JEWELS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN
SICILY AND THE AEOlian ISLANDS
MAY 19 – JUNE 4, 2017
TOUR LEADER: DR JENI RYDE
ABOUT ACADEMY TRAVEL

Each year Academy Travel organises around 50 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.

CAREFULLY PLANNED ITINERARIES

All itineraries feature a carefully thought out balance of walking tours, gallery and museum visits, scenic excursions, dining and performances.

LIKE-MINDED GROUPS

Share your journey with fellow travellers who are in tune with your way of seeing the world. A maximum of 20 participants – not too small and not too large – creates a convivial atmosphere.

LONG STAYS

Perhaps the most appealing feature of our program. No whistletop tours, no 7.00am departures, day after day. In most destinations we enjoy three or four nights to really get to know the place.

SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

A private viewing of the Sistine Chapel or the Museum of Modern Art in New York? Tickets to a sold-out performance of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra? Many of our tours feature top-flight events not usually offered on group tours.

EXPERT TOUR LEADERS

Our tour leaders combine academic expertise with a genuine passion for the places you visit. Under their expert guidance you see rather than just look, hear rather than just listen and understand rather than just observe. Your travel experience is transformed.

IN-DEPTH INFORMATION

With extensive printed tour materials, including detailed tour notes, destination guides, and daily programs, you’ll build up a coherent understanding of the country you’re visiting, not just a fragmented set of facts. These materials are also available in electronic format.
OVERVIEW

Sicily's history and culture is a unique meld of Mediterranean civilizations, encompassing ancient Phoenician, Greek and Roman periods, as well as more recent Byzantine, Arab, Norman and Spanish inhabitation. The setting for this long and distinctive history is unmatched – the towering volcano of Mount Etna which dominates the east coast, rich rolling hillsides in the interior and rugged limestone cliffs along the coast.

The nearby Aeolian – or 'windy' – Islands, celebrated in the writing of Homer, retain much of the character of the ancient Mediterranean. They are an ideal travel destination for those interested in the broad span of Mediterranean history and culture and inspired by majestic scenery.

This 17-day journey has been carefully designed to showcase the main attractions of the islands – Greek temples, Norman/Byzantine mosaics and Arab architecture – but also to take you to some of the lesser-known but equally impressive towns and natural features of the islands, such as the Baroque architecture of the island's south east and the volcanic island of Stromboli.

The itinerary progresses in a broadly historical sequence, commencing with the major Greek sites of Siracusa, Agrigento and Selinunte, before moving on to the predominantly Arab and Norman world of Palermo and the north coast. Three days are then spent in the Aeolian Islands, exploring Lipari, and taking a cruise to Panarea and Stromboli. Lipari remains off the path of mass tourism, and maintains much of its traditional Mediterranean atmosphere. The journey concludes with three nights in Taormina, a celebrated European holiday spot for two centuries.

The journey has all the characteristics of an Academy Travel tour – mostly three and four night stays in small, friendly hotels which have been personally inspected by our staff, background talks before site visits and a maximum group size of just 20.

There are plenty of options for extending your travel, with extra stays in Rome at the beginning or end of the tour. You may also like to take the optional pre-tour Malta Extension (see further details at the end of this itinerary).

YOUR TOUR LEADER

Dr Jeni Ryde is a former Senior Lecturer at the University of Western Sydney, where she completed her PhD focusing on the Renaissance, heritage tourism and museology. She has a wide-ranging knowledge of European history, art and architecture, and has travelled extensively through Italy. Jeni speaks fluent Italian and Spanish.

For Jeni, exploration of southern Italy is a particular passion. “The breadth and depth of its history and culture are extraordinary. Not only can outstanding monuments and works of art be seen but the wonderful climate and beautiful scenery also make the south a truly enjoyable experience: a mini paradise for the discerning traveller.”

ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS

For further information and to secure a place on this tour please contact Hannah Kleboe at Academy Travel on 9235 0023 or 1800 639 699 (outside Sydney) or email hannah@academytravel.com.au
THE ANCIENT TEMPLE OF SEGESTA

Nothing can prepare you for your first sighting of this beautiful temple. A mere photo just cannot do justice to the majestic setting and the mysterious quality of the site: the sound of the birds, the taste of the air, the perfume of the plants and trees, the ever-present sea breeze. Many writers, poets and artists have marvelled at this temple and its beautiful environment, with views to the distant sea.

In her wonderful memoir about life in Sicily, *On Persephone’s Island*, Mary Taylor Simeti observes:

> As we ease our way around the hairpin turns, the constantly shifting perspective on the temple across the narrow valley underlines the essential, exceptional equilibrium of this structure, so solid, so deeply rooted to its hill, yet so close to the ideal of harmony that it almost seems to levitate, otherworldly, poised just above the earth on some divine and invisible hand.

Segesta’s evocative position, nestled halfway up a prominent hill, raises many questions. Where is this place? Who were its inhabitants? Why was such a magnificent Grecian temple built here? And what happened to the people? One of the beauties of Segesta is that there are few answers to such questions, the mystery contributing to its enigmatic attraction. The town of Segesta is situated on the edge of a ravine in north-eastern Sicily and overlooks the Gulf of Castellammare, the ancient city’s port town. The Elymians settled here, migrating to Sicily perhaps from eastern Anatolia. Another legend holds that they were survivors of the Trojan War, brought to Sicily by Aeneas. Their settlement thrived – growing as high perhaps as 10,000 – and the Elymians founded another city, the equally enigmatic Erice, dedicated to the cults of Astarte, Aphrodite and Venus (all incarnations of the same deity). Both cities enjoy spectacular settings, perched on the sides of mountains and looking towards the sea. While there are obvious defensive advantages to such a choice, it’s a tantalizing possibility that the Elymian people founded their cities here as the result of their highly developed aesthetic sensibility.

They certainly were a sophisticated people: as the Greeks colonised Sicily, the Elymians easily absorbed their culture and there is no better example of this fusion than the temple of Segesta. It was possibly built around 426 BCE to impress an Athenian delegation whose protection Segesta was seeking against nearby Selinunte. For unknown reasons it remained unfinished: there is no fluting on its columns, the haulage blocks are still in place, and the pediment has no sculptural frieze. And yet the temple stands, an enduring monument to the ingenuity of this Sicilian people. Later, Segesta would become Roman and the archaeological site preserves another spectacular secret. Carved into the mountain high above the temple is a magnificent theatre dating to the 3rd century BCE. It boasts near-perfect acoustics, seating for about 3000 people and looks towards the sea. Definitely an opportunity for a song or two!
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Some of the largest and best-preserved ruins of the ancient Greek world - Siracusa, Agrigento, Segesta and Selinunte
- Exuberant ‘Sicilian Baroque’ architecture in Siracusa, Noto and Ragusa
- Carthaginian ruins on the island of Mozia, near Marsala
- The medieval Arab-Norman architecture of Palermo and environs, including the glittering mosaic cycles of the Palatine Chapel, Monreale and Cefalu
- Three days on the Aeolian Islands, exploring the Bronze Age archaeology of Lipari and the sea volcano of Stromboli
- Three days in the beautifully situated resort town of Taormina, with an ascent of Mount Etna, Europe's largest volcano
- Outstanding archaeological and art museums in Siracusa, Agrigento, Palermo and Lipari
DETAILED ITINERARY

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

FRIDAY MAY 19
ARRIVE SIRACUSA

Passengers arriving or staying in Rome fly to Catania on a late afternoon domestic flight. Passengers coming from the Malta pre-tour extension arrive in Catania a short while later. Meet your tour leader Dr Jeni Ryde on arrival at Catania airport to commence the tour. Transfer together by private coach to our hotel in Siracusa. After checking in and time to freshen up we meet for a light dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Siracusa (D)

SATURDAY MAY 20
ANCIENT SIRACUSA

After a talk in the hotel we visit the main archaeological site of the town. Highlights of our visit include the famed theatre of Siracusa, the altar of Hieron II, and the ancient quarries (where thousands of Greek prisoners were held during the Peloponnesian War). In the later afternoon we’ll visit the Museo Aretuseo dei Pupi, housing a collection of traditional Sicilian puppets, followed by a performance of puppetry at the adjoining theatre. This evening we enjoy our welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Siracusa (B, D)

SUNDAY MAY 21
PAOLO ORSI ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

This morning we make our way to the excellent Paolo Orsi Regional Archaeological Museum. Extensively renovated in recent years, the Paolo Orsi is one of the most important archaeological museums in southern Italy. Its artefacts, found throughout Sicily, survey the Greek, Roman, and early Christian epochs. In the afternoon we’ll visit the Byzantine-era Jewish baths which are over 1,500 years old. Overnight Siracusa (B)

MONDAY MAY 22
SICILIAN BAROQUE

Today we take a round trip of the south-east tip of Sicily, visiting the towns of Noto and Ragusa. These towns are famed for their exuberant ‘Sicilian Baroque’ architecture, created after a devastating earthquake of 1693 destroyed the earlier towns. Overnight Siracusa (B)

TUESDAY MAY 23
THE VILLA ROMANA

We depart Siracusa this morning, heading westward through the geographic centre of Sicily. Today’s highlight is the Villa Romana del Casale at Piazza Armerina, featuring a series of intact floor mosaics from the 4th century AD, created by
North African artisans. After lunch we continue to Agrigento, arriving in the late afternoon. Dinner tonight is in our hotel. Overnight **Agrigento (B, D)**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 24**

**AGRIGENTO TEMPLES AND MUSEUM**

Agrigento – ancient ‘Akragas’ — was founded in the 6th century BCE and enjoyed a reputation as one of the wealthiest colonies of the Greek world. The extensive and well-preserved sacred area is testament to these riches, comprising four major temples in excellent preservation as well as a number of smaller structures. Today we tour the temple site with a local guide and visit the nearby archaeological museum. The afternoon is free to relax. Tonight we enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight **Agrigento (B, D)**

**THURSDAY MAY 25**

**ROMANTICISM AT SELINUNTE**

This morning we travel along the south coast of Sicily. Our first stop is to see the over life-size Dancing Satyr of Mazara del Vallo, a Greek bronze statue that was found by a Sicilian fisherman in 1998, in the waters of the Mediterranean. We continue on to Selinunte (ancient Selinus), the last of the important Greek cities on our itinerary. In the afternoon we travel north to our hotel in Palermo, our base for the next four nights. Tonight we enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight **Palermo (B, D)**

**FRIDAY MAY 26**

**PALERMO**

Palermo is a colourful city, with the atmosphere of North Africa or perhaps Asia rather than of Europe. Its heritage, as a meeting point between European civilisation and the Arab and Byzantine worlds, is borne out in the splendid medieval buildings of the Norman kingdoms. Today we tour some of the main historic sites of the old city, including the Norman Palace and Palatine Chapel, with its gold mosaics, and the Byzantine-influenced church of La Martorana. After lunch we visit the 12th-century retreat of La Zisa, inspired by Moorish pleasure palaces, and stroll through some of the markets and characteristic back streets of the old city. Overnight **Palermo (B)**

**SATURDAY MAY 27**

**GLITTERING MONREALE**

The cathedral and abbey of Monreale, in the hills overlooking Palermo, were founded by the Norman King William II in the 12th-century to demonstrate the power of the Norman Kingdom of Sicily. There are more than 6,000 square metres of mosaics here, using 2,200 kg of real gold. We spend the morning visiting the cathedral and enjoying the surrounding medieval hill town. After returning to Palermo, the afternoon is at leisure. Overnight **Palermo (B)**
SUNDAY MAY 28
SESTRA AND MOZIA
Today we take a ferry to Mozia where, among the salt pans, we explore the ruins of the former Carthaginian settlement. The island also houses a small museum with some unique pieces. We continue on to Segesta, an evocative ruin in a hilltop location. The theatre and temple here are truly memorable, and have inspired artists and writers for centuries. In the late afternoon we head back to Palermo. Overnight Palermo (B, L)

MONDAY MAY 29
CEFALU AND THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS
Today we spend the greater part of the day in Cefalù, a fishing town dominated by a splendid Norman cathedral. After lunch we travel to Milazzo where we take a ferry to the island of Lipari, our base on the Aeolian Islands for the next three nights. Dinner is served in our hotel. Overnight Lipari (B, D)

TUESDAY MAY 30
LIPARI
This morning a local guide shows us the main archaeological site of Lipari, an island inhabited since at least 5,000 BCE. The middle of the day is free to explore the town or relax in our hotel. Later in the afternoon we take a trip around the island by coach, enjoying the landscape and views to the other islands. Overnight Lipari (B)

WEDNESDAY MAY 31
BOAT TO PANAREA AND STROMBOLI
Weather permitting, today we take an afternoon boat excursion to the islands of Panarea and Stromboli, 20km from Lipari, enjoying the natural beauty and unspoilt traditional lifestyle of these islands. A highlight of the excursion is the chance to view the volcano of Stromboli. We have a light dinner on Stromboli before returning to Lipari early evening. (Alternative plans, such as a visit to the nearby island of Vulcano, or to Milazzo, will be made if the weather is too rough for the excursion.) Overnight Lipari (B, D)

THURSDAY JUNE 1
MESSINA
Returning to the mainland, we travel to the city of Messina to visit the fine Norman cathedral and the Regional Museum of Messina, housing paintings by Caravaggio and Antonello da Messina. We continue on to Taormina on the west coast of Sicily. After checking into our hotel we enjoy a welcome drink on the terrace. Overnight Taormina (B)

FRIDAY JUNE 2
TAORMINA
Sitting above the sea with superb views to Mount Etna,
Taormina is a memorable final destination for our journey. We spend this morning visiting the Greco-Roman theatre and other highlights of the town. This afternoon and evening are at leisure. Overnight Taormina (B)

SATURDAY JUNE 3
WITH THE GODS ON MOUNT ETNA

Today we join our coach for an excursion to the summit of Mount Etna itself. Europe’s largest and most spectacular volcano, Etna is still very active. Assuming conditions are safe we will explore the south side of the volcano, travelling by coach, cable car and finally jeep to a height of 2,900 metres. The landscape and the views are unforgettable. (Please note that the last part of the excursion involves walking over uneven surfaces. It may not be possible for all passengers to undertake this segment.) Returning to Taormina there is time for a stroll around the town before we meet in the evening for our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Taormina (B, D)

Special note: For the trip to the summit of Mount Etna, it is usually freezing cold so it is important you have suitable clothing including shoes with a good grip, warm gloves, winter headgear, scarf and a warm, shower proof jacket.

SUNDAY JUNE 4
DEPARTURE

Our flight departs mid-afternoon for Rome, arriving in time to meet the departing Emirates flight for Australia via Dubai at 10.00pm. (B)

HOTELS

Hotels have been selected principally for their central location. All hotels are a comfortable four star standard, with the exception of the Hotel San Domenico Palace in Taormina which is a five star luxury hotel.

➢ Siracusa, Hotel Agilà Ortigia Charme (4 nights)
  www.algila.it

➢ Agrigento, Hotel Colleverde Park (2 nights)
  www.colleyverdehotel.it

➢ Palermo, Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa (4 nights)
  www.piazzaborsa.it

➢ Lipari, Villa Meligunis (3 nights)
  www.villameligunis.it

➢ Taormina, Hotel San Domenico Palace (3 nights)
  www.san-domenico-palace.com

The Greco-Roman theatre, near the cliff top resort town of Taormina (above) offers spectacular views towards Mt Etna which on closer inspection reveals a remarkable if less sylvan landscape. Craters on Etna (below)
TOUR INCLUSIONS

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- Return economy class airfares Rome-Catania-Rome (those taking the Malta pre-tour fly Valletta/Rome-Catania then Catania-Rome)
- All accommodation in carefully selected four star hotels
- All breakfasts and selected lunches/dinners in hotels and local restaurants as noted in the itinerary
- All ground transport via private air-conditioned coach
- Return hydrofoil/ferry transfers Sicily-Lipari-Sicily
- All entrance fees to sites mentioned on the itinerary
- Porterage of one piece of luggage into and out of hotels only
- Background talks on sites and extensive tour notes
- Services of tour leader throughout tour/ local guides at some sites
- Tips for local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- International airfares, taxes and surcharges (see below)
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Meals not stated as included in this itinerary
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls or internet usage

AIR TRAVEL

The tour price quoted is for land content only. For this tour we recommend Emirates which offers flights in and out of Rome from most Australian cities. Please contact us for the best possible prices on economy, business or first class fares. Transfers between airport and hotel are included for all passengers booking their flights through Academy Travel. These may be group or individual transfers.

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WEATHER ON TOUR

Pleasant springtime weather can be expected throughout the tour with average maximum temperatures of 22 ° - 28 °C during the day and minimums of 14 ° - 18 °C at night. Rainfall is low, with an average 25 - 40mm falling in late April and early May. (The east coast near Siracusa and Taormina is slightly drier than the west coast at this time of year.) You should bring a light, waterproof jacket and an umbrella and be prepared for possible windy conditions in the appropriately named Aeolian (or windy) Islands.

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
- 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.
MALTA EXTENSION TOUR
MAY 15-19, 2017

A trip to Sicily provides the ideal opportunity to enjoy a short pre-tour excursion to nearby Malta. This small island archipelago is often overlooked as a travel destination (much to the delight of those who know what it has to offer and like to keep it quiet).

Malta’s location in the Mediterranean gave it strategic importance over the centuries and it has been conquered by Sicilians, Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs, the Knights of St John, the French and the British in succession. This has endowed the small island nation with an eclectic heritage, a quirky character and unique charm. In an area of just 316 sq km you can view prehistoric temples and Baroque architecture, hear North African and Arabic influences in the language and sample the Sicilian-inspired cuisine.

ITINERARY*

Day 1: Flights from Australia via Dubai arrive mid-afternoon in Malta. An escort will meet the group on arrival and transfer to the Excelsior hotel in Valletta. Evening at leisure.

Day 2: The day begins with a half-day tour of Valletta, Malta’s fortified capital city with its bastion walls and gardens on top of the ancient fortifications. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: The medieval walled town of Mdina is our destination today. The origins of the town date before Roman times and there are many sites to visit. Lunch is included. (B, L)

Day 4: Today we take a full-day tour to the nearby island of Gozo with its stunning seascape and quiet rural life. Lunch included. (B, L)

Day 5: Much of today is at leisure. Mid-afternoon there is a transfer to the airport for the late afternoon flight to Catania. In Catania there is a coach transfer to meet the group in Siracusa where the main tour program begins. (B)

The cost of the Malta tour is $1,680 per person twin share (single supplement for full use of a double room is $495).

This price includes:
- 4 nights’ accommodation with breakfast at the waterfront 5-star Hotel Phoenicia
- Day tours, entrances and two lunches as detailed above
- Transfers to and from the airport in Valletta and the internal flight from Valletta to Catania (via Rome) to join the main tour

Should you wish to join the Malta excursion please talk to consultant Hannah Kleboe when you book for the Sicily tour.

*While all activities will be included, the order of day tours may vary from that stated. For 6 or more people this will be a private group for all day tours. For less than 6 people the day tours will be conducted as part of a larger group. Please note that the Malta extension uses local guides, not an Academy travel tour leader.
BOOKING FORM

A YOUR DETAILS

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: 

Email: 

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): 

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 

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) 

Name of tour: 

Departure date: 

I have previously travelled with Academy Travel: 

I have previously travelled with Academy Travel: 

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

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

Relationship to you: Contact number of next of kin: 

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YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

- We wish Academy Travel to arrange air travel from Australia.
  - Economy Class
  - Business Class
- We will organise our own air travel.
- 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).

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 applies:
- More than 90 days before departure: 50%
- 60-45 days before tour start: 75% of total amount due
- 44-15 days before tour start: 100% of total amount due
- 14 days or less before departure: 100% of total amount due

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.

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: 
  Expiry date: 
  3 or 4 digit security code: 

  Name on card: 
  Amount: 
  Date: 
  Signature: 

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.

We accept the conditions on this booking form.

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

Date: 

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS TOUR?

Please select one or more where appropriate:

- I received the Academy Travel Newsletter/Emails
- I saw an advertisement in... please specify
- I attended a lecture at... please specify
- Browsing the internet
- A friend recommended Academy Travel
- Other... please specify

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