart Malta at 2.45pm on EK 110, arriving in Dubai at 01.00am the next morning (20.03.26 – Please note that this flight goes via Larnaca, Cyprus).

20.03.26 Dubai – Australia

Sydney passengers depart Dubai at 02.00am on EK 414, arriving in Sydney at 10.30pm.
Brisbane passengers depart Dubai at 02.50am on EK 430, arriving in Brisbane at 10.40pm.
Melbourne passengers depart Dubai at 02.55am on EK 408, arriving in Melbourne at 11.20pm.

Note: The primary ground operator for this tour is Globus

Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

For your enjoyment of the tour and the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the 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 up to and sometimes over 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.

Please note that this tour takes place during early spring in the Northern Hemisphere. The typical weather will be cool during this period. An advantage of this is that the crowds at tourist destinations will often be considerably less than peak periods.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Italy, Sicily & Malta Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$800 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is strictly not refundable or not-transferrable 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(s) provide 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. From early 2026, 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 Euros per person. No other visas are 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.

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 heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for payments made using American Express.

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 are aware that Covid-19 is a highly contagious and potentially dangerous disease that may result in significant personal illness and even death. You acknowledge that you are voluntarily participating in the tour with knowledge of the inherent risks of Covid-19, and you agree to assume all risks.

Breakaway - Deviations from the set itinerary can usually be permitted for post tour arrangements. Please contact Macleay Valley Travel at the time of booking if you are interested in extending your trip.

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.

Ground Operator - Our primary ground operator for this tour is Globus. They require that each passenger agrees to their own terms and conditions and their health & safety waiver which will be sent out in due course.

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.

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 de facto 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: _____

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 Needs - Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

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 \$800 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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