

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

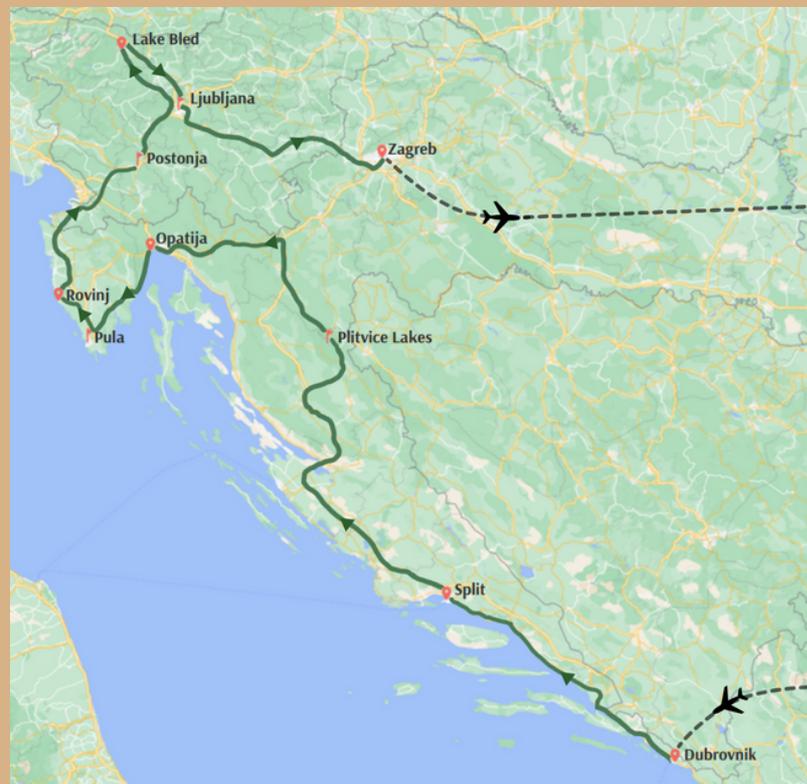


SPAIN, PORTUGAL & FRANCE



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.

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.



BOOKING FORM

Tour Name:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

PASSENGER 1:

Full Name:

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

Passport Number: Issue Date: Expiry Date:

PASSENGER 2:

Full Name:

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

Passport Number: Issue Date: Expiry Date:

CONTACT DETAILS:

Address:

Phone Number: Email:

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION:

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

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

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

Would you like to discuss a travel extension? Yes No

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: Relationship: Phone Number:

AIRLINE AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

Passenger 1:

Passenger 2:

Airline Seating Requests: Aisle or Window Aisle or Window

Medical Conditions:

Special Dietary Requirements:

Frequent Flyer Number:

Cruise Loyalty Number:

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

Travel Insurance Company: Policy Number:

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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

Card type: Card Number: Expiry:

Card holder name:

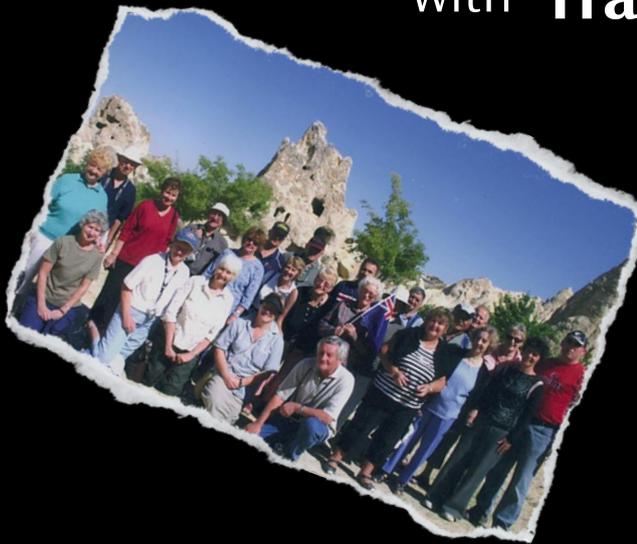
PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT

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

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

Signed: Date: Total amount: \$

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



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