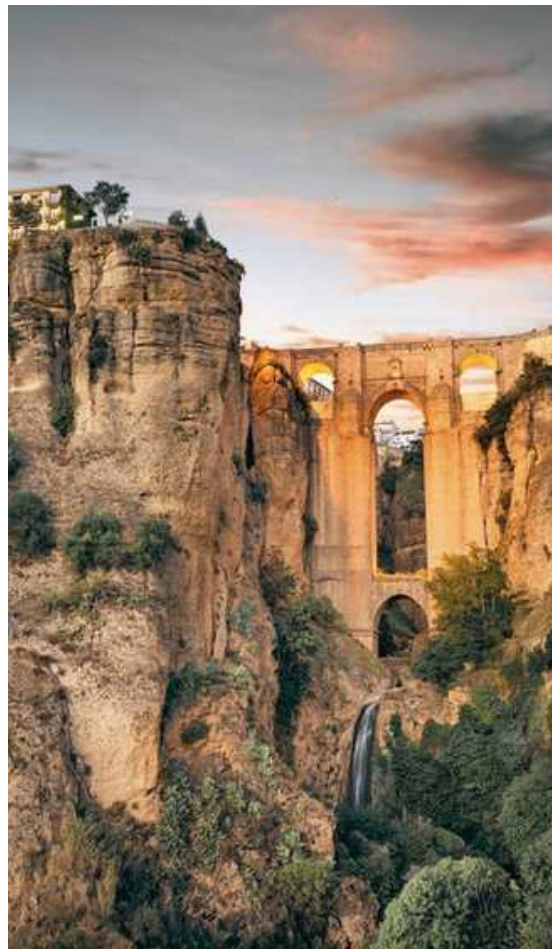


Travel 2U



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

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!





EGYPT & JORDAN



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

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.

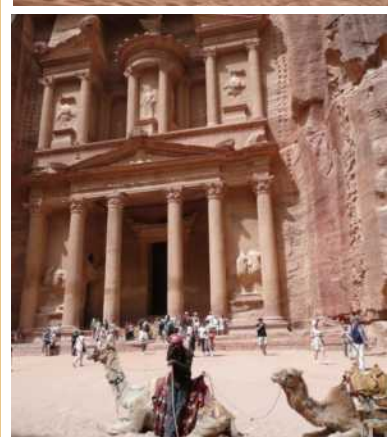
two nights Dead Sea



two nights Wadi Rum



one night Petra



One night Dubai



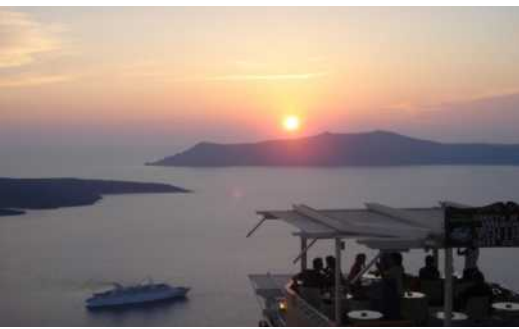
Greece, Turkey & The Med



23 MAY - 19 JUNE • 28 DAYS



Travelling to Greece and Turkey unveils a world of wonders, where history and natural beauty intertwine. 'Lose' yourself in the bustling streets of the **Grand Bazaar** and marvel at the architectural wonders of the **Hagia Sophia** and **Blue Mosque**. Transport yourself back in time to the days of the Roman Empire as you gaze upon the **Library of Celsus in Ephesus**. Uncover layers of history as you wander through the ruins at Troy, imagining the legendary **Trojan War** that unfolded here. Take an optional hot air balloon flight at sunrise, floating above the otherworldly landscapes of **Cappadocia**, and dip your feet in the warm, mineral-rich thermal waters cascading down white terraces at Pamukkale. Cruising the **Mediterranean** you'll discover some of the most captivating Greek islands including vibrant **Mykonos**, known for its charming white-washed buildings and beautiful beaches, **Santorini**, famous for its dramatic cliffs, stunning sunsets, and picturesque blue-domed churches, plus **Crete**, **Milos** and **Kusadasi**. Join us as we unveil a world of wonders, a captivating blend of culture, history, and natural splendour that will leave you with enduring memories of an unforgettable journey.





GREECE, TURKEY & THE MED



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

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
- Gratuities at included dinners
- Local English speaking guides
- Tips for guides and drivers
- 7 Day Med' Cruise in an outside cabin
- All port charges and gratuities on the cruise
- All breakfasts and 10 dinners on land
- All meals on the cruise
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel2U tour director

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as laundry and spending money
- Meals and drinks other than mentioned
- Optional shore excursions on Cruise
- Taxes and fuel surcharges **\$370**

OPTIONALS & UPGRADES

- Upgrade to Premium Economy Class on Emirates flights **POA**
- Upgrade to Business Class on Emirates flights **+\$8,100**
- Hot Air Ballooning in Cappadocia **TBA**
- Single supplement **+\$5,320**



NEW ZEALAND – DUBAI

two nights + early check-in Dubai

Days 1-2 We depart New Zealand today on Emirates bound directly for Dubai for a two-night stopover enroute to our magnificent destination of Istanbul, the only city in the world to span two continents, Asia, and Europe. Our stay in Dubai includes a city tour, a journey through Dubai's vibrant metropolis with its modern landmarks, the **Burj Khalifa** and **Burj Al Arab**. Experience the authentic spice and sounds of the Souks in the old city.

Day 3 Today you are free to shop, sightsee, relax, or just sleep in before our evening Desert Safari adventure where we discover the Arabian natural desert and enjoy a campsite dinner.

DUBAI – ISTANBUL

three nights Istanbul

Day 4 After an afternoon arrival in **Istanbul** we'll make our way to our hotel, where the remainder of the day is yours to relax and get settled in. Our hotel is perfectly positioned in Istanbul's historic **Sultanahmet** district close to many famous sites which are within minutes' walking distance.

Days 5 – 6 Over the next two days we'll show you some of the greatest highlights of this wonderful city, including the **Blue Mosque**, **Topkapi Palace**, the **Hippodrome**, **Hagia Sophia**, **Cistern Basilica**, **Egyptian Spice Market**, the **Grand Bazaar** and more. We'll also have the pleasure of an afternoon cruise on the **Bosphorus**.

ISTANBUL – CANAKKALE

one night Canakkale

Day 7 We start the day a little earlier as we have some ground to cover making our way southwest toward the **Gallipoli Peninsula**. Arriving around midday we begin our visit at **ANZAC Cove**, before continuing to **Lone Pine Cemetery** and of particular importance to New Zealanders, **Chanuk Bair**, where many of our soldiers from that ill-fated campaign are remembered. Learn about the tragic losses, along with the heroic and compassionate acts carried out by soldiers from both sides during the campaign. Late afternoon we cross the **Dardanelle Strait** by ferry to **Canakkale** (Cannon Castle) and our overnight stay.

CANAKKALE – TROY – IZMIR

one night Izmir

Day 8 A short hop to start the day as we head firstly to **Troy**. Despite popular belief there is more to Troy than just the Trojan Horse. See the remnants of nine cities built one upon the other, the first dating back to the third millennium and really highlighting the importance of Troy's strategic location. The catalyst for the Trojan Wars (1180 BC) was again ignited over 3,000 years later at Gallipoli.

We continue to **Pergamon** via scenic farmlands and fig plantations where, time permitting, we will stop and give you the opportunity to purchase some of the wonderful produce. Pergamon is located on fertile plains, punctuated by steep hills and the seemingly inaccessible fortress better known as the **Acropolis**. Rich in archaeological sites and steeped in history, Pergamon and Izmir (Smyrna) are two of the **Seven Churches** in the **New Testament Book of Revelations** written by John the Apostle.

IZMIR – EPHESUS – PAMUKKALE (Cotton Castle)

two nights Pamukkale

Day 9 Today we visit two stunning sights. Travelling predominantly across fertile farmland we skirt the ancient city of Ephesus, the third church visited on this trip that is mentioned in the Book of Revelations. Our first stop is at the **House of the Virgin Mary**. It is believed St John brought Mary to **Ephesus** after the crucifixion, where she spent her remaining years. We continue to the archaeological sight of Ephesus itself, entering the city via ancient Agora. We walk the famous **Marble Road**, see the stunning **Library of Celsus**, **Temple of Hadrian**, **Hercules Gate**, and the magnificent **Stadium**. We'll stop for lunch in a quaint country restaurant before embarking on our next highlight of the day **Aphrodisias**, home to one of a few remaining **Tetrapylon Gates** in the world, a magnificent theatre, the **Temple of Aphrodite** and one of the best-preserved examples of an early stadium you'll find. We continue to Pamukkale, to enjoy the wonderful facilities on offer at our thermal spa resort before dinner.

GREECE, TURKEY & THE MED



Day 10 This morning we visit the ancient Hierapolis to see the famous white **travertine terraces** and pools. After bathing our feet in the soothing thermal springs there is ample time to visit the **Agora**, the magnificent **Theatre**, and the **Martyrium of St Philip**, one of the twelve apostles who died here in 87 AD. For those interested in old bones and ornate crypts, this afternoon you will be fascinated when we visit the elaborate **Necropolis** (ancient cemetery).

PAMUKKALE – ANTALYA

two nights Antalya

Day 11 As we cross the Taurus Mountains and pass pine forests today, we make our way to the sea and one of Turkey's most archaeologically significant cities, Antalya. Excavations near this area uncovered artefacts dating back as far as 1900 BC. It was also from Antalya that the Knights of St John set sail to Palestine during the **Crusades**.

Day 12 A day at leisure today. Explore more of the Old Town, relax by the pool for a while, or perhaps make your way down to the beautiful blue Mediterranean for a refreshing swim. Our hotel is perfectly positioned to make the most of this tremendous coastal location.

ANTALYA – KONYA

one night Konya

Day 13 We climb the Taurus Mountains again today and view some of the prettiest scenery in Turkey. Our destination is Konya, origin of the **Whirling Dervishes of Mevlana**, a religious sect formed in the 13th century by Jalāl al-Dīn Muhammad Rūmī, a mystic, poet, and Sufi Muslim.

KONYA – CAPPADOCIA

two nights Cappadocia

Day 14 Today we travel across the Anatolian Plain following the route of the **old Silk Road**, destination **Cappadocia**. We see several **Caravanserais** along the route, an ancient hotel and haven for the camel caravans during their long journey. We'll also show you how silk is transformed from the raw material into beautiful carpets! Words cannot do justice to the region of Cappadocia, a landscape dotted with fairy-chimneys, **underground dwellings** and **monasteries** carved out of hillsides. Entire cities exist underground, some as deep as 12 floors down!

Day 15 For those who have elected to, we start the day early with an incredible flight over the sparse plains and fairy chimneys of the Urgup and Goreme region in our **Hot Air Balloon**. Following champagne to celebrate and a good breakfast we take you to explore the beautifully preserved **Tuff cave dwellings** and **churches** at the **Goreme Open Air Museum**, complete with colourful frescos depicting religious scenes from the Christian faith dating back as far as the 10th century AD.

CAPPADOCIA – ISTANBUL – ATHENS

one night Athens

Day 16 This morning we depart Cappadocia and bid farewell to Turkey, flying to Istanbul and on to Athens, where an overnight stay awaits before we join our Greek Island cruise.

Day 17 Athens today is at leisure until mid-afternoon when we transfer to Piraeus to join our Celestyal cruise ship. At 5pm, we depart Piraeus bound for Thessaloniki.

CELESTYAL JOURNEY CRUISE, IDYLIC AEGEAN

seven nights Celestyal Journey

Days 17-24 The Celestyal Journey has a yacht inspired design with classic teak decks which evoke an intimate atmosphere. Step aboard and enter a world where modern technology meets the grand era of ocean travel. With a maximum of 1,260 guests on board and a crew of 500 to ensure passengers are well cared for, the cruise features authentic local experiences from each region, and you'll enjoy all-inclusive meals and drinks as well as comfort and extra special touches with our additional services.



GREECE, TURKEY & THE MED



DAY 18 Thessaloniki (Greece) is a gorgeous and cosmopolitan seaside city and the largest in Greece after Athens. Centuries of cultural commingling has also made Thessaloniki a culinary nirvana, with almost too many great restaurants and little eateries to count.

Day 19 Kusadasi (Turkey) This former seaside village is now a popular Aegean resort town. The streets bustle with vendors of carpets, leather goods and books, and the customary ice-cream sellers. There's a shopping mall with sleek jewellery stores and European fashion boutiques. For the energetic, consider a walk along the peninsula to see the castle on Güvercinada (Pigeon Island).

Day 20 Crete (Heraklion) As we pull into Heraklion, you have the chance to snap the imposing 16th Century walls of Koules Fortress. Here you can enjoy the calm of the stunning waterfront, explore the Cretan countryside, or discover the Palace of Knossos.

Days 21-22 Santorini (Greece) Cruising toward Santorini is something magical. Whitewashed houses and blue-domed churches perched atop lofty cliffs above the blue Aegean promises visitors adventure coupled with legendary tales. Strolling the gleaming white streets of Oia and her larger cousin Thira through a labyrinth of cafés, shops, taverna and galleries is to experience a living postcard. The changing vistas over the caldera from the cliff-top is stunning, and everything we imagine of a Greek Island.

Days 22-23 Mykonos (Greece) A vibrant blend of art and culture and carefree Mediterranean lifestyle is an apt description of Mykonos. The town is easy to navigate, its cobbled whitewashed streets brimming with fabulous boutiques and galleries. The area of town referred to as Little Venice has the iconic windmills, and an abundance of quaint taverna, cafés and restaurants specialising in local fare. Beautiful beaches, ancient ruins and a photographer's paradise, Mykonos has it all.

Day 23 Milos is renowned for its stunningly clear blue waters, pristine beaches, and lacy coastline. It's a beach lover's dream with over 75 beaches in an area covering 160 square kms. By comparison Christchurch covers an area of 1400 square kms! It's R'n'R on Milos, and for the non-beach goers the seaside town of Adamas has plenty to keep one occupied.

Day 24 Athens

On arrival back in Athens we're met by our local guide.

Athens, the ancient centre of the arts, learning and philosophy, and regarded as the cradle of Western civilisation and democracy. Upon disembarkation we visit highlights of this famous Olympic city including the original **Olympic Stadium**, the **Acropolis** and **Pantheon** atop **Temple of Athena Nike** and see **Hadrian's Gate**, plus many points of interest along the way. This evening to really immerse ourselves in the Greek way of living we're going to dine in a local restaurant located in the narrow-cobbled streets of Athens old town, the **Plaka**. We'll be entertained by local singers and musicians and enjoy a wonderful night of traditional Greek fare accompanied by fine wines and ouzo, the local Greek drink of choice.

Day 25 Today is yours at leisure to explore on foot. There is still so much to see in very close proximity to our hotel. We'll take you sightseeing, shopping, or exploring whatever you have on your to do list! The Plaka area has many fascinating things to see and experience and is worth exploring during the day. There are also many fabulous museums one can see, none more so than the wonderful Acropolis Museum. Tonight, we celebrate our time together on this inspiring adventure at a local restaurant.

ATHENS – DUBAI – NEW ZEALAND

Days 26-28 We bid farewell to our Greek hosts and transfer to Athens International Airport for our flight to New Zealand via Dubai. We arrive in home this morning, full of memories of time spent with newfound friends, experiences beyond expectation and a greater appreciation for this wonderful part of the world.



two nights Athens

“All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveller is unaware.” –Martin Buber

spain, portugal & france

01 JUNE - 29 JUNE • 29 DAYS



A magnificent journey with something for everyone, from the well-travelled to the first timer. Our adventure begins in **Paris**, one of the world's foremost capitals of couture and concludes in the effervescent city of **Barcelona**. Along the way we'll see works by celebrated designers, sculptors, and artists. We'll walk beautiful **tree lined boulevards** of ancient towns and cities and sit in the squares that inspired the writings of great poets and authors. There'll be opportunities to indulge your personal passions from shopping on the **Champ Elysee** or **Avenue Liberdade** to viewing masterpieces at the **Louvre, Prado, and Reina Sofia** museums. We'll ride the **bullet train** and by contrast, **glide along the Seine** on our river boat. We'll hear stories of great conquerors and Kings, see where they lived, and walk the cobbled time ravaged paths they walked centuries before. For devotees of great architecture, we encompass everything from the **Sagrada Familia** to the **Eiffel Tower, Plaza de Espana** to the **Mezquita in Cordoba**, and performing arts are well represented with passionate performances of **Flamenco, Fado** and even cabaret at the famous **Moulin Rouge**.





SPAIN, PORTUGAL & FRANCE



FROM \$ **19,890** per person
share twin

INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class fares on Singapore Airlines & partners ex AKL or CHC
- 4 star hotels throughout
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch and 18 dinners
- 2 speciality dinners with entertainment
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Local English-speaking city guides
- 5 star air-conditioned touring coach
- Reserved Bullet Train services as shown
- Assistants at train stations
- All tips, gratuities, and portage
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel 2U tour director

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as laundry and spending money
- Meals and drinks other than mentioned
- Taxes and fuel surcharges \$250

OPTIONALS & UPGRADES

- Upgrade to Premium Economy Class on Singapore Airlines flights +\$4972
- Upgrade to Business Class on Singapore Airlines flights +\$9,720
- Single room supplement +\$6,060



NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE

one night Singapore

Day 1 We depart New Zealand with a one night stopover in Singapore enroute to Paris.

SINGAPORE - PARIS

three nights Paris

Days 2 We arrive in the romantic city of Paris, renowned for its classic style and arguably still the capital of couture, late in the evening. We'll transfer straight to our hotel, perfectly located close to many features of the city, heads full of anticipation for what lays ahead in the days to follow.

Day 3 Today we get to experience more of this city affectionately known as *La Ville-Lumiere* or in English, the **City of Lights**. Sights include the **Arc de Triomphe**, **Louvre**, and **Notre Dame**. We'll drive along the famous boulevard, **Champs Elysees**, and take a short cruise along the enchanting river **Seine**. We'll see some of the city's finest districts, be awed by her majestic parks and learn a little of the expansive history of Paris as we go. This evening there's an optional excursion to the world's most famous cabaret, **Moulin Rouge**.

Day 4 A full day in beautiful Paris to do as you please.

PARIS – NIMES

three nights Nimes

Day 5 What adventure awaits us today, as we catch the legendary high speed TGV train to the South of France, where on arrival we'll meet our local guide and see some of the outstanding features of the region including the **Papal Palace** and **Pont du Gard**.

NIMES – (Les Baux de Provence)

Day 6 An exciting day beckons, with highlights of Nimes including **Maison Carrée** and **Carré d'art** before we drive to **Baux du Provence** to see the impressive Palace and experience an art gallery like no other at the **Carrières des Lumières**.

Day 7 A free day to explore the wonderful city of Nimes.

NIMES – MARSEILLE - MADRID

three nights Madrid

Day 8 Travelling via Marseille we catch our plane to Madrid, lined with elegant boulevards and manicured parks. We'll have an introductory tour with our guide, pointing out some of the more fascinating sights and providing an orientation of the city.

Day 9 This morning we're off to explore more of this great city including the **Cervantes Memorial**, **Plaza de España**, **Gran Via**, **Puerta del Sol** and **Parque del Buen Retiro**. We'll also drive by the famous **Prado** and **Reina Sopia** museums where you'll have time to explore more at your leisure tomorrow. This evening we're off to a special dinner, the highlight of which is a performance of passionate **Flamenco dance** accompanied by local musicians.

Day 10 Today is another full day to yourself. Museums, palaces, plazas, and parks abound, not to mention some excellent shops and cafes, so live like a Spaniard today!

MADRID – SALAMANCA

one night Salamanca

Day 11 Today we travel from Madrid to **Salamanca**, home to the 3rd oldest University in all of Europe and boasting one of the most beautiful squares in Spain, the **Plaza Mayor**.

SALAMANCA – PORTO

two nights Porto

Day 12 We depart Spain and enter Portugal for the first time today, and what better place to start than **Porto**, on the river Duoro, famous for many things, but none more so than facilitating the transportation of world class **Port Wine**.

Day 13 Our morning sightseeing introduces us to the many splendours of this gracious city including the historic **Ribeira District**, the engineering genius of the **Dom Luis I Bridge** and the ornate **St Benedict Railway Station**, recognised as a world heritage site. We'll pass the unmistakable **Majestic Café**, frozen in a bygone era and see where some of the world's finest Port's come from on our **distillery tour**.

SPAIN, PORTUGAL & FRANCE



PORTO – LISBON

three nights Lisbon

Day 14 Departing Porto this morning we make our way to the nation's capital Lisbon. A wonderful mix of history, tradition, great architecture, passionate locals and fine cuisine among other things.

Day 15 Today we board our coach and meet our guide to see the sights, including the **Belem Tower** and nearby **Jerónimo's Monastery**. We'll walk over the plaza depicting the world in mosaic to the **Monument to the Discoveries**, and enjoy a casual walk through the historic **Alfama qtr**. From **St George's** castle we'll see the city laid out below and plot where our afternoon's adventures might lead us.

Day 16 A free day today to do as you please. Tonight we're off to immerse ourselves in culture, local cuisine, dance and song in a passionate performance of traditional **Fado**.

LISBON – SEVILLE

three nights Seville

Day 17 We venture southeast toward Seville and our home for the next three nights. Seville is the administrative capital of the Andalusian region, and boasts up to **320 days of sunshine a year!** We may make a stop at a 'mystery' destination, conditions permitting.

Day 18 Our city sightseeing today includes one of the most striking buildings you're ever likely to see, the imposing **Alcazar Palace**, which transcends description. We'll also see the towering **minaret of Giralda**, and the Santa Cruz quarter with its beautiful flower boxes and vibrantly decorated facades. Capping off our sightseeing is the impressive and ornate **Plaza Espana**, a sight to be seen.

DAY EXCURSION TO CORDOBA

Day 19 Driving amongst a varying landscape of farmlands intermingled with expansive farms of a different nature, solar farms, we make our way to captivating **Cordoba** to see the impressive **Mezquita**, a unique blend of Mosque and Cathedral in one.

SEVILLE – COSTA DEL SOL

two nights Costa del Sol

Day 20 Leaving the beautiful city of Seville this morning, our first stop of the day is at the fascinating **mountaintop city of Ronda**, where we'll have lunch, before continuing on to the sun drenched southern coast of Spain, aptly named the **Costa del Sol**.

Day 21 Day at leisure to do as you please.

COSTA DEL SOL- BARCELONA

three nights Barcelona

Day 22 Another exhilarating experience lays in store for us today as we board the **Bullet Train** to travel from Malaga to Barcelona. AVE bullet trains **travel at speeds up to 300 kph**. Food and beverages are available for purchase onboard and there's also a 'quiet carriage' option if you prefer.

Day 23 Today's sightseeing is filled with highlights, including some of the finest creations of celebrated designer/architect **Antoni Gaudi**, such as his grotesquely beautiful **Sagrada Familia** Cathedral and spectacular **Parc Guell**. We'll look through the imposing **Montjuic Castle** and drive the picturesque streets of the **Gothic quarter** and **Example District**. We'll also allow time for you to stroll at your leisure along one of the world's most iconic pedestrianised streets, **Las Ramblas**.

Day 24 Our last day in Spain sadly, but it's all yours to enjoy as you please There are a multitude of excellent galleries and museums on offer for the art lover, wonderful shopping for those who can't get their fill, and for others a bit of everything and some time to watch the locals from the comfort of a nearby café or bar will likely round off the day nicely. Tonight we dine at a special location to celebrate our wonderful journey together and reminisce over good food and fine wine.

BARCELONA – NEW ZEALAND

one night Singapore

Days 25-28 We depart Barcelona for New Zealand with an overnight stopover enroute to assist us in arriving home feeling refreshed and with wonderful memories etched upon our minds.

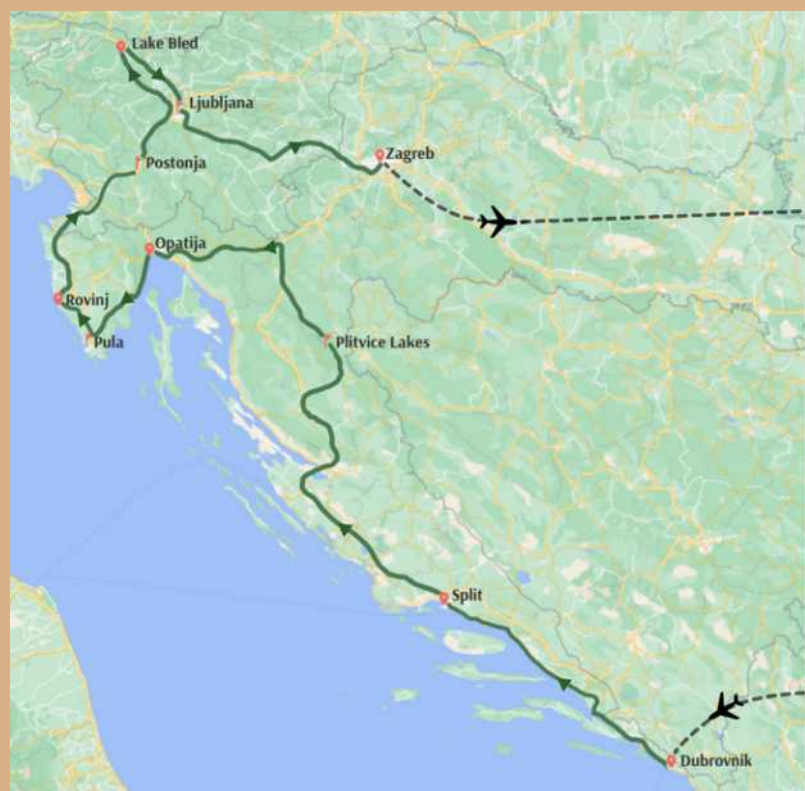


"The use of traveling is to regulate imagination by reality, and instead of thinking how things may be, to see them as they are." – Samuel Johnson



Croatia, Dalmatia & Istria

03 JUNE - 24 JUNE • 22 DAYS



We return for our ninth year to arguably one of the most captivating regions in the world with its pristine coastlines and clear azure Adriatic waters. In **Dubrovnik** walk the ancient, fortified city walls for stunning views over the white limestone streets and baroque architecture as it shimmers against the blue sea. Visit the quaint seaside town of **Cavtat**, steeped in ancient history, occupied by the Greeks in 400BC and an important Roman outpost up until the 7th century. Travelling north to the vibrant city of **Split** we'll see coastal villages dotted with **terracotta roofs** and cathedral spires forming a striking contrast against the backdrop of blue waters. Browse the markets at **Trogir** and marvel at the beauty of **Plitvice Lakes**. Explore the medieval **Trakoscan Castle** fabulously furnished appropriate to the period and feel the serenity of the fairytale setting at **Lake Bled**, a sight that defies description. We explore by miniature train one of Europe's largest caves in **Postonja** and stroll along seaside promenades at sunset on the beautiful **Istrian peninsula**. Croatia, Dalmatia, and Istria will surprise you for all the right reasons, leaving you wanting for more.





CROATIA, DALMATIA & ISTRIA



FROM **\$ 14,750** per person share twin

INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares on Singapore Airlines & partners ex AKL or CHC
- 4 star hotels throughout
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch and 16 dinners
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Local English-speaking city guides
- 5 star air-conditioned touring coach
- All tips, gratuities, and portage
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel 2U tour director

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as laundry and spending money
- Meals and drinks other than mentioned
- Taxes and fuel surcharges **\$769**

OPTIONALS & UPGRADES

- Upgrade to Premium Economy Class on Singapore Airlines flights **\$3,800**
- Upgrade to Business Class on Singapore Airlines flights **\$8,100**
- Single supplement **\$4,220**



NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE

one night Singapore

Day 1 We depart New Zealand with a one night stopover in Singapore enroute to Dubrovnik

SINGAPORE - DUBROVNIK

three nights Dubrovnik

Days 2-3 On our arrival in **Dubrovnik**, we are transferred to our hotel in the area known as Lapad, with the tepid Adriatic at our feet!

Day 4 We begin our day with a walking tour through **the old, fortified town**, including a walk atop the wall itself. Of note are the **Bell Tower clock**, the **15th century Orlando's Column**, **Sponza Palace** and the **Dominican and Franciscan Monastery**. The afternoon is yours to do as you please. You may like to stay a while longer in the old town and soak up the atmosphere, or perhaps return to our hotel and do some 'soaking' of a different kind in either the hotel pool or the warm clear waters of the Adriatic.

Day 5 Our excursion today takes us to one of the southernmost points of Croatia. **Cavtat** was an important Roman colony in this region and the second most important seaport. Today it's a tourist town full of cultural and historical monuments, and a fine example of the breath-taking Mediterranean beauty of this region.

DUBROVNIK – SPLIT

three nights Split

Day 6 Leaving the acclaimed '**Pearl of the Adriatic**' this morning we head north along the coastline, destined for the captivating city of **Split**. Stopping for photo opportunities en route and lunch at the charming small town of **Makarska**, we arrive early afternoon, in plenty of time to enjoy the vibrant evening activity.

Day 7 Split was established around the remarkable palace built for the **Roman Emperor Diocletian** in his retirement. Many Roman and Gothic structures lie within the walls of the palace including the Temple of **Jupiter** and the **Cathedral**. After a leisurely stroll viewing the highlights of Split, the afternoon is yours to do as you please. You may like to go down to the esplanade and partake in some 'people watching' or possibly make your way up the steps at **Marjun** to a spectacular city vista from the top.

Day 8 This morning we're off to the **medieval town of Trogir**, its rich culture a combination of Greek, Roman and Venetian influences over a history of 2,300 years. The pretty town also boasts one of the best open-air markets in Croatia.

SPLIT – PLITVICE LAKES – OPATIJA

two nights Opatija

Day 9 Making our way northeast today with a number of comfort stops en route, our aim is to provide maximum time to enjoy the incredible natural beauty of **World Heritage listed Plitvice Lakes**, consisting of sixteen lakes and numerous waterfalls connected by kilometres of paths and wooden walkways amongst breathtaking scenery. Following lunch at the Lakes we continue northwest to the **Istrian town of Opatija**, one of the most colourfully painted towns you are ever likely to see. Our hotel is within easy reach of the waterfront, linked by a wonderful promenade that spans the length of the shoreline.

Day 10 A day at leisure to enjoy the shops, cafes, and bars along the waterfront, or take a refreshing swim in the warm waters of the **Kvarner Gulf**. **Opatija** is the perfect place to put your feet up, relax and take it all in.

OPATIJA – PULA – ROVINJ

three nights Rovinj

Day 11 With batteries fully charged we depart Opatija today, making our way first to **Pula**, best known for its incredibly well-preserved **Roman amphitheatre**, occupying a prominent position near the harbour and dating back to the 1st century. Continuing around the **Istrian Peninsula** our next stop is the charming seaside town of **Rovinj**.

CROATIA. DALMATIA & ISTRIA



Days 12-13 The following two days are yours to do as you please. Rovinj's quaint cobbled streets are lined with artists' lairs and shops containing all manner of curios. A casual wander along the streets and alley-ways will inevitably lead you up to the Cathedral which punctuates this small town and offers an impressive view over the peninsular and beyond.

ROVINJ – POSTONJA – LAKE BLEĐ

two nights Lake Bled

Day 14 We head north again today and enter Slovenia for the first time making a stop at the incredible caves at **Postonja**, Europe's biggest and one of the most spectacular caves in the world. Our tour here will include a ride in the **miniature train** 2 kms inside the caves before we continue by foot with a local guide telling us more of the fascinating history of the caves and pointing out the differing forms of stalactites and stalagmites.

We travel a few kilometers down the road from Postojna Cave, to experience the fairytale world of knights. The impregnable medieval **Predjama Castle** has sat perched in the middle of a 123-metre-high cliff for more than 800 years. Behind the largest cave castle in the world is a network of secret tunnels from where the knight Erazem of Predjama would set out on his expeditions.

We continue later in the afternoon, to the incredibly beautiful **Lake Bled**, our restful home for the next two nights. Lake Bled was formed from the recession of the Bohinj glacier. 2.1km long and up to 1.4km wide, the lake has a maximum depth of 30.6m. After the last Ice Age, the Bohinj glacier deepened the natural hollow giving shape to its present form. The basin was filled with water when the ice melted and is punctuated by the small island toward the west side of the lake.

Day 15 We start the day with a drive up to **Castle Bled**, perched in a most imposing position high above the Lake and seeming virtually impenetrable by any potential invading foe. The Castle is now home to an informative, modern museum. After this visit take time to enjoy the unspoiled beauty of Lake Bled at your leisure. You can circumnavigate the Lake by foot or bicycle, or maybe you'd prefer to be rowed out to the small island on a 'pletna', whence upon you might like to ring the bell to bestow good luck upon yourself!



LAKE BLEĐ – LJUBLJANA – ZAGREB

three nights Zagreb

Day 16 Our journey today includes some of the most picturesque scenery of our tour to date. Leaving the fairytale like Lake Bled behind us, we proceed to **Ljubljana**, where on arrival we will see the magnificent **city hall, three bridges** and other local sights. Following lunch we drive to **Zagreb, Croatia's capital**. On arrival we will make our way to the hotel where some may choose to relax, and others may want to take a short walk to some of the prominent and historic buildings in the general vicinity.

Day 17 We begin the day with a walking tour of Zagreb's historic old town. Zagreb is effectively divided into three sections. The Upper Town houses the multitude of **museums, galleries** and the **Croatian Parliament** on cobbled streets illuminated by gas lamps. Of note is the magnificent **St Marks Church** and its ornate roof resplendently covered with colourful ceramic tiles. Then there's the Lower Town with its shops, restaurants, cafés, theatre, and parks, and finally 'new Zagreb' notable for its high-rise buildings, corporate climate and not a tourist trap by any account.

Day 18 Today we take a short drive just outside of Zagreb to one of the finest examples of a restored castle at **Trakoscan**. Rooms have been lovingly restored and keep the authenticity of the period. There's an incredible room dedicated solely to weaponry and the views from the towers to the surrounding countryside are stunning. After this we will drive on to the charming small town of **Varazdin**, where we will have lunch in a local restaurant and a wander at your leisure before we make our way back to Zagreb.

ZAGREB – SINGAPORE – NEW ZEALAND

one night Singapore

Days 19-22 A last chance for shopping or sightseeing today before we are taken by coach to the airport in the afternoon to begin our journey to New Zealand. Our return flight includes a one-night stopover en route, allowing time for some last-minute shopping, sightseeing or simply relaxing.



England, Ireland & Scotland

8 June - 7 July • 30 DAYS



Experience the charm of **quaint villages, ancient cities, and bustling market towns** with rich histories. Immerse yourself in the picturesque countryside and cobblestone streets once frequented by renowned authors, poets, explorers, royalty, Vikings, Romans, and rogues. Journey through **Yorkshire, the Lake District, Somerset, and the Cotswolds**, exploring their unique beauty. Discover the allure of port cities like **Southampton, Cork, Dublin, Liverpool, Glasgow, and Edinburgh**, contrasting with the breathtaking landscapes of **Scotland** and the **Orkney Isles**. Indulge in the royal pageantry of London, with iconic landmarks such as **The Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, and the London Eye**. There is time to stroll or ride a bike through **Hyde Park** and admire the landmarks lit up at night on an evening walk along the Thames. Catch a **West End Show**, shop at **Harrods** or visit one of the many famous **London museums**. Whether you're a lover of history, stately homes, architecture, formal and cottage gardens, castles, cars, trains, or sailing there is something in this journey for everyone. This leisurely-paced and comprehensive itinerary, featuring mostly three-night stops and a **luxurious cruise**, offers an unparalleled way to explore England, Ireland, and Scotland.





ENGLAND, IRELAND & SCOTLAND



FROM \$ **21,480** per person share twin

INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares on Singapore 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
- Tips for local guides
- 12 Day cruise in a Balcony cabin on Regal Princess
- All port charges and gratuities on Cruise
- All breakfasts and 11 Dinners on land
- All meals on Princess Cruise
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel 2U tour director

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as laundry and spending money
- Meals and drinks other than mentioned
- Optional excursions from cruise ship
- Taxes, Port and fuel surcharges **\$946**

OPTIONALS & UPGRADES:

- Upgrade to Premium Economy on Singapore airlines flights **+\$4,700**
- Upgrade to Business Class on Singapore Airlines flights **+\$8,665**
- Single room supplement **+\$10,295**
- London theatre tickets **POA**



NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE

transit Singapore

Day 1 We depart NZ, leaving the cool of winter behind as we head for the warmth of Singapore for our overnight transit before arriving in the heart of England.

SINGAPORE – MANCHESTER – YORK

three nights York

Day 2 On arrival in the UK we'll be transferred by coach to picturesque York, presenting excellent examples of Roman, Dark Age, Viking, and Medieval times. The walls surrounding the city are over two miles in length and with a history stretching back nearly 2000 years. We'll take a wander and familiarize ourselves with the city of York before giving you the rest of the day to relax.

Day 3 We spend the day exploring all the city has to offer. There's time to visit the **Jorvik Centre**; wander the quaint cobbled streets **'the Shambles'** and pay a visit to the famed **'Minster'**. Train enthusiasts will enjoy a visit to the renowned **National Railway Museum**, with a collection of over 100 locomotives including the **'Royal Carriages'**.

Day 4 Today we take an excursion to the **Yorkshire Moors** and **Captain Cook Country**. Our journey takes us via **Goathland Station** (featured in the TV series Heartbeat and in the Harry Potter Movies). We disembark at the old whaling town of **Whitby** with time to meander and descend the steps from the old Abbey. It was here that Captain Cook began his apprenticeship, learning about navigation and seamanship. Bram Stoker was inspired by the seaside town to write his famous book Dracula!

YORK – LAKE DISTRICT

two nights Lake District

Day 5 Leaving Yorkshire behind we drive to the tranquil Lake District. It was here that such writers as Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth found their inspiration and the scenery continues to fuel the creative spirits of poets and artists to this day.

Day 6 A leisurely day is in store to cruise on **Lake Windermere**. Options include cruising around the islands, visiting **Ambleside**, **Brockhole Gardens**, the **Lakeland Motor Museum** or ride the **Haverthwaite Steam Train**.

LAKE DISTRICT – STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

three nights Stratford-upon-Avon

Day 7 We journey south to **Chester** with its unique black and white shopping arcades and Roman history. Continuing south our next stop is known to many as the home of one of England's most celebrated playwrights, **Shakespeare**. Along with some fascinating day trips we'll have time to meander through picturesque villages with thatched roofed cottages oozing with charm.

Day 8 Our Cotswolds day trip takes us to the pretty village of **Bourton on Water**. Known locally as Venice of the Cotswolds due to the many bridges across the river that meanders through the village. Take time to explore the miniature village, **Cotswolds Motor Museum** and quaint stores

Day 9 At the edge of town we visit **Ann Hathaway's** lovely, thatched cottage. The afternoon takes us to impressive **Warwick Castle**– the finest medieval castle in England. Experience a thousand lifetimes as you see the richly furnished staterooms, the armory, Watergate Tower, **jousting knights**, and archery displays that recapture key moments of Britain's history.

STRATFORD ON AVON – LONDON

three nights London

Day 10 In their heyday the canals transported tons of supplies all over the country. When trains and modern transport took over, canal traffic dwindled and these days they are mostly used for leisurely journeys. Today we head for **Stoke Bruerne** where we learn all about life on the Grand Canal which once bustled with traffic. Then it's on to the lights and pageantry of London.

Day 11 A full day of highlights in London including the **Tower of London**, **Houses of Parliament**, **Big Ben**, **Westminster Abbey**, and **St Paul's Cathedral**, among others. In the afternoon see it from a different perspective, as we **cruise along the Thames**.



ENGLAND, IRELAND & SCOTLAND



Day 12 A day at leisure to explore all that interests you. Perhaps a ride on the **London Eye**, or a visit to **Madame Tussauds** or **Kensington Palace**. Garden lovers might enjoy a trip to **Kew Gardens** and history buffs are spoilt for choice with many wonderful museums close by. There's time for last-minute shopping at **Harrods** or a wander in **Hyde Park**. On any evening you may wish to attend a **show in the West End**.

LONDON – SOUTHAMPTON

12 nights cruising

Day 13 Today enroute to join our cruise ship we visit **Windsor Castle**. Windsor is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. Home to forty monarchs with 1,000 years of history! After lunch we head for Southampton where we join our luxury cruise ship, the **Regal Princess**.

Cruising on the Regal Princess

Your balcony stateroom fully equipped with all the amenities of a 5 star hotel awaits! Unpack and get ready to enjoy a leisurely way to see Ireland and Scotland without spending long days on narrow roads. Almost every day there will be a new port or city to explore and in the evening sumptuous dining and fabulous entertainment!

Day 14 At sea – a day to get acquainted with our luxurious ship and the plethora of amenities on offer.

Day 15 CORK (Cobh)

We visit **Blarney Castle** for a chance to climb the steps and kiss the stone or treat yourself to some Irish garments at **Blarney Woolen Mill**.

Day 16 DUBLIN (Dun Laoghaire)

The capital of the Republic of Ireland, **Dublin**, on the banks of the Liffey, is easy to explore on foot. Places of note are **Trinity College**, Ireland's oldest University, **Temple Bar**, **Dublin Castle**, **St Patrick's Cathedral** and if you're thirsty **The Guinness Store House**.

Day 17 LIVERPOOL

This great industrial port grew to prominence because of trade with the Americas. That tradition continued in the '60s as **the Beatles** mounted the first wave of rock 'n' roll's "British Invasion". The city possesses cultural charms beyond the Beatles.

Day 18 GLASGOW (Greenock)

Glasgow was Scotland's great industrial centre during the 19th century. Today, the city remains the commercial and cultural capital of the Lowlands. Lying on the banks of the River Clyde, Glasgow boasts some of the finest Victorian architecture in the entire United Kingdom and elegant **Princes Square** offers excellent shopping.

Day 19 AT SEA

Day 20 KIRKWALL (Orkney Isles)

Bird watchers flock to the Orkney Islands. Fascinatingly, the Orkney Islands boast the greatest concentration of prehistoric sites in all Europe, including the mysterious **Ring of Brodgar** and 5,000-year-old **Skara Brae**. Vikings - Norsemen - ruled the Orkney Islands from the 9th to 13th centuries.

Day 21 INVERGORDON (Inverness)

This northernmost city in the United Kingdom dates to the 6th century. The early 19th century castle, built on the same site of its medieval predecessor, is now a sheriff court. The **Culloden** visitor centre features a state-of-the-art exhibition bringing the battle alive when the British troops defeated **Bonnie Prince Charlie** and the Highland clans in 1746.

ENGLAND, IRELAND & SCOTLAND



Day 22 EDINBURGH

After disembarking at Queensferry we head to the city's most famous landmark - **Edinburgh Castle**, offering commanding views of the city and countryside. Meander the **Royal Mile** stopping to visit little museums, churches, cafes and stores all the way down to **Holyrood Palace** and the **Scottish Parliament Building**.

DAY 23 At sea today. Sit back and relax or avail yourself of the many ships' facilities at your disposal.

DAY 24 LE HAVRE (Normandy)

Le Havre is France's second largest port. Almost completely destroyed by bombing it is now a **UNESCO World Heritage** site and considered an outstanding example of modern architecture. Enjoy wandering on foot or by Hop on Hop off Bus. There are also excellent optional shore excursions to **Monet's Garden**, and the **Normandy beaches** (D Day landings).



DAY 25 SOUTHAMPTON

two nights Southampton

After disembarkation today we travel to the New Forest area to visit **Beaulieu**, home to the **National Motor Museum**, **Palace House** and **Gardens** and **Beaulieu Abbey**. Whatever your interest, cars, gardens or stately homes, there is something for everyone to enjoy here.



Day 26 Excursion to Bath via **Stonehenge**. The Great Roman Temple and bathing complex built 2,000 years ago is one of the country's finest monuments. Learn all about it with an audio guide when we visit the **Roman Baths** and **Pump Rooms**.

SOUTHAMPTON - HEATHROW - SINGAPORE

one night Singapore

Day 27 We visit the **Portsmouth Dockyards**, home to **Lord Nelson's 'Victory' ship** and the remains of **Henry VIII's Mary Rose**. A fascinating 'glimpse into Britain's earliest naval history. Weather and time permitting we'll make a visit to **The Weald** and **Downland Living Museum**, better known as home of **The Repair Shop**, a favourite on Friday night TV.

Days 29 We spend a night and day in Singapore before we transfer to the airport for our evening flight home.

SINGAPORE - NEW ZEALAND

Day 30 We land in New Zealand filled with fond memories of an incredible journey together and experiences that we will treasure forever.

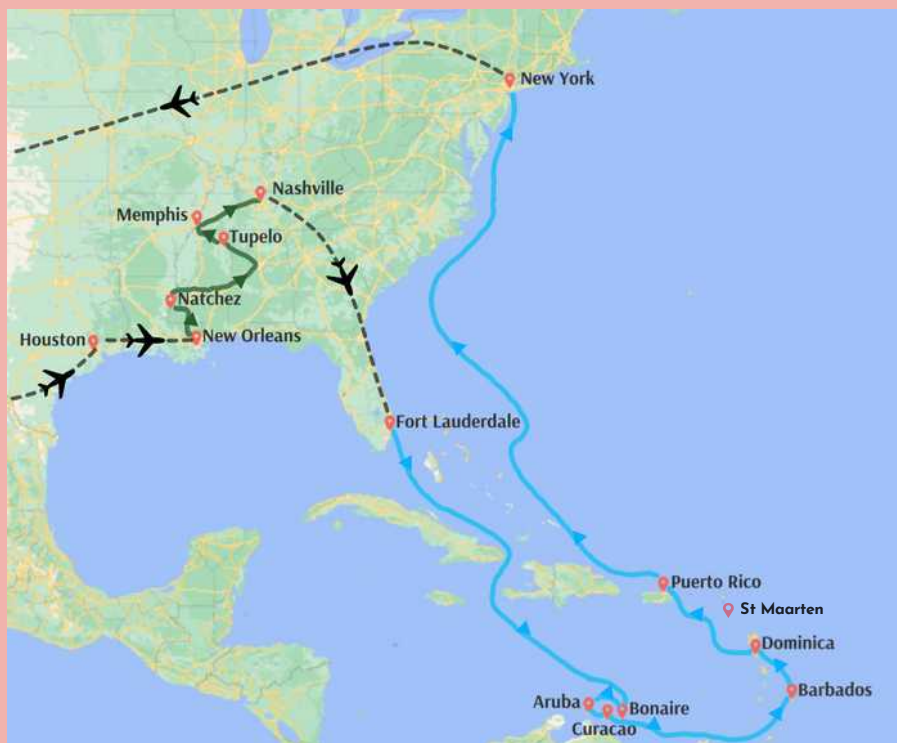


"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." – St Augustine



SOUTHERN BELLE & THE CARIBBEAN

30 JULY - 28 AUGUST • 30 DAYS



Combining some of the most fascinating southern states of the USA, Southern Belle & the Caribbean showcases the finest features of this region. For music lovers we feature multiple influences of **Rock 'n' Roll, Jazz, Blues, Soul,** and **Country** Music including halls of fame, recording studios, birthplaces of legends and the places they performed. We'll show you some of the finest **antebellum plantation estates** and experience the journey to freedom for thousands, through the story of **Martin Luther King**. We'll stand where 'north' faced off against 'south' in the American Civil War, at **Vicksburg Mississippi**, and walk some iconic streets including **Bourbon Street in New Orleans** and **Beale Street in Memphis**. We'll glide amongst the sawgrass on our **private airboat in the Everglades**, walk through **Central Park** in the 'Big Apple' and cruise in comfort through the **Caribbean**, aboard our Princess ship for fourteen glorious days. A fitting end to an exceptional journey.





SOUTHERN BELLE & THE CARIBBEAN



FROM \$ **20,550** per person share twin

INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares on Air NZ & partner airlines, ex AKL or CHC
- 4 Star hotels throughout
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- 5 star air conditioned touring coaches
- Portage at hotels
- Gratuities at included dinners
- Tips for local guides
- Balcony cabin on Princess Cruise
- All port charges and gratuities on Princess Cruise
- USA visitor visa (ESTA)
- All breakfasts and 9 dinners on land
- All meals on Princess 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 **\$418**

OPTIONALS & UPGRADES

- Upgrade to Premium Economy on Air New Zealand flights +\$3,255
- Upgrade to Business Class on Air New Zealand flights +\$10,665
- Single room supplement +\$5,890
- Tickets to Grand Ole Opry from \$233



NEW ZEALAND – HOUSTON – NEW ORLEANS

three nights New Orleans

Day 1 Today the adventure begins, starting with our flights to New Orleans. On arrival we'll be transferred directly to our hotel.

Day 2 Today we'll see some of the more notable sights of this great city including the **French Quarter**, legendary **Café du Monde** and the **18th century St Louis Cathedral**. We'll give you time to wander the expansive French market, and no visit to New Orleans would be complete without experiencing vibrant **Bourbon Street** and its attractive tributaries. This evening we're off to a *jazz club* for dinner and some southern hospitality!

Day 3 Today's a free day. Maybe you'd like to pop your head into the **Jax Brewery shopping mall**, or have another look around **French Market**. There's also the excellent **National WWII Museum** for those interested in military history.

NEW ORLEANS – NATCHEZ

one night Natchez

Day 4 We make our way north following the mighty Mississippi. Our feature stop today is the elaborate **Oak Alley Plantation**, the 'Grande Dame' of river road plantations. After lunch on-site we continue north to Natchez, and our majestic 19th century hotel for the night.

NATCHEZ – TUPELO

one night Tupelo

Day 5 Our first stop today is the historic battle site of **Vicksburg**, where we'll be joined by a park ranger for a guided tour of one of the Union's most significant victories in the **American Civil War**. We'll also have the opportunity to look over one of the best-preserved gunboats, 'Cairo' from this conflict.

TUPELO – MEMPHIS

two nights Memphis

Day 6 Tupelo is known for many things, but none more-so than its claim to fame as the original home of one of Rock 'n' Roll's greatest legends, **Elvis Presley**.

In Memphis, we continue along the music theme, including the **Rock 'n' Soul Museum**, and a recording studio credited with making some of the biggest Rock 'n' Roll artists household names, and often referred to as the 'Birthplace' of Rock 'n' Roll, **Sun Studios**. Tonight's another highlight, dinner at **B.B King's Blues Club!**

Day 7 Today we're off to see the **National Civil Rights Museum**, graphically portraying the story of the struggle from the resistance to slavery, the role played in the Civil War and defiant acts such as the 'Montgomery Bus Boycott' and 'Freedom Rides' amongst others. There's also an optional tour to **Graceland**, Elvis Presley's mansion, featuring many incredible exhibits including his private planes, car and motorbike collection, mansion, and grounds.

MEMPHIS – NASHVILLE

three nights Nashville

Day 8 We exchange the strains of R&B, Rock n Roll, Soul, and Gospel music today, for what is widely regarded as the home of **country music**, Nashville Tennessee. We'll see the highlights of this great city including the **Ryman Auditorium**, opened in 1892 and the home of the **Grand Ole Opry** from 1943-1974. We'll drive down **Music Row**, past historic RCA Studio B and see Nashville's answer to the Greek Parthenon amongst other things.

Day 9 Our first stop is the famous recording studios, **RCA Studio B**, where top selling artists recorded over 35,000 songs and produced over 1,000 hit records. We may even have the opportunity to lay down our own track. After this we make our way to the **Country Music Hall of Fame**. Tonight, we're off to a highlight dinner on the **General Jackson Showboat!**

Day 10 Free day. This evening there's an optional tour to a performance at the **Grand Ole Opry**. Even if you're not a country music fan, you're certain to enjoy the performances of some talented musicians and the electric atmosphere.

NASHVILLE – FORT LAUDERDALE

one night Fort Lauderdale

Day 11 This morning we leave Nashville on our flight to Ft Lauderdale. Arriving just after midday, the time is yours to do as you please. Go walking along the many boardwalks that feature in this area, shop at the impressive Sawgrass Mills Mall, or just relax around the hotel.

SOUTHERN BELLE & THE CARIBBEAN



ENCHANTED PRINCESS CARIBBEAN ISLANDER CRUISE

fourteen nights

Day 12 We're off to the **Everglades** where we'll enjoy a **private airboat ride**, gliding across the sawgrass and cattails, with tiered seating allowing unrestricted viewing of the native, and in some cases endangered, wildlife. Following this we make our way to the Cruise terminal in preparation to board our beautiful cruise ship this afternoon, the perfect way to explore some of the finest Caribbean ports o' call.

The **Enchanted Princess** is a Royal-class cruise ship launched in 2019. Boasting many of the features traditionally found on Princess Cruise ships and popular with our guests. You can socialize at any one of several bars and lounges scattered throughout the ship and be entertained nightly in the **Princess Theatre** with professionally produced shows. On days at sea, treat yourself to some pampering at the Lotus Spa, or relax in the **adults only 'Sanctuary'**, and on those warm Caribbean evenings grab a lounge on the top deck and be entertained by **'movies under the stars'** on the giant poolside screen. ➔



NEW YORK

two nights + LCO New York

Days 26 - 28 New York City (Manhattan or Brooklyn) New York. Over the coming days we'll spend time experiencing the very best of the 'Big Apple' as it is affectionately known, including a ferry ride out to the incredible **Statue of Liberty**. **Battery Park** via the historic, **Charging Bull of Wall Street** to the reflective **9/11 Memorial** where once stood the World Trade Centre. We'll see **Central Park**, **Broadway** and one of the greatest views in Manhattan from **the Top of the Rock**. There'll also be time to browse some of the world's finest couture on Fashion Ave. Take in an optional show on **Broadway** if you're keen, walk **The High Line** and sample true **New York Cheesecake**. There'll be free time for you to do or see things that you've always dreamt of doing, in the city that never sleeps.

NEW YORK - NEW ZEALAND

Days 28-30 This morning we have some more free time for shopping or sightseeing before we depart for JFK airport to begin our flights homeward. Flying through the night and losing a day crossing the international dateline, we arrive back in New Zealand, heads filled with memories of incredible sights and many wonderful experiences shared in great company.

"No one realises how beautiful it is to travel until he comes home and rests his head on his old, familiar pillow." LIN YUTANG

Days 13-14 After a busy but enjoyable couple of weeks on land, it's time now to relax, unwind, and let the Caribbean slowly reveal its magic to you. Sea days allow you to make the most of your balcony cabin and there are plenty of activities happening all over the ship.

Day 15 Bonaire, Caribbean Netherlands is a small Dutch country of 17,500 residents. One of the most notable attractions are the **'white mountains'** waiting to be shipped out and the salt flats where the salt evaporates from the Caribbean Sea, which also happens to be home to another icon of Bonaire, the **pink flamingo**.

Day 16 Aruba is a contrast: the island's arid interior is dotted with cactus and windswept Divi Divi trees, while secluded coves and sandy beaches make up its coast.

Day 17 Curacao. Lying some 40 miles off Venezuela, Curaçao boasts a landscape that is dramatic, stark, and volcanic. In contrast, Willemstad, the capital, seems a cozy Dutch haven with its neat row houses. And while those gabled and tiled roofs illustrate the island's heritage, the **bright, pastel houses speak pure Caribbean**.

Day 18 We're at sea today.



Day 19 Barbados locals describe their country as being **"more English than England she-self"** but look around and you know you're not in England: rich and fertile tropical fields meet a glistening, azure sea. The soft pastels of old chattel houses blend with the vibrant reds, oranges, and greens of roadside fruit stands.

Day 20 Dominica lies between Guadeloupe and Martinique and is an unspoiled island Caribbean paradise. The vibrant, rich rainforest is home to many rare birds, including Jacquot parrots. Dominica is also home to the last Carib Indians.

Day 21 St Maarten is the Dutch half of an Island divided by language alone. From the capital Phillipsburg several interesting sightseeing tours are available, or you can simply enjoy the city on foot. This is the place where aircraft seem to barely clear the beach as they come into land. Spectacular!

Day 22 San Juan, Puerto Rico. The oldest city under the American flag. There's an unmistakable zest in the air here. Perhaps it's the stunning natural setting: the verdant peaks, tropical forests, and gleaming white-sand beaches. All we know is, San Juan is one of the most enticing ports in the Caribbean, and it only gets lovelier with age.

Day 23-25 At Sea. The beauty about sea days is that it's the perfect time to do as little or as much as you please. The cruise ship boasts a raft of activities for those who want to get involved. There are numerous sporting pursuits available, a well-resourced library, craft activities, shopping, cafés, movies, quiz games and so much more. We'll also be organizing some get-togethers solely for our group.



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:

Airline Seating Requests: 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:

Passenger 2:

Aisle or Window

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

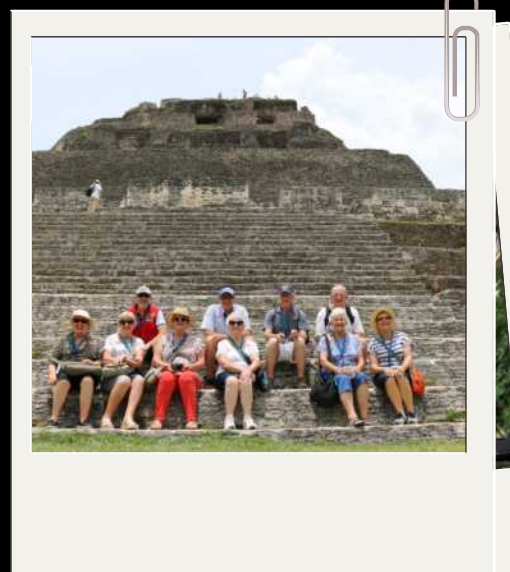
The terms, conditions, and limitation of liability under which the tour operates are detailed hereunder and the payment of monies represents acceptance by the purchaser of the following:

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!**



Travel 2U

47 Birmingham Drive, Middleton, Christchurch 8024

Phone: (03) 338-1222

Email: groups@travel2u.co.nz

Website: www.travel2u.co.nz



@Travel2UNZ



@Travel_2_U