

Travel 2U



personally escorted
small group experiences
2019



What people are saying about Travel 2U ...

EUROPEAN CLASSIC RIVER CRUISE

"John and Marie were outstanding Tour Leaders. Nothing was too much trouble and they went out of their way to ensure that we were all enjoying ourselves and all our needs were catered for. Many of the places we visited far exceeded our expectations. We loved the trip and it was a great way to celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary."
– S & W Gilbert

SOUTH AMERICA

"South America is probably on everyone's bucket list. We hesitated for years feeling a little insecure about our safety. When Travel 2U advertised this tour we were so pleased. The whole experience was well worthwhile and we couldn't have felt safer." – M & I Kinley

"As always a very well planned itinerary, exceeding our expectations. Every detail taken care of, nothing for us to worry about. Brent was an excellent guide, very capable and an experienced traveler." – Jeanette & Cyril

CANADA & ALASKA

"This was my first tour with Travel 2U and it exceeded my expectations. Andrew & Michele did a wonderful job. As a single traveler I never felt alone at any time."
– A Davis

CROATIA, DALMATIA & ISTRIA

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

SOUTHERN INDIA & SRI LANKA

"Travel 2U care about the people they take on tour and after eight overseas experiences with them I am very happy to recommend them to intending travelers." – H Strong

"We have been on many tours with different companies but found the flexibility and individual care for all group members to be outstanding with Travel 2U." – IJ & CJ



Welcome

Thank you for choosing to pick up and read our brochure. This is the first step in what we hope will be an opening of doors to countless opportunities of exploration of differing cultures, traditions, history and landscapes, the combination of which form this wonderfully diverse world in which we live.

Historically we've outlined brief details of each of our forthcoming small group experiences in our introduction, however in a break from tradition this year we'd like to talk about what makes a Travel 2U 'tour' different to anything you've done previously, and could alter the way you travel in the future.

Having been involved in the travel industry for over 30 years we're proud of our history and humbled by the incredible support of a large 'family' of loyal clients. We've listened intently to your dreams, desires, passions and pleasures during this time. These are the same valued sentiments we take into consideration when determining future destinations. Your feedback and opinions help shape our 'experiences', the means of travel, inclusions and necessities, ensuring we consistently maintain the high standard we set ourselves in the delivery of each and every small group experience.

For Kiwi travellers from Cape Reinga to Bluff, you don't have to have been born here to embrace our unique culture and relaxed way of life. It's that essence we endeavor to emulate with every group that departs our fair shores.

Itineraries we create are designed personally by us, especially for you. As you read through the following pages we encourage you to picture yourself in 'that' special place, enjoying each perfect moment, pinching yourself in disbelief that you're really there. Take your time and look beyond the words on the page to the experience which lays beyond, and the plethora of wonderful opportunities that beckon.

Don't wait another year to make a decision you'll never regret. Come and join us on one of our personally escorted small group experiences in 2019.

ANDREW J FIBBENS, *Director*

JOHN W KOTTIER, *Director*

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Early Bird Special



ENCHANTING CHINA
13 May – 6 Jun



CROATIA, DALMATIA & ISTRIA
7 – 28 Jun



EAST COAST USA & CANADA
9 Jun – 5 Jul



SOUTHERN ITALY, SICILY & MALTA
16 Jun – 9 Jul



EUROPEAN RIVER CLASSIC CRUISE
30 Jun – 27 Jul



CANADA & ALASKA
5 – 28 Jul



IRELAND, ICELAND & THE ISLES
6 – 30 Aug



SOUTH AMERICA SENSACIÓN
25 Aug – 17 Sep



Join **Travel 2U** on the journey of a life time that will excite, surprise, captivate and delight you ...

BOOK EARLY & SAVE!

1. Book and deposit by 30 September 2018 and take **\$300** per person off the price plus pay a reduced deposit of **\$1,000**.
2. Book and deposit by 30 November 2018 and take **\$200** per person off the price.
3. Refer a friend or family member, who books and deposits on one of our small group experiences in 2019 and save a further **\$150**.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO ATTEND OUR
2019 PRESENTATION EVENINGS!

BOOK NOW

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Enchanting China

13 MAY - 6 JUNE • 25 DAYS



An amazing country of contrasts, China will leave you breathless and in awe. See Mother Nature's most amazing creations, so beautifully sculptured, and the breathtaking feats of human design and engineering, created in an effort to tame her majesty. Visit Beijing's *Tiananmen Square*, *Temple of Heaven*, the *Forbidden City* and the *Great Wall of China*. See *Giant Pandas* in *Chengdu*, cruise the mighty *Yangtze River* and gaze in wonder at the incredible *Terracotta Warriors*. See the jaw-dropping *Tianmen* and *Zhangjiajie Mountains*, the stunning rice terraces at *Longsheng*, and walk through the fascinating *Reed Flute Caves* in *Guilin*. You'll witness acclaimed acrobatics, martial arts performances and cultural shows that will astound you. There's plenty of time for shopping too and in *Shanghai* you'll be overwhelmed by the choice this most modern of cities presents.



"If you fail to reach the Great Wall, you are not a man." MAO ZEDONG



FROM **\$11,850** per person
share twin

INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class Air Travel from CHC or AKL
- Internal travel within China
- All breakfast, 17 lunches and 21 dinners throughout China
- 4½ Star Yangtze River cruise including all meals in a cat 'A' outside stateroom
- Chinese visa and processing
- Tips, hotel gratuities & portage
- Transfers, sightseeing and shows as specified
- Private touring coach
- 4-4½ Star accommodation
- Services of a Travel 2U tour leader
- Local english speaking guides
- Travel 2U tour pack

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, shopping, room service etc.
- Airline taxes, fuel surcharges and levies approx. \$140
- Meals not mentioned already above
- Meals in Singapore other than breakfast
- Single supplement from \$2,925

OPTIONAL (POA)

- Premium Economy or Business Class upgrade (International flights only)



ENCHANTING CHINA

NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE

one night Singapore

Days 1–2 We depart New Zealand on *Singapore Airlines* bound for *Singapore* and an overnight stay, en-route to our grand destination China and some of the most unforgettable experiences of your life.

SINGAPORE – BEIJING

three nights Beijing

Days 2–5 On arrival in *Beijing* we will be met by our local English speaking guide, and taken by private coach to our hotel, home for the next three nights. We travel to the foot of one of the wonders of the world, the *Great Wall*, taking the cable car to a fascinating section known as *Mutianyu*. Those fit enough may decide to walk a portion or enjoy the amazing sight from where they stand. We'll take you to a *Peking Duck* restaurant and show you Beijing's most recognisable and iconic symbols *Tiananmen Square*, the *Forbidden City*, *Temple of Heaven* and the *Summer Palace*. We'll also see an incredible performance of *The Legend of Kung Fu*.

BEIJING – XIAN

two nights Xian

Days 5–7 We bid farewell to Beijing bound for *Xian*. Walk atop Xian's *ancient defensive wall*, one of the best preserved in China, built during the *Ming Dynasty* in the 14th century. Throughout the Empire, the working day would open with a bell chime and end on a drum-beat. We'll see the two great towers, the *Bell* and the *Drum Towers* standing in the very center of Xian that perform these timekeeping functions. Witness one of the best known archaeological finds in the world, the *Terracotta Warriors*. The lifelike figurines were meticulously cast to be the personal army of *Chinese Emperor Qin Shi Huang* (c.246BC) in the afterlife. Disliked by his subjects, his tomb was constructed in total secrecy by thousands of craftsmen who cast the warriors, and were rewarded by being buried alive—to silence them forever. Celebrate a wonderful stay in Xian with a specialty *dumpling dinner* and a spectacular *Tang Dynasty Culture show*.

XIAN – CHENGDU

two nights Chengdu

Days 7–9 With a history stretching over 2,000 years the city of *Chengdu* is the vibrant capital of Southwest China's Sichuan Province. In Chengdu all roads lead to *Chairman Mao*, his huge statue standing at the northern end of *Tianfu Square* in the geographic centre of the city. No tour to China would be complete without seeing the *Giant Panda* up close, and what better place than at the *Giant Panda Breeding and Research facility* where we learn all about them. This evening we attend a remarkable *face changing* and *dramatic* performance, and afterwards dine-out at a local *Hot-Pot* restaurant.

CHENGDU – CHONGQING

three nights Yangtze River Cruise

Days 9–12 We depart Chengdu for *Chongqing* and *Chaotianmen Port*, to join the *Century Paragon* and the start of a four day cruise on the mighty *Yangtze River*. There's an optional excursion to *The Ghost City* in *Fengdu*, said to be the abode of devils, the famous 'Ghost City' is situated on the northern bank of the river between *Zhongxian* and *Fuling*. The origin of the town's eerie reputation can be traced back to the *Han Dynasty* (206 B.C.–220 A.D.) when two officials, Yin and Wang, became Taoist recluses here, and were immortalized. Later in the *Tang Dynasty* (618 – 907A.D) their names were combined to mean *King of the Underworld*. We'll visit the beautiful 12 story *Shibaozhai Pagoda* built in the 1800's and marvel at the scenery as the ship enters the *Three Gorges* through *Kui Gate*, an imposing mountain buttress guarding the western entrance to *Qutang Gorge*. Sandwiched between the *Wu Mountains* we enter *Wu Gorge* and embark on a small boat excursion, winding our way through a narrow gap bordered by high cliffs and mountains along the picturesque and stunningly beautiful *Shennv Stream*.

YICHANG – WULINGYUAN

two nights Wulingyuan

Day 12 Disembarking *Century Paragon* at *Yichang* we'll take a private excursion to the *Three Gorges Dam*, a major feat of engineering brilliance, culminating in the construction of the largest man made dam in the world. Seeing is believing! Displacing over 1 million people from their homes, and containing enough water to raise initial fears that it might cause the earth to alter rotation on its axis! At capacity the dam supplies 10% of China's entire power needs. We continue our journey to *Wulingyuan*, gateway to *Zhangjiajie National Park*, brought to prominence by the *Hollywood Blockbuster* movie *Avatar*.

Day 13 *Zhangjiajie National Park*, is *China's first national park* created in 1982 and another of China's World Heritage Sites. See towering quartz sandstone pillars, dense forests and stunning lakes, making for the most uniquely, beautiful landscapes you will see. Apart from the breathtaking scenery the park is a treasure trove for rare and once thought extinct species of plants. The *Long Xia Flower* can change colour five times a day and the *Dove Tree* with dangling handkerchief like foliage whose ancestors fossilized remains date back 2.5 million years. Monkeys, bears and leopards live in the park, as well as the giant salamander who makes its home in its streams and rivers, growing up to 1.8 metres in length and weighing up to 50kgs!

WULINGYUAN – ZHANGJIAJIE

two nights Zhangjiajie

Days 14–16 This morning the dare devils among us can take an optional excursion to walk *Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge* which is suspended 260m above the canyon floor. When opened in August 2016 it was the largest and longest glass bottom bridge in the world. This afternoon we travel to *Zhangjiajie* town from where we travel on the world's longest cable car to beautiful *Tianmen Mountain*. Atop the mountain



ENCHANTING CHINA

we'll experience amazing views, cliff-side walkways, and for the brave glass walkways. We descend via seven escalators inside the mountain to *Heaven's Gate*. From there some may choose to carry-on down via 999 steps, others will take another escalator inside the mountain. Finally we will drive back to our hotel via the most incredible road with its 99 switchbacks, and the end to an incredible day.

ZHANGZAIJIE – GUILIN

four nights Guilin

Days 16–20 We bid farewell to the *Avatar Mountains* bound for *Guilin*. The name translates to *Forest of Sweet Osmanthus* due to the scented Osmanthus Forest found in the area, and is regarded as one of *China's Pearls* owing to its natural landscapes and historic beauty. We'll *cruise the Li River* from Guilin to *Yangshuo* where you'll see incredible limestone peaks, often shrouded in cloud, adding to their mystique. *Water buffalo* march ceremoniously through the fields as farmers tend their paddies, and children and fisherman float by on bamboo rafts. With its breathtaking scenery and taste of a life far removed from the hustle and bustle of the city, the scenery along the Li River is another of China's wondrous sights to be seen. We'll also experience amazing *Longsheng Rice Terraces (Dragons Backbone)*. Construction of the terraces began during the *Yuan Dynasty*, 1271 – 1368, and completed in 1911 during the *Qing Dynasty*. They're a culmination of both insightful wisdom and the tireless labour of a local ethnic minority called the *Zhuang*. Interwoven over the hillsides the terraces paint an amazing picture whatever season they're viewed, and are an astonishing feat of human engineering. We'll visit the beautiful *Reed Flute Caves*, a magical fairland of *stalactites* and *stalagmites*, stone pillars and fantastic shapes depicting birds, plants and various animals, highlighted by an amazing display of coloured lighting.

GUILIN – SHANGHAI

three nights Shanghai

Days 20–23 After a short flight we are back to the big cities again, and one of the fastest growing and most dynamic of them all is Shanghai. Boasting numbers and firsts, Shanghai is a bustling metropolis of shanty's, shops, skyscrapers, vehicles and of course ... people. You'll love it! This morning we're off to *the Bund*. An area on the bank of the *Huangpu River* with a very *British feel* about it, for a very good reason. In the 19th and early 20th century it beckoned British, amongst others, with the lure of its *opium trade*. Not long after it became home to banks, financial institutions and many businesses of European origin. It affords some of the best views across the river to the skyscrapers and buildings of architectural excellence that have sprouted up, long after the opium days were over. To refresh the spirit we make our way to the beautiful *Yu Gardens*, a gem of Shanghai. Built between 1559 and 1577 the gardens with their pavilions and ponds linked by ornate bridges and rock waterfall are an oasis of peace in a fast paced city. We'll visit what was once *Old Shanghai* a bustling warren of narrow alleys filled with shops, antique stores, tea and *noodle houses*, and tiny eateries serving soup, dumplings and traditional sweets. You'll see one of the most incredible *acrobatic shows* on the planet, certain to leave you spellbound. There's a full day at leisure to *shop* or explore, however for those wanting more, an optional excursion can be arranged to *Zhujiajiao*, an interesting and ancient water town built over 1700 years ago.

SHANGHAI – SINGAPORE

one night Singapore

Day 23 Tinged with sadness we bid farewell to Shanghai and China, however we have one final experience for you aboard the *Maglev high-speed train* as it travels at 430kmh, covering 30km between the city and Pudong International airport in 8 minutes flat! Check-in for our Singapore Airlines flight bound for Singapore and our overnight stay.

Day 24 The day is yours to do as you please before we depart late afternoon to Changi Airport.

SINGAPORE – NEW ZEALAND

Day 25 We arrive back in New Zealand today filled with wonderful memories of an enchanting journey.



INTRODUCING SINGAPORE AIRLINES NEW A350



Croatia, Dalmatia & Istria

7 - 28 JUNE • 22 DAYS



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



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

ST. AUGUSTINE



FROM **\$12,940** per person
share twin

INCLUDED

- Return economy class airfares flying Singapore Airlines and partner airlines ex CHC or AKL
- 4 star hotels throughout
- All breakfasts and dinners in Europe
- All gratuities and taxes
- Local English speaking city guides
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Private touring coach
- Services of a Travel 2U tour leader
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Singapore stopovers

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, spending money etc.
- Fuel surcharges, taxes and levies approx. \$395
- Meals other than those specified in the itinerary
- Single supplement from \$2,995

ADDED EXTRAS (POA)

- Upgrade to Premium Economy or Business Class on international flights
- Venice day trip



CROATIA, DALMATIA & ISTRIA



NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE – DUBROVNIK

one night Singapore

Days 1-2 Today we depart New Zealand on Singapore Airlines, the start of a wonderful journey. We make a one night stopover en-route, so we arrive in Dubrovnik feeling refreshed.

three nights Dubrovnik

Day 3 On our arrival in *Dubrovnik* we will be met by our local guide and driver and taken directly to our hotel conveniently located in one of the most charming areas of Dubrovnik known as Lapad, with the tepid Adriatic at our feet!

Day 4 Our excursion today takes us to one of the southernmost points of Croatia, *Cavtat*, an important Roman colony in its time, and the second most important seaport of the empire. Today it's a small town full of cultural and historical significance, and a fine example of the breathtaking Mediterranean beauty typical of this region.

Day 5 We begin our day exploring Dubrovnik's *old fortified town*, including walking atop the towns defensive walls. Of particular note are the *Bell Tower Clock*, the *15th century Orlando's Column*, *Sponza Palace* and the *Dominican and Franciscan Monastery*. The afternoon is yours to do as you please. You may like to stay a while longer in the old town and soak up the atmosphere, or perhaps return to our hotel and do some 'soaking' of a different kind in the hotels beautiful pool or the warm clear waters of the Adriatic.

DUBROVNIK – SPLIT

three nights Split

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

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

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

SPLIT – PLITVICE LAKES – OPATIJA

two nights Opatija

Day 9 Making our way north east today with a number of comfort stops en-route, our aim is to provide maximum time to enjoy the incredible natural beauty of *World Heritage listed Plitvice Lakes*, consisting of 16 lakes and numerous waterfalls connected by kilometres of paths and wooden walkways amongst breathtaking scenery. Following lunch at the lakes we continue northwest to the *Istrian town of Opatija*, one of the most colourfully painted towns you are ever likely to see. Our hotel is within easy reach of the waterfront, linked by a wonderful promenade that spans the length of the shoreline.

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

OPATIJA – PULA – ROVINJ

three nights Rovinj

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

Days 12-13 The following two days are yours to do as you please. Rovinj's quaint cobbled streets are lined with artist's lairs and shops containing all manner of curios. A casual wander along the streets and alleyways will inevitably lead you up to the Cathedral which punctuates this small town and offers an impressive view over the peninsular and beyond. There will also be an opportunity for a day's excursion to Venice!

CROATIA, DALMATIA & ISTRIA



OPTIONAL VENICE ADD ON

A Venice optional day trip includes return fast ferry transfers, a guided walking tour to Piazza San Marco, a gondola ride and some leisure time to shop or explore. A busy but exhilarating day!

ROVINJ – POSTOJNA – LAKE BLEĐ

Day 14 We head north again today and enter *Slovenia* for the first time making a stop at the incredible *caves* at *Postojna*, Europe's biggest and one of the most spectacular caves in the world. Our tour here will include a ride in the *miniature train* 2 kms inside the caves before we continue by foot with a local guide telling us more of the fascinating history of the caves and pointing out the differing forms of stalactites and stalagmites. We continue later in the afternoon, to the very beautiful *Lake Bled*, our restful home for the next two nights. Lake Bled was formed from the recession of the Bohinj glacier. 2.1km long and up to 1.4km wide; the lake has a maximum depth of 30.6m. After the last Ice Age, the Bohinj glacier deepened the natural hollow giving shape to its present form. The basin was filled with water when the ice melted, and is punctuated by the small island toward the west side of the lake.

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

LAKE BLEĐ – LJUBLJANA – ZAGREB

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

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

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

ZAGREB – SINGAPORE – NEW ZEALAND

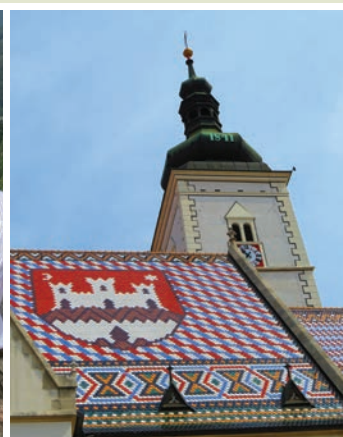
Days 19-22 A last chance for shopping or sightseeing today before we transfer to the airport in the afternoon to begin our journey to New Zealand. Our return flight includes a one night stopover en-route, allowing time to simply relax, sightsee or fit in some last minute shopping.

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

two nights Lake Bled

three nights Zagreb

one night Singapore



WELCOME ABOARD
THE SINGAPORE AIRLINES A350-900
YOUR ULTIMATE A350 EXPERIENCE

LAUNCHING 7 JANUARY FROM SINGAPORE TO CHRISTCHURCH



East Coast USA & CANADA

9 JUNE - 5 JULY • 27 DAYS



Returning to one of our most popular destinations we've recaptured all the highlights that made this journey so popular previously. A comprehensive tour featuring the highlights of the great cities of *Washington, New York* and *Boston* with their bounty of historical sights, structures of significance and abundant nod to the arts. We'll also explore the quaint settlements predominant in the American Civil War such as *Williamsburg* and *Harpers Ferry*, retracing a route similar to the one taken by confederate soldiers marching to *Gettysburg* through the *Shenandoah National Park*. We'll introduce you to the *Amish* and *Mennonite* lifestyles in Lancaster, and indulge our vices at *Hershey's Chocolate World*. In Boston our magnificent *cruse ship* awaits to pamper us for seven glorious nights as we cruise the eastern seaboard, visiting fascinating ports in *New England, Nova Scotia* and on the mighty *St Lawrence River* with a bounty of wonderful amenities at our disposal aboard the *ms Zaandam*. In Canada we'll soak up the French influenced ambience of *Quebec* and *Montreal* before experiencing one of the world's greatest spectacles up close, as we sail on the *'Hornblower'* below the thundering *Niagara Falls*. If it's the definitive USA & Canada East Coast experience you're seeking, look no further.



"There are no foreign lands. It is the traveller only who is foreign." ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON



EAST COAST USA & CANADA



FROM **\$17,980** per person
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INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares on Air New Zealand & partner airlines ex CHC, WLG or AKL
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- Canada visitor visa (eTA)
- Cruise port taxes and crew gratuities

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- Meals other than those mentioned
- Single Room supplement from \$5,990

OPTIONAL – PER PERSON (POA)

- Return Premium Economy or Business Class air travel (International only)
- Upgrade to balcony cabin on cruise
- Broadway Show (New York)



NEW ZEALAND – HOUSTON – WASHINGTON

Day 1 Flying directly from New Zealand to Houston, where we connect with our onward flight to Washington. Arriving in the evening we're met and transferred to our very comfortable hotel, perfectly located close to many of the capital's notable landmarks.

WASHINGTON

Days 2-3 Over the next two days we'll experience the best sights of *Washington DC* including the *Lincoln Memorial*, *Washington Monument*, the *White House*, *Capitol Hill*, *Library of Congress* and entrance to the *Smithsonian Institute National Air and Space Museum*. Washington is also well known for its remarkable monuments to the many battles it has been engaged in over the years and we'll see the best of these, including *WWII*, *Iwo Jima* and *Vietnam*. We'll also visit one of the worlds most recognised memorials and the USA's most hallowed ground at the *Arlington Cemetery*, where we'll be present for the changing of the guard.

three nights Washington

WASHINGTON – YORKTOWN – WILLIAMSBURG

Days 4-5 A fascinating couple of days begin with a visit to *Jamestown*, the first successful English settlement on the mainland of North America. Named for King James I of England, and intended as a prospect for gold mining offering handsome returns for its investors. Appropriately costumed residents keep the settlement alive and there's an opportunity to wander through an authentic recreation of a sailing ship typical of those used by the early settlers. We'll also visit *Yorktown*, site of the last major land battle of the American revolution, where you'll experience life in an army tent camp, hear of military tactics, see musket loading and firing, campfire cooking and typical civilian life in the 18th century. In *Colonial Williamsburg* you'll feel as if you've stepped back in time, walking the shingle and dirt streets, having a drink in the rickety wooden floored tavern, and experiencing the gas-lamp lighting in the evening.

two nights Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG – RICHMOND – SHENANDOAH

Day 6 A beautiful drive lies ahead as we make our way to one of the most famous parks in America, the *Shenandoah National Park*, with further historical significance in the *American Civil War*, and immortalised by singer John Denver in his hit 'Take Me Home, Country Roads' with reference to *Blue Ridge Mountains*, *Shenandoah River*. The air is clean, the scenery spectacular and keep your eyes open, for wildlife in these parts is not uncommon. En route we stop in *Richmond* for a look around the museum and *White House of Confederacy*.

one night Shenandoah

SHENANDOAH – GETTYSBURG

Days 7-8 We begin the day with a scenic drive through the splendour of the National Park before arriving at historical *Gettysburg*. The *Battle of Gettysburg* was a crucial turning point in the American Civil War, a conflict that determined the fate of the United States and in which the largest number of casualties was inflicted. As part of our sightseeing we'll visit the *Battlefields of the famous Gettysburg Campaign* with a knowledgeable Park Ranger. We'll also visit the *National Civil War Museum*, and in the evening we dine at a very unique restaurant with a significant place in history.

two nights Gettysburg

GETTYSBURG – LANCASTER – PHILADELPHIA

Day 9 Today we make our way east, stopping at some of the greatest points of interest including the iconic *Hershey Chocolate World* for a factory tour and sampling of chocolates, before continuing to *Lancaster*, where the highlight will be a visit to an *Amish Country Homestead*. We'll learn a little of their lives, without the benefit of modern technology, no electricity, running water, telephone service or appliances, and try to understand more of their beliefs, in a community that grows year by year. Lunch will be at the quirky '*Kitchen Kettle*' before we arrive at the city of brotherly love, *Philadelphia*, later in the afternoon.

one night Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA – NEW YORK

Day 10 Philadelphia is famous for the *Liberty Bell*, *Constitution Square* and *Constitution Hall*. We'll see these and more as we explore this fascinating city. We'll stop at the colourful *Reading Market*, one of the best stocked markets in the US, with possibly an example of every kind of meat, cheese, vegetable and fruit you can imagine. Lunch here is always a fine affair! We continue through the state of *Pennsylvania* through *New Jersey* to the one and only *Big Apple ... New York*.

three nights New York

Days 11–12 We'll spend the next two days sightseeing including some of the most visited sites in *New York City*. We begin with a relaxing ferry ride out to the incredible *Statue of Liberty*, the first symbol of a new life awaiting immigrants crossing the Atlantic. We'll also pass *Ellis Island* where new immigrants were processed before being permitted to enter Manhattan. On our return we'll walk from *Battery Park* via the historic, *Charging Bull of Wall Street* to the sobering *Ground Zero* where once stood the *World Trade Centre*, better known as the Twin Towers. Also during our time in New York we'll see *Central Park*, *Broadway* and one of the greatest views in the world from the rooftop of the *Rockefeller Centre*, known locally as *The Top of the Rock*. We'll also have the opportunity to walk across the *Brooklyn Bridge*. For shoppers, there'll be time to browse some of the world's best fashion houses on Fashion Ave or for more simple souvenirs, one of the many local shops near our hotel. We'll see *Times Square* at its best, in the evening when the neon comes to life, and take in *a show on Broadway* for those who are keen, after which you might like to enjoy true *New York cheesecake at Perry's*.

NEW YORK – BOSTON

one night Boston

Days 13–14 Leaving the Big Apple today won't be easy, but *Boston* beckons and has so much to offer. Our journey takes us via some fascinating countryside so the journey will be anything but dull. In Boston itself we'll see the famous *Quincy Market*, and home of the place "where everybody knows your name", *Cheers Bar*. We'll see the elegant townhouses and red bricked sidewalks of chic *Beacon Hill*, and walk some of the *Freedom Trail* offering the best opportunity to see some of pioneering Americans most notable sites. There's also free time so you can do more of the things you like to do, before we make our way to the waterfront area on the second day to join our cruise ship.

HOLLAND AMERICA MS ZAANDAM

Days 15–21 Our 55,000 tonne floating hotel is capable of carrying 1,432 passengers and has a crew of 615 to attend to our every need. Refurbished in 2016 she cruises at 22 knots and has a vast array of onboard facilities and activities including several restaurants, cafes and bars, a comprehensive fitness center, Lido pool and Thermal room, a beautiful spacious theatre and an imposing glass and brass atrium to name just a few. Over the next week our cruise days will be as shown in the column at right.



MONTREAL

one night Montreal

Day 22 On disembarking our ship today we'll be met by our local guide and coach to begin our sightseeing of beautiful *Montreal*. We'll see the ornate *Notre Dame Basilica*, from the outside and within, we'll also meander through splendid *Vieux Montreal* (Old Montreal) one of the best preserved old towns outside of Europe, and travel to the top of *Mount Royal* for a panoramic view of the city. At a mere 234m above sea level it's something of a stretch to call it a Mount, but it is so, with affection by the locals. We'll visit *Olympic Park* and take you shopping at one of the largest underground cities in the world.

MONTREAL – KINGSTON

one night Kingston

Day 23 Travelling westward toward the *Great Lakes* our next stop is the charming city of *Kingston, Ontario*. On arrival we have a leisurely *cruise around the 1,000 islands* awaiting us, after which there'll be time for you to look around at your leisure.

KINGSTON – NIAGARA FALLS

two nights Niagara Falls

Days 24–25 We depart Kingston in the morning to make *Niagara* in the best time possible to take full advantage of this picturesque city. Our hotel is located within easy walk of town and our rooms provide spectacular views of the *Horseshoe Falls*. There'll be plenty of time to do your own thing, but we've included a cruise on the *Hornblower* beneath the roar of the mighty falls themselves to ensure you don't miss the number one attraction, and an unforgettable experience.

NIAGARA FALLS – TORONTO – VANCOUVER – NEW ZEALAND

Days 26–28 Bidding farewell to such a great destination is never easy but alas homeward bound we must be. Our flights will connect conveniently via *Vancouver* and there's an opportunity for those that wish to stop there longer, or alternatively join our Canada, Alaska experience before returning home. *Our Tour concludes on arrival in New Zealand*.



Day 15 Bar Harbor – Beautiful Bar Harbor is a popular New England holiday spot for locals and tourists alike. The town itself has a number of fascinating little boutique shops, some brightly coloured and all an easy walk from the Port. What most visitors are drawn to though is the spectacular *Acadia National Park* which surrounds the town and the incredible panoramic vista from atop *Cadillac Mountain*.

Day 16 Halifax – One of the more beautiful ports we visit is at Halifax. The boardwalk from the ship leads you past a number of wonderful little cafes and bars, perfect for those particular to the art of people watching. The town itself is easily explored by foot. You can learn more of their unique history at the *Canadian Museum of Immigration* and for those who like to see the traditional fishing villages that are synonymous in this part of the world, a day trip to *Peggy's Cove* wouldn't be wasted on you.

Day 17 Sydney – The third largest city in Nova Scotia, on the east coast of *Cape Breton* with a revamped port area consisting of boardwalks and numerous tourist traps. Day trips to *The Bird Islands* to see Puffins and Bald Eagles is popular, so too a trip to the *Nova Scotia Highland village*, a 50 acre 'living' museum overlooking the Bras d'Or lakes.

Day 18 Charlottetown – The largest city on Prince Edward Island in the heart of the St Lawrence. Take a leisurely stroll through the Victorian inspired quaint streets of the *heritage district*. Jump on the Hop on Hop off bus for a fascinating city tour, or go further afield and take a panoramic tour of the coastline to see some of Prince Edward Islands most notable landmarks.

Day 19 Cruising in the Gulf – Days at sea are always enjoyable, even more so when you're surrounded by a beautiful and often rugged coastline. The *St Lawrence Gulf* is the outlet of the American Great lakes via the St Lawrence River, and is the world's largest estuary covering an area of approximately 236,000 sq/km.

Day 20 Quebec – Walking the cobbled streets of the Upper town founded in 1608 is one of the best ways to get truly acquainted with some stunning architecture. No less than *eleven architectural styles* have been identified in Quebec making it one of the most diverse and interesting cities in the world. Also in the lower town you'll find the *market square*, and for nature lovers a trip to *Montmorency Falls* should be on your 'to do' list.

Day 21 St Lawrence River – More stunning scenery today from the comfort of our floating hotel with our onboard naturalist drawing attention to points of interest along the route. The river is almost 1,200 km in length and covers an area of approximately 1.3million sq/km!

Southern Italy, Sicily & Malta

16 JUNE - 9 JULY • 24 DAYS



Our sojourn explores life, history, culture and charm, encompassing amazing sights, where every carved stone tells a story. Southern Italy, Sicily & Malta have no less than **16 UNESCO World Heritage sites**, each conveying tales of victory, failure and timeless humanity. The **Amalfi Coast** paints a stunning picture laced with citrus groves and pastel villas clinging precariously to dramatic cliffs, the azure sea glistening and lapping at the shore below. Discover unique towns such as **Alberobello**, where **Trulli houses** resembling beehives greet you at every turn. **Sicily**, seen as the crossroads of Roman, Greek, Norman and North African civilizations has a culture of its own, where we find ancient monuments entwined amongst orchards, olive groves and vineyards, and the cuisine is best described in a word – sensational! New to our itinerary is the tiny but fascinating archipelago of **Malta**. Here we really experience a colourful and rich blend of mediterranean cultures, expressed through stunning architecture and delectable cuisine.





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- Premium Economy or Business Class upgrade (Singapore Airlines flights only)



NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE

one night Singapore

Day 1 We depart New Zealand bound for Sorrento, Southern Italy with a transit hotel stop in Singapore en-route.

SINGAPORE – ROME – SORRENTO

four nights Sorrento

Days 2–6 On arrival in Rome we'll be joined by our friendly Italian Guide. Making our way south to **Sorrento** we travel the road *Tiberius Caesar* travelled over 2000 years before. En-route we pay homage to the *New Zealand* and *Allied soldiers* who were killed in the *Battle of Monte Cassino* at the *Commonwealth War Cemetry*. Following this we make our way to the beautiful *Abbey* atop the mount. In mythology the *Amalfi Coast* was regarded as the Land of Sirens where the songs of beautiful maidens lured unwitting mariners to their doom. Explore the beautiful towns of **Sorrento**, **Amalfi** and **Positano**, their allure drawing visitors to their shores for thousands of years with remnants of Greek, Roman, Phoenician and Moorish occupation. Immerse yourself in the flavours of the local cuisine, the culmination of family recipes passed down through generations, prepared with the freshest ingredients sourced from local producers. We'll visit a small family owned farm for lunch, where they produce beautiful meats, cheeses, vegetables, wine, olive oil and a local favourite of the region, *Limoncello*.

SORRENTO – MATERA

two nights Matera

Days 6–8 Today we cross the ankle of Italy to **Matera** in Southern Italy's *Basilicata* region, believed to be one of the oldest continuously inhabited places in Europe and the 3rd oldest in the world. Here we find ancient cave dwellings (*Sassi*) carved out of the *calcarenite* rock some dating back 9000 years. By 1950 the town had fallen into disrepair. Today's occupiers are hippies, artisans and business people with many caves having been converted into shops, galleries, restaurants and boutique hotels. The old town has featured in a number of international films, exposing Matera to a worldwide audience. *The Passion of Christ*, a Mel Gibson production, is one such movie filmed here.

MATERA – ALBEROBELLO

two nights Alberobello

Days 8–10 We leave the region of Basilicata and enter *Puglia*, a narrow strip running down the eastern coast of Italy from the ankle to the heel, our destination **Alberobello**, perhaps one of the most unusual towns you're likely to see, and a *World Heritage site*. Alberobello comprises around 1,500 *beehive* buildings or *Trulli*, that date back to the 1600s constructed without the use of cement, using dry walls of limestone supporting a distinctive conical stone roof. Today some Trulli are still in use as housing, however many have been converted to shops, galleries, restaurants and cafes, adding to Alberobello's attraction. We visit beautiful **Ostuni**, a medieval jumble of white-washed buildings perched strategically atop a hill with commanding views over endless olive trees to the sapphire blue Adriatic in the distance. We'll also visit the coastal town of **Polignano A Mare** whose origins date back to the 4th century. One can wander the winding streets and feast on the vistas over the Adriatic from the cliff-top viewpoints. **Polignano** is also renowned for its gelato, still made from secret recipes handed down over generations, and the song *Volare*, composed by a local song writer Domenico Modugno, and brought to prominence by Dean Martin.

SOUTHERN ITALY, SICILY & MALTA

ALBEROBELLO – TAORMINA (Sicily)

three nights Taormina

Days 10–13 Crossing from the ankle to the toe of Italy we skirt the *Violet Coast* to *Reggio Calabria*, where we board a ferry and cross the *Straits of Messina* to *Sicily*, reaching fabulous *Taormina* late afternoon. Over the next few days we'll take you on guided outings including a visit to see an attractive example of a *Greco-Roman Theatre*, located in a wonderful setting overlooking Taormina, with spectacular views along the *Ionian Coast*, and on to *Mt Etna* in the distance. Soak-up the atmosphere along the waterfront and gardens as you wander at leisure. We'll visit the ancient town of *Syracuse*, birthplace of the Greek mathematician *Archimedes* where we find Greek and Roman structures at the *Neopolis* dating back over two thousand years. We'll take you to ancient quarries where most of the materials for the Neopolis were mined. Here you can test the acoustics in the *Ear of Dionysus Cavern*. We'll visit *Otigia Island* and explore the backstreets and feel the market atmosphere going-on around you.

TAORMINA – AGRIGENTO

two nights Agrigento

Days 13–15 Travelling south-west this morning we're bound for *Agrigento* founded in the 5th century BC. We visit *Piazza Armerina* where we find the excavations of *Villa Romana del Casale* a hunting lodge and villa constructed in the 3rd century AD. The excavations have unearthed magnificently preserved floor mosaics depicting hunting scenes among others, deemed to be the richest, largest and most complex of *Roman mosaics* in the world. In *Agrigento* we explore the remains of golden, amber toned *Doric Temples*, the largest and most exquisite found outside of Greece, giving the *Valley of Temples* site World Heritage status. Much of the site is awaiting excavation, still buried beneath citrus and olive plantations creating one of the most important archeological sites in Italy.

AGRIGENTO – MARSALA

two nights Marsala

Days 15–17 Our first stop this morning is the ancient fishing port of *Sciacca*. Behind the 16th century walls we find a blend of Arab, Norman and Greek cultures co-existing in what is a fascinating old town. We continue along the coast to *Porto Palo*, for centuries an important industrial centre and one-time hub of the Mediterranean tuna fishing industry. As with the previous towns visited we enjoy the local fare from the region. We'll visit the town of *Trapani* an important supply and staging port during the crusades. Above the port the hilltop fortress of *Erice*, accessible by cable-car, affords panoramic views over Trapani and along the crescent-shaped coastline to Aegadian and San Vito Capo Islands. The fortress was founded by the ancient Greeks, followed by Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Moors and Normans, their occupation evident in the differing facets of its design.

MARSALA – PALERMO

one night Palermo

Days 17–18 Mid-morning we bid farewell to Marsala and travel northeast to the Islands capital *Palermo*. Caught in the crossroads of civilisation, here you find souk-like markets standing beside with baroque churches; gothic palaces that are framed by date palms and fair blue-eyed folk with bronze, brown-eyed cousins. Palermo is Sicily's largest city, and behind the crumbling façade lie gilded ballrooms, citrus filled cloisters and vintage shops filled with fragments from a more affluent time in its history. We'll take you on a guided orientation tour of the city, for tomorrow you're free to explore Palermo at your leisure.

PALERMO – MALTA

three nights Malta

Days 18–21 This morning we transfer to Catania Airport to connect with our flight to the Island nation of Malta. First settled by the Sicilians around 5200 B.C, Malta's location has historically given it strategic importance as a naval base, lying off the coast of Sicily and North Africa. This tiny nation has been ruled by a succession of powers with the most recent prior to independence being the British. We'll explore *Valetta*, Malta's capital including the *Upper Barracca Gardens* for spectacular views over *Malta harbour*. We'll explore the Crusader's *Palace of the Masters* and the *War Museum* exhibiting relics and memorabilia from Malta's famous siege during WWII. Have lunch at the colourful coastal fishing village of *Marsaxlokk* followed by a visit to the fortified town of *Mdina*, one time capital up until medieval times. We can help you to explore the island further on your leisure day if there is something of specific interest you want to see. With our journey coming to an end what better way to celebrate our adventure than with a farewell dinner together with new found friends

MALTA – SINGAPORE

one night Singapore

Days 21–23 Early afternoon we depart Valetta for the start of our journey home. Included is a comfortable overnight stay in Singapore, where we have a little time to catch our breath before commencing our final leg home.

SINGAPORE – NEW ZEALAND

Days 23–24 After a good night's sleep and leisurely breakfast the rest of the day is yours to do with as you please. Sightseeing, last minute shopping or just relaxing around the pool until our departure for the airport late afternoon.



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"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness."

MARK TWAIN



EUROPEAN RIVER CLASSIC CRUISE

NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE – PRAGUE

transit Singapore

Days 1-2 Today we depart New Zealand bound for Prague and the start of our wonderful journey along the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers of Europe, enjoying a short break at the Transit Hotel at Singapore Airport en route. Arriving Prague early afternoon of day two we transfer to our centrally located hotel so we're fresh to see all the wonderful sights of this great city over the following days.

PRAGUE

three nights Prague

Days 3-4 *Prague*, capital of the Czech Republic, with a population of just over 1.3 million people has a timeline dating back some 1,100 years and is a hub of art and culture in central Europe. Included in our sightseeing will be a stroll across the **14th century Charles Bridge** over the river Vltava, spanning 16 arches and lined by 30 baroque statues. We'll be guided through the **Old Town Square**, a place we'll return to many times during our stay. We'll also visit **St Cyril** and **St Methodius Church** and the crypt riddled with bullet holes dating back to WWII, a poignant reminder of the Resistance's campaign to assassinate the Nazi Heydrich, the henchman of Prague.

Also during our stay we'll have a look around the **Castle District**, providing amongst other things a stunning panorama of Prague below, and located within the castle grounds we'll encounter the highly acclaimed **16th century Lobkowitz Palace** displaying many unique art works, a number of musical instruments and even some rare musical manuscripts belonging to Mozart and Beethoven. When you've seen all you wish to see there's a lovely little café and beautiful grounds in which you can wander. Our hotel is centrally located and there'll be ample time for you to do your own thing in addition to included sightseeing.

PRAGUE – BUDAPEST

three nights Budapest

Day 5 Today we bid farewell to captivating Prague as we make our way by luxury air-conditioned private coach to Budapest. The drive will take us through some picturesque countryside, past a number of quaint towns and villages, and will provide the opportunity to experience the changing landscape from the Czech Republic to Slovakia and on to Hungary.

BUDAPEST

Day 6 We begin the day with an orientation tour of the city featuring a visit to the highest point in Buda on the Danube. **Gellert Hill** was named after Bishop Gellert who was sent to convert Hungarians to Christianity in the 11th Century but met his death at the hands of Pagan leaders who rolled him down the hill in a barrel. Crossing the famous **Chain Bridge** we'll see the Parliament Buildings, **Hero Square**, the inside of the ornate **Jewish Synagogue**, and a poignant memorial to victims of the Holocaust in the form of a **weeping willow tree made entirely of stainless steel**. No trip to Budapest would be complete without a look through the bustling central **market hall**.

Day 7 Now with some degree of orientation the city under your belt, and having covered a number of highlights already, we thought you'd enjoy a full free day to spend at your leisure. Our hotel is conveniently located atop the fascinating **Fisherman's Bastion**, and within easy walk or a small taxi fare to shopping, galleries, the river and a number of other interesting places.

AVALON MAGNIFICENT EUROPE

fourteen nights

Day 8 Today we escape the city for a while with a short drive through some beautiful Hungarian countryside to the romantic village of **Godollo**. Surrounded by woods, once the venue of Royal hunts, its attractive squares and serpentine streets beckon the inquisitive. Fascinating curios such as the **Pelican Well** and **World Peace Gong** can be found here. We'll have a brief visit to the **Godollo Palace**, then we're off to the picturesque town of **Szentendre**, with its cobbled streets and quaint little shops, brightly coloured merchant houses encircling the main square, and numerous churches and galleries to satisfy the most demanding historians amongst us. We've allowed plenty of time to wander at your leisure and have some lunch before we make our way back to the city to join our magnificent ship the **Avalon Artistry II**, resting gracefully on the Danube. We will enjoy a Gala Welcome reception with the crew and fellow passengers tonight.

Day 9 Day at leisure.

BRATISLAVA

Day 10 During the night the ship slips away from Budapest and continues to **Slovakia**. We enjoy a guided morning tour of Bratislava which includes the **13th century castle** and breath-taking views overlooking three countries; Slovakia, Austria and Hungary. The afternoon is free to shop or explore on your own. An eventful day is followed by an evening filled with an enchanting musical performance on-board.

VIENNA

Day 11 We arrive after breakfast and have the opportunity to enjoy the captivating baroque elegance of romantic Vienna, once the centre of the mighty **Habsburg Empire**. Our guided sightseeing includes the lavish **Hofburg Palace**, the impressive **Vienna Opera House**, the majestic **Ringstrasse** and imposing **St Stephen's Cathedral**. This afternoon why not stroll along **Karntnerstrasse** and sample Vienna's famous pastries? Tonight there's the opportunity to experience a classical music concert as an optional excursion.

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EUROPEAN RIVER CLASSIC CRUISE

DÜRNSTEIN – MELK

Day 12 Early this morning we reach the *Wachau Valley*. We stop in *Dürnstein* and marvel at the magnificent blue façade of the baroque *Stiftskirche*. Above the town you'll spot the ruins of the castle where *Richard the Lionheart* (King of England) was imprisoned in 1192. We continue on a short cruise to *Melk* where a guided tour takes us to the town's magnificent *Benedictine Abbey*, one of Europe's largest baroque monasteries. An evening of wine tasting is one of the highlights of our visit to the *Wachau Valley* and we then continue to Linz just before midnight.

LINZ – PASSAU

Day 13 After breakfast there's an opportunity to take optional excursions to *Salzburg* and the *Cesky Krumlov*, or cruise through upper Austria to *Passau* in Germany, where the rivers Inn and Ilz join the Danube. For lovers of pipe organs, visit *St Stephens Cathedral* whose organ boasts an astonishing *17,000 pipes!*

REGENSBURG – DANUBE

Day 14 This morning we arrive at *Regensburg*, one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. A captivating city, in which you are sure to reel off many photos. Our day includes a guided tour featuring the *Town Hall* and the *Porta Pretoria* – gates to the ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. Cross the historic *Steinerne Brücke* (Stone Bridge) and wander the streets of the *Aldstadt* with its carefully preserved houses, some dating back to the 13th century, and enjoy Regensburg at a leisurely pace.

NUREMBERG

Day 15 Today we enter the Main-Danube Canal and cruise through the beautiful Altmühl Valley. The Main-Danube Canal straddles the Franconian Alps via 16 locks, truly a fascinating feat of modern engineering. We proceed to Nuremberg, capital of Franconia. Unlike Regensburg which was spared major damage in WWII, Nuremberg fared less favourably. Fortunately much of it has been restored to its original state. Noteworthy in particular are the *900-year old ramparts* that surround this historic city, the *Imperial Castle* and the *Justice Palace* where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. After dinner tonight we have something completely different in store – it's *Famous German Beer* sampling time!

BAMBERG

Day 16 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 the people 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 18th century mansions. Our cruising continues along the Main River.

WÜRZBURG

Day 17 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*, and who knows, we may just get to sample some of those local wines at dinner tonight on the ship. There is an optional tour to *Rothenberg* this afternoon.

MAIN RIVER VILLAGE

Day 18 Miltenberg is a picturesque Bavarian village located on the Main River. The 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 the beautifully timber framed and gabled houses are abundant, due largely to legislation granting residents free construction timber from communally owned forests.

RÜDESHEIM – RHINE GORGE

Day 19 Today we arrive in the unique wine village of Rüdesheim where we tour the town and visit *Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum*, one of the absolute highlights of previous cruise tours. In the afternoon we travel along arguably the most beautiful and famous section of the Rhine, passing many castles and fertile fields, and also the legendary *Lorelei Rock*. Look out young sailors, lest ye too should meet your fate on the rocks upon which fair maidens beckon you with their sweet song.



COLOGNE

Day 20 This morning we arrive in Cologne. Immediately you will be awed by the city's fabled *13th century Gothic Cathedral*, taking over 600 years to complete with its soaring twin spires puncturing the skyline. Boasting over *42 museums and 120 galleries* you can be sure to find something of interest if history's your thing, but if shopping's more your cup of tea, take a stroll along *Schildergasse*, Germany's most visited shopping street.

There are two significant claims to fame in Cologne. The fragrance world owes its gratitude for the origins of *'Eau de Cologne'* (water of Cologne) and *Kolsch*; a very well-known specialty beer which is brewed here under strictly defined guidelines. Perhaps you'll buy a little of both today.

AMSTERDAM

Day 21 Enjoying our last morning of leisurely cruising we arrive in Amsterdam to an abundance of activities and sights on offer. Admire the wonderful architecture of this vibrant city during a guided *Canal Cruise*, sailing in a glass-top boat past beautiful 16th century merchant houses and 17th century homes. You may prefer to peruse the works of the masters at the *Rijksmuseum* or the *Van Gogh*, perhaps a quick 'just looking' stroll along the *Rossebuurt* which oozes charm by day and a slightly different appeal at night. Tonight we gather on-board for a farewell dinner with our crew and fellow guests, before we disembark in the morning to continue our tour overland.

AMSTERDAM – BRUGES

three nights Bruges

Day 22 After breakfast we'll be met portside by our driver to begin our scenic drive to one of the loveliest cities in Belgium. Our hotel, home for the next three nights, is conveniently located within walking distance of all that this fine city has to offer.

Day 23 If you've seen the 2008 movie *'In Bruges'* many sights will look familiar to you on our morning sightseeing today, from the *Belfry Tower* standing an imposing 83 metres in the historical Centre of Bruges, to the canals we'll be cruising, offering you a different perspective of this medieval city. We'll see the impressive *Town Hall* and give you time to browse at your leisure through the many tourist nooks in *The Market*. If its intrigue you seek, the *Basilica of the Holy Blood*, reputed to hold a phial of Christ's Blood is certain to spark the interest of 'da Vinci code' buffs. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure.

Day 24 Our centrally located hotel acts as the perfect base for you to roam at your leisure today. There are undoubtedly places you've seen that you wish to spend more time in and today is the day to do just that. For some, the call of the many fascinating shops and boutiques will be too much to resist, while others might enjoy a combination of history, shopping museums and art galleries.

BRUGES – BRUSSELS – FRANKFURT – SINGAPORE

one night Singapore

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SINGAPORE – NEW ZEALAND

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THE Canada & Alaska

EXPERIENCE

5 - 28 JULY • 24 DAYS



Still our most popular experience, and for very good reasons that's why we're returning for the *seventeenth year* running. Boasting breath taking 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 **cliff 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 a plenty to extend your stay.



"All the pathos and irony of leaving one's youth behind is thus implicit in every joyous moment of travel: one knows that the first joy can never be recovered, and the wise traveller learns not to repeat successes but tries new places all the time." PAUL FUSSELL



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CANADA AND ALASKA

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 day's 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!** During our visit enjoy 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. 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 5 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 landscape is transformed by the majestic **Rockies**. 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. On arrival we'll take you on an orientation drive through Banff and explore some of the surrounding area including the, **Hoodoo Lookout, Lake Minnewanka** and **Bow River Falls** before settling into our hotel, then venturing into town.

Day 8 Today's sightseeing is filled with highlights beautiful **Moraine** and **Emerald Lakes** and equally beautiful **Lake Louise**. Banff National Park is home to an array of wildlife including **elk, moose, bear and wolf**, 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 300–1200 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.

INCLUDED

- Return economy class airfares on Air New Zealand and partner airlines ex CHC, WLG or AKL
- Superior grade accommodation
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners in Canada
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- 2-day reserved stand tickets for the Calgary Stampede
- Premium air-conditioned touring coach with driver/guide
- Services of a Travel 2U tour leader
- 7 Night Cruise (Ocean view Stateroom)
- All meals on the cruise
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Tips for included meals
- USA visa waiver (ESTA)
- Canada visitor visa (eTA)
- Cruise port taxes & crew gratuities

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, spending money etc.
- Fuel surcharges, taxes and levies approx. \$195
- Meals other than those mentioned in the itinerary
- Single supplement from \$4,980

OPTIONAL (POA)

- Upgrade to Premium Economy or Business Class flights on international flights only.
- Upgrade Stateroom on Cruise
- Port excursions



CANADA AND ALASKA



JASPER – SUN PEAKS

one night 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 and on to the quaint village of Sun Peaks.

SUN PEAKS – WHISTLER

two nights Whistler

Day 11 This morning we 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 12 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 often be sighted in the summer months!

WHISTLER – VANCOUVER

Day 13 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

seven nights Holland America

Days 13–20 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.

VANCOUVER PORT – VICTORIA

two nights Victoria

Day 20 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 legislative buildings adorned with 3,333 light bulbs. Magnificent by night, and glorious by day.

Day 21 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 explore and discover this very attractive 'Garden City' with its Victorian architecture.

VICTORIA – VANCOUVER – NEW ZEALAND

Days 22–24 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.

CRUISING

Day 13 *Vancouver* – Set sail in the evening from Canada Place and under the *Lions Gate Bridge* to begin the journey through the Inside Passage.

Day 14 *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.

Day 15 *Juneau* – 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.

Day 16 *Skagway* – 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\$200 approx.).

Day 17 *Glacier Bay* – 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*.

Day 18 *Ketchikan* – Located on an island, Ketchikan began life as an Indian fishing camp. Along with the gold and timber industries it soon became the 4th 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 board walks to see the *salmon* leap.

Day 19 *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*.

Day 20 *Vancouver* – Early in the morning we return to Canada's third 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.

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

Ireland, Iceland and The Isles

6 - 30 AUGUST • 25 DAYS



Seldom does an opportunity such as this present itself. A luxurious two week *Celebrity Cruise* to the *Emerald Isles* plus the *Land of Ice and Fire*. See Ireland's historic cities of *Cork*, *Waterford*, *Dublin* and *Belfast* along with its lush green landscape. Visit Iceland's steaming *geothermal pools*, *volcanoes* and *rushing waterfalls* which will take your breath away. Added to this cruise of Ireland and Iceland are some iconic British sites. UK highlights include the state rooms of *Buckingham Palace*, the labyrinth tunnels of the *Churchill War Rooms*, *Highclere Castle*, made famous by the hit Series *Downton Abbey* and beautiful *Beaulieu* historic home, gardens and motor museum. In three weeks you *only unpack three times!!*

If the *Edinburgh Tattoo* is on your bucket list you can include this experience along with extended time to visit relatives or explore the UK on your own.



"One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things."

HENRY MILLER



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INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares flying Singapore Airlines ex CHC or AKL
- 15 day cruise including all meals in a "Balcony" stateroom
- Tips, port charges and on-board gratuities
- All transfers and sightseeing as specified
- 4 star hotels in the UK
- 4 nights London pre-cruise plus sightseeing
- 2 nights Southampton post cruise including sightseeing
- Singapore Stopovers en-route including Belfast
- Shore excursions in Iceland & Cork
- All breakfasts in the UK
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel 2U tour leader

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, drinks, spending money etc
- Meals other than those stated
- Fuel surcharges, airport taxes, and govt levies approx. \$365
- Optional shore excursions whilst cruising
- Single supplement from \$6,390

OPTIONAL – PER PERSON (POA)

- Return Business or Premium Economy Class upgrade options on Singapore Airlines flights.



IRELAND, ICELAND AND THE ISLES

NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE

one night Singapore

Day 1 Today we depart New Zealand on Singapore Airlines bound for London and the start of our wonderful journey to England, Ireland, the Channel Islands and Iceland.

SINGAPORE – LONDON

four nights London

Days 2–6 Our overnight transit in Singapore provides us with an opportunity to rest prior to our morning flight to London. On arrival, we'll transfer to our centrally located hotel, perfect for exploring the sights of this great city. We'll visit the *Churchill War Rooms*, the underground bunker from where *Winston Churchill* and his war cabinet plotted the allied route to victory during WWII. Included is a visit to *Buckingham Palace* where we see the lavishly furnished *State Rooms* of the world's few remaining working royal palaces. There is ample time for iconic attractions such as *Big Ben*, the *London Eye*, *Tower of London*, *Hyde Park* and *Harrods*.

OPTIONAL EDINBURGH TATTOO ADD ON:

Our stay in London coincides with the *Edinburgh Military Tattoo*. If you've been to London previously and would like to take advantage of your time in the UK to visit the Tattoo, we can make arrangements to accommodate you.

The Tattoo option is unescorted, however past trips have proven to be very popular, so speak with us if you are interested in finding out more.



LONDON – SOUTHAMPTON

Day 7 Today we transfer from London to Southampton where we join Celebrity Cruises *MS Silhouette*, and the beginning of our *North Atlantic Odyssey*.

14 NIGHT CRUISE ABOARD CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE

Days 7-21 *MS Silhouette* is Celebrity's most modern of their fleet of 12 vessels, offering an array of innovative features for the cruise passenger who enjoys a little luxury, delivered in a casual and relaxed style. Our *Balcony Staterooms* are roomy, with plenty of storage space, 24 hour room service and a cosy seating area to relax. Unpack, settle in and explore your beautiful onboard surroundings as we prepare to sail!

ST PETER PORT (GUERNSEY)

Day 8 *St Peter Port* is the *Capital of Guernsey* and has been a busy port as far back as Roman times. Today it's regarded as one of the prettiest ports in Europe, with *Castle Cornet* standing guard over the town as it has done for more than 800 years. The church is the town's centerpiece and claims to be the closest church to a pub in the British Isles! You can learn about the Islands history at the *Guernsey Tapestry*, wander the beautiful *Candie Gardens*, visit *Hauteville House*, home to French writer *Victor Hugo*, or just relax unwind and explore the boutique shops, then sit back at one of the many cafes or bars and watch the world go by.

CORK (Cobh Port) (REPUBLIC OF IRELAND)

Day 9 Our day begins with a visit to *Blarney Castle* – a romantic ruin that dates back to 1446. Explore the castle gardens, climb the steps, kiss the stone and enjoy the breathtaking view from the top. Travelling through rolling fields our scenic drive takes us to *Kinsale*, regarded as Ireland's gourmet capital, a picturesque and enchanting town just waiting to be explored. Before returning to our ship we'll see the highlights of *Cork City* and the port of *Cobh* which was the original embarkation point for the hundreds of thousands of, mostly hungry and penniless, migrants seeking a new life in the Americas and beyond.

WATERFORD

Day 10 The oldest city in Ireland, *Waterford* celebrated its 1100 anniversary in 2014. Its history dates back to Viking times and whilst the city has been extensively redeveloped, it still retains vestiges of its Viking and Norman past in the narrow streets and town walls of the *Viking Triangle*. Here you find three excellent museums telling the story of Ireland's middle ages. We also find the home of the famous *Waterford Crystal*, where at *The House of Waterford* you can see how skilled craftsmen still use ancient wooden molds to shape hand-blown molten crystal to transform into stunning works of art. If crystal doesn't make you want to sparkle, an optional ship shore excursion into the country side surely will.



IRELAND, ICELAND AND THE ISLES

DUBLIN

two days in port

Day 11–12 Settled by *Vikings* in 841AD *Dublin* has been a magnet through the ages for saints, scholars, poets, playwrights and dreamers. An easy city to navigate by foot or hop-on hop-off bus with must see's that include *Trinity College*, the *Guinness Factory* and *Dublin Castle*. For whiskey lovers a tour to the *Jameson* or *Teeling Whiskey* distilleries can be accommodated. For the shoppers, an array of options in close proximity to the town centre awaits, with *Grafton Street*, offering everything from high-end boutique to regular *High Street* fare. *Oscar Wilde*, *George Bernard Shaw* and *William Yeats* are three of a long list of distinguished poets, playwrights and novelists, originating from Dublin and immortalized in bronze and stone across the city. In 2018 some of Dublin's statues have been given a voice, and if you've ever wondered what a famous statue might be able to tell you if it could talk...in Dublin you'll wonder no more! For those who enjoy gardens an optional excursion to *Powerscourt Estate* will reward you with exquisite vistas.

Days 13–14 Two days at sea to relax and enjoy the facilities and services of your floating resort. *MS Silhouette* has **15 dining options** at your disposal including *specialty restaurants* to celebrate that special occasion, or to treat yourself to a more intimate dining experience. There are **10 lounges**, bars and dance clubs for your enjoyment, a casino, fitness and spa facilities, *shopping plaza* with high-street and top-end stores including an *innovation store*. Enroll in a number of *workshops* and *classes* including wine appreciation, mixology, food and wine pairing, art, dance, language, yoga, fitness and wellbeing, technology and photography... the options to fill your day are almost endless! In the evening check-out the onboard entertainers, and of course the ships cabaret and shows, or catch the latest movie releases at the theatre.

REYKJAVIK (ICELAND)

two days in port

Days 15–16 This morning we arrive at *Reykjavik*, Iceland's capital city, located on the south west coast of the island. Norsemen chose this location to settle in 877A.D, due to its proximity to the *hot geothermal springs*, making life tolerable during the cold winter months. Today Reykjavik still utilizes the thermal springs to heat all of the town's buildings. From Reykjavik we will explore the geothermal fields of *Haukadalur*, where geysers spout steaming water 30 metres into the air every 8 minutes. On the glacier fed *Hvita River* see the *Gulfoss* or *Golden Falls*, an iconic waterfall disappears into a 32 metre deep crevice.

AKUREYRI (ICELAND)

Day 17 Today *Akureyri* (pronounced ak-koo-rare-ee) is Iceland's second largest city with a population of around 18,000. It's nestled at the head of Iceland's longest Fjord, *Eyjafjorour* at the base of snowcapped peaks. In the summer flowering gardens belie the geographical location as it's just a stone's-throw from the *Arctic Circle*. The *Akureyri Botanical Gardens* has a wonderful collection of high latitude plants well worth visiting. You can expect quirky cafes, quality restaurants, a handful of art galleries and museums, well maintained walkways and trails. One museum *Into the Arctic* would be of interest for those with a bent on polar exploration. Exhibits include old charts used by some of the first Polar explorers, the oldest dating back 300 years. Optional shore excursions include *whale watching* or a visit to *Santa's House* where it's Christmas every day of the year.

Day 18 At sea.

BELFAST (IRELAND)

Day 19 Belfast is Northern Ireland's capital and largest city. During the *heady* days of the Industrial Revolution it was the largest producer of *Irish Linen* and had the largest rope making and shipbuilding industries in the world. Since the



troubled times of the 1970's and 80's Belfast has been transformed into a new city. The city's divided into cultural quarters being the *Cathedral*, *Gaeltacht*, *Queens Quarter* and the *Titanic Quarter* where visitors can see beautifully restored Victorian architecture, indulge in retail therapy at fabulous shopping outlets or enjoy the *quintessential Irish experience* at the lively waterfront lined with modern art galleries, live music, fantastic eateries, and a lively pub scene. Follow the *Maritime Mile* waterfront trail to see the award winning *Titanic Belfast* to explore the exhibits of arguably the world's most notorious maritime disaster. An optional shore excursion to the *Giants Causeway* can be accommodated.

DAY 20 At sea.

SOUTHAMPTON

two nights Southampton

Days 21–22 Southampton is a bustling port city bursting with history, great shopping opportunities, wonderful restaurants and superb English pubs. There's a deep connection here with WWII, having been the staging area for the *D-Day* assault on the beaches of Northern France. We'll visit *Highclere Castle* location of the hit British TV series *Downton Abbey* and *Beaulieu*, boasting one of the finest stately homes and most beautiful gardens in the UK. It's also home to the *National Motor Museum*, the *Secret Army exhibition* and *World of Top Gear*. The latest edition to Beaulieu, appropriately name *Chequered History* tells the story of motor racing from the early years to today's high performance *F1 machines*. *Arundel Castle* built at the end of the 11th century by the Earl of Arundel is also on our list of visits. It's one of a few castles that has descended directly from 1138 to its present day owners and has been the seat of the *Dukes of Norfolk* for over 850 years.

SOUTHAMPTON – LONDON – SINGAPORE

one night Singapore

Days 23–24 After a leisurely morning we'll be met by our coach and make our way to London Heathrow Airport, to begin our flights homeward, or to other points in Europe for those choosing to stay on a bit longer. We arrive in Singapore late afternoon and will be taken to our well positioned hotel where the remainder of the day and evening is at leisure.

SINGAPORE – NEW ZEALAND

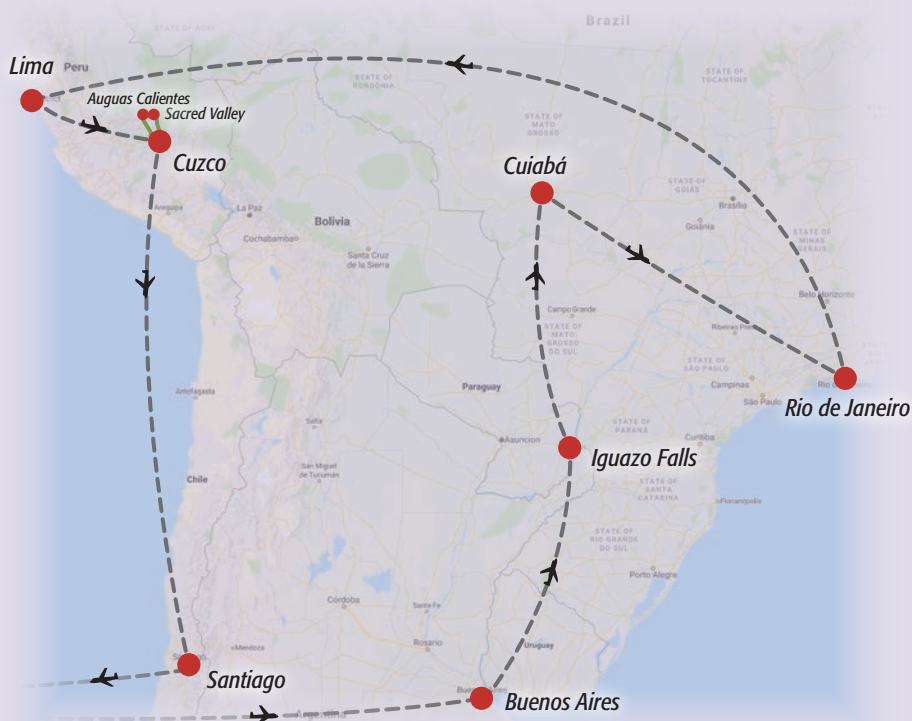
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South America Sensación

25 AUGUST - 17 SEPTEMBER • 24 DAYS



South America is a diverse continent that will captivate you with its mix of cultures, natural wonders and breath-taking landscapes. Visit the **Incas Lost City Machu Picchu**, regarded as the most significant archaeological site in the Americas where we learn about their incredible civilization. We'll explore **Brazil's Pantanal**, the world's largest wetland and home to an immense variety of animals including **Cayman, Jaguar, Capybara** and a huge variety of birdlife. An awe-inspiring experience awaits at **Iguazu Falls**, the largest waterfall system in the world and a **New Seventh Wonder of the World**. Here you'll witness first hand nature's power and majesty. In **Buenos Aires**, birth place of the tango we find European grandeur and sophistication combining with Latin passion and flair. **Rio de Janeiro** flanked by spectacular mountains, white sand beaches, verdant rainforests and the blue Atlantic Ocean, has an unrivalled setting and delivers on its reputation as being the salsa capital of the world. Both **Lima** and **Santiago** are blessed with an abundance of pre and post Colombian history, glorious, messy and brimming with aesthetic delights! We know South America will enthrall you!

"Without new experiences, something inside of us sleeps. The sleeper must awaken." FRANK HERBERT



SOUTH AMERICA SENSACIÓN



FROM **\$16,980** per person
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INCLUDED

- Economy Class fares on LAN Airlines ex CHC or AKL
- All flights in South America as per the itinerary
- 4 star hotels throughout
- Pantanal lodge stay including all meals.
- All breakfasts, 6 lunches and 9 dinners
- Local English speaking guides
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Private Coach transport throughout
- Vistadome train to Machu Picchu & return
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- Travel 2U tour pack
- Tips and gratuities

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- Fuel surcharges, taxes and levies approx. \$396
- Meals other than those mentioned in itinerary
- Single supplement from \$3,895

NOT INCLUDED (POA)

- Upgrade to Business Class on LAN Airlines long-haul flights only



NEW ZEALAND – BUENOS AIRES

three nights Buenos Aires

Day 1 We gather early afternoon at Christchurch bound for Argentina's capital Buenos Aires, the *City of Fair Winds* and known throughout the world as *Paris of the Americas* for its European elegance and French flavour. A relaxing night tonight in preparation for tomorrow's activities.

BUENOS AIRES

Day 2 *Buenosaireans* or *Porteños* are expressive and passionate and can be found drinking *mate* and discussing controversial topics at all hours. They take pride in their country, themselves, and their rich cultural identity. The city comprises 48 districts or barrios; is the birthplace of *Tango*, and boasts it has the greatest number of bookshops per capita in the world. We'll wander *Plaza de Mayo* to see the beautiful *Casa Rosada Presidential Palace* and the *Metropolitan Cathedral* where *Pope Francis* served as Bishop of Buenos Aires. Drive along *Avenue De Julio*, the widest avenue in the world, with its iconic obelisk. We visit the affluent suburb of the *Recoleta* with its chic fashion houses, galleries and cafes. We visit the Recoleta's ornate cemetery where Argentina's most important families are buried including *Eva Peron* and writer *Jose Hernandez* and explore the working class districts of *La Boca*, home of the La Boca Juniors football team and their favourite son *Diego Maradona*. Last but not least *San Telmo*; here you'll find the heart of the *Tango* and gain an insight into this fascinating city's history, architecture, culture, inhabitants, anecdotes and secrets!

Days 3 Today is yours to do as you please. Buenos Aires offers some amazing shopping experiences and a wonderful café and restaurant scene. Visit the *flea market* at *Plaza Francia*, however if sophistication and designer fashion is more your style the *Recoleta* and *Avenida Alvear* should be on your list of stops with an array of upmarket boutiques and stores. If you're in the mood for culture the Recoleta is home to the *Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes*, displaying amongst other world renowned artists' works by *Goya* and *Rembrandt*. This evening we have *something special* planned that we're sure will be a memorable finale to our stay in this fabulous city.

BUENOS AIRES – IGUAZU FALLS

two nights Iguazu Falls

Day 4 We depart Buenos Aires late morning for a short flight to *Iguazu Falls*, Argentina. Crossing the border we enter Brazil (Iguassu Falls), where we find our stunning hotel, located in an amazing setting inside Iguassu National Park and only metres from the falls themselves. Once settled in we'll walk the well-formed trails for our first glimpse at one of the *Seven Wonders of Nature*.

Day 5 After breakfast we embark on a *full day excursion*, including a guided walk to the upper and lower catwalks, including the viewing station out over *La del Diablo*, the *Devils Throat*. Spread in a half moon over 2.7km Iguazu is the *widest waterfall* in the world and is topped in height only by Victoria Falls in Zambia and Angel Falls in Venezuela. They are listed as a World Heritage Site, and in 2011 announced as one of the *Seven Wonders of Nature*. We'll take a ride on a *4 x 4 vehicle* through the lush tropical jungle and an *exhilarating jet boat* ride through the rapids and into the canyon to the very base of the falls. Here the waters converge at the point where Argentina and Brazil meet and there's no better way or place to truly experience the falls majestic beauty and awesome power!

IGUAZU FALLS – CUIABA – PANTANAL

three nights Pantanal

Day 6 Late morning we depart Iguassu bound for the little known area that encompasses 195,000 square kilometres and borders Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia. The *Pantanal* is a natural floodplain encompassing the *world's largest tropical wetland*. Its biodiversity rivals that of the Amazon, and is home to a diverse and concentrated mix of animal and plant species. The Pantanal has earned its title as one of the world's last great natural wonders. Unlike the Amazon where wildlife is sometimes difficult to see due to the dense vegetation, the open habitat of the Pantanal offers prime viewing opportunities, with many species now regarded as endangered regularly seen and in healthy numbers. The next two days we'll spend on forays into the Pantanal in search of the more common species and hopefully see some of the rarest endangered species in their natural environment.

Day 7 It's not uncommon to see *capybara*, the world's largest rodent, congregating in large herds, or a bask of sunbathing *caiman* as we motor slowly past giant lily pads, some spanning as much as 1.5 metres in diameter, all the while accompanied by masses of complaining water-fowl. Try your hand at *piranha fishing*, before we set off in search of the more elusive species that inhabit the area such as *marsh deer*, *giant otter* and if we're lucky the beautiful *Hyacinth McCaw*.

Day 8 The Pantanal has been bestowed with the title of *Jaguar watching capital of the world*, perhaps a title that should be reserved for the more remote regions where human access is less frequent. However, sightings of the largest cat in the Americas still occur on a regular basis, especially at this time of year, when water levels have receded and the big cats are seen basking in the sun on exposed riverbanks.

SOUTH AMERICA SENSACIÓN

PANTANAL – RIO DE JANEIRO

three nights Rio de Janeiro

Day 9 We bid farewell to the Pantanal, bound for South America's salsa capital, *Rio de Janeiro*, the *Cidad Marvelosa Marvelous City*. Rio's flanked by spectacular mountains, white sand beaches, verdant rainforests and the deep blue Atlantic Ocean, giving it the designation of having the most spectacular setting of any city in the world. Located on the famed *Copacabana Beach* our hotel is surrounded by shops, restaurants and lively Copacabana Beach atmosphere.

Day 10 Today we set off on a morning drive along *Copacabana, Ipanema* and *Leblon Beaches*, passing by *Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon*, site of the Olympic rowing regatta. We take the cog-wheel train to the summit of *Corcovado Mountain* from where we're treated to spectacular views over Rio from its most famous landmark *Christ the Redeemer*. Our day of sights includes a ride on the cable-car to the summit of another of Rio's iconic landmarks *Sugarloaf* for more fabulous views over Copacabana Beach and the city.

Day 11 Today is yours to do as you please. Stroll Copacabana's boardwalk to stylish *Ipanema Beach*, Rio's fashion runway, brought to prominence in 1964 with the smash hit *The Girl from Ipanema*. Perhaps a visit to *Santa Teresa* with its cobbled streets, 19th century Mansions and Bohemian Cafes. The 137 hectare *Jardin Botanical Gardens* has over 5000 species of tropical plants including a large collection of orchids, and giant water lilies found in the Amazonian section, or you might prefer to while the day away at one of the many *beachside cabanas* that line Copacabana, with a refreshing drink in hand and a selection of dishes from the tapas menu. Tomorrow we bid farewell to Rio and Brazil bound for *Peru* where another fascinating adventure awaits.

RIO DE JANEIRO – LIMA

two nights Lima

Day 12 Enjoy a leisurely morning with time available to stroll along Copacabana or indulge in some last minute shopping. Mid afternoon we transfer to Rio's Galeao International Airport for our flight to Peru's capital city Lima. Arriving late evening we'll transfer to the *Miraflores* district of Lima, an upmarket area south of the city centre, located on the Pacific Coast.

Day 13 We spend the morning exploring *Plaza Mayor* the birth place of Lima, founded in 1535 and the cities centre. The beautifully restored architecture surrounding the plaza has had bestowed upon it *UNESCO World Heritage* status. Here we find the *Presidential Palace, Archbishop's Palace, Municipal Palace, Palace of the Union* and the *Cathedral of St John the Apostle* whose foundation stone was laid in 1535. The afternoon is free to wander, sightsee and shop. Tonight's dinner will be served at *Huaca Pucllana* Restaurant with its unparalleled setting within the compound of 1,500-year old- adobe pyramid, built by the original inhabitants of Lima.

LIMA – CUZCO – SACRED VALLEY

two nights Sacred Valley

Day 14 Today we fly to the onetime capital of the Incan Empire, *Cuzco*, where we embark on an adventure of discovery into a forgotten history and an incredible civilisation. At its height the *Incan Empire* was spread across western South America from Southern Colombia and Ecuador in the north to Chile and Northern Argentina in the south. It's estimated this huge area had a population of over 10 million inhabitants, speaking 30 different languages, and governed by a total of 40,000 Inca, making this the largest and most successful empire the Americas have ever seen. Cuzco is situated at an altitude of 3400 metres (11,152 feet) above sea level, which can cause some discomfort due to altitude. To remedy any possible side effects we descend immediately 2000 feet to the *Urubamba Valley (Sacred Valley of the Inca)* where we'll spend the next three nights acclimatising, making for a much more enjoyable experience.

Day 15 Fresh mountain air and high *Andean Peaks* greet us this morning. Following a hearty breakfast we set off to explore life in and around this fertile valley. See how the decedents of the Inca eke out an existence almost unchanged over hundreds of years. We also explore the formidable Incan Fortress at *Ollantaytambo* and the *colourful Indian Market at Pisac*. Here your bartering skills will be tested as you browse over the many souvenirs and hand crafted garments made from the wool of alpaca and llama. Sample the empanadas (pasties), they're delicious! You'll have an opportunity to try the locally brewed corn beer, and those willing guinea pig, a staple and plentiful source of protein in the Andean diet.

SACRED VALLEY – AGUAS CALIENTES

one night Aguas Calientes

Day 16 Today we travel by *Vistadome* train through the Sacred Valley, following the *Urubamba River* on its winding journey through the mountains to the small jungle town of *Aguas Calientes*. During our journey the landscape changes dramatically from arid sub-alpine vegetation and subsistence farming, to dense subtropical jungle. We'll explore the quaint town with its colourful Indian market, unique shops and a vibrant café and bar scene.

AGUAS CALIENTES – MACHU PICCHU – CUZCO

two nights Cuzco

Day 17 Early Spanish explorers searched extensively for a city of gold the local Indians talked of, but to no avail. Eventually abandoned by its inhabitants the city was buried in jungle and remained hidden for centuries until discovered in 1911. Today *Machu Picchu, The Lost City of the Incas*, is a *New Seven Wonders of the World* and regarded as South America's most spectacular archaeological site. This morning you'll see for yourself an amazing feat of architectural engineering and a slice of history preserved and captured for all time. This afternoon we take the Vistadome train back to Ollanta Station, join our coach and transfer to *Cuzco*.

Day 18 This morning we take a slow walking tour of the town to see the beautiful *Koricancha Temple* or *Sun temple* and *Plaza de Armas*, Cuzco's main square, bustling with activity, and where we'll find the colourful night market later tonight. The most dominant feature of the square is the ornate *Cathedral*, constructed in 1576. Following a delicious lunch we visit the famous *Fortress of Sacsayhuaman*, a remarkable Incan site featuring giant foundations stones, precision cut from granite. Witness other incredible feats of engineering at *Kenko, Puca Pucara*. Time permitting we'll stop at the Inca site of *Tambomachay* to round off the day.

CUZCO – SANTIAGO

three nights Santiago

Day 19 Mid-afternoon we depart Cuzco bound for *Santiago*, the capital of Chile. We arrive Santiago late evening however tomorrow you can enjoy a restful sleep-in and a leisurely breakfast.

Day 20 Late morning we're taking you out of the city to a valley renowned for producing some of Chile's famous grape varieties. Local wine growers believe the cooler climate found in the valley is instrumental for producing Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc in the white grape varieties Pinot Noir, Merlot and Syrah in the red. The majority of vines originate from cuttings brought from France to Chile by enlightened vineyard owners back in the mid-19th century. Chilean wine producers regard the ability to trace the ancestry of the grape and wine as an essential ingredient in the wine production process. Enjoy the day relaxing over lunch and sampling some famous Chilean wines.

Day 21 Founded in 1541 by the Spanish, Santiago is a bustling modern city nestled amidst the ever present snow-capped Andes Mountains. We begin the day at *Alameda Bernardo O'Higgins*, Santiago's main avenue and the commercial hub of the city. We'll visit the historical *Plaza de Armas*, the cities historical centre and *Main Square*, where we find the *Metropolitan Cathedral* and other historical buildings. Included is a visit to the *Bohemian District of Bellavista*, before driving to the top of *San Cristobal*, the highest hill within the city for some commanding views. Tonight we'll enjoy a farewell dinner savouring local delicacies, great friendships and happy memories of a wonderful adventure.

Day 22 Today you're free to explore at your leisure. Mid-evening we'll leave the hotel for the airport and the beginning of our homeward journey.

SANTIAGO – NEW ZEALAND

Days 23-24 We depart Santiago for New Zealand.



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Booking Form

TOUR NAME (ie: Southern Italy)

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:	
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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

Name:

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

Do you wish to upgrade your flights? (where applicable) 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:
Expiry Date:	Card Holder Name:

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Please tick if receipt required.

PAY BY CHEQUE

Please make cheques payable to Travel to You Limited.

Please tick if receipt required.

Early Bird Option (Available until 30 September 2018) 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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	Passenger 1	Passenger 2
Airline Seating Requests:	Aisle / Window (circle preference)	Aisle / Window (circle preference)
Medical Conditions:		
Special Dietary Requirements:		
Airpoints/Krisflyer Number:		
Celebrity Number (if applicable):		
Holland America Number (if applicable):		

Travel Insurance required: Yes No

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

Travel Insurance Company:	Policy No:
Travel Insurance Company emergency phone no. when calling from overseas:	

IMPORTANT NOTE: *If your medical conditions change after you have taken out your policy you must notify the Travel Insurance company concerned for a medical reassessment otherwise the policy could be rendered void.*

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3. Travel 2U reserves the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers or coaches at any time for any reason. Travel 2U reserves the right to cancel or alter the itinerary for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to, road, weather or traffic conditions, non-performance of suppliers, industrial action, operational conditions and requirements. All additional expenses incurred as a result of any delays, cancellations or alterations will be the sole responsibility of the passenger.
4. A minimum number of bookings are required to operate a tour and also to ensure an enjoyable small group atmosphere. Where sufficient numbers cannot be achieved, Travel 2U reserves the right to cancel the tour.
5. Where a tour is cancelled prior to departure, accordingly to clause 4 above, a full refund will apply.
6. Any special passenger requirements must be notified to Travel 2U at the time of booking. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition, in the opinion of the representative of Travel 2U is such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. Travel 2U will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any such reason.
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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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10. Travel 2U shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury occasioned to any person or property as a result of any inclusion or action undertaken during the tour whatsoever or howsoever the same may be caused whether as a result of negligence or otherwise.
11. Baggage is entirely at 'owners risk' during the tour. Passengers are entitled to carry one suitcase per person with the total sum of its length, width and height not exceeding 200cm and weight 23kg. Personal items such as cameras, make-up, medication etc should be carried in a purse or cabin bag. Surcharges will apply for extra/overweight baggage and there is no guarantee that they can be carried.
12. **Travel Insurance:**
The tour price does not include Travel Insurance but Travel 2U requires travellers to have insurance 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.
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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.
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20. **Passport and Visas:**
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