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9 October 2020 – 30 October 2020

From \$AUD5990 - \$AUD7190* twin share

Ex Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and Perth.

The price includes airfares and land content. Our preferred carrier is Emirates, or the airline of your choice.

Single supplement - from \$1100 to \$1850 - depends on the accommodation option chosen and availability

All travel is organised by Axis Travel Centre. This offer applies from 25 May 2020 and supersedes all other offers.

COVID-19 PRICE IMPACT

A deposit of \$550 will reserve your place in October. At the moment we don't know how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect the cost of air travel when regular services resume so we can't be 100% sure the above price will hold firm. You'll be advised of the final tour price once airlines release their schedules and prices, and the AUD vs Euro exchange rate is known. In the event that an increase in price means the September 2020 tour is no longer affordable for you, and no longer wish to go, your deposit will be refunded in full.

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Cagliari, the One World School of Italian and unexplored Sardinia are waiting. Over three fabulous weeks, you will be immersed in the Italian language surrounded by the history and culture of Cagliari and the wild beauty of Sardinia. A truly memorable experience in this amazing part of Italy is assured.

Small group, experiential travel at its best, this tour is for people who love Italy, and who want to learn Italian or improve their Italian language proficiency. Italian language beginners are very welcome.

Standard accommodation has a **3 Star** rating, and is included in the \$5990 package, or you can upgrade to **4 Star** (\$6560) or **4.5 Star** (\$7190). Apartments are all within 10 minutes' walk from the school. You will be advised what apartments are available within the package you opt for before you commit. **Please give at least two preferences in case your first choice is not available.**

A non-refundable deposit of \$550 per person will secure your place. An additional \$500 deposit may be required to secure your preferred apartment.

The package includes

- Return Economy Class flight to Rome and a return economy flight from Rome to Cagliari.
- Airport meet and greet with airport to accommodation transfers if on group flights
- International flights included as per your chosen airline, airfare class and relevant suitcase allowance. A luggage allowance of 23kgs per person is included on connecting Alitalia flights.
- Three weeks of intensive language tuition at the One World School of Italian in Cagliari
- 12 months free enrolment in the One World on-line Italian language course (valued at \$170)
- Excursions to the mountains and historic towns along the coast and inland
- Pre-paid 21 nights' accommodation in a 3 star self-contained apartment in Cagliari (\$5990 package). Extra cost upgrades are available. Check out is **31 October**.
- Homestay accommodation option available – for a complete language immersion experience
- Cooking classes plus exclusive optional extras only available to tour participants
- A maximum of 15 people in the group plus tour leader*
- Escorted in Sardinia by Raffaele Tardivo – your personal and experienced tour leader. He has been taking groups to Italy since 2012.
- An unforgettable experience on the island of Sardinia
- 24/7 Travel Agency support via Axis Travel Centre (SA)

Additional Costs

- Quality Travel insurance is essential – this can be arranged by Axis Travel Centre
- Travel and accommodation in Italy *before* 10 October 2020 and *after* 30 October 2020
- Your own discretionary spending including food, entertainment, and other expenses
- Individual or group activities not organised by the school.

My services to you as tour leader:

- I will be there 24/7 to provide assistance, support, advice, and information as required
- I will be your link to the Italian language school in Cagliari
- I will be available to be your interpreter if you need one

Free time

There is actually plenty of free time with many days off, including most afternoons and weekends. Lessons are held Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 1.00pm with excursions in the afternoons. The program is very flexible and there is plenty to do. Take a weekend off and fly in Venice, Rome, Milan or one of over 30 European destinations. Hire a car and explore Sardinia some more. Or just take it easy in beautiful Cagliari.

Cost of living

Sardinia is a very affordable place to visit – for example you can buy a pizza and beer for around €10 (about \$18). You can live quite comfortably on \$AU60 – \$AU100 per day.

Travel Itinerary

The following is an **indicative and flexible** travel itinerary departing from Australia on 9 October, arriving in Rome on 10 October and connecting to Cagliari on the same day. The itinerary allows for three weeks in Cagliari, departing from Rome on Friday 31 October, and arriving back in Australia on Sunday 1 November. Flights include a return airfare to Italy and a one way connecting flight from Rome to Cagliari.

Date	Description
Fri 9 October	Depart Australia
Sat 10 October	Arrive in Rome then connect to Cagliari
10 Oct – 30 Oct	3 weeks of language, culture, food, and fun
Sat 31 October	Depart Cagliari for Rome. Depart Italy
Sun 1 November	Return to Australia

Please note: Arrival and departure dates are flexible. This is a suggested itinerary only. It is intended for those who do not wish to stay longer or must be back in Australia for the week beginning 2 November.

Important: Our responsibility to you ends on Friday 30 October which is also your last night of accommodation. **Check out is Saturday 31 October.**

The basic package includes your airfare from Cagliari to Rome at the end of the trip with the flight leaving on Saturday 31 October. It is your responsibility to organise any travel and accommodation after 30 October should you wish to vary your travel arrangements at the end of the tour. This should be done in advance through Axis Travel Centre.

Using its exclusive “Flexi-Fare” for international and the domestic Italy flights, Axis Travel Centre has built flexibility into the conditions, so you can vary your flights, city and date of arrival and departure, and class of travel, so long as you are in Cagliari for the package dates. Simply request what you would like to do. Axis Travel will then build the package and give you a quote. NOTE that group flights booked with Axis include a 23kilo suitcase allowance on Alitalia. This is not the norm. The professional staff at Axis Travel Centre will assist and guide you with whatever you would like to do.

Booking and Payment

The Cagliari package is conditional on using Axis Travel for flights as part of our group booking. Exact costs will be quoted to each before monies requested. A copy of your passport is required before booking.

The sooner you commit and pay the better. The COVIT-19 coronavirus outbreak is currently significantly affecting international travel while the falling Australian dollar is putting pressure on prices. See Payment Options below on how to lock in the price and avoid price prices.

Once tickets are paid for, strict amendment and cancellation fees apply. These will be detailed to you before you commit. A non-refundable deposit of \$550 will guarantee your place on the tour.

How to Pay

Axis Travel Centre accepts payment by credit card, bank transfer or in cash.

Credit card payments attract transaction fees (Visa and MasterCard 1.8%, American Express 2.2%) while bank transfers and cash do not.

However, as an additional layer of security, you should strongly consider paying by credit card. If payments for travel components need to be reversed, this can only be done if you have paid by credit card. Reversal is not available for bank transfer or cash payments.

Payment Options

Option 1: Pay in full – Pay the full amount up-front with no more to pay. Air and land is paid in full.

Option 2: The 50% plan – Pay 50% of the package price upfront with the remainder payable 90 days before departure. This option means you can join the tour, lock in half of the package price and have more time to pay should you need it. However changes to exchange rates, school charges and other factors may lead to an increase in the remaining 50% so the sooner you finalise your payment the better. Should the price go up, the maximum increase will be capped at 5% of the outstanding balance.

Option 3: Deposit now, balance later – Pay a deposit of \$550 to hold your place on flights and the tour. However costs may vary until your final payment is made. Changes to exchange rates, fares, fuel levies, security, and airport charges, and the availability of seats on flights can all increase the costs. Your deposit secures your and will be deducted from the final balance. Once the balance is paid the price is locked in as per the package price applicable on that day. Deposits are non-refundable as are all paid package costs.

If you can afford a little luxury, talk to Axis Travel Centre about upgrading to Business or First Class.

Travel Insurance

Since the outbreak of Coronavirus, insurance companies have stopped selling travel policies. It's very likely that when sales do resume, there will be significant increases in the cost of policies, specific exclusions for COVID-19, much tighter conditions relating to other viral and bacterial illnesses and, no coverage at all in the event of an epidemic or pandemic.

Good travel insurance has never been more important and Axis Travel will guide you through all the options and alternatives available to you, explain how any changes to travel insurance will affect you, and offer you quality policies to choose from as they become available.

“Security Umbrella”© Protection

Booking with Axis Travel Centre gives you FREE protections under their unique **SECURITY UMBRELLA**© protection package. This includes the SAFI [Scheduled Airline Failure Insurance] policy that protects you in case of the financial failure of an airline, refunding you for your paid ticket cost*, plus protections with their Client Trust Account Fidelity Insurance, Professional Indemnity insurance and their adherence to legal standards required via their accreditations with AFTA, ATAS, CLIA, ETG and CRUISECO, complimented with over 42 years of expertise and experience in the Travel and Tourism industry.**

**As at May 2020 no airline has offered SAFI protections if you booked travel with them direct. Axis Travel Centre remains the only travel agent in South Australia offering this protection and notably the only travel agency offering the full benefits of the **SECURITY UMBRELLA© protection package.*

To book for Cagliari in October 2020 email Max Najar on max@axistravel.com.au at Axis Travel or call on 08 84331133, to reserve your place. Please contact me if you would like more information.



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* Price includes airfares, fuel levies, land content and tour escort. The quoted cost is an estimate only. The final package cost will depend on the airfare chosen and time of purchase. Minimum tour group number is nine persons.

COVID-19 – What have we learned?

The COVID-19 coronavirus has caused disruption on a global scale with major problems erupting in travel, tourism and many other sectors of the world's economy.

As a result the May 2020 Lecce Italian Language Experience had to be cancelled.

The pandemic will eventually come under control and life will return to normal. Before too long planes will be flying again, cruise ships will be sailing again, and people will be travelling again. So what lessons did I learn from COVID-19 and what advice would I give to someone about to travel.

1. Use an accredited travel agent to organise your travel.

The internet has made it a breeze for anyone to book and pay for their travel online. It's great fun playing travel agent and finding that absolute bargain, be it an airfare, accommodation, insurance, or a tour. It's so easy. What could possibly go wrong? Well how about natural disasters, political and social unrest, airline bankruptcy, and of course COVID-19 just to name a few. Thankfully these events are rare but if one of these things happens while you are overseas or about to travel, then you need all the help you can get and a good travel agent is hard to beat.

Once it was clear that the May 2020 trip would have to be cancelled, Max Najar of Axis Travel Centre and I were in constant contact with the singular aim of making sure that all of our clients would be looked after and would be out of pocket as little as possible as a result of the cancellation.

All our clients who booked their travel and insurance with Axis had little or no out of pocket costs. Those who did not book their travel and/or insurance with Axis also had their out of pocket costs kept as low as possible but they were on their own to deal with whoever they booked their travel with, and with their insurance company if they had to make a claim. At all times we made sure that everyone was kept fully informed of what was happening and what they had to do to minimise any losses.

I couldn't have done this without Max Najar and the other wonderful people at Axis Travel Centre.

2. Make sure you have good travel insurance

Our experience following the cancellation of the May 2020 tour during the COVID-19 virus outbreak is very clear. Quality travel insurance is absolutely essential. You are strongly urged to purchase your insurance from Axis Travel and at the time you pay your deposit. Some policies will not protect you if taken out after you have paid for your travel.

Axis Travel Centre offers quality policies, usually with no policy excess payable on claims. If pre-existing medical conditions apply, they will also assist you with your application. In the event of you having to make a claim, they will assist you with all the paperwork.

Cheap products including those linked with some credit cards are to be avoided and in the event of having to make a claim, you will be on your own. A low price will almost certainly mean significant claim limits and exclusions including not covering pandemics and epidemics. You should carefully read the PDS Product Disclosure Statement of the policy you intend to buy so you know exactly what it covers. Axis Travel Centre will advise and assist you with any policy purchased through them.

You are spending thousands of dollars on the holiday of a lifetime. So why risk all that money by skimping on insurance? It does not make sense and if something does go wrong, it will almost certainly be a case of false economy.

Thank you

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