

Travel 2U



personally escorted
small group experiences
2024



Welcome

If the past few years have taught us anything, it's that the world as we know it can change in an instant, and not to take anything for granted. Travel, and all the wonderful opportunities it provides, is slowly returning to a semblance of normality, and we extend a warm invitation to embark on an extraordinary adventure with our tailored small group experiences. In this post-COVID era, we recognize the importance of safe and enriching travel experiences. Our thoughtfully designed itineraries offer a unique blend of adventure, culture, and relaxation, ensuring that you can explore the world with peace of mind, on a seamless journey.

At the heart of our tours lies the essence of small group travel. By limiting the number of participants, we ensure a more intimate and personalized experience, allowing you to forge meaningful connections with fellow travellers and to immerse yourself in each place you visit.

We understand that travel is not just about the destination; it's about the transformative power of exploration. It's about stepping outside your comfort zone, broadening your horizons, and gaining a fresh perspective on the world. Our small group experiences provide the ideal platform for you to reconnect with the joy of discovery, to embrace new opportunities, and to create cherished memories that will stay with you long after your journey concludes.

To our many returning guests, thank you for continually choosing Travel 2U, we are very appreciative of your support. For those contemplating small group experiences and/or Travel 2U for the first time, we invite you to read the testimonials of people just like you, who once made their own evaluation before joining us. Many of the questions they asked and uncertainties they faced will be similar to your own. Peruse the itineraries, critique the inclusions and assess the value, then join us in 2024 and discover the difference of a Travel2U personally escorted small group experience.

What people are saying about Travel 2U

Southern Belle

This is the tour for lovers of jazz, rock and country music with so much more as well. Be prepared for sensory overload. Then wind down with a great cruise. - G J Chamberlain

Spain Portugal & France

I enjoyed every moment of my holiday. What a wonderful destination. Spain Portugal and France- awesome sightseeing! Again, another super trip with Andrew as our guide and a great group of 'new friends. - Fay Leonard

Croatia

Sharon and Jill were excellent tour guides for this fantastic trip. The combination of fabulous hotels and great sightseeing and historic places combined with ample free time to enjoy the beaches and hotel pools made this the best holiday possible.
- C & D Tait

United Kingdom

This trip totally exceeded our expectations. The attention to detail enabled us to relax and take in all the aspects of everything we saw. It really was a "Scenes Seldom Seen" as well as history coming to life. We will always have incredible memories of this trip – Steve and Wendy Gilbert.

And many more

We have booked our annual travel arrangements with Andrew and his team at Travel 2 U since 1992 including many escorted tours. We feel we are treated like family and would recommend the company wholeheartedly. We would not go anywhere else. - Janette and Cyril Morris.

The security of being in a group was important to me but travelling on my own within the tour group I was apprehensive. I need not have worried. The trip exceeded my expectations. Thank you, Andrew and Michele, for a wonderful well organised tour.

- VJ

Some other great tours from Travel 2U



EGYPT & JORDAN



GREECE, TURKEY & THE MED



SOUTHERN BELLE & THE CARIBBEAN



CROATIA, DALMATIA & ISTRIA



ENGLAND, IRELAND & SCOTLAND



SPAIN, PORTUGAL & FRANCE



Egypt & Jordan

29 APRIL - 21 MAY • 22 DAYS



Are you ready to embark on an awe-inspiring journey through time and culture? Picture this: **golden sand dunes** stretching as far as the eye can see, **majestic Pyramids** rising against the backdrop of a desert sunset, and ancient ruins whispering tales of civilizations long gone. Welcome to Egypt and Jordan, the land of **Pharaohs** and **Kings**, where legends come to life. Join us on a captivating tour that will unlock the secrets of these extraordinary lands, ignite your sense of wonder, and leave you with memories that will last a lifetime. From the iconic wonders of **Egypt** to the hidden gems of **Jordan**, get ready to be mesmerized by the rich culture, fascinating history and multitude of wonders that culminate in the creation of our diverse journey. Don't delay, reserve your place now and let the adventure begin!





FROM **17,550** per person share twin

EGYPT & JORDAN



INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class fares on Emirates & partner airlines, ex AKL or CHC
- 4 Star hotels throughout
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Modern air conditioned touring coaches
- Porterage at hotels & on the Nile cruise
- Gratuities at included dinners
- Tips for local guides
- 4 Night Nile Cruise in a Grand Suite
- Visas for Egypt & Jordan
- All breakfasts & dinners in Egypt
- All meals in Jordan
- All meals on Nile cruise
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel 2U tour director

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, spending money & tips when dining independently
- Meals and drinks other than mentioned
- Taxes and fuel surcharges **\$780**

OPTIONALS & UPGRADES

- Upgrade to Premium Economy on Emirates flights **POA**
- Upgrade to Business Class on Emirates flights **+\$8,700**
- Single room supplement **+\$5,320**



NEW ZEALAND – DUBAI

two nights + early check-in Dubai

Days 1-2 We depart New Zealand bound for Dubai and a two-night stop before continuing to Cairo and the start of our exciting journey of discovery of **Egypt** and **Jordan**.

Day 3 This morning we have a city tour of old and modern Dubai. Marvel at the **Burj Khalifa**, the world's tallest building, and browse the unique goods at **Souk Madinat**. Rest up before we explore the beauty of the sand dunes on an **exciting safari adventure** late afternoon, driving over mountainous sand dunes and dining Bedouin style in a camp setting in the desert, entertained by belly dancers and traditional Arabic musicians.

DUBAI – CAIRO

three nights Cairo

Day 3 We arrive in Cairo this afternoon and with time to freshen up we'll enjoy a brief orientation tour of the city.

Day 4 We're on our way to **Giza** to see the **Great Pyramids, Sphinx** and the **Solar Boat** discovered in 1954, believed to be the **funeral boat of King Khufu**, though controversy remains. We'll also visit **Memphis** and **Sakkara**, which played important parts in the formative years of Egypt's history.

Day 5 Today we've allowed plenty of time to explore the **Egyptian Museum**, housing thousands of treasures within. Following this we'll up the tempo as we head to an exciting market known as **Khan el-Khalili** bazaar. There'll be plenty of time to have some lunch, then test your bargaining skills against the friendly and charismatic stall keepers.

CAIRO – LUXOR

one night Luxor

Day 6 A morning at leisure before our afternoon transfer to the airport for our flight to **Luxor**, a city of approximately 150,000 people and often referred to as the **world's greatest open-air museum**. Whilst in Luxor our sightseeing will include a visit to the extraordinary **Temple of Karnak**.

LUXOR – ESNA – EDFU – KOM OMBO – ASWAN

four night Nile Cruise

There's a buzz in the air today, as we board our **5-star Nile cruise** vessel and get settled in for the following four nights cruising the mighty **Nile River**. Taking inspiration from the colonial era, our ship is elegantly designed with wood finishes and cosy public spaces. Soak in the warm weather on the Sun Deck which has shaded cabanas and a swimming pool. There is an elegant library, stylish lounge, a full service bar and dining area where you'll discover the regional cuisine.

Days 7-11 Cruising the Nile. Highlights during the cruise will include the **Valley of Kings** and the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut** and **Memnon Colossi** in Luxor. Crossing the **locks between Esna and Edfu**, the **Temple of Edfu**, sailing on to **Kom Ombo** and visiting the **Temple of Kom Ombo**. We then sail on to **Aswan** where we'll visit the formidable **High Dam**, **Temple of Philae**, and the **unfinished obelisk**, and in the afternoon, we'll **sail by felucca** around the **Botanical Gardens**.

ASWAN – ABU SIMBEL

one night Abu Simbel

Day 11 Arriving in Aswan we disembark our cruise boat and take a short flight to Abu Simbel, where we'll be seeing the incredible **Temples of Pharaoh Ramesses II** and his **Queen Nefertari**, which share an amazing history as well as a fascinating story of removal and relocation to their current position when threatened with being lost under water in Lake Nasser when the high dam was constructed. This evening we'll be treated to a spectacular **'sound and light' show**.

ABU SIMBEL – ASWAN - CAIRO

one night Cairo

Day 12 Today we fly back to Cairo with a brief stop in Aswan, where we'll make our way to the **Nubian Museum** tracing the history of the Nubian region, defined as the area between Aswan in Egypt and Khartoum in Sudan.

EGYPT & JORDAN



CAIRO - AMMAN - DEAD SEA

Day 13 This morning we fly from Cairo to Amman and travel to the **Dead Sea** with a stop enroute at **Bethany**. Significant in Biblical terms, it was the place where the disciple John lived and performed baptisms, including that of Jesus himself, on the banks of the Jordan River. Resting at 396m below sea level, the **Dead Sea** is the lowest point on earth and over 3 million years old! With a salt content of 33% compared to the average sea salt content of 3% it's not hard to see why it has the highest salinity of all the seas water. It is also entirely devoid of life.

Day 14 Today is all about you! Do as much or as little as you please. Our hotel has several magnificent pools and is located just a short hop from the beautiful beach, a stroll along which will take you to the shops, restaurants, and entertainment area of the main township. We'll also be on hand to assist you with any optional tour you wish to do.

DEAD SEA – WADI RUM

Day 15 Leaving by coach today we make our way south and into the desert, for an unforgettable adventure. Experience the magic of the desert with a stay at a **Wadi Rum Desert Camp**. Nestled amidst the breath-taking red sand dunes, these camps offer a unique opportunity to connect with nature and immerse yourself in the tranquillity of the Jordanian desert.

Day 16 We'll explore more of this rugged landscape today using off-road vehicles. Marvel at the stunning rock formations, and vast expanse of desert. As night falls, from the comfort of our cosy **Bedouin-style camp** site we'll enjoy traditional Arabic hospitality, and gaze upon the star-speckled sky, as you may never have seen it. A truly unforgettable Arabian adventure.

WADI RUM – PETRA

Day 17 Get ready to be amazed! All but lost to the modern world until 1812, **Petra** is a real archaeological gem, full of ancient tombs and ruins ripe for the modern-day discoverer. We take a golf buggy ride through the narrow canyon or 'siq' to the spectacular main entrance to the city. We'll see amazing sights such as the **Street of Facades**, the **Theatre**, **Colonnaded Street** and **Qasr al Bint**, not to mention one of the world's most admired antiquities, **Al Khazneh (The Treasury)** water channels, and staircases.

PETRA – AMMAN

Day 18 The drive from Petra to Amman takes us through the diverse landscapes of Jordan. We initially pass through stunning desert terrain, characterized by vast stretches of sand and rocky outcrops. The route gradually transitions into more mountainous areas, offering breath-taking views of towering cliffs and deep valleys, with the journey culminating in the bustling capital city.

Day 19 **Amman** is the capital of the **Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**; it is also known as the ancient city of Philadelphia. A city that has an interesting mix of ancient and modern. **Ammonites, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines and Muslims** left their footprints layer upon layer in and around the city. From the top of the **Citadel**, one of the highest hills in Amman, you have a splendid view of the old city. We'll visit the **Citadel** with the **Archeological Museum** and the **Roman Theater**. We'll also see Jordan's '**desert castles**', their fine mosaics, frescoes, stone and stucco carvings and illustrations, tell countless stories of life as it was during the 8th century.

AMMAN – JERASH – DUBAI

Day 20 This morning we travel to **Jerash**, less than one hour from Amman, driving through the picturesque hills of ancient Gilead. Famous for **Hadrian's Triumphal Arch**, the **Hippodrome**, the great elliptical forum, theatres, baths and gateways, the **Roman bridge**, and the wide street of columns that lead to the **Temple of Artemis**. We'll witness a re-enactment of formidable fighting techniques employed by a Roman Legion once stationed here. On our return, we'll proceed to the airport to begin our flights homeward.

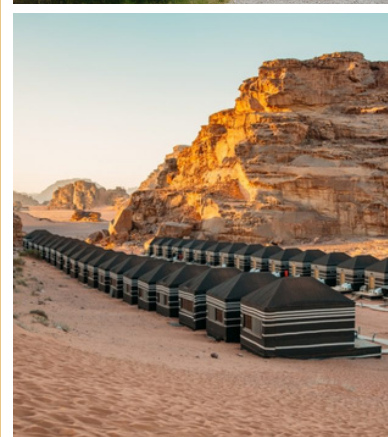
DUBAI – NEW ZEALAND

Days 21- 22 After a short stop in Dubai to rest our heads with a good night's sleep and to freshen up, we are transferred to the airport for the last time, and sadly our journey comes to an end as we arrive in New Zealand, heads filled with many wonderful memories of our time spent together in this ancient land.

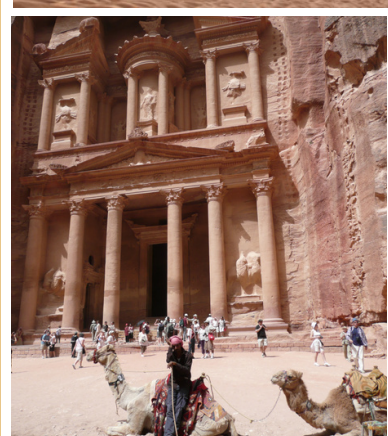
two nights Dead Sea



two nights Wadi Rum



one night Petra



two nights Amman



One night Dubai



BOOKING FORM

Tour Name:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

*Information as it appears in your Passport,
Passport must be valid 6 months beyond your return date*

PASSENGER 1:

Full Name:

Title: Preferred First Name: Date of Birth: Nationality:

Passport Number: Issue Date: Expiry Date:

PASSENGER 2:

Full Name:

Title: Preferred First Name: Date of Birth: Nationality:

Passport Number: Issue Date: Expiry Date:

CONTACT DETAILS:

Address:

Phone Number: Email:

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION:

Please indicate your travel preference: One Double Bed Share Twin (2 single beds) Single Room

If you indicated share twin and have someone to share with, insert name here:

Do you wish to upgrade your flights? (where applicable) No Premium Economy Yes Business Yes

Would you like to discuss a travel extension? Yes No

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: Relationship: Phone Number:

AIRLINE AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

Passenger 1:

Passenger 2:

Airline Seating Requests: Aisle or Window Aisle or Window

Medical Conditions:

Special Dietary Requirements:

Frequent Flyer Number:

Cruise Loyalty Number:

Travel Insurance Required: Yes No If you have selected no, please provide details of your insurer in the boxes below

Travel Insurance Company: Policy Number:

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

PAY BY CREDIT CARD In addition to payment of your deposit, this information is also necessary to establish your ship account (where applicable) and is kept confidential. A 2% surcharge will apply to any Credit Card payments.

Card type: Card Number: Expiry:

Card holder name:

PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT

Travel 2U - Westpac Bank account #03-1594-0163150-00 (reference = surname) Please tick if receipt required:

I have read and understand the booking conditions and agree that my deposit of **\$5,000.00 per person** is acceptance of them.

Signed: Date: Total amount: \$

BOOKING CONDITIONS

The terms, conditions, and limitation of liability under which the tour operates are detailed hereunder and the payment of monies represents acceptance by the purchaser of the following:

1. The Tour is organised by Travel 2U.
2. Travel 2U is not responsible for any failure on the part of our service providers such as airlines, coach operators, hotels or cruise companies.
3. Travel 2U reserves the right to alter or change the accommodation, carrier or coaches at any time for any reason. Travel 2U reserves the right to cancel or alter the itinerary for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to, road, weather or traffic conditions, non-performance of suppliers, industrial action, operational conditions and requirements. All additional expenses incurred as a result of any delays, cancellations or alterations will be the sole responsibility of the passenger.
4. A minimum number of bookings are required to operate a tour and also to ensure an enjoyable small group atmosphere. Where sufficient numbers cannot be achieved, Travel 2U reserves the right to cancel the tour.
5. Where a tour is cancelled prior to departure, accordingly to clause 4 above, a full refund will apply.
6. Any special passenger requirements must be notified to Travel 2U at the time of booking. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition, in the opinion of the representative of Travel 2U is such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. Travel 2U will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any such reason.
7. Travel 2U can give no guarantee as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by Travel 2U in the tour. Travel 2U will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services and/or missed tour inclusions.
8. Travel 2U reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or to refuse to carry any passenger where Travel 2U has not received payments within the times specified for the tour.
9. Travel 2U reserves the right to vary the price advertised or printed to cover any significant increase in the airfare, fuel price, exchange rate, or other tour related tariffs and costs. Passengers are reminded that this is a condition of travel.
10. Travel 2U shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury occasioned to any person or property as a result of any inclusion or action undertaken during the tour whatsoever or howsoever the same may be caused whether as a result of negligence or otherwise.
11. Baggage is entirely at 'owners risk' during the tour. Passengers are entitled to carry one suitcase per person with the total sum of its length, width and height not exceeding 200cm and weight 23kg. Personal items such as cameras, make-up, medication etc should be carried in a purse or cabin bag. Surcharges will apply for extra/overweight baggage and there is no guarantee that they can be carried.
12. **Travel Insurance:**
The tour price does not include Travel Insurance but Travel 2U requires travellers to have insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to cancellation fees, loss of luggage, medical treatment on tour and early return following death of a relative).
13. Due to Government regulations, smoking is not permitted inside tourist coaches, aircraft and some hotels.
14. To ensure all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy front and window seats, a daily seat rotation may be employed.
15. Where a single passenger is willing to share accommodation with a fellow single passenger, Travel 2U will endeavour to find another traveller of the same gender. Travel 2U accepts no responsibility for the suitability of passengers willing to share accommodation. If a passenger at any time during the tour considers the rooming partner to be unsuitable, Travel 2U will, subject to availability and at the additional cost of the passenger requesting the change, arrange single accommodation.
16. Whilst Travel 2U will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, Travel 2U accepts no liability for any loss of enjoyment whatsoever and howsoever experienced by the passenger.
17. The passenger tickets in use by the airline carrier shall constitute the sole contract between the carrier and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers using the tickets.
18. **Tour Payments:**
A payment schedule will be provided by Travel 2U. Failure to comply with the stipulated dates for payments, including interim payments and a final account, will result in cancellation of some or all services to the passenger and forfeiture of monies paid by the passenger to date. Costs may also have to be reassessed due to increases in factors beyond our control such as, but not limited to, exchange rates. These may not necessarily apply if a mutually acceptable agreement for late payment has been approved (in writing) by Travel 2U.

Deposits for tours may be paid by Internet banking, Visa or Mastercard. Further amounts due are based on Internet banking only. Payments made by Visa or Mastercard will incur a 2% surcharge on the amount being paid by the passenger. No other credit cards are acceptable.
19. **Cancellation Fees:**
Cancellations must be advised in writing up to 120 days prior to departure, the deposit only will be forfeited. After this time, full forfeiture of monies paid will apply. After departure no refunds are available for any services or part of the tour not utilised. Travel 2U strongly recommend tour members purchase full travel insurance at the time of paying their deposit (see note 12).
20. **Passport and Visas:**
Travel 2U will forward all relevant visa information relating to your particular travel arrangements at the earliest possible date. If you have been convicted of a crime, sentenced to prison or suffer from mental illness or severe physical handicap you MUST check with each country's embassy for special visa requirements. The passenger must also notify Travel 2U as this condition could prohibit you from travelling with the tour as planned. Travel 2U accepts no responsibility for non-obtained visas under any circumstances. Visa fees reflected in tour costs apply to NZ passport holders. Visa fees applicable to holders of 'other' passports will incur additional costs.
21. **Frequent Flyer Points:**
Not all airfares utilised by Travel 2U qualify for reward or status points with the applicable carrier for that tour. Where they do, failure by the airline to credit points to the passenger is not the responsibility of Travel 2U nor its employees. Retrospective requests for missing points must be dealt with by the passenger to the airline concerned. Passengers are reminded of the need to retain boarding passes for remittance in just such an event.
22. **Concerts, shows, theatre and other public performances:**
Where a tour mentions any performance, live or recorded, by, but not limited to include an artist, composer, musician(s), band or other public performance or display for which tickets are required; non-performance, cancellation of dates, unavailability of tickets, unsuitable seating and other factors beyond the control of Travel 2U and its employees, by any said artist, performer or performance are not a condition of a passenger joining a tour, nor withdrawing from it without penalty. Said 'performances' are discretionary and optional and do not constitute a portion of the tour or experience itself.

SPECIAL NOTE: The conditions on this form are intended to clarify the responsibility between the passenger and Travel 2U to ensure an enjoyable and memorable trip.

Put yourself in the picture
with **Travel 2U!**



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