

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

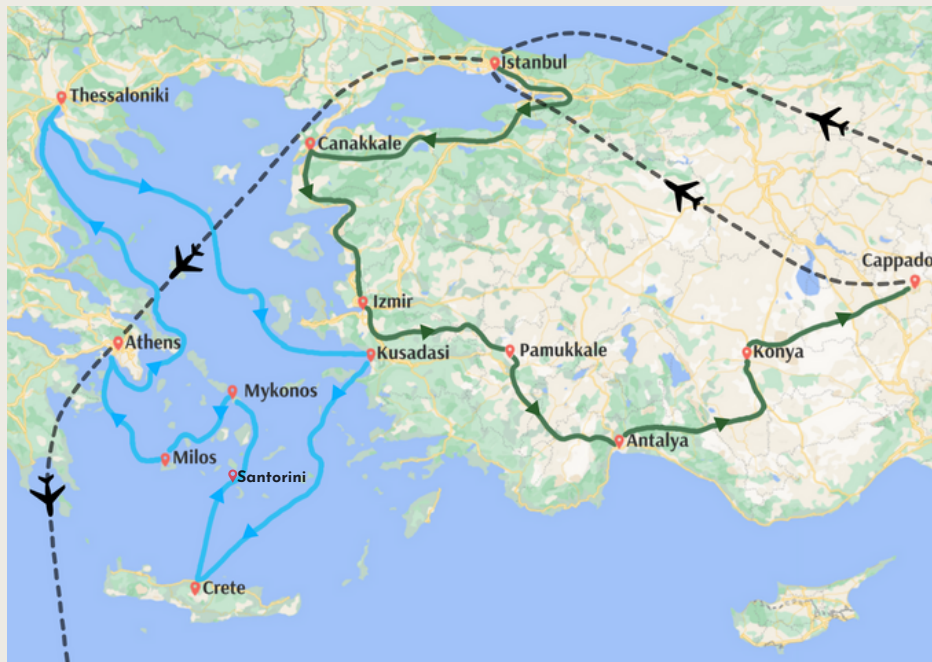


SPAIN, PORTUGAL & FRANCE

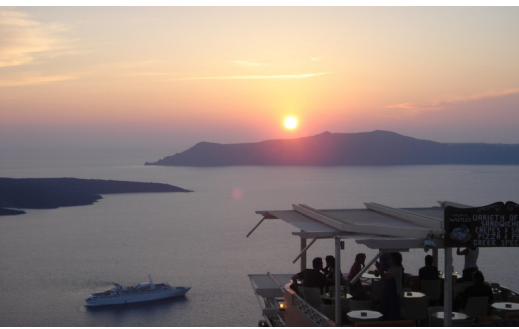
Greece, Turkey & The Med



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



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.

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