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Sing Australia “Highlights of Italia, Austria and Bavaria” Tour May 2012

Italy

Italy was the first destination that Colin Slater and Sing Australia guests travelled to on tour, the historic cities, diverse country-side and enchanting towns inspired this tour and the Sing Australia concept.

This tour combines the best of Italy encompassing both cities and scenic country-side with a lovely day spent in Asolo, the town where Colin was inspired to create Sing Australia.



Austria

This culturally rich nation is steeped in tradition, and its famed imperial past can still be glimpsed in the Baroque palaces, elegant coffee houses and renowned musical heritage of timeless cities like Vienna and Salzburg.



Bavaria

The Free State of Bavaria in southern Germany with Munich, its regional capital, and its picture perfect country-side. Unspoilt natural surroundings, a wealth of culture and the glorious and laid-back Bavarian attitude towards life are these areas hallmarks. A harmonious blend of traditional and modern...



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Itinerary:

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| Day 1 Mon 30 April | Depart Australia | | |
| | Depart Sydney | 16:15 | Singapore Airlines flight SQ222 |
| | Arrive Singapore | 21:25 | |
| | Or | | |
| | Depart Melbourne | 16:45 | Singapore Airlines flight SQ228 |
| | Arrive Singapore | 21:35 | |
| Day 2 Tue 01 May | Depart Singapore | 01:10 | Singapore Airlines flight SQ366 |
| | Arrive in Rome at | 07:45 | |

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with Classical antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance buildings and baroque churches. On arrival at the airport, we are met and taken for a guided walking tour of the Historic Centre which takes us to the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, the Colonna of Marco Aurelio, Palazzo di Montecitorio, a visit inside the Pantheon and finally the Piazza Navona with its pavement cafes, 17th century fountains and architecture. Tonight meet with your Tour Director and fellow passengers for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant (private room if possible).

***Please note: no early check-in included.** (HD)

Day 3 Wed 2 May ROME AT LEISURE

Today is free to enjoy the magical atmosphere of this incredible city at your own pace.

(B)

Day 4 Thu 3 May ROME – POSITANO

The group will depart Rome and travel south to Italy's finest coastline, the Amalfi Coast. Stop for a birds-eye view of the terraced houses of Positano before boarding minibuses to explore the heart of the town. There will be time to be tempted by the boutiques before reaching your hotel.

(B,D)

Day 5 Fri 4 May POSITANO AT LEISURE

Enjoy a full day at leisure to do as you please in this pleasant town.

(B)

Day 6 Sat 5 May POSITANO – ORVIETO – FLORENCE

Depart Positano this morning for the drive up north to Orvieto for lunch in a local restaurant before continuing to Florence. On arrival we visit the Church of Santa Croce and enjoy a guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery.

Tonight dinner is served at the hotel.

(B,L,D)

Day 7 Sun 6 May FLORENCE AT LEISURE

Today is a free day to enjoy this beautiful city on your own! Perhaps visit one of the many museums, shop for leather and gold products, or simply relax at an outdoor café with a glass of vino.

(B)

Day 8 Mon 7 May FLORENCE – VENICE

Bid farewell to Florence today as we cross the Apennine Mountains, passing Bologna and the flood plains of the River Po for a scenic drive along the famous Brenta Riviera. Here we see the magnificent classical villas that were once the summer residence of the Venetian nobility. Our route takes us along the canal to magical Venice, where the city seems to float on the lagoon. What better way to see Venice than from a private launch, cruising past palazzo and churches to St Mark's Square. See the Basilica, the Doges' Palace and Bridge of Sighs. Watch a demonstration of glass-blowing before enjoying a highlight ride by traditional gondola along the picturesque canals. Dinner is included at our hotel tonight. (B,D)

Day 9 Tue 8 May VENICE AT LEISURE

Today we enjoy a whole day at leisure in this magical city.

(B)

Day 10 Wed 9 May VENICE – ASOLO – VILLARCH

Today the group travels to Asolo, the highlight of this tour and the town where Colin Slater studied and visualized the concept of Sing Australia. Nestled in the enchanted hilly landscape and is one of the best known and picturesque villages in Italy. The group will enjoy Colin's expertise seeing the town and enjoy a celebratory lunch before departing Asolo for Villarch in Austria.

(B,L,D)

Day 11 Thu 10 May VILLARCH – VIENNA

We continue today via Friesach, still encircled by its moat and stop in Kindberg with its colourful maypole. Then climb the dramatic Semmering Pass on a delightful driver through 'undiscovered' Austria – the pine forests and sleepy towns of Carinthia and Styria before stopping overnight in Villarch. Dinner is included at our hotel tonight. (B,D)

Day 12 Fri 11 May VIENNA SIGHTSEEING

This morning we join our local guide for a tour of Schonbrunn Palace, full of frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers, huge mirrors and gilded ornaments. Spend some time wandering the formal gardens before going on to view the St Charles' Church, imperial Hofburg Palace, the Parliament and State Opera House. This afternoon is at leisure. (B,D)

Day 13 Sat 12 May VIENNA AT LEISURE

Today is at leisure for you to enjoy this city at your own pace! (B)

Day 14 Sun 13 May VIENNA – SALZBURG

Continue along the Danube Valley past Mondsee Lake and to Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful cities and home of Mozart! On our guided city tour we walk through the Mirabell Gardens, enjoy fine views of the Hohensalzburg Fortress before viewing Mozart's birthplace on the Getreidegasse and the Cathedral in the old town. (B)

Day 15 Mon 14 May SALZBURG SIGHTSEEING

The Salzburg area is where the Von Trapp family story 'The Sound of Music' was filmed. Relive this famous musical as we take you to see Maria's Monastery, St Peter's Cemetery and other location sights. The remainder of the day is then at leisure. (B)

Day 16 Tue 15 May SALZBURG – INNSBRUCK

Saying farewell to beautiful Salzburg the group will travel to Innsbruck, set in a valley of snow-capped mountain peaks. An orientation tour of Innsbruck will include the Triumph Arch, the Royal Palace and a walk through the Old Town to see the lovely Golden Roof of Emperor Maximilian. Time is available to relax among the cafes of the Old Quarter with its narrow arcades and gabled shop fronts. Dinner is included at our hotel tonight. (B,D)

Day 17 Wed 16 May INNSBRUCK – MUNICH

Today we cross the border into Germany and to the lively Bavarian capital of Munich. The orientation tour includes the Olympic Stadium, The University, Victory Arch, the Feldherrnhalle in the Odeonsplatz, Hofbrauhaus, St Peters Church and the famous Marienplatz – this is where crowds gather outside the Town Hall to watch the figures of the Glockenspiel stage and elaborate performance. Tonight perhaps consider a lively evening at one of Munich's famous 'Bier Kellers'? (B)

Day 18 Thu 17 May BAVARIAN ALPS EXCURSION

Welcome to the German Alps! First visit Oberammergau, home since 1634 of the Passion Play; see the immense theatre and colourful chalets. Continue along the German Alpine Road to the Wieskirche, a masterpiece of Bavarian rococo. View King Ludwig's castle of Hohenschwangau before visiting his ultimate folly, Neuschwanstein. The group will then return to Munich for time at leisure. (B)

Day 18 Fri 18 May MUNICH AT LEISURE

Today is free for you to enjoy this fun-loving city at your leisure. Tonight we enjoy a Farewell Dinner together at Bavarian restaurant where typical local dishes will be served. (B,HD)

Day 20 Sat 19 May Depart Munich 13:25 Singapore Airlines flight SQ327

Day 21 Sun 20 May Arrive Singapore 07:15

Depart Singapore 09:40 Singapore Airlines flight SQ211

Arrive Sydney 20:20

Or

Depart Singapore 10:10 Singapore Airlines flight SQ217

Arrive Melbourne 20:35



Sing Australia guests may participate on this tour as follows:

Tour requires: Minimum 20 tour guests

Please note:

The above itinerary is subject to confirmation of airline seats and hotels, the dates may change on final itinerary confirmation and the duration of the tour may increase or decrease to accommodate final confirmations. **Confirmed hotel lists are not available until one month prior to departure and are subject to change with little or no notice.**

25 to 29 tour guest price:

\$8199.00 per person twin share +

\$750.00 Taxes and fuel surcharges (Subject to change)

Land only: \$6699.00

Single supplement: \$1505.00

20 to 24 tour guest price:

\$8572.00 per person twin share +

\$750.00 Taxes and fuel surcharges (Subject to change)

Land only: \$7072.00

Single supplement: \$1505.00

Extra tour costs payable by the guests themselves:

Guest must be aware of the following payments required for entry visas-

Italy hotel bed taxes

Approx. EUR 3.00 per person per night

Payable to the hotel direct at check-in – Subject to change

****The above fees are subject to change and will require reconfirmation prior to processing this formality.***

Important notes:

All deposits are non-refundable and no exemptions can be made for any tour guest who has paid a deposit and can no longer attend the tour.

Progressive payments will be required for all tours, this schedule will be advised by Active Travel to Sing Australia on confirmation of the tour reaching minimum numbers but provided below is the estimate of payment due dates:

Deposit and interim payment: \$1300.00 per tour guest due IMMEDIATELY

Final payment: Balance due Thursday, 27 February 2012

Travel insurance is required for all tour guests travelling on a Sing Australia tour and we **suggest** taking this out on payment for your deposit to protect your non-refundable payments in the unlikely event of an unforeseen cancellation due to covered medical concerns. Disinclination of travel is not covered by travel insurance. It is the responsibility of each tour guest to ensure that their travel insurance covers their personal requirements and pre-existing medical conditions for travel to Italy, Austria and Germany.

Active Travel and Singapore Airlines require a copy of the information page of each tour guests' passport, this must be sent to Active Travel after tour has been confirmed.

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The tour price is subject to change if there is a currency fluctuation before final payment and fuel surcharges are approximate only and are subject to change.