

# Travel 2U



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small group experiences  
2020



## What people are saying about Travel 2U

### SOUTHERN BELLE & THE CARIBBEAN

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

Thank you Travel 2U for the wonderful holidays I have had. Every one I have been on has been just fabulous. Thank you Andrew, John and all the staff. It is just like one big happy family. I'm on my 16th so I think that says it all. – Eunice

### SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

A very diverse trip. From the glitz of Torremolinos to the amazing mosques, medinas, architecture and walled cities. New food to try every day and ports and wines to sample in the amazing wine regions of Portugal. Every day was a surprise. – E and D J

### SOUTHERN INDIA & SRI LANKA

Travelling with Travel 2U is a great experience. All worry is removed and the tour leaders always go the 'extra mile' to make sure everything goes smoothly. – MB

### SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

This has been a fabulous experience, exceeding my expectations. John and Marie were excellent with their friendly, courteous and helpful manner. Every day brought new experiences to enjoy and embrace. – Chris

Travel 2U deliver a memorable experience every time. Attention to detail in the planning and tour guides who bring the group together like family. Faultless! – M.A

### CANADA & ALASKA

Great tour. Went to roam wonderful places. I felt Sharon and Tim went out of their way to be available if needed, always smiling and supportive!! – C Birch



# Welcome

Whether you're reading our brochure for the first time, or the twenty first, a common thread links everyone who reads beyond the front page, and that's a desire to see what's over the hill. As you browse the pages that follow, you're doing more than simply gazing through another glossy travel brochure, you're opening up a world of opportunity, possibility, adventure and diversity.

Our interests are as varied as the individuals seeking to fulfil them, but typically we're looking for an amalgamation of many things when we travel. Architecture, history, geography, adventure, culture, gastronomy, the arts and even retail therapy. Whatever fuels your desire to seek out new and wonderful far off lands, after more than thirty years' experience, we've already considered them as we meticulously plan each itinerary, encapsulating as many of these passions as possible.

For 2020 we've introduced some new destinations, and we see the re-introduction of some all-time favourites that have been 'on the back burner' waiting for the right time to return, and that time is now.

As always we'll be holding our information evenings on each small group experience. If you're able to attend these we strongly encourage you to do so, as you'll find out vastly more than you will simply by reading the brochure. We realise this isn't possible for everyone, so you're always welcome to call us on our toll free number and we'll gladly expand upon any of the destinations in greater detail with you.

To our many returning guests, thank you for continually choosing Travel 2U for your small group experiences and independent travel requirements, we are very appreciative of your support. For those contemplating 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. So please, study the itineraries, critique the inclusions and assess the value, then come and join us in 2020 and discover the difference of a Travel2U personally escorted small group experience.

ANDREW J FIBBENS, *Director*

JOHN W KOTTIER, *Director*

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# Early Bird Special



**GREECE,  
TURKEY  
& THE MED**  
30 May – 24 Jun



**ENGLAND,  
IRELAND &  
SCOTLAND**  
1 Jun – 1 Jul



**SOUTHERN  
BELLE  
& THE  
CARIBBEAN**  
9 June – 1 Jul



**SCANDINAVIA,  
THE BALTICS,  
RUSSIA &  
GERMANY**  
21 Jun – 18 Jul



**CANADA &  
ALASKA**  
2 Jul – 26 Jul



**SPAIN,  
PORTUGAL &  
MOROCCO**  
21 Aug – 18 Sep



**WILD AFRICA**  
25 Aug – 14 Sep



**SOUTHERN  
INDIA &  
SRI LANKA**  
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**EUROPEAN  
CHRISTMAS  
MARKETS**  
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# Greece, Turkey & The Med



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The tour with a taste of everything that makes for a memorable holiday. History, adventure, sailing and sunshine! We'll experience **Istanbul** as vibrant and colourful as its history, then pay tribute to our soldiers at **Gallipoli** and **ANZAC Cove** before crossing the Dardanelles to **Troy** and **Canakkale**. We visit, **Pergamon**, **Aphrodisias**, **Pamukkale**, **Antalya** and the amazing ancient **Ephesus**. For those who wish, we'll take you high over the tuff landscape at **Cappadocia** in a hot air balloon, then to an underground city in **Goreme**. We fly to **Athens** to join our ship for a cruise around some fabulous Mediterranean islands including **Mykonos**, **Santorini**, **Kusadasi**, **Rhodes** and **Crete**. Back in **Athens** we visit the **Acropolis** and other local iconic sights, a full day trip to **Delphi** and time to meander the streets or shop at leisure.



*"Wandering re-establishes the original harmony which once existed between man and the universe"* Anatole France



## GREECE, TURKEY & THE MED



FROM **\$14,498** per person share twin

### INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares from CHC and AKL on Singapore Airlines and partner airlines
- Quality 4-5 star hotels throughout
- All breakfasts, 2 lunches and 10 dinners
- 7 day 'Med' cruise in a Premium Category outside stateroom
- All meals on the cruise
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Local English speaking guides
- Private air conditioned touring coach
- Cruise port taxes and crew gratuities
- All tips, gratuities and portorage
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel 2U tour director

### EXCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as spending money, laundry, phone calls etc.
- Meals other than those mentioned
- Fuel surcharges, airport levies and airline surcharges (approx. \$367)

### OPTIONAL – PER PERSON (POA)

- Upgrade to Business or Premium Economy Class on Singapore Airlines flights
- Single supplement
- Hot air balloon Cappadocia
- Upgrade stateroom on cruise



### NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE

*one night Singapore*

**Days 1-2** Departing New Zealand today on Singapore Airlines, our magnificent destination is *Istanbul*, the only city in the world to span two continents, Asia and Europe. En-route we'll have a brief stay in the Changi Airport Transit Hotel.

### SINGAPORE – ISTANBUL

*three nights Istanbul*

**Days 3-4** After a morning arrival in Istanbul, we'll enjoy a brief orientation tour of the European side of the city, *Omer*, our *Turkish guide* will point out some of the more significant places of interest, many of which we'll be returning to over the next few days to experience in depth. 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 the *old city* close to many famous sites which are within minutes walking distance.

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*, *Grand Bazaar* and more. We'll also have the pleasure of an afternoon cruise on the *Bosphorus*.

### ISTANBUL – CANAKKALE

*one night Canakkale*

**Day 5** We start the day a little earlier as we have some ground to cover making our way south west 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 6** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 on 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 – EPHEBUS – PAMUKKALE (Cotton Castle)

*two nights Pamukkale*

**Day 7** 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 on to the archaeological sight of Ephesus itself, entering the city via the 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 on to Pamukkale, to enjoy the wonderful facilities on offer at our thermal spa resort before dinner.

**Day 8** 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 9** 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 10** 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 11** 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 13<sup>th</sup> century by Jalauddin Rumi, a mystic, poet and Sufi Muslim.

#### KONYA – CAPPADOCIA

*two nights Cappadocia*

**Day 12** Today we travel across the *Anatolian Plain* following the route of the old *Silk Road*, destination *Cappadocia*. We see a number of *Caravanserai* along the route, an ancient hotel and safe 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 13** 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/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 10<sup>th</sup> century AD.

#### CAPPADOCIA – ISTANBUL – ATHENS

*one night Athens*

**Day 14** 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.

#### CELESTYAL CRYSTAL CRUISE, IDYLIC AEGEAN

*seven nights Celestyal*

**Days 15-22** The *Celestyal Crystal* has a yacht inspired design with classic teak decks which evoke an intimate atmosphere. Step aboard and enter a world where modern technology meets grand era of ocean travel. With a maximum of 1,200 guests on board and a crew of 406 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. ----->

#### ATHENS

*three nights Athens*

**Day 22** *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 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.

#### EXCURSION TO DELPHI

**Day 23** Leaving Athens for the day we explore the Greek countryside on a day trip to *Delphi*, sanctuary to the god *Apollo*. En-route we pass the distant fields of *Marathon* and *Mt Pentelikon* where marble was mined for the construction of the Pantheon. Nestled in the bosom of *Mt Parnassus*, Delphi is rich in mythology and Greek legend, and it is to the Temple of Apollo ancient Greeks came to seek the wisdom of the *Oracle*. Conjecture still remains as to when Delphi was constructed, however academics widely accept the city existed 3,500 years ago.

#### ATHENS

**Day 24** 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 – SINGAPORE

*transit Singapore*

**Days 25-26** We bid farewell to our Greek hosts and transfer to Athens International Airport for our flight to Singapore. Arriving Singapore early morning we have a full day in transit en-route to New Zealand.

#### SINGAPORE – NEW ZEALAND

**Day 27** We arrive in Christchurch this morning, full of memories of time spent with new found friends, experiences beyond expectation and a greater appreciation for this wonderful part of the world.



**Day 15** *Athens* Today is at leisure until mid-afternoon when we transfer to Piraeus to join our cruise ship MS Celestyal Crystal. **6pm** we depart Piraeus bound for Kusadasi.

**Day 16** *Kusadasi* This former seaside village is now a popular Aegean resort town. 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 peninsular to see the castle on Güvercinada (Pigeon Island).

**Day 17** *Rhodes* Famed as the island of sun, sea and sand, it is the third largest Greek island and (unofficially) the sunniest place in Europe. Built by the *Knights of St John*, it was an important stopover point en-route to Palestine and the Crusades. The mighty statue of *Colossus* once stood guarding the harbour, one of the *Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*. Rhodes combines the cosmopolitan character of a contemporary city with the picturesque character of a medieval town. It's a wonderful accessible place to explore by foot, with a plethora of things to see and do to fill your day, and that's what we recommend.

**Day 18** *Heraklion, Crete* Also known as Iraklio, Heraklion is the capital of Crete. Here pedestrian streets connect historic squares and arcaded walkways with the wonderful medieval centre. Stroll the promenade where you see traditional fishing boats moored. Pop-in to one of the many small seafront tavernas and try a freshly caught grilled fish washed down with a refreshingly cool drink! Heraklion is renowned for the incredible *Palace of Knossos*, built by the *Minoan civilisation* around 3200 BC. An excursion to Knossos is included in today's program.

**Day 19** *Santorini* 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.

**Day 20** *Santorini – Milos – Mykonos* 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 RnR on Milos, and for the non-beach goers the seaside town of Adamas has plenty to keep one occupied.

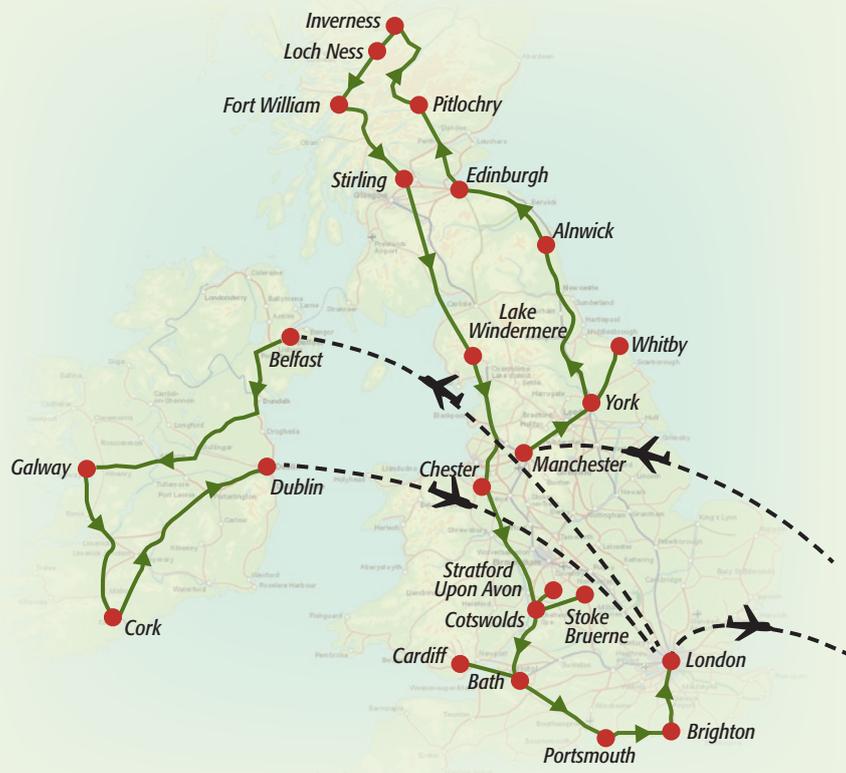
**Day 21** *Mykonos* A vibrant blend of art and culture and carefree Mediterranean lifestyle is an apt description of Mykonos. The town is easy to navigate, its cobbled whitewashed streets brimming with *fabulous boutiques* and *galleries*. The area of town referred to as *Little Venice* has the iconic *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 22** *Athens* Arriving back in Athens we're met by our local guide.



# England, Ireland & Scotland

1 JUNE - 1 JULY • 31 DAYS



Colourful history, impressive architecture and a variety of scenery awaits you as we explore Great Britain and Ireland at a leisurely pace. With a number of two and three night stops you will truly experience the **historical cities, quaint villages and bustling market towns**. We've included some unique journeys such as a **canal trip on the Grand Union Canal** and a **train across the Yorkshire Moors** along with visits to **Lord Nelson's Ship at Portsmouth**, the **Royal Yacht Britannia**, the **Titanic Exhibition** and the **Giants Causeway**. There simply isn't a more comprehensive UK and Ireland experience to be found.



*"We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open"* Jawaharial Nehru

# ENGLAND, IRELAND & SCOTLAND



FROM **\$15,995** per person  
share twin

## INCLUDED

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- Local city guides
- Private air conditioned touring coach
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- Services of a Travel 2U tour director

## EXCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as spending money, laundry, phone calls etc
- Meals other than those mentioned
- Fuel surcharges, airport levies and airline surcharges (approx. \$415)

## OPTIONAL – PER PERSON (POA)

- Upgrade to Business or Premium Economy Class on Singapore Airlines flights
- Single supplement



## NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE

*transit Singapore*

**Day 1** We depart New Zealand, 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 we'll be transferred by coach to picturesque *York*. York is totally unique offering 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 2,000 years. We'll take a wander and familiarise 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 is 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 coach takes us to the town of Pickering where we board a train to cross the *Yorkshire Moors*. 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.

## YORK – EDINBURGH

*three nights Edinburgh*

**Day 5** We drive through *Northumberland* stopping at Alnwick to view the spectacular gardens and castle which was a key filming site for *Harry Potter* and *Downton Abbey*. Scotland here we come!

**Days 6-7** During our time in Edinburgh we will visit famous *Edinburgh Castle*, which houses the Scottish crown jewels. We walk the *Royal Mile* past bagpipe makers, whiskey and kilt sellers to the *Palace of Holyrood House*, the Queen's official Scottish residence. There is time to take tea and scones and a tour of her majesty's former *Royal Yacht Britannia* which gives an insight into the Royal family's life at sea. Enjoy some leisure time to explore, shop or perhaps research your family tartan at the *Tartan Centre*. A Scottish dinner and entertainment is included.

## EDINBURGH – PITLOCHRY – INVERNESS

*one night Inverness*

**Day 8** Leaving Edinburgh we cross the Forth Road Bridge and head into the Highlands stopping at the quaint town of *Pitlochry* en route to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. We end the day with a visit to *Culloden* – where Bonnie Prince Charlie's army was defeated by the English.

## INVERNESS – LOCH NESS – THE TROSSACHS

*one night The Trossachs*

**Day 9** Our journey, steeped in history, takes us along the *banks of Loch Ness*, keep your eyes peeled for the monster! On to Fort William in the shadow of *Ben Nevis*, Britain's highest mountain and haunting Glen Coe, where in 1692 the Campbell Soldiers slaughtered the McDonalds. We spend the night in the *Trossachs* – a beautiful place once inhabited by rogues – the most well-known being Rob Roy McGregor! Exquisite scenery awaits you – lush lowlands, misty peaks and the bonnie banks of *Loch Lomond*.

## THE TROSSACHS – LAKE DISTRICT

*two nights Lake District*

**Day 10** Leaving the wild landscapes of Scotland 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. En-route we'll stop at *Gretna Green*, renowned for runaway weddings and still a popular place for weddings today.

**Day 11** A leisurely day is in store to cruise on *Lake Windermere*. Options include cruising around the islands, visiting Ambleside or cruising to Lakeside to visit the Motor Museum and ride a Steam Train.

## LAKE DISTRICT – CHESTER – STRATFORD UPON AVON

*three nights Stratford upon Avon*

**Day 12** We journey south to *Chester* with its unique black and white shopping arcades and Roman history. Onwards to the home of *Shakespeare*. A beautiful part of England and we have three nights to experience it! Along with some fascinating day trips we'll have time to meander through picturesque villages with thatched roof cottages oozing with charm.

**Day 13** 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 Armoury, Watergate Tower, jousting knights and archery displays that recapture key moments of Britain's History. We return to *Stratford upon Avon* to see the birthplace of Shakespeare and enjoy time strolling around this historic riverside town.

**Day 14** 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 canal and take a ride on a canal boat on the *Grand Union Canal* which once bustled with traffic.

# ENGLAND, IRELAND & SCOTLAND

## STRATFORD UPON AVON – BATH

*two nights Bath*

**Day 15** Today we visit the pretty village of *Bourton on Water* then head for the ancient spa city of *Bath* where novelist Jane Austen once lived. The *Great Roman Temple* and bathing complex built 2,000 years ago is one of the country's finest monuments. Learn all about this with an audio guide when we visit the *Roman Baths and Pump Rooms*.

**Day 16** An excursion to *Wales* today. At St Fagan's just outside Cardiff, we experience Welsh life through the ages as we explore an open-air museum where over forty houses and original buildings from different historical periods have been erected in the 100-acre parkland.

## BATH – PORTSMOUTH – BRIGHTON

*one night Brighton*

**Day 17** En- route to the coast we visit *Stonehenge*, then at the historic dock we visit Lord Nelson's flagship the *'Victory'*, and see a museum housing artefacts from Henry III's prized battleship the *Mary Rose*. We hear the fascinating tales of life on board the old sailing ships before we make our way along the coast to Brighton.

## BRIGHTON – LONDON

*four nights London*

**Day 18** A morning at the seaside. *Brighton* became very fashionable in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when the Prince Regent built an exotic *Pavilion Palace* to entertain his entourage. Enjoy fish and chips on the famous pier before we head for London.

**Day 19** A full day of highlights in London – the *Tower of London*, *Houses of Parliament*, *Big Ben*, *Westminster Abbey* and *St Paul's*, and in the afternoon see it from a different perspective as we cruise along the *Thames*.

**Days 20-21** Two leisure days to explore all that interests you. Perhaps, *Shakespeares Globe Theatre*, a ride on the *London Eye*, a visit to *Madame Tussauds* or *Kensington Palace*. Garden lovers could enjoy a trip to *Kew Gardens* and history buffs can enjoy the many wonderful museums close by. There is time for last minute shopping at *Harrods* or a wander in *Hyde Park*. On any evening you may wish to attend a *show at the West End*.

..... Opportunity to join our *Scandinavia Cruise group*

## LONDON – BELFAST

*two nights Belfast*

**Days 22-23** This morning we fly to Northern Ireland. On arrival we have an orientation tour of the city and visit the *Titanic Exhibition* to learn about the ill-fated ship through state-of-the-art displays and see the docks where this famous liner was built just over a century ago. The following morning we take an excursion along the picturesque Antrim coastline to the amazing *Giants Causeway* – enormous columns formed by volcanic activity over 60 million years ago. Try a little Irish Whisky at the local village before our return to Belfast for the evening.

## BELFAST – GALWAY

*one night Galway*

**Day 24** We travel to Southern Ireland today and explore the lively colourful streets of *Galway*.

## GALWAY – CORK

*one night Cork*

**Day 25** The towering *Cliffs of Moher* plunging into the Atlantic Ocean will be a highlight today. We spend the night in Cork, Ireland's second largest city located on the banks of the River Lee.

## CORK – DUBLIN

*two nights Dublin*

**Days 26-27** We visit *Blarney Castle* for a chance to climb the steps and kiss the stone or treat yourself to some Irish garments at *Blarney Woollen Mill*. Travelling north we see the *Rock of Cashel* on our way to Dublin. A relaxing end to our journey as we wander statue lined O'Connell Street, and see the elegant Georgian houses and Trinity College. You'll be sure to get the perfect pint if you pop into the *Guinness Storehouse*.

## DUBLIN – LONDON – SINGAPORE

*one night Singapore*

**Days 28-29** Your last chance to buy some Irish souvenirs before we say farewell to Ireland. This afternoon we transfer to Dublin Airport to connect with our flight via Heathrow to Singapore.

## SINGAPORE – NEW ZEALAND

**Days 30-31** We spend a night and day in Singapore before we transfer to the airport for our evening flight home. We land in New Zealand filled with fond memories of an incredible journey together and experiences that we will treasure forever.





# SOUTHERN BELLE & THE CARIBBEAN

9 JUNE - 1 JULY • 23 DAYS



Combining some of the most fascinating Southern States of the USA, Southern Belle and the Caribbean showcases the finest features of this region. For music lovers, few stones are left unturned with musical genres covered including **Rock 'n' Roll, Jazz, Blues, Soul, Pop** and **Country**. Browse extensive collections of memorabilia at several halls of fame, and see where the magic happened at **Sun Records** and **RCA Recording Studios**. Visit the birthplace of legends and some of the places they performed including the famous **Grand Ole' Opry**. Experience life as it was in the hay days of the **sugar plantations** with a guided tour through one of the finest **antebellum plantation estates**. Walk in the footsteps of history makers on the legendary civil rights march from **Selma to Montgomery** led by **Martin Luther King**, and see the worst of mankind revealed at the **American Civil War site** at **Vicksburg, Mississippi**. Walk along iconic streets such as **Bourbon Street in New Orleans** and **Beale Street in Memphis**, glide across the sawgrass on our **private airboat in the Everglades**, and cap it off with a seven night cruise to some of the most idyllic Islands in the **Caribbean** on our ship in the comfort of your **Balcony Stateroom**. A fitting end to an exceptional journey.



*"All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveller is unaware"* Martin Buber

## SOUTHERN BELLE & THE CARIBBEAN



FROM **\$17,215** per person share twin

### INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares from CHC and AKL on Air New Zealand flights and partner airlines
- Quality 4-5 star hotels throughout
- All breakfasts and 8 dinners on land
- 7 night Caribbean cruise in a Balcony Stateroom
- All meals on the cruise
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Local city guides
- Private air conditioned touring coach
- All tips, gratuities and portage
- Cruise port taxes and crew gratuities
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel 2U tour director
- USA visa waiver

### EXCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as spending money, laundry, phone calls etc.
- Meals other than those mentioned
- Fuel surcharges, airport levies and airline surcharges (approx. \$405)

### OPTIONAL – PER PERSON (POA)

- Upgrade to Business or Premium Economy Class on Air New Zealand international flights
- Single supplement
- Downgrade to an Oceanview Stateroom on the Princess cruise



### NEW ZEALAND – HOUSTON – NEW ORLEANS

three nights New Orleans

**Day 1** Today the adventure begins, starting with our Air New Zealand flight to Houston, and connecting flight to New Orleans. On arrival we'll be transferred to our hotel where we'll enjoy a leisurely welcome dinner this evening. Afterwards, for the night owls, we'll take a stroll along the famous *Bourbon Street*.

**Day 2** Our local guide will meet us at the hotel this morning to show us around some of the more notable sights of this great city including the *French Quarter*, legendary *Café du Monde* and the 18<sup>th</sup> century *St Louis Cathedral*. We'll give you time to wander the expansive French Market, and stroll through *Louis Armstrong Park*. Our guide will also show us something of the more macabre as we visit a cemetery with a difference. This evening we're off to a local restaurant for dinner, Jazz, and some southern hospitality!

**Day 3** Today's yours to do as you please. Perhaps re-visit Bourbon Street, or explore the *extensive WWII Museum*, touted as the best in the USA and easily reached by tramcar, which we suggest is the best way to get you around the city. From Canal Street you can reach the river and do a *paddle-wheeler cruise*, or shopping at the outlet shops. A change of tram will take you to the French Market, or you can take a stroll around *Jackson Square* and pop your head into the *Jax Brewery Shopping Mall*.

### NEW ORLEANS – BATON ROUGE – NATCHEZ

one night Natchez

**Day 4** Our touring coach meets us this morning and we make our way north following the mighty *Mississippi*. Our first stop is the beautiful *Oak Alley Plantation*, the 'Grande Dame' of river road plantations. There'll be an opportunity to look around the out-buildings where 'the help' lived, followed by an informative guided tour of the 'Big House'. We'll have lunch here before continuing on to *Baton Rouge*, then to our destination on the banks of the Mississippi River, *Natchez*. Tonight *we rest our heads in our very own antebellum homestead*, dating back to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### NATCHEZ – VICKSBURG – TUPELO

one night Tupelo

**Day 5** Leaving Natchez this morning we'll be travelling via the *Natchez Trace Parkway* as much as possible, stopping at *Vicksburg* for a guided tour with a park ranger of the site of one of the Union's most significant victories in the *American Civil War*. We'll also see the well preserved remains of one of the famous *Union gunships, Cairo*, permanently on display.

### TUPELO – MEMPHIS

two nights Memphis

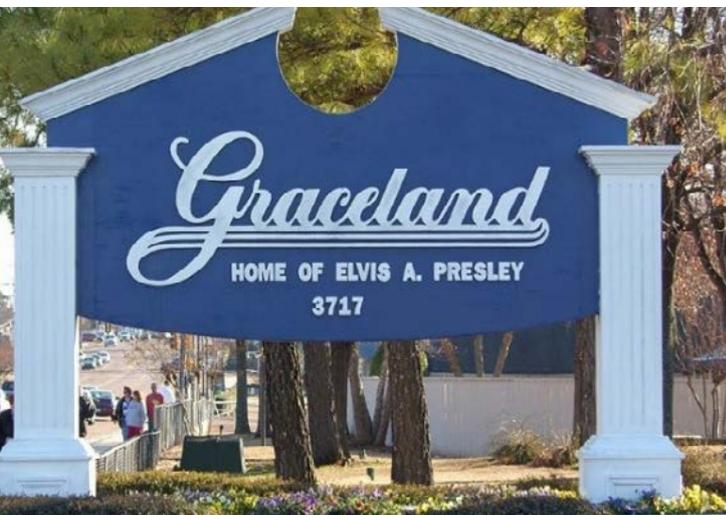
**Day 6** Before leaving Tupelo today we make a brief stop at the original home of one of Rock 'n' Roll's biggest stars, *Elvis Presley*. The humble family home built by Vernon Presley, Elvis's father, stands as it did when first constructed back in 1934.

On arrival in *Memphis* we visit 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 Studio*. Our guided tour takes us behind the scenes of the studio and our knowledgeable guide might just reveal a few unknown secrets of the stars.

Our next stop is the incredible, and moving, *National Civil Rights Museum*, located in the Lorraine Motel, the very motel Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated in. The display houses over 260 artifacts telling the story of the African American struggle from the resistance to slavery, to the role played in the American Civil War and defiant acts such as the 'Montgomery Bus Boycott' and 'Freedom Rides' amongst others.

**Day 7** This morning after a leisurely breakfast there's an *optional tour to Graceland*, Elvis Presley's mansion featuring many incredible exhibits including his private planes, car and motorbike collection and including entry to the mansion itself and grounds. For those choosing not to do this, the time is yours to explore more of Memphis from our perfectly positioned hotel. After lunch we'll enjoy a fascinating self-guided audio tour through the golden age of music at the *Rock 'n' Soul Museum*.

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### MEMPHIS – NASHVILLE

*three nights Nashville*

**Day 8** We exchange the home of Rock 'n' Roll today, for what is widely regarded as the '*Home of Country Music*', Nashville, Tennessee. In the afternoon we'll meet our local guide who'll show us some of the highlights of this great city including the *Ryman Auditorium*, which opened in 1892 and home of the *Grand Ole Opry* from 1943-1974, also Nashville's answer to the *Greek Parthenon* amongst other things.

**Day 9** After a great breakfast this morning we make our way to the *Country Music Hall of Fame* where accompanied by an audio guide, you're free to wander at your leisure until we gather again late morning and visit the famous recording studios of *RCA Studio B*, where top selling artists recorded over 35,000 songs and produced over 1,000 hit records.

**Day 10** It's a free day today for you to spend how you please. That might entail more time on *Music Row*, perhaps some retail therapy, lunch at one of the dozens of top muso' clubs, or maybe some general sightseeing on foot. Mid afternoon we're off to the very popular and extensive *Opry Mills Mall*, where we'll also have dinner before being guests at one of the most iconic live music shows in the US, *the Grand Ole Opry!*

### NASHVILLE – BIRMINGHAM

*one night Birmingham*

**Day 11** It's time to hit the road again, and what better way to enjoy the natural beauty of Tennessee and Alabama than by driving the scenic *Natchez Trace Parkway* for the first part of our journey, stopping at *Muscle Shoals* (home of the famous Muscle Shoals Sound Studio) for lunch, before continuing to Birmingham.

### BIRMINGHAM – SELMA – MONTGOMERY – ATLANTA

*two nights Atlanta*

**Day 12** Our guide joins us this morning to enlighten us on some of the history, intrinsically woven into every mile of our journey today. The first stop is *Selma*, recently the subject of a blockbuster movie documenting the civil rights movement and struggle against segregation, culminating in the famous march from Selma to Montgomery headed by civil rights campaigner Martin Luther King Jr. What ensued was a brutal assault against the marchers by state troopers and local police on the *Edmund Pettus Bridge*. We'll walk over the same bridge and try to imagine the events of 7 March 1965, a date that thereafter would be known as Bloody Sunday.

**Day 13** After a big day yesterday we thought it would be good to let you do as you please today. Within a very short walk of our hotel you'll find yourself in *Centennial Olympic Park*. From there it's another easy walk to the intriguing and worthwhile *World of Coca Cola*, and virtually next door the incredible *Georgia Aquarium*. Also in the vicinity you can take a look *behind the scenes at CNN*, then wander back to the park and take a ride on the giant ferris wheel known as *Skyview Atlanta*. If art's more your thing, Atlanta boasts one of the state's best at the *High Museum of Art*.

### ATLANTA – MIAMI

**Day 14** We bid farewell to Georgia this morning as we make our way to the airport for our flight to Miami. On arrival we'll be taken by coach to the cruise ship terminal to join our floating resort, the MSC Armonia.

### MSC ARMONIA

**Days 14-21** ----->

### MIAMI – HOUSTON – NEW ZEALAND

**Days 21-23** 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 the company of likeminded travellers and new found friends.

**Extension Travel:** For anyone wishing to visit other places within North America, Canada or perhaps further afield, this is all very possible and not overly expensive to add on from this point. Please speak to us when you make your bookings so we can look into the best way to make this possible for you.

# SOUTHERN BELLE & THE CARIBBEAN

## CRUISING

### MSC ARMONIA

seven nights MSC

**Days 14-21** We board our luxurious ship this afternoon and around 7pm we'll be casting off to begin our exploration of some of the most fascinating Caribbean ports of call over the following eight days. *MSC Armonia* is a Premium class ship, accommodating up to 2,600 passengers over 13 decks, with every whim attended to by her 765 dedicated crew. MSC Armonia has a classic ambience, luxurious features and beautifully appointed Balcony Staterooms, which you'll enjoy for the duration of our cruise. On board, the list of amenities is extensive and impressive. There's an elegant bathing complex with outdoor pools, jacuzzis and for those wanting to maintain a level of fitness after a few guilty pleasures from dinner the night before, a state-of-the-art gym. There's also shuffleboard, mini golf and for a little pampering treat yourself at the exotic Aurea Spa. After a sumptuous dinner with wonderful company in any one of the four gourmet restaurants, what better way to round off the evening than with a dazzling performance by talented dancers, singers, musicians and guest artists in the exquisite La Fenice theatre. Speaking of fine cuisine, there's an excellent selection of designer themed bars and lounges providing the perfect atmosphere for every mood. Grab a beer at the 'pucka' English-style pub or sip specialty coffee at the authentic Italian café serving freshly baked pastries and real Italian espresso drinks at all hours.

**Day 15** Today you can put your feet up and relax or explore the many fine guest amenities on offer around the ship, as today is a full day at sea.

### ISLE DE ROATAN, HONDURAS

**Day 16** Only approximately 50km long and on average only 2-4km wide. Surrounded by beautiful beaches it's a snorkeler's paradise. Still largely in its natural condition with a mountainous pine forested interior, but with clear evidence of intensifying development. One of the features of Roatan is the *Iguana sanctuary*, where in addition to dozens of Iguana you are also likely to see *Macaws and Monkeys*.

### COSTA MAYA, MEXICO

**Day 17** The two towns in the area, Mahahual and the smaller Xcalak, were hit hard by Hurricane Dean in 2007. Mahahual was rebuilt, but Xcalak is still quite battered. *Costa Maya* is known as the landing point for access to some of the most incredible reminders of *Mayan* occupation. In particular we recommend a visit to *Kohunlich*. The ruins, seldom visited by anyone other than enormous butterflies and wild parrots, are beautifully situated, peering out above the treetops. The buildings date from the late pre-Classic to the Classic periods (100-900 AD). Foliage has reclaimed most of them, except for the *Templo de los Mascarones*, which is named after the five 2m-high stucco masks that decorate its facade. These wide-eyed, open-mouthed images of the sun god, *Kinich Ahau*, once stared out from a background of smooth, bright-red-painted stucco. *Kinichná's hulking pyramid*, built in metre-high stones, layer upon layer by successive leaders, barely clears the trees, but the view out over the surrounding terrain is breathtaking.

### ISLAND OF COZUMEL, MEXICO

**Day 18** A little further north along the Yucatan Peninsular we arrive at *Cozumel*. Such is the clarity of the water and abundance of marine life that Cozumel is a mecca for divers and snorkelers. Further evidence of Mayan occupation is also to be found here. Not surprisingly *white sandy beaches abound* and sun lovers won't want to leave! There's also more than one producer of chocolate on the Island.

### CARIBBEAN

**Days 19-20** Over the following two days we will be cruising the beautiful azure blue waters of the Caribbean. Due to reasons beyond our control at the time of going to print, details of port visits during this time have yet to be confirmed.

**Day 21** Cruising through the night, we arrive back at the *Port of Miami* early this morning where our coach and guide will be waiting to take us to downtown Miami, for a short tour of some of the city's highlights, many mirroring life in Cuba. There'll also be an opportunity to grab a bite to eat and have a wander at your leisure before re-joining our coach for our short trip to Miami airport to begin our flights homewards.





# SCANDINAVIA, THE BALTICS, RUSSIA & GERMANY

21 JUNE - 18 JULY • 27 DAYS



Combining some of the most interesting Scandinavian cities, European Capitals, Baltic jewels and places of historical significance, this journey truly is the sum of its very best parts. From the opulent **Palace of Peterhof in St Petersburg** to the sobering sight of the **Berlin Wall** and alluring statue of the **Little Mermaid in Copenhagen**, we've created an itinerary rich in diversity, spending time in the places that matter most. Enjoy the ever changing seascape as we cruise aboard the **Island Princess** in beautifully appointed **Balcony Staterooms**, with every amenity conveniently at your disposal and many 'optional' city tours included. Relax, with longer stays in **London, Hamburg** and **Berlin**, offering the perfect balance of included sightseeing and free time to indulge personal passions. If comfort and convenience are important to you, there's no better way than this coach and cruise combination to discover the places you once only dreamt of seeing.



*"Travel makes one modest. You see what a tiny place you occupy in the world"* Gustav Flaubert

# SCANDINAVIA, THE BALTICS, RUSSIA & GERMANY



FROM **\$18,899** per person  
share twin

## INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares from CHC and AKL on Singapore Airlines and partner airlines
- Quality 4-5 star hotels throughout
- All breakfasts and 7 dinners
- 14 day Scandinavia and Baltics Cruise on the Island Princess in a Balcony Stateroom
- All meals on the cruise
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Local English speaking guides
- All internal flights
- All tips, gratuities and portage
- Cruise port taxes and crew gratuities
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel 2U tour director

## EXCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as spending money, laundry, phone calls etc.
- Meals other than those mentioned
- Fuel surcharges, airport levies and airline surcharges (approx. \$290)

## OPTIONAL – PER PERSON (POA)

- Upgrade to Business or Premium Economy Class on Singapore Airlines flights
- Single supplement
- Upgrade stateroom on cruise



## NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE

*transit Singapore*

**Day 1** We depart New Zealand this morning, bound for the UK with an overnight stay at Singapore's Changi airport to assist us in arriving in the best condition possible.

## SINGAPORE – LONDON

*three nights London*

**Days 2-4** During our stay in London we'll experience the highlights of this great city on our city sights tour featuring many of the iconic landmarks and historical buildings. We'll also take you away from the city for a day, when we visit the very beautiful medieval market town of **Stratford upon Avon**, Shakespeare's birthplace.

## LONDON – SOUTHAMPTON

**Day 5** Today we head to the southern coast of Britain and the city of Southampton to join our Princess Cruise ship, which will be our home for the next fourteen nights.

## PRINCESS SCANDINAVIAN AND RUSSIAN COLLECTION CRUISE

*fourteen nights Princess*

**Days 5-19** The beautiful *Island Princess* offers a plethora of excellent services and facilities catering to every whim. Whether at sea or at one of the many fascinating ports of call featured in the itinerary, there's plenty to keep you occupied from first light until your head hits the pillow on your welcoming bed in your luxuriously appointed Balcony Stateroom. Carrying a maximum 2,200 passengers and last refurbished in December 2017, the Island Princess provides the perfect platform to explore the Scandinavian and Baltic region by arguably the best, most comfortable and convenient means of travel available.

**Days 5-6** Cruising from Southampton late afternoon we settle in to our Balcony Staterooms and begin familiarising ourselves with the ship's layout, exploring the many lounges, restaurants and guest services on offer. Our first full day is at sea as we cross the North Sea and make our way to Skagen.

## SKAGEN, DENMARK

**Day 7** This peaceful little town with a population of around 8,200 residents enjoys a very unique position at the very northern tip of Denmark, punctuated by a sandy beach popular with tourists and locals alike. Once an artist's colony, the town today is still home to many. History buffs and art lovers will enjoy a visit to the museum.

**Day 8** We're at sea today. Time to explore the ship a little more, join in a game with other guests, attend a seminar, watch a movie, partake in some retail therapy, burn off breakfast at the gym or maybe relax with a specialty coffee and a local paper in the café. Regardless, there's plenty to keep you occupied.

## KLAIPEDA, LITHUANIA

**Day 9** Arriving in port today our private coach and local guide will meet us to show us some of the highlights of this city, including the fascinating former Soviet Union Nuclear Weapons site at **Zemaitija National Park**. Klaipeda also boasts many interesting sculptures ... see if you can find the Golden Mouse!

## VISBY, SWEDEN

**Day 10** One of only two ports where we utilise tenders to reach the shore. Once on dry land you'll walk in the footsteps of Vikings, in a settlement surrounded by walls dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Adorned with tall towers, turrets and spires, explore the town of 'Roses and Ruins' at your leisure along winding cobblestone streets.

## STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

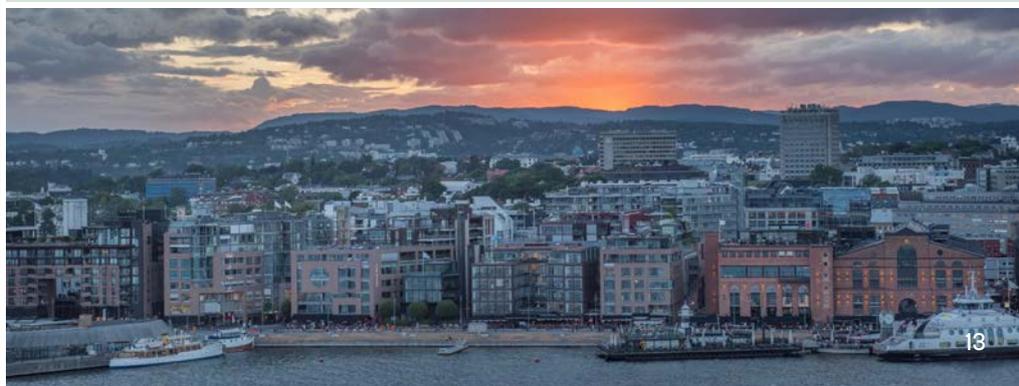
**Day 11** A perennial favourite with our guests. The splendor begins well before we berth, as our ship winds its way amongst just a few of the 30,000 or so island archipelago dotted around this region. There's much to see, most easily reached by foot, including **Gamla Stan** (the colourful old town). Be sure to see the changing of the Royal Palace guards at midday, and a visit to the **Vasa Museum** if time permits, won't disappoint.

## HELSINKI, FINLAND

**Day 12** The first sights of this Finnish delight will be seen from your **stateroom** balcony for the early risers. Onshore, a must see is the incredible **Tempeliaukio (Rock Church)** built into solid rock and lit by sun streaming through the glazed dome roof. **Market Square** will draw in shoppers seeking authentic local goods and photo-op's for photographers, or take an optional excursion to the 14<sup>th</sup> century town of **Porvoo**.

## ST PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

**Days 13-14** We've contracted our own private coach and guide to show us the highlights of this historic city, including the magnificent gardens and elaborately decorated **Peterhof Palace**. We'll see the ornate **Christ the Saviour on Spilled Blood** church, the **Fortress of Peter and Paul**, and the impressive



# SCANDINAVIA, THE BALTICS, RUSSIA & GERMANY

**Alexander Column** amongst other things. We'll visit a museum to match the standard of the Louvre, at **the Hermitage**, boasting over three million artworks, and one evening we'll be guests at a performance of traditional dance and music followed by dinner in an opulent setting.

## TALLINN, ESTONIA

**Day 15** There are a number of 'optional' things to do in **Tallinn, Estonia** today, but for many the 15 minute walk from the port to the centre of **Old City**, will offer all the rewards of any day trip on a coach. The **labyrinth tiny streets** and narrow alleyways will enthral you, and shopping is both interesting and plentiful. You'll find idyllic sidewalk cafés and restaurants all over Tallinn, tempting you around lunchtime, after which you may like to join a city overview tour on the Hop-On Hop-Off buses that circumnavigate Tallinn frequently.

## RIGA, LATVIA

**Day 16** Once again we have our own private coach and local guide to show us the highlights of this capital city. Riga is known for its architecture, especially its well preserved collection of Art Nouveau buildings. Much of the **Old Town** is best experienced on foot, and thanks to its compact nature, exploration is not tiring.

**Day 17** We're all at sea today, in the best way possible. Leaving the Baltic Sea, we enter the Oresund Strait, separating Sweden from Denmark, passing beneath the Oresund Bridge, spanning over 19 kilometres, as we do.

## HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN

**Day 18** Our coach and local guide meet us as we berth this morning to show us around Helsingborg, featuring some spectacular castles and **Sofiero**, once the Royal summer residence. We'll explore outside the city centre as far south as **Lund**, boasting a 12<sup>th</sup> century cathedral with imposing twin towers and an eerie crypt.

## COPENHAGEN - HAMBURG

*two nights Hamburg*

**Days 18-19** After a very short sail from Helsingborg we arrive in **Copenhagen** late evening. The next morning we disembark the ship and are met by our guide and touring coach for a highlight sightseeing tour including the expansive **Christiansborg Palace**, the third manifestation of a Palace that has stood since 1167. We'll also see the world renowned **Tivoli Gardens**, the **Gefion Fountain** and of course the iconic **Little Mermaid**. For lunch we'll stop at the beautiful district of **Nyhavn** where you can eat, drink and browse at leisure.

Just after midday we make our way via a fascinating and ever changing landscape to Hamburg, home for the next two nights.

**Day 20** This morning our guide will join us at our hotel as we go exploring this wonderful pedestrian friendly city. Among other things our sightseeing will include historic **St Michaels Church**, the beautiful Inner **Alster Lake**, **City Hall** and impressive **Elbphilharmonie**, one of the largest, most interesting, acoustically advanced concert halls in the world. The afternoon's yours to wander. Perhaps a visit to the expansive **Miniature World**, or a spot of retail therapy.

## HAMBURG - BERLIN

*three nights Berlin*

**Day 21** After a leisurely start we make our way to **Berlin**, a city that needs no introduction. On arrival our guide will give us a brief overview of the city.

**Day 22** There's so much to do in Berlin and we want to ensure you see the best bits! Our sightseeing includes the instantly recognisable **Checkpoint Charlie** and a colourful section of the infamous **'Wall'**, better known as the **East Side Gallery**, as well as the **Wall Museum**. We'll see **Brandenburg Gate**, the **Reichstag** (Parliament) and stop for reflection at the **Jewish Memorial**.

**Day 23** Today's completely free for you to do as you please. We'll be on hand to offer suggestions, but mostly we want to leave it open for you to do the things that appeal most to you. Tonight we've got something special planned for our final dinner together in Europe.

## BERLIN - MUNICH - SINGAPORE

*one night Singapore*

**Days 24-25** We bid farewell to Berlin this morning as we embark on our homeward journey via Munich, arriving in Singapore early the following morning. Our hotel is ideally positioned to take full advantage of a host of attractions, shopping, entertainment and sightseeing available in this fascinating city. The whole day is yours to do as you please.

## SINGAPORE - NEW ZEALAND

**Days 26-27** You have the best part of the day to complete any unfinished sightseeing or other activity before we make our way early evening to Changi airport to board our flight to New Zealand. We arrive early next morning in New Zealand, and although the journey may have concluded, the wonderful memories and experiences shared will never leave us.



# Canada & Alaska

2 JULY - 26 JULY • 25 DAYS



Still our most popular experience, and for this very good reason we're returning for the 18<sup>th</sup> year running. Boasting breathtaking scenery, extraordinarily friendly locals, and a diverse itinerary delivered at a leisurely pace! The adventure begins in the beautiful city of **Vancouver** with exciting activity filled days including the **Capilano Suspension Bridge** and **diff walk**, the **gondola to the top of Grouse Mountain**, where you'll get a taste of the exciting things to come. Meander through Vancouver's jewel, **Stanley Park** and **waterfront**. We then fly to **Calgary** where we're guests at the **greatest outdoor show on earth, the incredible Calgary Stampede**. Our journey then continues deep into the heart of the beautiful **Canadian Rockies** visiting **Banff Springs, Lake Louise, Jasper, Sun Peaks, Whistler** and more. We'll ride a Snocoach on the **Athabasca Glacier**, take **gondolas to mountain tops** to see breathtaking panoramas, plus plenty of free time for you to pursue your personal passions. Returning to Vancouver we join our unforgettable **seven day Alaskan cruise** via **The Inside Passage** to Alaska's capital **Juneau**, followed by **Skagway**, Alaska's gateway to the **Yukon goldfields** and into the immense environs of **Glacier Bay**, and finally **Ketchikan**, Alaska's Salmon capital. At the conclusion of the cruise beautiful Victoria and the acclaimed **Butchart Gardens** await, and if you still yearn for more, there are options aplenty to extend your stay.



*"Like all great travellers, I have seen more than I remember, and remember more than I have seen."* Benjamin Disraeli

## CANADA & ALASKA



FROM **\$15,665** per person share twin

### INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares from CHC and AKL on Air New Zealand and partner airlines
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- Private air conditioned touring coach with driver/guide.
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- Single supplement
- Upgrade stateroom on cruise



### NEW ZEALAND – VANCOUVER

*three nights Vancouver*

**Day 1** This afternoon we begin our journey of discovery into the best of Canada and Alaska. Welcome to **Vancouver!** Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 2** Our full day tour today encompasses many of the attractions that make Vancouver such a special place, besides the natural beauty of its mountain backdrop and blue Pacific waters. Enter **Stanley Park**, with 1,000 acres of majestic evergreens. It was described by one local writer as a thousand-acre therapeutic couch, and boasts 10kms of scenic seawall. Experience the city's kaleidoscope of cultural heritage with visits to **West Coast Native Totem Poles**, British-flavoured **Gastown** (named after Yorkshire born '**Gassy Jack**') with its unique steam clock, and colourful **Chinatown**, second in size only to San Francisco's. Also highlighted in the days sightseeing will be **Lions Gate Bridge**, **Prospect Point** and **English Bay**. Later this morning we take a ride up **Grouse Mountain** for spectacular views of Vancouver, an entertaining lumberjack show and hopefully your chance to see some **bears!** We then go on to the historic **Capilano Suspension Bridge**, one of the world's longest suspension bridges stretching 450 feet across and 230 feet above the **Capilano Canyon!** While enjoying our visit, time will be allowed to explore the surrounding Nature Park which offers meandering trails and a **tree-top walk** through an old-growth forest.

**Day 3** A free day to explore this beautiful city.

### VANCOUVER – CALGARY

*three nights Calgary*

**Day 4** Today we are transferred to Vancouver Airport for our flight to Calgary. After settling into our hotel we will take a short orientation walk to familiarise ourselves with the surrounding area. Our hotel is located opposite the **Calgary Tower** from where we will have great views of the city.

**Day 5** Experience the fever that holds Calgary in its grip during the annual **Calgary Exhibition and Stampede**, universally acclaimed as '**The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth**'. The Stampede showcases the best in rodeo with numerous events, exhibits and diverse entertainment. We have reserved afternoon rodeo tickets.

**Day 6** A free morning to explore Calgary or if you prefer a full day to enjoy all the excitement of the famous Calgary Stampede including reserved tickets for the evening **Chuck Wagon Races and Show**. (The show is a highlight in itself and runs for approximately 3 hours, including fireworks).

### CALGARY – BANFF

*two nights Banff*

**Day 7** We are joined by our driver guide this morning who will accompany us for the next five days. Making our way west we join the Trans Canadian Highway, and watch the Olympic city dissolve into the foothills behind. In the distance the seemingly endless miles of prairie melts away as the **majestic Rockies** rise up. Admire the imposing **Three Sisters**, **Fairholme** and **Rundle Ranges** en-route to our destination, the charming mountain resort town of **Banff**, a thriving four season resort of wood and stone, with activities all year round. On arrival we'll take you on an orientation drive through Banff and explore some of the surrounding area including **Hoodoo Lookout**, **Lake Minnewanka** and **Bow River Falls**, before settling into our hotel and venturing into town.

**Day 8** Today's sightseeing is filled with highlights, beautiful **Moraine** and **Emerald Lakes** and the equally beautiful **Lake Louise**. Banff National Park is home to an array of wildlife including **elk**, **moose**, **bears** and **wolves**, however you have to be vigilant and always on the lookout to spot them!

### BANFF – JASPER

*one night Jasper*

**Day 9** Our journey takes us along the **Ice fields Parkway** to the **Columbia Ice Field**, a 325 sq km chunk of ice 300-1,200 feet thick! We'll take an unforgettable trip aboard the '**Snocoach**' on **Athabasca Glacier**, recognised by 'Attractions Canada' as Canada's best natural outdoor site larger than 100 hectares! We stop at the **Glacier Skywalk**, a cliff edge walkway with the most stunning alpine and glacial vistas, before continuing on to the spectacular **Athabasca Falls**, arriving in **Jasper** late afternoon.

### JASPER – SUN PEAKS

*two nights Sun Peaks*

**Day 10** Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife as we continue our journey via the **Gold Rush** and **Caribou Regions** passing **Mt Robson**, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies on to the quaint village of **Sun Peaks**. In addition to clear air and beautiful scenery, the area is home to a variety of mammals and birdlife.

**Day 11** Enjoy a day at leisure with time to explore this quaint little village.



### SUN PEAKS – WHISTLER

**Day 12** This morning we bid farewell to Silvia and Mario, our wonderful hosts at Sun Peaks, and make our way to **Whistler**. En-route we lunch at historic **Hot Creek Ranch** and experience frontier life as it existed in the early days of British Columbia. This is a popular attraction incorporating the cultures of both the First Nations and early European settlers.

**Day 13** Our hotel is located in the Whistler Village Common set amongst restaurants, shops and other fine resorts nestled at the foot of the spectacular **Whistler** and **Blackcomb Mountains** of British Columbia. Our time in Whistler allows you the opportunity of an optional **Gondola ride** up **Whistler Mountain**. This is well worth the effort as the gondola climbs to altitudes where snow is frequently experienced year round, and **bears** can sometimes be sighted in the summer months!

### WHISTLER – VANCOUVER

**Day 14** Today we begin the final leg of our journey through the Rockies. We'll experience the scenic trip through the Coastal Mountains to **Shannon Falls** and southwards along **Howe Sound** to Vancouver where we'll join our **Holland America Cruise**.

### HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE MS VOLENDAM

**Days 14-21** The **MS Volendam** is a mid-sized ship, perfect for cruising the Canadian and Alaskan waters. With a maximum 1,432 passengers on board and a crew of 615, it's not hard to see that passenger care and attention is at the forefront of Holland America's mind. From its signature spacious, light filled atrium providing guest services, shopping outlets, numerous places for entertainment, and countless options in which to drink or dine, Volendam has everything in perfect proportion. By day she provides the ideal platform to explore each enchanting little town, anchoring central to the hive of activity, a haven to return to each afternoon, and in the evening, she welcomes us to dine together in the elegant Rotterdam dining room.

*seven nights Holland America*



### VANCOUVER PORT – VICTORIA

**Day 21** After disembarking in Vancouver we take a ferry through **the Gulf Islands** to **Victoria** on **Vancouver Island**. Plenty of leisure time is available to explore and wander around the colourful and lively waterfront area, surrounded by stately buildings, most notably the **Parliament Buildings** adorned with 3,333 light bulbs. Magnificent by night, and glorious by day.

**Day 22** Awakening to what is sure to be a beautiful day on Vancouver Island, we make our way to the famous **Butchart Gardens**, rated in the top ten gardens of the world. Once a limestone quarry it has been lovingly, and quite remarkably transformed into the beautiful gardens we see today, an inspiration for many other quarries and abandoned mines around the world. Taking a stroll among the many spectacularly manicured flower beds, fountains, ponds and tree arrangements is truly an **indulgence for the senses!** The afternoon in Victoria is free to shop and discover at will this very attractive English of cities.

### VICTORIA – VANCOUVER – NEW ZEALAND

**Days 23-25** Sadly our journey has come to an end, but the memories, friendships and experiences we've shared together will live on well after we have settled back into life at home.

*two nights Victoria*



## CRUISING

### VANCOUVER

**Day 14** Set sail in the evening from Canada Place and under the Lions Gate Bridge to begin the journey cruising the Inside Passage.

**Day 15** *Cruising the Inside Passage* One of the most scenic cruise lanes in the world where deep draft vessels can sail close to steep mountains. Enjoy the scenery and explore the ship and its many facilities.

### JUNEAU

**Day 16** The capital of Alaska and known not only for gold but for its stunningly beautiful views of glaciers, mountains and crystal clear water. Numerous shore excursions are available. These include a cable car ride, an excursion to the **Mendenhall Glacier**, adventure activities and fishing trips.

### SKAGWAY

**Day 17** This town was the gateway to the Goldfields for those who once flocked to Alaska and the **Yukon** in the hope of striking it rich. In 1898 Skagway was Alaska's largest town and here you can visit the old Saloons, and Gambling Houses or take an optional excursion on the **White Pass Railway** to the Yukon (US\$220 approx.).

### GLACIER BAY

**Day 18** Experience epic glaciers and awesome scenery in this **'UNESCO' World Heritage Site**. Breathe in crisp fresh air as you glide past icebergs looking out for **carving ice, whales, porpoises** and **seals**.

### KETCHIKAN

**Day 19** Located on an island, Ketchikan began life as an Indian fishing camp. Along with the gold and timber industries it soon became the 4<sup>th</sup> largest city in Alaska. Its rich native heritage includes the **world's oldest collection of totem poles**. There will be plenty of time to visit the quaint stores and wander along the boardwalks to see the **salmon leap**.

**Day 20** *Cruising* Relax on deck as you pass by forests in 100 shades of green. Watch out for **black bears, mountain goats, bald eagles, sea-otters, humpback** and **killer whales**.

### VANCOUVER

**Day 21** Early in the morning we return to Canada's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city. With its rich ethnic mix, stunningly beautiful parks and bustling natural harbour, it's hard to believe it had its beginnings with a small sawmill and a community that surrounded it. We have a short time on land before boarding a ferry to Vancouver Island.



# Spain, Portugal & Morocco

21 AUGUST - 18 SEPTEMBER • 29 DAYS



This wonderful adventure follows the path of its predecessor only in reverse order for 2020. Featuring the colour, vibrancy and mystique of **Morocco's Medinas**. Craftsmen creating wares by hand, utilising skills passed down through generations, continue centuries old traditions, line a labyrinth of narrow, winding streets. Throughout the journey, incredible **royal palaces** and **well preserved fortresses** abound. A photographers paradise. Stand in the footsteps of great discoverers who once set sail from the very place you now find yourself. See timeless works by renowned artists and architects such as **Gaudi**, whose longevity is testament to their creators skilled hands. **Sagrada Familia, Casas Mila** and **Batlo** and **Parc Guell** to name a few. Enjoy the fruity refreshment of a chilled glass of **Sangria** on a hot summers day on **La Rambla**. Surrender to the temptation of mouth watering **Tapas**. Marvel at stunning architectural wonders, from **Plaza de Espana in Seville**, to **Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca**, and sip port from where else but **Porto**. If it's the quintessential experience of Spain, Portugal and Morocco you seek, look no further.



*"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes."* Marcel Proust



## SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO



FROM **\$16,740** per person  
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### INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class fares from CHC and AKL on Emirates Airlines and partner airlines
- Quality 4-5 star hotels throughout
- All breakfasts and 18 dinners
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Local English speaking guides
- Private air conditioned touring coach
- All tips, gratuities and portage
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel 2U tour director

### EXCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as spending money, laundry, phone calls etc.
- Meals other than those mentioned
- Fuel surcharges, airport levies and airline surcharges (approx. \$240)

### OPTIONAL - PER PERSON (POA)

- Upgrade to Business or Premium Economy Class on Emirates Airlines flights
- Single supplement



### NEW ZEALAND - DUBAI

*one night Dubai*

**Days 1-2** We depart New Zealand this morning bound for a big adventure that awaits, stopping overnight in Dubai to rest our bodies, helping us to arrive in Casablanca in good shape.

### DUBAI - CASABLANCA - MARRAKESH

*two nights Marrakesh*

**Day 3** Upon arrival in Casablanca we're met by our national guide and touring coach, and make our way south to Marrakesh. Immediately you're struck by the very simple way of life many Moroccan's still live today. It's not unusual to see farmers working in their fields using old ploughs pulled by animals.

**Day 4** This morning we begin our sightseeing of this vibrant city, including bustling *Jemaa el-Fna Square*, sitting in the shadow of the *Minaret of Koutoubia Mosque*, where you'll find all manner of curios, artefacts and locally produced goods from the abundant stall holders, not to mention traditional medicines, snake charmers, story tellers and so much more. We'll also see the ornate *Ben Youssef Madrasa* and the *captivating Medina*, which is the Mecca for bargain hunters of genuine hand made goods.

### MARRAKESH - ESSAOUIRA - CASABLANCA

*two nights Casablanca*

**Day 5** We depart Marrakesh this morning bound for *Essaouira*. This intriguing port city sits proudly on the Atlantic Coast. Bold ramparts protect the old town, or *medina* as it is known in this part of the world and *18th century brass cannons* still line the walls in places. Once a 'hippy hangout' the city has changed very little over the years and retains its charm via the souks, myriad of tiny courtyards and captivating narrow pedestrian streets. We'll arrive in Casablanca late afternoon.

**Day 6** Our sightseeing today includes one of the world's most impressive mosques. *Hassan II Mosque* is Morocco's largest mosque, boasting the world's tallest minaret. The mosque has a glass roofed section that can slide back to give the faithful a view of God's creation, as well as a heated floor and electric doors. At night a laser on the roof points toward Mecca. We'll stop to admire the architectural excellence of *Place Mohammed V* and also make a photo stop at the grand entrance to the *Royal Palace*. Completing the day we'll drive along the Riviera of Casablanca, *La Corniche* and we'll try to allow some time for you to have a browse at the impressive Morocco Mall. Tonight we have a treat in store!

### CASABLANCA - RABAT - FES

*two nights Fes*

**Day 7** Continuing along the North Atlantic coast, in little more than an hour we'll be in *Rabat*, Morocco's capital and home to approximately 600,000 residents. Amongst other things we'll walk the narrow character filled streets of *Kasbah des Oudaias*, a fascinating 'fortress' filled with whitewashed houses and blue parapets. We'll also see the impressive *Hassan Tower*, intended to be the largest minaret in the world, and stop briefly at another of the Royal Palaces... they have many! Mid afternoon we begin the drive inland to our destination today, Fes.

**Day 8** Our guide will tell us more of the history of this ancient land today, proudly showing us the city highlights including the ornate *Medersa el-Attarine*. A 'Madrasa' as you'll see mentioned often in the Arab world, is the name commonly given to an educational institute, religious or secular. We'll then enter the incredible *Medina of Fes* via the grand gates of the *Fes el Bali*. The sights, smells and colours within will almost certainly awaken your senses! We'll also see the 16th century *Fort Borj Nord* and give you more free time to further explore this magnificent medina labyrinth.

### FES - TANGIER

*one night Tangier*

**Day 9** After a leisurely start to the morning we head back toward the coast and our last stop in Morocco, Tangier. On arrival we'll do a city highlights tour with our guide, where amongst other things we'll enter, conditions permitting, the incredible *Caves of Hercules*.

### TANGIER - ALGERICAS - GIBRALTAR - TORREMOLINOS

*two nights Torremolinos*

**Day 10** Although tinged with sadness having to leave Morocco, the next stage of our fascinating journey has just begun. After an enjoyable *high speed ferry* journey across the *Strait of Gibraltar* we head immediately to 'The Rock' itself where we join our local guide and coach to see highlights of this legendary fortress including the *Barberry apes*, the incredible *WWII tunnels* and the *100 ton gun* amongst other things. Following this memorable tour we cross the Gibraltar runway and rejoin our long distance coach for our drive to the beautiful *Costa Del Sol*.

**Day 11** Much has been said about the stunning Costa del Sol, the name itself says it all. Today is yours to spend entirely as you please, from the stunning beach at our doorstep to shopping in the upper town, or simply relaxing by the pool.

### TORREMOLINOS - CORDOBA - SEVILLE

*two nights Seville*

**Day 12** Driving amongst a varying landscape of farmlands intermingled with expansive farms of a different nature, notably solar farms, we make our way to captivating Cordoba to see the incredible *Mezquita*. There is nothing else like it in the world. An expansive *Mosque* built around a grand *Cathedral*, the two co-existing in harmony. For centuries accommodating worshippers of both religions. After some free time to explore the quaint narrow streets filled with all kinds of shops, cafés and galleries, we make our way to the architecturally significant city of Seville.

## SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

**Day 13** Our city sightseeing today includes one of the most striking buildings you're ever likely to see, the *Plaza de Espana*, constructed in 1928 for the World Expo the following year. We'll also look through the Moorish Renaissance *Royal Palace of Alcazar* and stroll through the fascinating *Santa Cruz Quarter* with its beautiful flower boxes and vibrantly decorated facades. We'll stop briefly at the imposing *Seville Cathedral* and *Tower of Giralda*, and time permitting, make a photo stop at the ultra-modern, *Metropol Parasol*, constructed of timber and affectionately known locally as the 'mushrooms of Seville'.

### SEVILLE – EVORA – LISBON

*three nights Lisbon*

**Day 14** Departing the capital of the Andalusian region today, we cross the border into Portugal, and our first stop of significance, the fascinating *standing stones of Evora*. 93 megalithic stones that are thought to be two thousand years *older than Stonehenge*. We can freely move among them, touch them and take photos. After this we continue to Portugal's capital, *Lisbon*. Our first impression as we enter the city is that this is a modern city honouring its heritage, with architecture blending respectfully between old and new.

**Day 15** Today we'll see a few of the highlights, including the impressive *Vasco da Gama Bridge*. Further upstream we'll see the historic *Belem Tower*, guarding the mouth of the Tagus River, and *Jeronimos Monastery*, housing the *Tomb of Vasco da Gama*. We pass back via the symbolic *Bridge of 25 April* and *Pombal Statue*. We'll also visit the 'fisherman's district' of *Alfama*, a labyrinth of winding streets and quaint squares. Tonight we have another treat in store, dining while being entertained at a *performance of Fado*, traditional music and dance.

**Day 16** Today's a totally free day to do as you please. Our hotel's location makes it the ideal starting point for exploring Lisbon. By foot, an easy and enjoyable twenty minute walk will have you in the heart of *Rossio Square* off which you'll uncover many famous landmarks, galleries, wonderful shopping and a pedestrian only mall.

### LISBON – PORTO

*two nights Porto*

**Day 17** Leaving Lisbon this morning we drive to the quaint city of *Porto*. On arrival our guide will tell us more about some of the cities highlights including the colourful and much photographed *Ribeira* district, the incredible mosaics in *Sao Bento Station*, a photo stop at *Livraria Lello* made famous through the Harry Potter stories, in addition to other famous sights. Rounding off a very interesting day, you couldn't say you'd been to Porto without visiting a Port distillery, so we've chosen one of the best!

**Day 18** Porto is not a city to be rushed. There are so many things to see and do, and because we all have individual tastes and desires we felt a free day to indulge personal pleasures was appropriate.

### PORTO – SALAMANCA

*one night Salamanca*

**Day 19** Departing Porto this morning we make our way deeper into the heart of Spain. Scenery is ever changing, and on this particular leg we should see a significant number of *cork trees* in various stages of harvest, and expansive groves of *olive trees*, which is not surprising, given Spain produces half the world's olive oil. Salamanca is home to the *third oldest University in Europe*, dating back to 1218, and there are many wonderful examples of Romanesque, Baroque, Gothic, Moorish and Renaissance architecture everywhere you look. *The Plaza Mayor (Main Square) of Salamanca* is one of the best examples in Europe, and the perfect place to dine or have a nice cool drink on a warm summer's day.

### SALAMANCA – MADRID

*three nights Madrid*

**Day 20** Giving you the morning to have a final look around Salamanca, we should reach Madrid by mid afternoon. This afternoon, time permitting, we'll take you to the *Prado Museum*, one of the world's finest museums, and give you time to browse the impressive collection at your leisure. For the die-hard art lovers amongst us there'll be an opportunity to return here over the coming days, or to browse another world renowned museum, *Reina Sofia*.

**Day 21** This morning our local guide will show us some of Madrid's most notable sights including the *18<sup>th</sup> century Royal Palace*, the *Cervantes Memorial*, *Cibeles Fountain*, *Gran Via*, *Puerta Del Sol* and *Parque de Retiror*. We'll also see the beautiful *Atocha Railway Station*. For lunch we'll give you time to wander the *Plaza Mayor* at your leisure, after which you may choose to re-visit one of the aforementioned museums, stay and shop or possibly take a stroll through the nearby *botanical garden*.

**Day 22** Today's entirely yours to do as you please. We'll be on hand if you'd like any assistance, but Madrid being the city it is, we doubt you'll be stuck for ways to spend your day.

### MADRID – BARCELONA

*three nights Barcelona*

**Day 23** We bid farewell to Madrid this morning as we depart for Barcelona and an interesting day ahead with an ever changing landscape. We'll have several stops en-route to make the trip comfortable. You can sit back, relax and take in the views, knowing you're in the safe hands of our professional coach driver.

**Day 24** Today we'll take in some of the greatest features of Antoni Gaudi's beloved city, such as his grotesquely beautiful *Sagrada Familia Cathedral* where we have 'skip the queue' entry. We'll also visit spectacular *Parc Guell*, the forerunner of today's modern subdivisions. Two of Gaudi's most famous inner city properties are also on our itinerary today. *Casa Mila* (known locally as La Pedrera or 'the stone quarry') and the beautiful *Casa Batllo*. We'll see the top and bottom of *La Rambla*, one of the world's most famous boulevards, where you'll have time to stroll at your leisure tomorrow, and drive past the famous *Statue of Christopher Columbus* among other things.

**Day 25** Our last full day in Europe, and there's possibly no more fitting place than Barcelona in which to spend it. There's a plethora of things to do, from *drinking sangria* and *eating tapas* on La Rambla, to shopping at the boutique fashion outlets, having a personal browse through any of Gaudi's creations, or possibly a little of everything. Tonight we have a special dinner planned, to conclude our journey in the appropriate fashion.

### BARCELONA – DUBAI

*one night Dubai*

**Day 26** We have the best part of the day to spend doing as we please before we depart the hotel late afternoon to connect with our evening flight to Dubai.

**Day 27** After time to get freshened up, we'll have a look at the souks, Dubai Creek and possibly the Emirates Mall if there's sufficient interest. This evening we're going driving in 4WD's to a Bedouin style camp in the middle of the desert, under a star lit sky, to enjoy *dinner in the dunes*.

### DUBAI – NEW ZEALAND

**Days 28-29** This morning we depart Dubai bound for New Zealand, arriving next day and drawing to a close our magnificent journey together, for now.





# Wild Africa

25 AUGUST - 14 SEPTEMBER • 21 DAYS



We're straight into the action, arriving in **Victoria Falls**. Here you'll experience your first taste of the real Africa we've come to see. Explore Victoria Falls, one of the seven wonders of the natural world, and see your first African sunset on a sundowners cruise on the mighty **Zambezi River**, a prelude of things to come. Experience '**glamping**' at its finest and the magical sights and sounds of the African bush in Botswana's unique **Okavango Delta**. We go in search of **Africa's 'big five'**, **elephants**, **buffalos**, the elusive **leopards**, the endangered **rhinos** and the 'king of the jungle', the mighty **lion**. We hope you can join us on our **Wild Africa Experience**, showcasing Southern Africa and all its beauty.



*"Travelling - it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller."* Ibn Battuta

## WILD AFRICA

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### INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares from CHC and AKL on Singapore Airlines and partner airlines
- Quality hotels and unique Game Park accommodation throughout
- All breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners
- Scenic flights in the Okavango Delta
- All meals in Kruger, Okavango and Chobe game parks
- All transfers, sightseeing and game activities with expert guides
- Private transport
- Internal flights as mentioned
- All tips, gratuities and portorage
- Travel 2U tour bag specifically designed for this tour
- Services of a Travel 2U tour director
- Visa fees for Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa

### EXCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as spending money, laundry, phone calls etc.
- Meals other than those mentioned
- Fuel surcharges, airport levies and airline surcharges (approx. \$345)
- Optional excursions other than those mentioned

### OPTIONAL – PER PERSON (POA)

- Upgrade to Business or Premium Economy Class on Singapore Airlines flights
- Single supplement



### NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE

*transit Singapore*

**Day 1** We depart New Zealand this morning bound for Zimbabwe with an overnight stay at Singapore's Changi Airport to assist us in arriving in the best condition possible.

### SINGAPORE – JOHANNESBURG – VICTORIA FALLS

*three nights Victoria Falls*

**Day 2** We arrive in *Zimbabwe*, and the *World Heritage Site of Victoria Falls*. For the next three nights we'll be staying right at the footsteps of '*Mosi Oa Tunya*', or 'The Smoke That Thunders'. Late afternoon sit back and relax as we cruise the *Zambezi River* aboard the *Lady Livingstone*. Spot elephants and other game coming down to the riverbank to drink against the backdrop of the setting sun over sundowners and canapés, a fitting start to a great adventure.

**Day 3** The *Devils Cataract*, *Boiling Pot*, *Danger Point*, *Horseshoe* and *Rainbow Falls* highlight a spectacular display of nature's power. Our knowledgeable guide will recount the history of the falls, from their formation and their discovery by *Dr Livingstone*, to present day. The lush rainforest surrounding the falls is a perfect habitat for a large number of bird species including *sunbirds*, *fire finches*, *paradise flycatchers* and *kingfishers* to name a few, as well as *vervet monkey*, *baboons* and *bush buck*. This afternoon why not call in at the Grand Old Lady, the *Victoria Falls Hotel* for a cocktail or high tea and experience the atmosphere of a bygone era.

**Day 4** Our last day in Vic Falls is yours to do as you please. There are many optional trips that can be arranged from *lion encounters*, *helicopter flights* over the falls, *elephant safaris*, *horseback riding bush safaris*, *rhino encounters* and more. A visit to Victoria Falls isn't complete without a stop at the *souvenir and curios market*. Here you'll find something totally African, big or small to remind you of our wonderful journey.

### VICTORIA FALLS – KASANE – OKAVANGO DELTA

*three nights Okavango Delta*

**Day 5** This morning we transfer by road to the Zimbabwe/Botswana border crossing. At Kasane we embark on a scenic flight by light plane to the *Jewel of the Kalahari*, the *Okavango Delta*. Our lodge is located deep in the heart of the Okavango, where you will experience glamping at its best in the immense beauty and vastness of *Africa's largest inland water systems*, a unique habitat for many species of animals and birds.

**Days 6-7** The Okavango's unique ecosystem allows for a diverse spectrum of wild life, including *impala*, *tsessebe*, *buffalo*, *wildebeest*, *elephant*, *zebra*, *sitatunga*, *lechwe* and *waterbuck*. *Lion*, *cheetah* and packs of *wild dogs* hunt the open grassland shadowed by *hyenas* on the look-out for an easy meal. We view the game by comfortable motorized boat, *Mokoro* (traditional dug-out canoe – optional) and guided bush walks under the supervision of expert guides and trackers.

### OKAVANGO DELTA – KASANE – CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

*three nights Chobe*

**Day 8** Today we transfer to our Safari lodge situated on the banks of the Chobe River. The lodge offers a variety of activities including morning and late afternoon game drives and *sunset river cruises* to witness the largest concentration of elephant herds on the planet.

**Days 9-10** Enjoy spectacular views of *elephant* along with *giraffe*, *kudu* and various species of *antelope* who rely on Chobe's life giving water. Experience close-up views of *hippo*, *crocodile* and *monitor lizards*. See many species of birdlife including *bee catchers*, varieties of *kingfishers*, *herons*, *storks* and *egrets*. Our early morning and evening game activities provide us with the best opportunity to observe the activities of predators such as *lion*, *leopard*, *wild dog* and more. If the rigours of life on safari are catching-up with you why not recharge your batteries and treat yourself to a sleep-in and delicious buffet breakfast. Relax in a comfortable deck chair with a good book and take in the panoramic views and activities over the Caprivi floodplain where grazing buffalo, elephant and antelope are only a glance away.



# WILD AFRICA

## CHOBE NATIONAL PARK – VICTORIA FALLS – JOHANNESBURG *one night Johannesburg*

**Day 11** Following a hearty breakfast we farewell Botswana and transfer to Victoria Falls Airport. This afternoon we fly to Johannesburg where we have an overnight stop.

## JOHANNESBURG – HOEDSPRUIT – KRUGER NATIONAL PARK *three nights Kruger*

**Day 12** This morning we fly from Johannesburg to **Hoedspruit**, gateway to **Kruger National Park**. On arrival we'll be met by our hosts and transferred by safari 4x4 vehicles to our wonderful bush lodge. Late afternoon we enjoy a **game drive**, before relaxing over dinner. **Kruger** is one of Africa's largest game parks covering an area of 19,485 square kilometres. Our lodge is a private reserve on 13,000 hectares that shares an open boundary with Kruger, allowing animals to move freely between the reserve and park. The reserve is a sanctuary for the rare and endangered **rhino** which are being decimated throughout Kruger by poaching.

**Days 13-14** Over the next two days we'll enjoy **early morning and evening safaris in open top Land Rovers**. There's a diverse variety of animal and plant species in the reserve including herds of **wildebeest, zebra**, various **antelope** species, **giraffe, hippo** and Africa's '**Big Five**', **elephant, rhino, lion, leopard** and **buffalo**. The variety in game viewing times affords us the best opportunity to see some of Africa's greatest 'hunters' when they are generally most active.

## KRUGER NATIONAL PARK – HOEDSPRUIT – CAPE TOWN *four nights Cape Town*

**Day 15** After our final morning game drive, our Kruger experience comes to an end. We bid farewell to our hosts and with indelible memories and photos to match, depart for Cape Town. Arriving Cape Town late afternoon, we'll be transferred to our hotel located in the city centre on the **Victoria and Albert Waterfront**. The evening is yours to relax and enjoy the vibrant surroundings of the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront.

**Day 16** Today begins with an orientation tour of the city including a ride on the revolving cable car to the summit of iconic **Table Mountain** for panoramic views over the city and surrounds. We visit **Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens**, acclaimed as one of the great botanic gardens in the world, with over 7,000 indigenous plant species, many endangered. We'll also see the **Castle of Good Hope** built by the Dutch East Indies Company in 1652, the oldest surviving colonial building in South Africa. We see Cape Town's **City Hall** where **Nelson Mandela** made his inaugural speech to the people of South Africa upon his release from prison 12 February 1990.

**Day 17** We begin the day with a scenic drive along the **Atlantic Coast** en-route to **Cape Peninsula**, and the **southernmost point** on the African continent. We pass by the **Twelve Apostles** continuing on to the **Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve**, home to a variety of wildlife. Keep your eyes peeled for migrating **humpback whales, baboons, Cape Mountain zebra, rhebok, bontebok** and the elusive **eland**. The reserve is also one of the world's largest breeding grounds for **tortoises** and is home to an abundance of birdlife. We return to Cape Town via False Bay calling in at Simon's Town naval base to see the **penguin colony** at **Boulders Beach**.

**Day 18** Today we explore South Africa's famous **wine region**, where we enjoy some beautiful wines during the course of the day. Our first stop is **Paarl**. It was here on 11 February 1990 **Nelson Mandela** was finally released from prison and to freedom. We continue on to the beautiful village of **Franschhoek**, framed by a backdrop of the majestic **Franschhoek and Drakenstein Mountains**. Following lunch and a wine tasting we make our way to **Stellenbosch**, *South Africa's second oldest town*, founded in 1679 and displaying a gracious blend of 18<sup>th</sup> century **Cape Dutch, Georgian** and **Victorian architecture**.

## CAPE TOWN – JOHANNESBURG – SINGAPORE – NEW ZEALAND *transit Singapore*

**Days 19-21** Sadly the sun sets on our African adventure and we depart Cape Town late morning bound for New Zealand with a transit stop en-route in Singapore. We arrive back in New Zealand full of memories of time spent with new found friends, experiences beyond expectation and a greater appreciation for this incredible part of the world.



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# southern india & sri lanka

19 SEPTEMBER - 16 OCTOBER • 28 DAYS



The next episode and follow-up to our highly successful and popular India Unveiled experience where we witnessed the opulence of the Moguls and rise of the British Raj, is a journey of discovery combining **Southern India** and close neighbour **Sri Lanka**. The delicate scent of **spices, colonial hill stations** and **tea plantations**, cruising **palm fringed tropical backwaters** for an insight into rural village life. Catching a glimpse of **rare wildlife** and exploring **rich cultural** and **historical heritage** is only a foretaste of the many amazing experiences that await. Sri Lanka, formerly Ceylon, whilst very similar in many aspects to its larger cousin and neighbour, has a distinct flavour of its own and earned a reputation in its own right as a **Jewel in the Indian Ocean**. It too is blessed with many **ancient sites**, and the remnants left by cultures lured to its shores in the quest for exotic riches, now infused to form a beautiful cultural melting-pot. **Happy people, vibrant colour, amazing experiences** and **delectable food** are just some of the adjectives that partway describe what our journey to Southern India and Sri Lanka encompasses.



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

## SOUTHERN INDIA & SRI LANKA



FROM **\$13,475** per person  
share twin

### INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares from CHC and AKL on Singapore Airlines and partner airlines
- Quality 4-5 star hotels throughout
- All meals included in India and Sri Lanka
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Local English speaking guides
- Private air conditioned touring coach
- All tips, gratuities and portorage
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel 2U tour directors
- India and Sri Lanka visa fees

### EXCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as spending money, laundry, phone calls etc.
- Fuel surcharges, airport levies and airline surcharges (approx. \$303)

### OPTIONAL – PER PERSON (POA)

- Upgrade to Business or Premium Economy Class on Singapore Airlines flights
- Single supplement



### NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE – CHENNAI – MAHABALIPURAM *two nights Mahabalipuram*

**Days 1-3** We depart New Zealand for another chapter and adventure to the Indian sub-continent. Stopping overnight en route we arrive on India's southern East Coast in **Chennai**, formerly **Madras** and the **British East India Company's** manufacturing hub. Chennai is India's 4<sup>th</sup> largest city and capital of **Tamil Nadu**. We transfer directly to **Mahabalipuram** located on the Coromandel Coast on the Bay of Bengal. This 7<sup>th</sup> century town has **UNESCO World Heritage** status and over 400 Hindu temples and monuments, some regarded as the finest in India. We won't see all 400, however rest assured we'll see a few of the finest, and you won't be disappointed!

### MAHABALIPURAM – PUDUCHERRY

*two nights Puducherry*

**Days 4-5** Puducherry's a union territory located on the Bay of Bengal where age-old heritage meets modern innovation. En-route we'll stop at the only remaining fortress in Tamil Nadu, **Gingee Fort**, regarded as the **Troy of the East** by the British and the most impregnable fort in India. Puducherry was under French rule until 1954, the remnants being the **Old French Quarter**, a popular haunt where you find a wonderful fusion of **French, Gallic and Indian** influences in the arts, design and of course cuisine. Wide roads, well laid out gardens, beautiful French colonial mansions, historical monuments, and for India's standards, clean and orderly. 12kms south is **Auroville**, an experimental community founded in 1968 where people from all nationalities, religions, politics and creeds live together in harmony. We also explore the bustling **Tamil Quarter**, and discover Puducherry's rich architectural heritage along the **heritage walk**.

### PUDUCHERRY – KUMBAKONAM

*one night Kumbakonam*

**Day 6** Following breakfast we depart for **Kumbakonam**, en-route we visit **Nataraja Temple** in Chidambaram, a stunning example dedicated to **Nataraja Shiva**, the lord of dance. The temple's sanctum roof is covered in plates of solid gold. To Hindus, Kumbakonam is a sacred destination where pilgrims come to worship at four large temples dedicated to Sarangapani, Kumbeswarar, Brahma and Nageswarar, as well as Navagraha or Planetary temples, dedicated to the nine planetary deities.

### KUMBAKONAM – TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

*one night Tiruchirappalli*

**Day 7** More to see in and around Kumbakonam, including a village and school visit and a local market before departing for Tiruchirappalli. On our way we'll visit **Brihadeshwara Fort**, **Thanjavur Palace** and time permitting, the **Rock Fort Temple** of **Thanjavur**.

### TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – MADURAI

*two nights Madurai*

**Days 8-9** A leisurely day and drive to **Madurai** today. On arrival we'll have an orientation tour and settle in to our hotel for the night. Madurai is an energetic city and an ancient one situated on the banks of the Vaigai River. Its skyline is dominated by 14 colourful gateway towers or gopurams of **Meenakshi Amman Temple**. Covered in bright carvings of Hindu gods, (not all 33 million of them), this one temple draws millions of pilgrims to the **Chithirai Festival** held in April each year. An opportunity is available to attend the colourful and famous evening ritual and prayer ceremony at the temple for those interested.

### MADURAI – PERIYAR

*one night Periyar*

**Day 10** We make our way to **Periyar**, our overnight stop en-route to Kerala. This afternoon we'll visit a **spice plantation** and learn why during the middle ages spices such as nutmeg, pepper and cinnamon were more valuable than gold. This evening you will be introduced to **Kalaripayattu** an ancient martial art that dates back over 3,000 years. **Kung-Fu**, made popular by **Shaoline monks** from China trace its ancestry back to Kalaripayattu.

### PERIYAR – KERELA

*two nights houseboat*

**Days 11-12** The next two days are spent cruising the palm-fringed river systems and lagoons of **Kerela** in our well-appointed, air-conditioned **houseboat**. A world away from the colourful frenzy which is India, we'll experience village life as it is for the small farming and fishing communities that make Kerela their home. Our friendly crew are only too happy to share with you how to prepare the simple but delicious meals we'll partake in, created from fresh locally sourced produce.

## SOUTHERN INDIA & SRI LANKA

### KERELA – KOCHI

*one night Kochi*

**Day 13** Located on the coast of the *Arabian Sea*, Kochi is the *oldest European settlement* in India. Like a magnet, Kochi has been enticing traders and explorers to its shores for over 700 years and is the only place in India where you find giant '*Cheena Vala*' *Chinese fishing nets*, a *400 year old synagogue*, an *ancient mosque*, *Portuguese* and *Dutch architecture*, and crumbling forts leftover from the *British Raj*.

*Historical Kochi* exudes remnants of its colonial past and is wonderfully atmospheric, with its rich blended heritage encompassing a swath of heavy aromatic fragrances. The markets, antique shops and boutiques in the old town are a wonderful and interesting distraction even for the non-shoppers among us!

### KOCHI – COLOMBO (SRI LANKA)

*one night Colombo*

**Day 14** We bid farewell to India bound for the island nation of *Sri Lanka*; a country almost identical in many aspects to India yet a country with subtle but distinct differences. *Ceylon*, as it was known up until 1972, was under British Colonial rule, however prior the arrival of the British, Sri Lanka was colonised by the Portuguese followed by the Dutch, all three leaving their imprint on Sri Lanka's cultural development.

### COLOMBO – DAMBULLA

*three nights Dambulla*

**Days 15-17** We're travelling north today through lush countryside to *Sigiriya*, an area of prehistoric importance where evidence of human habitation has been found dating back 125,000 – 500,000 years. Many of the rock shelters and caves found in the surrounding area were occupied by Buddhist Monks and puritans from as early as 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC. We'll visit the magnificent *Royal Rock Temple* at *Dambulla*, the largest and best preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka with rock paintings dating back to the 1<sup>st</sup> century BC. Over the next two days we'll visit the 5<sup>th</sup> century stronghold of *King Kasyapa*, *Lion Rock* where atop once stood his formidable fortress. Today we can still see the beautiful *Sigiriya Frescos* and gain commanding views from the '*Sky Palace*' for those keen to attempt the climb. We'll visit the 9<sup>th</sup> century capital *Pollonaruwa*, where the Sinhalese Buddhist civilisation reached great heights, as can be seen by the incredible structures including palaces, monuments, temples and an epic irrigation system that transformed the region into what became known as the '*Granary of the Orient*'.

### DAMBULLA – KANDY

*two nights Kandy*

**Days 18-19** We depart Dambulla, travelling south to the British Hill Station of Kandy. En route we'll visit a spice garden at *Matale* and learn about their therapeutic values, the development of the spice industry in Sri Lanka and Matale's role in the rebellion of 1848.

Renowned for its lush forests, soothing climate, *tea*, *cinnamon*, and *nutmeg plantations*, Kandy was the last *Royal Capital* of the *Sri Lankan Kings*, who's legacy remains in the 18<sup>th</sup> century Royal Botanical Gardens, the *Royal Palace* housing the *Holy Temple of the Tooth Relic*, Sri Lanka's holiest Buddhist shrine containing the *relic of Buddha's tooth*. Kandy's town centre has a wonderful atmosphere with bustling colourful markets and bazaars bundled together with shops and boutiques selling the latest fashion and brands.

### KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA

*one night Nuwara Eliya*

**Day 20** We continue our journey through the mountains to the hill town of Nuwara Eliya. En route we'll see *tea pickers*, baskets on their backs, deftly plucking the tips of the plants. We'll visit a tea plantation and factory to see the process of making one of the world's favourite drinks from start to finish and where you can purchase some of the best tea in the world.

### NUWARA ELIYA – ELLA – YALA NATIONAL PARK

*two nights Yala National Park*

**Days 21-22** Today sit back and admire *picture perfect scenery* travelling *one of the most scenic train journeys in the world*. Travelling through tea estates framed against a backdrop of lush forested mountains and plateaus we wind our way to *Ella*, where we meet our coach to continue the journey to *Yala National Park* home for the next two nights. Home to elephant, deer, fox, jackal, jungle cats, crocodile, Asian bear and one of the highest leopard densities in the world, and a plethora of bird species, six endemic to Sri Lanka.

### YALA NATIONAL PARK – GALLE

*two nights Galle*

**Days 23-24** Today we make our way to Galle located on Sri Lanka's southern coast. En-route we'll visit a local turtle hatchery where the work done has significantly improved the survival chances of four endangered species, and famous Stilt Fisherman perched on poles out in the sea, casting their lines. Lured by spices the Portuguese were the first Europeans to colonise Sri Lanka in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, followed soon by the Dutch then British. Preceding the arrival of the Portuguese, Galle had strong trading ties with Persia and the Arabian Peninsula, India, China, Malay, Greece and even Rome. Today Galle, pronounced 'Gaar-le', exudes a bursting *scent of spices* mixed with a salty sea breeze. It has a wonderful collection of colonial buildings surrounded by a *World Heritage historic fort* built in 1663 by the Dutch. Within the walls can be found wonderful boutique shops, cafés, artisans both foreign and local. When meandering through the old town every turn yields a new surprise!

### GALLE – COLOMBO

*one night Colombo*

**Day 25** Sadly our journey is almost at an end. Travelling north we follow the coast to Colombo and back to where we began our Sri Lankan odyssey. Tonight we'll enjoy a farewell dinner to share memories and experiences of our fabulous journey!

### COLOMBO – SINGAPORE

*one night Singapore*

**Day 26** Late morning we depart Colombo bound for Singapore and an overnight stay.

### SINGAPORE – NEW ZEALAND

**Days 27-28** A full day in Singapore for some last minute shopping, sightseeing or relax around the pool. Leave Singapore early evening arriving Christchurch mid-morning tomorrow.





# European Christmas Markets

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Have you ever wondered what bustling New York would be like in the Christmas season? Join us and be mesmerised by the lights, hype and atmosphere only **New York**, the **'Big Apple'** can offer at this spectacular time of the year. Then after four festive nights, journey into the heart of Europe in all its' pre-Christmas glory. Featuring some of Germany and France's finest cities and most celebrated **Christmas markets** including picturesque **Bamberg**, which takes up the 2,000 square metres of Maxplatz at the heart of the Old Town, and **Nuremberg**, one of Germany's oldest and finest, the **Christkindlmarkt**, dating back to 1628. In addition to perusing Christmas markets in **Würzburg**, **Mainz**, **Rüdesheim** and **Strasbourg**, we will have the option to travel to the **Black Forest** and visit some of its breath taking lakes, waterfalls and mountains. Return via San Francisco and visit some more spectacular American landmarks such as the **Golden Gate Bridge**, **Alcatraz** and **Fisherman's Wharf**. So, if you like the thought of sampling local delicacies, sipping spicy mulled wine as you browse wonderful Christmas markets, exchanging pleasantries with friendly locals whilst yuletide melodies fill the invigorating air ... then you'd better be good!



*"Our many different cultures notwithstanding, there's something about the holidays that makes the planet communal. Even nations that do not celebrate Christmas can't help but be caught up in the collective spirit of their neighbors, as twinkling lights dot the landscape and carols fill the air. It's an inspiring time of the year!"* Marlo Thomas

## EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS



FROM **\$14,950** per person  
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### INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares from CHC
- Quality 4-5 star hotels throughout
- All breakfasts excluding San Francisco
- 10 Day European River Cruise
- All meals on the cruise and select beverages
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- 2nd class rail Frankfurt to Nuremberg
- Local English speaking guides
- Private air conditioned touring coach
- All tips, gratuities, portage and port taxes
- Services of a Travel 2U tour director

### EXCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as spending money, laundry, phone calls etc.
- Meals other than those mentioned
- Fuel surcharges, airport levies and airline surcharges (approx. \$300)

### OPTIONAL (PER PERSON)

- Upgrade to Business or Premium Economy Class international flights
- Single supplement



### NEW ZEALAND – NEW YORK

*four nights New York*

**Day 1** Today we depart New Zealand bound for the *'Big Apple', New York City*. We are met on arrival and transferred to our very comfortable hotel, perfectly located close to many of the notable landmarks of this stunning city

### NEW YORK

**Days 2-4** Over the next three days, experience this diverse city and all it has to offer. Explore the Christmas spirit of New York, from the magnificent Christmas window displays scattered across the city to surprise you at every corner, to the Christmas markets where you can find that special treasure. We will see iconic New York landmarks such as the *Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, Ground Zero, Central Park, Times Square* and the *Empire State Building* to name a few, but we will also make sure we visit the lesser known but equally beautiful attractions this city has to offer.

### NEW YORK – FRANKFURT

**Day 5** Today we say goodbye to New York with an overnight flight to the city of Frankfurt.

### FRANKFURT – NUREMBERG

*two nights Nuremberg*

**Days 6-7** On arrival in Frankfurt we'll make our way south by rail to Nuremberg. *Nuremberg* boasts one of Germany's oldest Christmas markets, *Christkindlmarkt*, where modern and mass produced goods are forbidden. Regulations specify that only authentic handcrafted wares are sold from the beautifully adorned stalls blanketed in red and white cloth. Today and tomorrow are free for you to spend your time however you wish. Noteworthy in particular are the *900 year old ramparts* that surround this historic city, the *Imperial Castle* and *Justice Palace* where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946.

### CHRISTMAS TIME AVALON CRUISE, AVALON IMAGERY II

*nine nights Avalon*

**Day 8** This afternoon we board our ship, *Avalon Imagery II*, our home for the next nine nights. All meals whilst on board include regional wines, beer and soft drinks with dinner and complimentary soft drinks with lunch. We have included sightseeing options everyday whilst on board and the Christmas market stalls in each of our destinations await our visit! Overnight in Nuremberg on board ship.

**Day 9** There are various sightseeing options today. Choose a guided tour of *Nuremberg's medieval architecture, gilded fountain, Gothic Cathedral* and *Kaiserburg Castle* or take a guided tour to the historic *Nuremberg Rally Grounds*, used by the Third Reich. Spend free time browsing the spruce stalls of the Christmas markets of Nuremberg. Sample Bavarian favourites such as bratwurst, gingerbread, delicious mulled blueberry wine, roasted chestnuts and countless other Christkindlmarkt culinary delights. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

### BAMBERG

**Day 10** In *Bamberg* we take a walking tour of this enchanting medieval town which was declared a *UNESCO World Heritage* site in 1993. The old town hall that straddles the river is one of the main features of Bamberg. Legend has it that the bishop would not grant people the land on which to build a town hall, so they drove stakes into the river and formed an artificial island, upon which it stands today. The city's charm extends to its twisting streets with quaint houses and some more elaborate 18<sup>th</sup> century mansions. Stroll through dozens of Bamberg's nativity scenes, from miniature to life-size. Take free time to enjoy the quaint Christmas markets and warm up with traditional German dumplings, sausage, and a glass of hearty Bavarian ale. Our cruising continues along the Main River.

## WÜRZBURG

**Day 11** Enjoy a relaxed morning cruising before our arrival in *Würzburg*, the capital of Lower Franconia. '*The Pearl of the Romantic Road*' is surrounded by sloping hills covered with vineyards. During our morning tour we'll visit major sights of interest including the expansive *Residential Palace*. Alternatively you could visit *Kathe Wohlfahrt German Christmas Museum*, which houses the most extensive collection of traditional German decorations. Or you may prefer to take an optional tour to the Bavarian town of *Rothenberg*, a *UNESCO medieval town* virtually unchanged since the 11<sup>th</sup> century.

## MAIN RIVER VILLAGE

**Day 12** Today join a guided tour of a picturesque Bavarian village located along the Main River. Many of the villages along this stretch of the river's original settlers were Romans who built two castles here for the protection of the *Northern Frontier* of the then *Roman Empire*. Today the feel is very much medieval and beautifully timber framed and gabled houses are abundant, due largely to legislation granting residents free construction timber from communally owned forests. Then back on-board for tonight's cookie-baking demonstration.

## MAINZ, EXCURSION TO RÜDESHEIM

**Day 13** On arrival to *Rüdesheim*, we take a guided tour to the incredible *Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum*, a one-of-a-kind experience where you can admire and play unique instruments, one of the absolute highlights of previous cruise tours. Or if you prefer, explore *Mainz* at your own leisurely pace.

## SPEYER, HEIDELBERG EXCURSION

**Day 14** Today for those who wish, we take a guided tour that includes the magnificent *Heidelberg Castle* and the *Great Vat*, the world's largest wine barrel. After the tour, visit the local German Christmas markets in Heidelberg, or Speyer. Explore at your own pace to soak up the sights and sounds, tantalizing treats and seasonal handiwork of these sparkling winter wonderlands. This evening enjoy live entertainment on board.

## STRASBOURG, FRANCE

**Day 15** Today we join a guided city tour including the gothic, stained-glass *Strasbourg Cathedral* with its celebrated *ancient murals* and *astronomical clock* as well as the magical *La Petite France District*. You may choose to join a guided optional excursion to the beautiful *Alsace*, for an afternoon in a French wine-country village. Savour the warmth and glow of traditional Christmas by spending your free time this afternoon wandering the French winter markets of Strasbourg. Take in the lights, music and the pleasures of the season.

## BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST

**Day 16** History, artistry and the beautiful *Black Forest* – in sight and in taste today! We visit *Badische Winzerkeller*, the largest German wine producer in Europe. Discover Germany's southernmost wine country in Baden, ideally situated between the hills of the Black Forest and the Rhine River. Learn about the vintners' process in the vineyards here and enjoy a wine tasting. Alternatively, join a guided tour to the magical *Black Forest* to experience local traditions and the vibrant Christmas mood. You may choose to join a guided optional excursion to visit the charming village of *Colmar*, with its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings and enjoy the warmth and glow of the Christmas season.

## BASEL – ZÜRICH – SAN FRANCISCO

*one night San Francisco*

**Day 17** After breakfast we disembark our ship and are met portside by our driver to begin our scenic drive to Zurich airport and our flights bound for San Francisco.

## SAN FRANCISCO – NEW ZEALAND

**Days 18-20** After a good night's sleep you have a free day to explore this vibrant city until our late evening transfer for our flight to New Zealand. There are plenty of ways to spend your day. Some ideas would be to take a trolley bus and visit many iconic attractions such as *Golden Gate Bridge*, *Alcatraz*, *Chinatown*, *Pier 39* and *Fisherman's Wharf*. Maybe hop over to *Sausalito* to visit one of the speciality stores. No trip to San Francisco is complete without visiting the historic *Chirardelli Square*, home of the famous delicious chocolates. During Christmas though, the square is transformed with lights everywhere, holiday decorations and a massive Christmas tree and so much more. We travel home and arrive amidst the buzz of pre-Christmas excitement, heads filled with incredible memories of the past couple of weeks together and wonderful stories to share with friends and family. Unpack those incredible and special Christmas decorations and place them on your tree, just in time for the 'Down Under' summer Christmas festivities to begin!



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We welcome your enquiry and look forward to entertaining your group soon.



CULLAN DREYER

This year we welcome Cullan to our team. Cullan is new to the travel industry, but brings with him his experiences of visiting 30+ countries over the past year. His hobbies include playing football and spending time with his friends and family. His favourite destinations include Cambodia, Jordan, Italy, the Netherlands and Iceland. He loves exploring and learning about destinations off the beaten path.

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# Booking Form



## TOUR NAME (ie: India Unveiled)

## PASSPORT DETAILS (should be valid 6 months beyond your return date, a copy of passport is also required)

	Full Name as it appears in your passport	Passport No.	Issued	Expires	Nationality
1					
2					

## PERSONAL DETAILS

	Mr/Mrs/Ms	Preferred First Name (ie Judith/Judy) for name tag	Date of Birth	Age (at time of travel)
1				
2				

## CONTACT DETAILS

Address:	
	Town/City:
Post Code:	Email:
Home Phone:	Mobile:

## ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

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

If you indicated share twin and have someone to share with please name them below

For tours which include a cruise do you wish to upgrade your cabin?  Yes  No

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

Extension Travel: (please contact us to discuss further)  Yes  No

## 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.

Card Type:	Card Number:
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Please tick if receipt required.

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Please tick if receipt required.

Early Bird Option (Available until 30 September 2019) I have read and understood the booking conditions and agree that payment of my deposit is acceptance of them. Enclosed is my/our payment of **\$1,000.00 per person** as a non refundable deposit for the tour(s) indicated above. (Note: Travel Insurance should be purchased within 2 weeks of paying your deposit.)

I have read and understood the booking conditions and agree that payment of my deposit is acceptance of them. Enclosed is my/our payment of **\$3,000.00 per person** as a non refundable deposit for the tour(s) indicated above. (Note: Travel Insurance should be purchased within 2 weeks of paying your deposit.)

Signed	Date	Total enclosed \$
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**AIRLINE AND TRAVEL INFORMATION**

	<b>Passenger 1</b>	<b>Passenger 2</b>
<b>Airline Seating Requests:</b>	Aisle / Window (circle preference)	Aisle / Window (circle preference)
<b>Medical Conditions:</b>		
<b>Special Dietary Requirements:</b>		
<b>Airpoints/Krisflyer Number:</b>		
<b>Princess Number (if applicable):</b>		
<b>Holland America Number (if applicable):</b>		

Travel Insurance required:  Yes  No

(If no please advise travel insurance company name and policy number)

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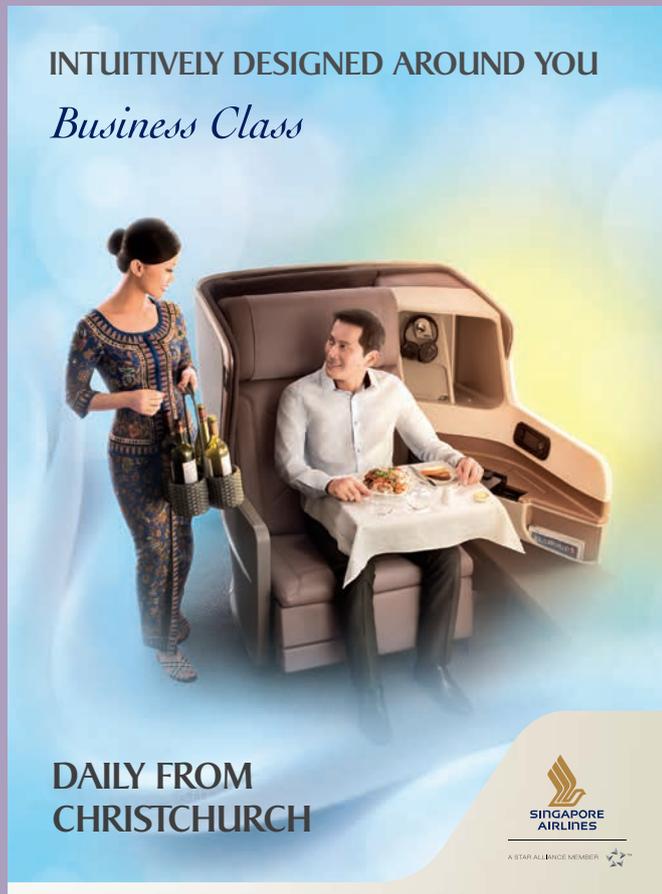
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## BOOKING CONDITIONS

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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.
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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 for all overseas tours 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). Insurance for local tours is at the discretion of the traveller.
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 the 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, 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 cash, cheque, Internet banking Visa or Mastercard only. Further amounts due are based on cash, cheque payment or 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 will be forfeited. After this time, full cancellation fees 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 airpoints 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.
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.

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