



News, Views & Reviews

Hi Subscriber First Name

Elections are over, Spring has sprung, kids are back to school and everyone wants to travel. We're not complaining in the least, it's a great thing, the only problem is there aren't enough hours in the day!

So let's get on with the update.....



Small Group Experiences 2024

We knew a lot of people were very keen to get away next year on one of our small group experiences. We had under-estimated the degree of interest it seems. This has been extremely encouraging but is also catching some people off guard, thinking they would hold off booking until later. Following is an update on space available for a few of our tours as an indication:

Egypt & Jordan is now **FULL** for 2024. A waitlist is in place.

Spain, Portugal & France only 8 places remaining

Croatia Dalmatia & Istria only 6 places remaining

If you'd like a copy of the full brochure you can either download it at www.travel2u.co.nz or contact us and we'll send you a copy. A booking form is also available under the Groups tab on our website. If you'd like to know more about any particular tour in greater detail you're welcome to make an appointment with us and we'll go through it in detail, without any obligation to book.



Ocean & River Cruising

We've invested heavily in time and resources to make our cruise section one of the most up to date and comprehensive around, and we continue to add cruise lines to it that we think will be of interest to you. This is not by any means the full list of all cruise lines we sell. Joining the list this coming week will be:

- **Regent Seven Seas Cruises**
- **MSC**
- **Princess**

Click on the following link to browse some of the cruise line options available:

<https://www.travel2u.co.nz/holland-america>

Contact us at any time and we'll be happy to discuss a cruise that fits your travelling style, budget and preferred destination. We'll be hosting some cruise information evenings in our function room in November and we hope to receive invitations for some cruise ship inspections at Lyttleton over the summer, which we want to be able to invite you to join us on.



Economy class v Premium Economy v Business Class

Is it really worth the extra money?

This is a question we get asked a lot, and the answer varies depending on the airline and the specific class of service. It's a fact that as more people are taking to travelling again, planes are frequently full to capacity, and the demand for Premium Economy and Business class seats has risen exponentially.

Premium Economy has filled the gap between the more expensive Business class seat and the less expensive economy class seat. It doesn't necessarily fall midway in terms of extra amenities offered, but in many cases it provides a greater degree of comfort seating wise, more choice with pre-boarding preferences, and a somewhat enhanced customer experience in terms of overall enjoyment.

Business Class has been forced to up the ante accordingly, to demonstrate value for money with the service and amenities offered against premium Economy. In most cases this has occurred. The seats are wider, have greater extension or fully lay flat. There are fewer seats, greater menu choices, more luggage allowance, priority embarkation and disembarkation, complimentary access to lounges, (some with full bathroom facilities). Many provide bedding for sleep, make up the bed and even provide your own personal pj's at sleeping times. They have bigger screens, more privacy and often a personal mini-bar. There are some who even have a bar at which you can stand and talk to fellow travellers during your flight, and others have showers onboard for guest use.

It's fair to say, we have never received a complaint about the difference in price flying Business Class once the guest has experienced the difference for themselves. The difficulty thereafter is returning to any seat further back in the plane.

So is it worth the difference in price? It comes down to the individual and their circumstances. Business class is a luxury for sure, but if you can afford it, treat yourself once in a while, you earned it!

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