

# WESTERN CHINA

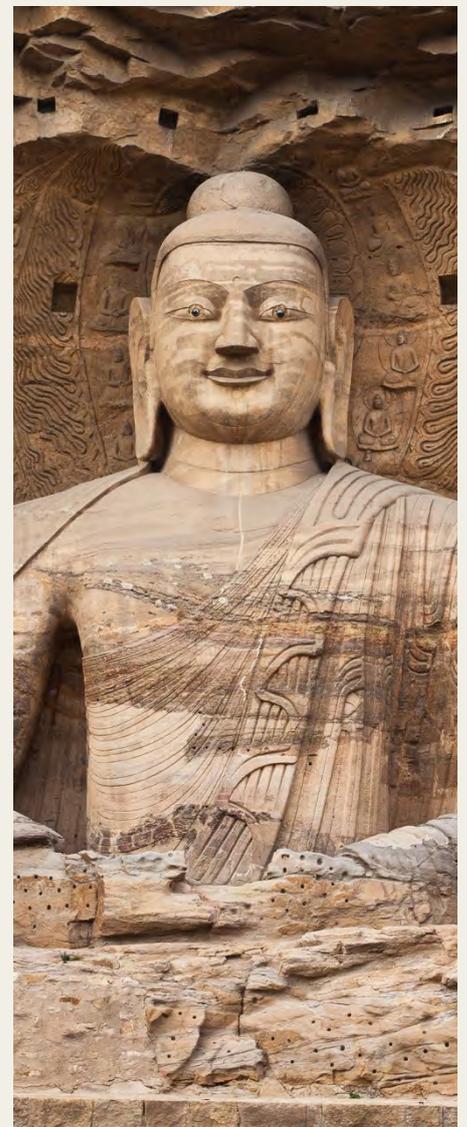
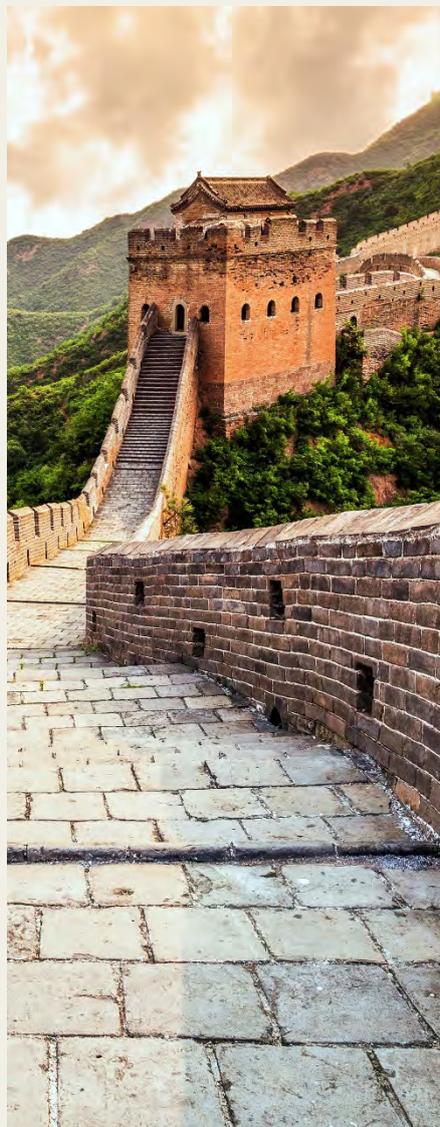
## ON THE SILK ROAD



IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEAR EAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
FOUNDATION, SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

OCTOBER 10-30, 2019

TOUR LEADER: BEN CHURCHER



TAILORED SMALL  
GROUP JOURNEYS

- › EXPERT TOUR LEADERS
- › MAXIMUM 20 IN A GROUP
- › CAREFULLY PLANNED ITINERARIES



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Tour dates: October 10-30, 2019

Tour leader: Ben Churcher

Tour Price: \$10,575 per person, twin share

Single Supplement: \$2,095 for sole use of double room

Booking deposit: \$500 per person

Recommended airline: Singapore Airlines

Maximum places: 20

Itinerary: Beijing (3 nights), Xi'an (2 nights), Tianshui (1 night), Lanzhou (3 nights), Xiahe (2 nights), Dunhuang (2 nights), Turpan (2 nights), Urumqi (1 night), Kashgar (3 nights), Chengdu (1 night)

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## OVERVIEW

The exotic Silk Road within China is rich in historical and cultural highlights. From the might of Imperial China in the east, to brilliantly decorated Buddhist monasteries and caves in the west and the desert steppes and Islamic influences of Turpan, Urumqi and Kashgar, we discover the treasures and influences of the Silk Road. This tour will be both a journey through the changing face of China today, as well as an examination of its deep and awe-inspiring history and culture.

Our 21-day tour commences in Beijing with visits to the Forbidden City, Great Wall and the Ming tombs. We fly to Xi'an, terminus of the Silk Road and home to an army of terracotta warriors. Heading further west to Tianshui and Lanzhou, we visit Buddhist Grottoes carved into the side of mountains and the great yellow hat Labrang Lamastery at Xiahe. Travelling into the Taklaman Desert we explore the archaeological sites of Jiaohe and Gaochang and the Flaming Mountain. See well-preserved mummies in Urumqi and immerse yourself in the bustling Sunday Bazaar at Kashgar before concluding our journey in Chengdu.

This tour is operated in conjunction with the Near East Archaeological Foundation at Sydney University.

## YOUR TOUR LEADER



**Ben Churcher** has a wide range of experience as an educator, a traveller, a historian and an archaeologist. Since 1983 Ben has been involved in the yearly University of Sydney excavations at the site of Pella in Jordan and he is, at present, the field director of the project. Ben is a life member of the *Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation* and works with Aboriginal archaeology when in Australia.

Ben first visited China as a tour leader in 1994 and the changes in these 20 years is nothing short of astounding. For Ben, this is what makes a 21st-century trip along the Silk Road so fascinating. In our trip we see the megalomaniac results of China's first unification in the Terracotta Warriors, the remains of the mudbrick Han period Great Wall in empty deserts, beautiful Tang period Buddhist art in small caves carved into soaring mountains and delicate blue and white porcelain from the Ming dynasty. These amply remind us of the long and eventful history of China but this history can then be placed into context as we tour cities with towering apartment blocks or zip across the Gobi Desert on a high-speed train. It is a journey through an ancient world, but it is also a look at the latest incarnation of this history as we see modern China from the crush of Beijing to far flung outposts such as Kashgar. Ancient and modern this is a story that must be seen, and as China takes its place yet again on the world stage, this tour is a fantastic introduction to the many faces this wonderful country has to offer.

*"The tour met my expectations of a better understanding of China's history and current state. Ben was always amiable, available and responsive."* – Feedback from Western China, September 2017.



## ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS



For further information and to secure a place on this tour please contact **Rebecca Fussell** at Academy Travel on 9235 0023 or 1800 639 699 (outside Sydney) or email [rebecca@academytravel.com.au](mailto:rebecca@academytravel.com.au)

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



### THE GREAT WALL

Explore sections of the Great wall from the magnificent defensive fortifications still standing outside Beijing to the crumbling remains of the western most portion near Dunhuang, dating from the Han dynasty in 206CE. Admire one of the greatest sights in the world encompassing over 2700 years of history winding through mountains, deserts and grasslands, a lasting monument to the great dynasties of China.



### TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Stand in awe at the overwhelming sight of Xi'an's ancient subterranean life-size army of over 8000 terracotta warriors standing guard over the soul of China's first unifying Emperor, Qin Shi Huang. Dating from the late third century CE, archaeologists have uncovered vast pits holding figures of warriors each with unique facial features, chariots and horses lined up in battle formation.



### FLAMING MOUNTAINS

Travel along the trading routes of the silk road to the Mutou Valley outside of Turpan and marvel at the ubiquitous red sandstone which appears as a wall of fire in the heat of the day. The Flaming Mountains were immortalised in a popular Ming Dynasty novel, *Journey to the West*, in which the Monkey King on a pilgrimage to India uses his magical fan to extinguish the blaze and pass safely by.



### AMAZING MUSEUMS

Investigate thousands of years of accumulated history and culture through a dazzling array of museums that provide relevance and context to the sites visited on the tour. From the palace complex of the Forbidden City and the vast collection from China's dynastic empires at the National Museum to the surreal Taklamkan mummies housed in the archaeological museum at Urumqi.



### MAIJISHAN GROTTOS

Discover 1500-year-old Buddhist rock carvings, sculptures and over 1000 square metres of murals that make up the Maijishan Grottoes carved into the sheer sandstone mountain face. Inside a series of over 190 caves, carved into the sheer sandstone mountain face, await over 7000 exquisite and ornately decorated Buddhist statues. They are created from clay not indigenous to the area and were somehow transported up the 142-metre cliff face.



Above: inside the Forbidden City

Below: and a block print depicting life in the courtyard of the Chang Yin Pavilion, from the National Museum of China. This pavilion was constructed in 1776 during Emperor Qianlong's reign; and the Terracotta Warriors, buried in the pits next to Qin Shi Huang's tomb in 210-209 BC



## DETAILED ITINERARY

Included meals are shown with the symbols B, L and D.

### TOUR START & FINISH TIME

The tour starts on Thursday 10 October at **6.00pm**, at the Hotel Nuo on Chang'an, Beijing.

The tour ends on Wednesday 30 October at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chengdu, after breakfast.

### THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER ARRIVE BEIJING

The tour begins at the hotel in Beijing. Ben Churcher will meet group members arriving on early flights this evening in the lobby for drinks and introductions. Overnight Beijing

### FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL

Beijing was founded as a capital by a Mongol conqueror in the 14th century. From the 15th century until recent years governance in Beijing and for China took place within the Forbidden City which we visit this morning. This afternoon we visit the National Museum located on Tiananmen Square, which contains over five thousand years of Chinese art and cultural heritage. Overnight Beijing (B, D)

### SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER THE GREAT WALL AND MING TOMBS

Today we visit a section of the Great Wall that is accessible from Beijing and is the most impressive having been built out of stone. After lunch, we visit the subterranean Ming Period tombs where 13 Ming Dynasty emperors were buried in the same area after the capital was moved from Nanjing. Overnight Beijing (B, L)

### SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER FOREST OF STONE TABLETS

This morning we fly from Beijing to Xi'an and visit the Forest of Stone Tablets, an art treasure-house containing over 1,000 memorial tablets. We also visit the Silk Road Museum known as the Tang West Market Museum. Overnight Xi'an (B, L, D)

### MONDAY 14 OCTOBER BANPO VILLAGE & TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Travelling out from Xi'an we visit the Banpo Village Museum that houses the remains of a 6,000 year-old village. The site was discovered by accident in 1953 and archaeologists have since uncovered thousands of artefacts. Following lunch we visit the Terracotta Warriors, depicting the armies of the first Emperor of China. Dating from around the late third century BCE, they were discovered in 1974 by local farmers. Overnight Xi'an (B, L)

## TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER

### WILD GOOSE PAGODA

In the morning we visit Giant Wild Goose Pagoda, a Buddhist structure built during the Tang Dynasty and rebuilt again during the Ming Dynasty. The pagoda held sutras and figurines of the Buddha that were brought from India by the Buddhist translator and traveller, Xuanzang. Early this afternoon we board the train from X'ian to Tianshui arriving in the late afternoon. Overnight Tianshui (B, L, D)

## WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER

### MAIJISHAN GROTTOES

This morning we visit the Maijishan Grottoes on Qinling Mountain. Over 7,200 Buddhist sculptures and over 1,000 square metres of murals, dating from the Later Qin era, are carved into the south-western face of the mountain. In the afternoon we take the train to Lanzhou. Overnight Lanzhou (B, L, D)

## THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER

### BINGLING GROTTOES

Today we visit Bingling Grottoes consisting of 183 caves, containing 694 stone and 82 clay sculptures. Situated in a large natural cavern is the giant Maitreya Buddha that stands more than 27m tall. In the afternoon we visit Linxia, one of the main religious, cultural, and commercial centres of China's Muslim community, earning itself the nickname of "the little Mecca of China". Overnight Lanzhou (B, L)

## FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER

### THE TIBETAN PLATEAU

Our morning commences at the Gansu Provincial Museum, home to the world-famous bronze statue, Galloping Horse's Hoof Stepped on a Flying Swallow. After lunch we travel by coach to Xiahe located on the northern fringes of the Tibetan Plateau. Overnight Xiahe (B, L, D)

## SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

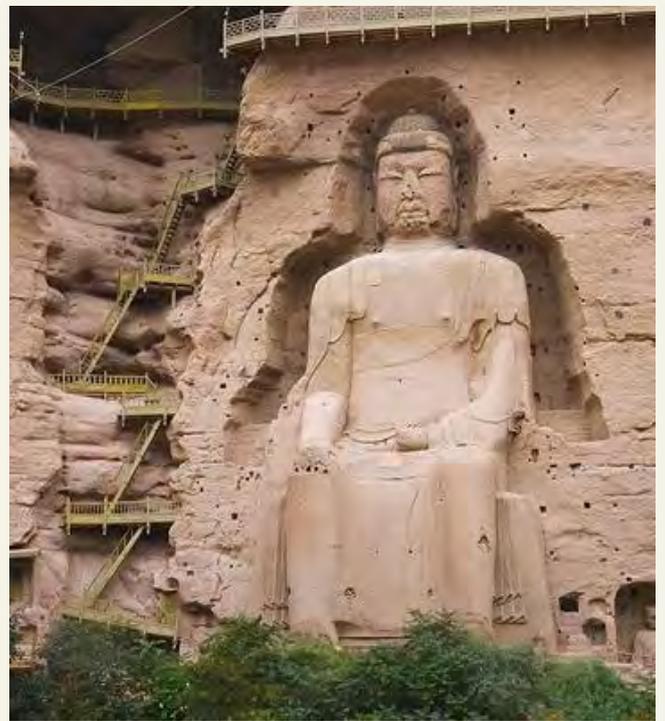
### LABRANG LAMASTERY

This morning we visit the Labrang Lamastry, one of great monasteries of the Yellow Hat school of Tibetan Buddhism. It is situated at the strategic intersection of four major Asian cultures—Tibetan, Mongolian, Han Chinese, and Chinese Muslim. After a break for lunch we visit the nearby Sangke Farm, situated amongst the steppe grasslands that surround Xiahe. Overnight Xiahe (B, L, D)

## SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER

### TO LANZHOU

After a leisurely morning, we return by coach to Lanzhou stopping for lunch along the way. Overnight Lanzhou (B, L)



Above: the 27-metre-tall Maitreya Buddha surveys the landscape at Bingling Grottoes; the world-famous bronze statue, Galloping Horse's Hoof Stepped on a Flying Swallow, at the Gansu Provincial Museum

Below: monks from the Yellow Hat school of Buddhism at Labrang Monastery on the Tibetan Plateau





Above: Echoing-Sand Dune and Crescent Lake provided a welcome oasis for travellers along the Silk Road

Below: murals at Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves; the Mogao Grottoes date from the 5th –14th century



## MONDAY 21 OCTOBER TO DUNHUANG

Fly to Dunhuang, a major commercial hub on the Silk Road. This afternoon we travel to the Echoing-Sand Dune and Crescent Lake, a permanent spring in the shape of a half moon that has existed as an oasis for at least two thousand years. Overnight Dunhuang (B, L, D)

## TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER MOGAO GROTTOES

Visit Mogao Grottoes, or the Caves of the Thousand Buddhas. The World Heritage site forms a system of 492 temples that contain some of the finest examples of Buddhist art spanning a period of 1,000 years. An important cache of documents was discovered in 1900 in the so-called "Library Cave", and are now found in Beijing, Paris, Berlin and the British Library. In the afternoon we travel to the western most portions of the Great Wall. Overnight Dunhuang (B, L)

## WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER TO TURPAN

Today we travel by train from Dunhuang to Turpan which lies at the second lowest spot of the earth's surface within the Taklamakan Desert. Overnight Turpan (B, D)

## THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER AROUND TURPAN

We explore the archaeological sites of Jiaohe and Gaochang, ancient centres on the northern branch of the Silk Road that were both destroyed during the Mongol incursions of the 13th and 14th Centuries. The ruins at Jiaohe consist of temples and stupas, notable graveyards and a large government office of the town. Gaochang was initially built as a garrison town in the first century BCE. By the 14th century, the city was damaged and abandoned due to warfare between Mongolian aristocrats and Uigurs. After lunch we visit the Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves situated in the Mutou Valley in the Flaming Mountains. Overnight Turpan (B, L, D)

## FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER TO URUMQI

This morning we have the opportunity to explore Turpan with traces of human habitation dating back as far back as 6,000 years. The oasis here owes it surprisingly lush green environment to the *karez* (*qanat*) system of supplying water. This afternoon we travel by coach to Urumqi. Overnight Urumqi (B, D)

## SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER TO KASHGAR

This morning we visit Urumqi's Archaeological Museum home of the well-preserved Taklamakan Mummies. The features, tattoos and clothing of the 1,500 year old corpses are easily

distinguishable and provide a wonderful insight into the people who inhabited the area before later waves of migration. This afternoon we fly to Kashgar, once a great Silk Road trading centre located between the Pamir Mountains and the Taklamakan Desert. We familiarise ourselves with a city tour following arrival and before checking into our hotel. Overnight Kashgar (B, L, D)

### SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER KASHGAR BAZAAR

Today the busy Sunday markets are on and there is the opportunity to immerse ourselves within the hustle and bustle and soak up some of the trading flavour that has been a feature of the city for millennia. Overnight Kashgar (B)

### MONDAY 28 OCTOBER AROUND KASHGAR

Today we explore the environs of Kashgar including a visit to the Id Kah Mosque, the largest in China where up to 10,000 worshippers attend prayers every week. Just outside of the city is the Abakh Khoja or fragrant concubine's tomb, a mausoleum dedicated to the ruling Islamic family of the 17th century. There is time this afternoon to further explore the local market and handicraft stores before we gather for our farewell dinner this evening. Overnight Kashgar (B, D)

### TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER TO CHENGDU

Transfer to the airport for our flight from Kashgar as we return to the eastern seaboard via Urumqi. Overnight Chengdu (B, L)

### WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER DEPART

The tour concludes after breakfast. (B)

## HOTELS

Hotels have been selected principally for their central location.

- Beijing, **Beijing Hotel Nuo on Chang'an Ave** (3 nights)
- Xi'an, **Hilton Hotel** (2 nights)
- Tianshui, **Jiafu Hotel** (1 night)
- Lanzhou, **Crowne Plaza Hotel** (3 nights)
- Xiahe, **Jiusheng Hotel** (2 nights)
- Dunhuang, **Silk Road Hotel** (2 nights)
- Turpan, **Metropolo Jinjiang Hotel** (2 nights)
- Urumqi, **Grand Mercure Hotel** (1 night)
- Kashgar, **Radisson Blu Hotel** (3 nights)
- Chengdu, **Crowne Plaza Hotel** (1 night)



*Above: Gaochang, once a garrison town forming a key point on the Silk Road in the 1st century BCE; the bustling Kashgar bazaar is the largest international trade market in Northwest China*

*Below: amazingly well-preserved Taklamakan Mummies in Urumqi*





## TOUR PRICE

The tour price is \$10,575 per person, twin share (land content only). The supplement for a single room is \$2,095 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure a place on the tour.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### Included in the tour price

- All accommodation in selected three, four and five-star hotels
- All breakfasts and many lunches and dinners in hotels and local restaurants as indicated in the itinerary
- Four internal economy class flights within China
- Land travel by air-conditioned coach and train
- Extensive tour notes
- Services of an Australian tour leader throughout the tour
- All entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Qualified national guide throughout
- English speaking guide in each city
- Tips to local guides and drivers
- Visa costs

### Not included

- International air fares, taxes and surcharges (see below)
- Travel insurance
- Meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Expenses of a personal nature

## AIR TRAVEL OPTIONS

The tour price quoted is for land content only. For this tour we recommend Singapore Airlines which offers flights into Beijing and out of Chengdu from most Australian cities. Please contact us for further information on competitive Economy, Business and First Class airfares. Transfers between airport and hotel are included for all passengers booking their flights through Academy Travel. These may be group or individual transfers.

## ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS

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## FITNESS REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TOUR

### GRADE TWO ★ ★

It is important both for you and for your fellow travellers that you are fit enough to be able to enjoy all the activities on this tour. To give you an indication of the level of physical fitness required to participate on our tours, we have given them a star grading. Academy Travel's tours tend to feature extended walking tours and site visits, which require greater fitness than coach touring. We ask you to carefully consider your ability to meet the physical demands of the tour.

### Participation criteria for this tour

This Grade Two tour is designed for people who lead active lives and can comfortably participate in up to five hours of physical activity per day on most days, including longer walking tours, challenging archaeological sites, climbing stairs, embarking and disembarking trains and/or boats, and a more demanding tour schedule with one-night stops or several internal flights.

#### You should be able to:

- keep up with the group at all times
- walk for 4-5 kilometres at a moderate pace with only short breaks
- stand for a reasonable length of time in galleries and museums
- tolerate uncomfortable climatic conditions such as cold, humidity and heat
- walk up and down slopes
- negotiate steps and slopes on archaeological sites, which are often uneven and unstable
- get on and off a large coach with steep stairs, train or boat unassisted, possibly with luggage
- move your luggage a short distance if required

### A note for older travellers

If you are more than 80 years old, or have restricted mobility, it is highly likely that you will find this itinerary challenging. You will have to miss several activities and will not get the full value of the tour. Your booking will not be accepted until after you have contacted Academy Travel to discuss your situation and the exact physical requirements of this tour. While we will do our best to reasonably accommodate the physical needs of all group members, we reserve the right to refuse bookings if we feel that the requirements of the tour are too demanding for you and/or if local conditions mean we cannot reasonably accommodate your condition.

# ABOUT ACADEMY TRAVEL

Each year Academy Travel organises around 60 journeys to Europe, the Mediterranean, Asia and the Americas, each focusing on a distinctive historical, artistic or cultural theme. The aim of every Academy Travel journey is to combine the pleasures of independent travel with the benefits and shared enjoyment of a group. Academy Travel is an Australian-owned travel company, founded in 2004. The company's staff includes both academic experts and travel professionals with over two decades' industry experience. We also have our own office in Rome which organises our tours in Western Europe. This means we have direct control over the selection of hotels, restaurants, coaches and local guides, guaranteeing superior quality.

## GREAT ITINERARIES

Academy Travel works hard to create itineraries that provide a balanced experience – walking tours, museum and gallery visits, live performances, city and countryside. We're proud to be constantly innovating, from opening up new destinations, creating tours around festivals and special exhibitions, to providing unrivalled depth in our residential tours.



## LIKE-MINDED GROUPS

Over the years we've been in operation, we've developed a loyal band of Academy Travellers, some of whom have travelled with us more than 10 times. They say the small groups (maximum 20, average 17) and distinct themes of our tours attract like-minded travellers and create a relaxed, convivial atmosphere.



## LONG STAYS

Feedback from our clients consistently tells us that creating itineraries with three and four-night stops, or even longer, is far more appealing than rushing from place to place. Wherever possible, we plan our tours around a limited number of stops, making your travels more relaxed and more meaningful.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

A private viewing of the Sistine Chapel? Tickets to a sold-out concert by the Berlin Philharmonic? A world-famous art fair? Access to private homes and gardens? Behind-the-scenes visits? Many of our tours feature access to places and events that are usually not offered on most group tours.



## EXPERT TOUR LEADERS

We work closely with a team of academically qualified and highly experienced tour leaders. They don't just 'rattle off the facts' – they help us plan our itineraries and, on tour, freely share their deep knowledge and genuine passion. Most of our tour leaders are still teaching at an advanced level and many are still undertaking academic research.



## YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Academy Travel was founded in 2004 by a team with decades of prior experience in small group travel. On average, our tour leaders have over 11 years' experience, some with 25 or more years. To ensure quality, we have our own office in Rome, Italy and a network of trusted suppliers around the world.



# TO SUBMIT YOUR BOOKING:

- Complete form on screen. Simply click in the box to fill in your details and press "Tab" to progress to the next box. Save the completed form and email it to us.
- Or print the form, complete the fields and send it back to us.

Name of tour:

Departure date:

## A YOUR DETAILS

This is my first tour with Academy Travel

I have previously travelled with Academy Travel

### PASSENGER 1

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc):  Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

Preferred first name:

Date of birth:

Postal Address:

State:

Postcode:

Email:

Phone - Area code:

Phone:

Mobile:

Passport number:

Expiry date:

Frequent flyer number(s)

Seating (Aisle or window)

Name of next of kin (not travelling with you):

Relationship to you:

Contact number of next of kin:

### PASSENGER 2

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc):  Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

Preferred first name:

Date of birth:

Postal Address:

State:

Postcode:

Email:

Phone - Area code:

Phone:

Mobile:

Passport number:

Expiry date:

Frequent flyer number(s)

Seating (Aisle or window)

Name of next of kin (not travelling with you):

Relationship to you:

Contact number of next of kin:

**PROOF OF IDENTITY** Please provide a photocopy of the photo page of your passport together with this booking form.

**ROOMING PREFERENCES** I am travelling:  on my own  with a friend or family member. Name of friend or family member (if not passenger 2)

I/we would like:  a room for sole occupancy  a twin-bedded room  a double-bedded room

## B YOUR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

### MEAL REQUIREMENTS/ALLERGIES

Please indicate below if you have any special dietary requirements. Appropriate meals will be requested for you on all flights and group meals based on this information.

#### PASSENGER 1

I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies

#### PASSENGER 2

I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies

### MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please indicate below if you have any serious health issue that may affect your travel insurance coverage, your physical capacity to undertake some activities on tour or may otherwise need to be considered by the tour leader/manager during the tour.

#### PASSENGER 1

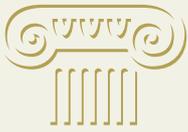
I have no specific medical condition that Academy Travel needs to know about

Academy Travel needs to know about the following medical condition(s)

#### PASSENGER 2

I have no specific medical condition that Academy Travel needs to know about

Academy Travel needs to know about the following medical condition(s)



## C YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

I/we wish Academy Travel to arrange air travel from Australia.

Economy Class. Premium Economy Class. Business Class.

I/we will organize our own air travel.

I/we are undecided about air travel. Please contact us to discuss the available options.

I plan to leave Australia before the tour commences.

Planned departure date:

I intend to take part in the extension tour offered in the itinerary (if applicable).

I/we plan to undertake additional travel before/after the tour and would like Academy Travel to organise this (please describe destinations and length of stay required below).

To discuss your travel arrangements please contact the travel consultant for your tour. You can also email enquiries to [info@academytravel.com.au](mailto:info@academytravel.com.au).

## D YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF BOOKING CONDITIONS

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW

#### DEPOSITS

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm your booking on a tour. Final payment of the tour fee, insurance and any additional travel will be due 60 days before departure.

#### CANCELLATION FEES

If you decide to cancel your booking the following charges apply:

**More than 60 days before departure:** \$500\*

**60-45 days before tour start:** 25% of total amount due

**44-15 days before tour start:** 75% of total amount due

**14 days or less before departure:** 100% of total amount due

\*This amount may be credited to another Academy Travel tour within 12 months of the original tour you booked.

#### UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR

We regret that refunds will not be given for any unused portions of the tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, flights or transfers.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Academy Travel requires all participants to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. We offer a comprehensive policy with a reputable insurer if required.

#### PASSPORT AND VISA

A valid passport is required for all international travel. If you do not hold an Australian passport you may require a re-entry permit. Some countries require a visa to be issued before you depart Australia. We will advise you of all passport and visa requirements, but it is your responsibility to ensure that you meet passport and visa requirements before you depart.

#### WILL THE TOUR PRICE CHANGE?

If the number of participants in a tour is significantly less than budgeted, or if there is a significant change in exchange rates Academy Travel reserves the right to amend the advertised price. If this occurs you will be given the option of canceling your booking and obtaining a full refund. If an Academy Travel tour is forced to cancel you will get a full refund of all monies paid.

#### WILL THE ITINERARY OR AIRLINE CHANGE?

Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Academy Travel make it necessary to change airline, hotel or to make slight amendments to daily itineraries. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

#### FINAL PAYMENT

Full and final payment for the tour, airfare travel, insurance and any additional travel you book is due 60 days before departure. Payment may be made by bank deposit, cheque, cash or credit card. Please note there is a surcharge for payments made by credit card.

Academy Travel reserves the right to decline the booking or terminate the holiday of any traveller.

I/we accept the conditions on this booking form

I/we have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour in the detailed itinerary and confirm that I/we are able to meet these requirements.

Date:

#### AUTHORISATION

By submitting this booking form, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions above and on our website, and the inclusions and non-inclusions listed in the detailed itinerary for the tour.

## E DEPOSIT PAYMENT

A non-refundable \$500 deposit is required for each person listed on this booking form. Please indicate which method you have chosen to pay your deposit:

Number of passengers: Amount of deposit: \$

Paid directly by cheque (Please make cheques payable to Academy Travel)

Paid by credit card (Please complete details below)

MasterCard Visa American Express

Card Number:

3 or 4 digit security code: Expiry date:

Name on card:

Amount: \$ Date:

#### AUTHORISATION

By submitting this booking form you are authorising us to charge the cost of deposits for booking on this tour. No further charges will be made without your prior authorisation.

## F HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS TOUR?

Please select where you first heard about this tour:

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I receive the Academy Travel weekly emails

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I attended a lecture at... please specify

Searching the internet... please specify

A friend recommended Academy Travel tours

Other... please specify

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