

# 9 Oct 2020 - 30 Oct 2020

# From \$AUD4700 - \$AUD5900\* twin share, land only

Price covers land content and tour escort. Accommodation is twin share. Single supplement - from \$1100 to \$1850 - depends on the accommodation option chosen and availability.

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 are unsure how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect the final cost of this package. Payment in full will guarantee this price. If you opt to pay a deposit and the rest later, you'll be advised of the final land only tour price when it falls due. Variables that may change include the exchange rate, changes in accommodation and tuition fees.

## New in October 2020 – Learn Italian in Sardinia

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 is of **3 Star** standard, and is included in the \$4700 package or you can upgrade to **4 Star** (\$5400) or **4.5 Star** (\$5900). 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 deposit of \$500 may be required to secure your apartment choice. See the **Conditions** section below for more information.

## The package includes

- Arrival and departure meet/greet with airport to accommodation transfers if on group travel.
- 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 into the mountains and to historic towns along the coast and inland
- 21 nights' accommodation in a 3 star self-contained apartment in Cagliari (\$4700 package). Extra cost upgrades are available. Check out is **31 October**.
- Choose Homestay for a complete language immersion experience
- Cooking classes and 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.
- An unforgettable experience on the island of Sardinia

## **Additional Costs**

- Your flights. Please ask Axis Travel Centre to assist if required!
- Quality Travel insurance is essential this can be arranged by Axis Travel Centre
- International airfares; and travel and accommodation in Italy *after* 30 October 2020
- Your own discretionary spending including food, entertainment, and other expenses
- Individual or group activities not organized by the school.
- You can ask Axis Travel to place you on group flights into and/or out of Cagliari if space is available.

### 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 plenty of free time with a number of 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 3 week program. The core dates are those of the Italian language course which runs from 10 Oct - 30 Oct. A detailed itinerary will be sent to you once you commit to coming.

Date	Description
Sat 10 October	The Cagliari Italian Language Experience begins
10 Oct – 30 Oct	3 weeks of language, culture, food, and fun on beautiful Sardinia
Fri 30 October	Italian language course finishes
Sat 31 October	Depart Cagliari – depart Italy

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

## **Conditions (please read carefully):**

A non-refundable deposit of \$550 is required per person with balance payable in full within 30 days. The deposit will be deducted from the final balance.

Payment of a deposit will hold your place on the tour but costs may vary until your final payment is made. We strongly recommend paying the total package price as soon as practical to avoid increases that may occur for example as a result of exchange rate changes. Once the balance is paid, the package price is locked in and guaranteed. The group will be closed off once there are 15 participants.

You are responsible for organising your own travel including international flights and internal travel in Italy to and from Cagliari. Our travel partners, Axis Travel Centre, can help with all your travel needs.

## **Bookings**

To book contact our travel partners, Axis Travel Centre, and ask for Max Najar (see below). Axis can also organise flights, insurance, and attend to any other travel needs you may have. Axis Travel clients have additional peace of mind through "SECURITY UMBRELLA". Exclusive to Axis and provided free to its customers, it means all monies paid to Axis are guaranteed in case of insolvency of the airlines, other tour suppliers or of the agency itself.

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# **COVIT-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 COVIT-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 COVIT-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 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 COVIT-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

Raffaele Tardivo May 2020