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29 September – 16 October 2026

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Tour leader Tony Allen

Tony has 45 years of architectural experience, most of those leading teams on major civic projects in Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. Some notable projects include Federation Square, Elizabeth Quay, and major redevelopments of the State Library of Victoria, Melbourne Central, Hamer Hall, and most recently the Concert Hall at the Sydney Opera House. All these projects were RAIA award winners. Tony worked with Malcolm Carver as Tour Manager on our recent tours to Japan in 2023 and the USA in 2024. Malcolm has now retired from tour leading, and we are delighted that he selected Tony to take over the leadership of our architectural tours. Tony's first tour as leader was to Northern Europe in September 2025.

THE TOUR AT A GLANCE... Our European Architecture tours over the past twenty years have focused on the western and northern sides of Europe, discovering contemporary and modern architecture of the 20th and 21st centuries. This Grand Tour extends into the southern parts of Europe following the same theme to discover and appreciate recent work by outstanding architects, most of whom are Pritzker Prize winners.

The Tour begins in Lisbon, followed by Porto and then Valencia, Majorca and Barcelona. We then travel to Genoa and finish in Venice. The tour includes many outstanding and mostly recent 21st C buildings, as much to see as you could possibly wish for. We have also allowed adequate time for participants to visit fantastic art galleries, theatres and other sites independently and to share in the pleasures these beautiful and vibrant cities have to offer. This is a tour not to be missed!

DAY 1 Tuesday 29 September 2026

Lisbon

Arrival day in Lisbon. Check in is available after 3:00pm (Flight and pre tour accommodation options are available). This evening join Tony for welcome drinks.

DAY 2 Wednesday 30 September 2026

Lisbon

Portugal's capital is one of the most exciting destinations in Europe. Lisbon has an undeniable buzz – it's a friendly, upbeat capital that reflects the city's rich cultural heritage. Our orientation tour today will provide a taste of the heritage of this great medieval city as you wander the higgledy-piggledy streets of the traditional neighbourhoods, combined with delightful heritage landmarks. Sites visited



will include the Expo 98 Pavillion (Alvaro Siza Vieira), Estacio do Oriente (Calatrava), the Champalimaud Foundation (Charles Correa) followed by the Vasco da Gama Monument on the waterfront. In the evening you might like to walk the riverfront promenades that have been the setting off point for some of the world's greatest expeditions.

DAY 3 Thursday 1 October 2026

Lisbon

We will have an exciting day today seeing some of Lisbon's best contemporary architecture. We begin with the MAAT Museum of Art (Amanda Levete) followed by the Lisbon Cruise Terminal (Carrilho da Graca) and lastly the Centro de Arte Moderna Canopy (Kengo Kuma).

DAY 4 Friday 2 October 2026

Porto, Portugal

This morning, we travel north to Porto, known locally as Oporto and famous for its fortified wine. Upon arrival we will enjoy lunch at the Boa Nova Tea House, spectacularly located on the Atlantic coast. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 5 Saturday 3 October 2026

Porto

Today we have an orientation tour and see the imposing Casa da Musica (OMA). This new home of the National Orchestra of Porto stands on a new public square in the historic Rotunda da Boavista. It has a distinctive faceted form made of white concrete. The Grand Auditorium has corrugated glass facades at either end that open the hall to the city and offer Porto itself as a dramatic backdrop for performances. We will also see the Sao Bento Rail Station (Jose Marques da Silva), the famous Livaria Lello Bookshop, the ICON Douro Building (Luis Pedro Silva) and the Vodaphone Headquarters (Barbosa+Guimaraes).



DAY 6 Sunday 4 October 2026**Valencia, Spain**

We take an early flight to Valencia via Madrid and arrive late morning. On arrival we see some of Santiago Calatrava's impressive work. We visit the spectacular Ciudad de las Artes y de las Ciencias and Serreria Bridge. We then settle into our hotel before dinner. Why not try some tapas in a local bar or restaurant?

DAY 7 Monday 5 October 2026**Valencia**

This morning, we have an orientation tour and a full day of visits to L'Oceanografic (Candela), the Palacio de Congresos (Foster) and the Edificio Veles e Vents (Chipperfield+Vazquez). We conclude with La Lonja de la Seda, Valencia's emblematic building and one of the most famous gothic monuments in Europe.

**DAY 8 Tuesday 6 October 2026****Majorca, Spain**

We take a short flight to Palma on the island of Majorca. On arrival we will see Can Lis, the home of Jørn Utzon built for his family on Majorca in 1972 (subject to availability). We then transfer to our hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

DAY 9 Wednesday 7 October 2026**Majorca**

We begin the day with an orientation tour including visits to the Joan Miro Foundation (Rafael Moneo) followed by Es Baluard Museum of Modern & Contemporary Art (several architects), Pueblo Espanol (Fernando Chueca Goitia) and Project Gomila (MVRDV+GRAS).

DAY 10 Thursday 8 October 2026**Barcelona, Spain**

We fly to Barcelona this morning. Our visits this afternoon are to the Barcelona Pavilion (Mies van der Rohe) and the Palau de la Musica (Montaner). The Barcelona Pavillion was designed as the German national pavilion for the 1929 Barcelona International Exposition. Built from glass, steel and different kinds



of marble, the Pavilion was conceived to accommodate the official reception presided over by Kings of Spain Alfonso XIII, and Victoria Eugenia. The Palau de la Musica is of the most emblematic works of Catalan modernism right in the heart of Barcelona. We then check into our hotel.

DAY 11 Friday 9 October 2026**Barcelona**

We will see some spectacular buildings today during our orientation tour, including Antoni Gaudi's most famous residential buildings, Casa Mila (La Pedrera) and Casa Batllo, followed by the Museum of Contemporary Art (Meier), the Edificio Forum (Herzog+de Meuron) and Las Arenas (RSHP).

DAY 12 Saturday 10 October 2026**Barcelona**

This morning, we have a guided tour of the spectacular Sagrada Familia Basilica (Gaudi). A one-of-a-kind temple, for its origins, foundation and purpose. Fruit of the work of genius architect Antoni Gaudí, more than 140 years after the laying of the cornerstone, construction continues. This afternoon there is free time for sightseeing and shopping.

**DAY 13 Sunday 11 October 2026****Genoa, Italy**

We fly to Genoa this morning, the home of Renzo Piano. Italian architect Renzo Piano's notable works include the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris (1977) and The Shard in London (2012). He was awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize in 1998. Our visits this afternoon will include several examples of Piano's work including the Porto Antico Regeneration, the Waterfront de Levante, and the new San Giorgio Bridge recently constructed following the destruction due to an earthquake of the original bridge. We then check into our hotel.

DAY 14 Monday 12 October 2026**Genoa**

Today is free to enable you to enjoy more of the old town of Genoa, or if you are interested in seeing more of the Italian coastline, take a 2 hour train journey south to Cinque Terre, a collection of five colourful coastal villages.

**DAY 15 Tuesday 13 October 2026****Venice, Italy**

We travel by coach this morning to spectacular Venice. Once the head of a Mediterranean empire, Venice is unique, with its canals and renaissance palazzos, and is one of the most romantic cities in the world. Venice inspires artists and has been written about and painted for centuries. From world-renowned St Mark's Square, there is a magnificent view of the Grand Canal. Covered galleries shelter the famous cafés and luxury shops that edge the square. After checking into our hotel we will visit the Ponte della Costituzione (Calatrava), a somewhat controversial bridge, and a charming private apartment on one of the canals, Casin di Palazzo Lezze (subject to the owner's permission).

DAY 16 Wednesday 14 October 2026**Venice**

Today's orientation tour will take us to San Marco Basilica, the Fondaco dei Tedeschi Renovation (OMA), the Procuratie Vecchie Restoration (Chipperfield), and to Punta della Dogana Museum and Teatrino di Palazzo Grassi, both by Tadao Ando. Along the way you will be immersed in the unique heritage of Venice. In the afternoon we visit the Porta Nuova Tower Restoration (MAP) and the Biennale Arte Arsenale & Giardini, the location for the international pavilions that host the exhibitions.

DAY 17 Thursday 15 October 2026**Venice**

Today is free for meandering the laneways and waterways of Venice. We enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

DAY 18 Friday 16 October 2026**Departure**

Tour concludes after breakfast.

Here is what participants on our past European tours have said:

- *We saw so many treasures and had such a good time – thanks to Jim and Malcolm. It always feels such a privilege to see these magical buildings.*
- *We saw many wonderful cities and buildings.*
- *The tour itinerary was brilliant, lots of provocative buildings and landscaping. I just feel so lucky to have seen such stimulating buildings.*
- *Excellent tour manager – great research and planning.*
- *The tour leaders were great (our 4th tour). We enjoyed all aspects of the tour and we have been able to feel comfortable on all of our trips. It's a lot of fun as well as educational. I see and get so many benefits from this life experience.*
- *Grateful for the opportunity to see buildings not otherwise accessible.*
- *Great itinerary*

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Single supplement \$ 2,900

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- Accommodation in carefully selected centrally located 4 & 5-star hotels with private facilities including daily buffet breakfast
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Economy-class flights from Porto to Valencia, Valencia to Majorca, Majorca to Barcelona and Barcelona to Genoa
- Travel in modern chartered coaches
- Welcome drinks in Lisbon
- Orientation tours of Lisbon, Porto, Valencia, Majorca, Barcelona, Genoa & Venice
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- Lunch at Boa Nova Tea House
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