

Important information



All the information that follows is correct at the time of printing, but please check for changes when booking.

Additional Beds

Prices for three and four people sharing a room are available on request at most hotels; many do not charge for children who share the standard beds already in a room (usually two double beds). There is normally a charge if additional beds are required and these will usually be of a rollaway or camp-bed style and may make the condition of the room somewhat cramped.

Baggage Allowance

Free baggage allowance varies by airline and destination so please ask at the time of booking for details of the aircraft used on your itinerary. Most commonly, 20kg is allowed for Economy Class travellers, 30kg for Business Class and 40kg for First Class; and one small carry-on bag. There is a limit of 5-10kg for domestic flights operated by light aircraft. Excess charges apply if your allowance is exceeded on any flight.

Brochure Accuracy

Please be aware that brochures are written and produced many months in advance, and we endeavour to check the accuracy of the prices and information at the time of printing. Inevitably, however, changes and errors can sometimes occur and we ask you therefore to check for the latest holiday details at the time of booking. In addition to hotel information, please bear in mind that changes and alterations can also affect escorted tour, cruise and pre-planned self-drive itineraries. This may be due to local holidays, festivals or special events, adverse weather conditions, essential maintenance projects or other circumstances outside our control.

Check-in & Check-out times

Generally, check-in times range between 2pm and 4pm, and check-out between 11am and 12 noon. Subject to the availability of rooms, you may be able to check in earlier. However, early check-in is at the discretion of the hotel and cannot be guaranteed unless you book and pay for the accommodation from the night prior to arrival.

Climate

The climate chart and weather guide provided on the opposite page has been compiled with the aid of information supplied by various meteorological offices. We cannot accept responsibility for any inaccuracy in the information supplied, or for adverse weather conditions which may impact upon your holiday enjoyment. Please use the information provided as a guide only, to assist with your holiday planning.

Departure Tax

All UK departure taxes (which vary according to the class of travel) and UK airport passenger facility charges (which vary by departure airport) are pre-paid and added to the cost of your air ticket and will be quoted at the time of booking. Please refer to the Travel Tips for information on departure taxes of the country to which you are travelling and ensure you have sufficient local funds available.

Disabled Passengers

We are able to give advice to disabled passengers to assist in choosing a holiday to meet your requirements. Please provide us with full details of your disability at the time of booking so that we can recommend suitable accommodation. We will also advise the airlines of any assistance required during your flights.

Foreign & Commonwealth Office

To check the latest information about your holiday destination you are advised to check the Internet under www.fco.gov.uk, or by phoning 0870 6060290. Alternatively you can contact the ABTA Information department on 0901 201 5050 (calls charged at 50p per minute).

Health

This information below is based on information obtained from the Department of Health's publication 'Health Advice for Travellers' and is intended only as a guide, as recommendations do change. Before travelling we strongly advise you to consult your own medical practitioner who will be in the best position to take into account any relevant personal factors or newly-reported epidemics. Everyone travelling abroad is recommended to be vaccinated against Poliomyelitis (Polio), Tetanus and Diphtheria. Most people will have been immunised for these as children and will only require a booster – your medical practitioner will advise you of the type of vaccination you require. If you intend to travel via a Yellow Fever infected area, immunisation is essential as some countries, such as Brazil, require a proof of immunisation certificate in their entry regulations. The other main vaccinations or medication to be considered are against Hepatitis A, Malaria and Typhoid. If you are prone to illness please ensure that you carry enough medication with you as some medicines may not be available locally. Stomach upsets can be common on any holiday but in particular on long haul holidays, due to the change in climate and diet.

Hotel Extras

Parking charges are usually made by city hotels (and occasionally elsewhere), and are not included in the prices shown. Leisure facilities featured at hotels in this brochure are not necessarily free of charge. The use of facilities such as health clubs, tennis courts, golf courses, horse-riding, motorised watersports and scuba diving are normally subject to a fee. Some facilities may also only be available seasonally.

Insurance

We consider adequate travel insurance to be essential. Travel insurance is widely available and your travel agent will have a policy available for you to purchase. Please read your policy details carefully and take them away with you. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is suitable and adequate for your particular needs.

Maintenance

Renovations and/or construction work may sometimes be taking place at your chosen hotel/resort during your stay. When we have been advised of such cases and consider that it may affect the enjoyment of your holiday we will notify you as quickly as possible. However, while every effort will be made, it may not always be possible to advise you of emergency repairs to facilities such as swimming pools prior to your departure from the UK.

Meals

When purchasing holiday arrangements on a half board, full board or all inclusive basis, please note that some hotels require that meals may only be enjoyed in the main restaurant. A supplement may be required to dine in other restaurants, or when ordering certain food or beverage items from the à la carte menu or drinks list.

Passport & Visas

A ten-year British or EU passport is essential for travel to any of the destinations featured within this brochure and must be valid for at least six months after your intended date of return. It is your responsibility to ensure that all your travel documents, including passport and vaccination certificates are in order and in your possession when travelling. The information given in the Travel Tips in this brochure applies to British Citizens holding either a British or EU passport and travelling on holiday. You should check with your travel agent for further details on visa regulations if you are a non-British passport holder, a British subject travelling on either a British or EU passport, a citizen of another EU country or if you are travelling on business. All passengers flying to or via the USA must have machine-readable passports.

Rooms

Most hotel prices are based on a standard room for up to two adults, with upgraded room types available at a supplement; meals are only included where stated. Rooms are generally allocated on a 'run of house' basis, which means you can be allocated a room in any part of the property although the hotel will endeavour to allocate you the best available room within the requested category at check-in.

Smoking

Most airlines and coach companies now operate a complete non-smoking policy; as well as some hotels. Cities in some countries ban smoking in public places such as bars and restaurants. Please enquire at the time of booking if required.

Special Requests

We shall pass your special requests on and try to confirm your wishes. However, we cannot guarantee that all special requests will be met.

Star Ratings

Every effort has been made to ensure that the hotels and other accommodation featured in this brochure are correctly represented and will fulfil your expectations for quality and service. It is important to note that, where used, the star classification system is our own and does not conform with any internationally recognised system. The rating, in our opinion, reflects a true representation of the merits of each property. Inevitably, standards will differ slightly between the many destinations which we feature.

- 2* Economical and comfortable accommodation offering a simple standard of room and limited facilities.
- 3* Comfortable accommodation with standard rooms, amenities and public areas. Most three-star properties offer a restaurant on-site and some have a swimming pool.
- 4* Good superior accommodation offering a selection of services. Most four-star hotels feature a choice of restaurants and, in addition, many also have a health club and swimming pool.
- 5* Five-star hotels offer the highest standards of service and facilities and are acknowledged as the leading properties in the area.
- 5+* The adjacent symbol gives recognition to hotels of exceptional quality.
- +* Indicates a hotel falling between two categories.

Travel Documents

These will be despatched approximately 14 days prior to departure. Please ensure that you check all your documents carefully as flight times may have been adjusted since you received your first confirmation or final invoice. Please query anything you are unsure of with your travel agent. In the case of late bookings and/or payment, tickets may be handed to you at the airport on departure and a fee may be charged.

Utilities

In most of the destinations featured in this brochure, supplies of water and electricity are generally very reliable, however in some of the less developed and more remote destinations, you may experience occasional power cuts and water restrictions. Water quality, whilst usually of a good standard, can also differ from the UK, and if you are in any doubt we recommend drinking bottled water which is widely available.

Climate

Brazil

Seasons in Brazil, and generally in South America, are the reverse of those in Europe. In Rio, average winter temperatures of 20-25C will climb into the high 30C range in summer (Nov-Mar). The Amazon is the wettest region year-round, and the northeast of the country is the hottest region, with an average temperature of around 30°C. In the south of the country, the weather can be very similar to northern Europe.

Peru

Lima and the desert coast are generally dry, with clear skies and temperatures around 28C during summer (Jan-Mar), although coastal mists can bring this down to around 15C in winter (Jul-Sep). In the Andean region, the wet season runs from Nov-Mar, and this is felt most acutely around Cuzco & Machu Picchu. In the dry season (May-Aug), nighttime temperatures can drop to freezing in Cuzco. The Amazon Rainforest, as might be expected, is the wettest part of Peru.

Bolivia

Bolivia experiences wet (Nov-Mar) and dry (Apr-Aug) seasons, and highland areas around La Paz, Uyuni and Lake Titicaca have fairly constant temperatures year-round (typically 12-16C). The eastern and northern lowlands are warm and humid, with temperatures rising above 30C at certain times of the year.

Ecuador & The Galapagos

Ecuador can be visited year-round, and the weather in the highlands varies little. The warmest and driest months are Jun-Sep, with another short dry season also occurring around Christmas-time. The Amazon is hot and humid year-round, with temperatures around 23-26C and rainfall frequent, especially in the afternoons and evenings. Jan-May is hot and wet in the Galapagos Islands, although you can expect short, sharp showers rather than extended periods of rainfall. Temperatures during this season are typically 24-28C, cooling to around 18-20C between Jun-Dec. Strong winds during Aug-Sept can make the waters rather choppy, and many boats will be in dry-dock.

Chile

Due to the immense length of Chile, the country experiences a huge variety of different climates. In the north, the Atacama Desert receives virtually no rain and can be visited year-round. Santiago and Central Chile enjoy a Mediterranean-type climate with mild winters and warm summers, and is at its best during spring (Sep-Nov) and autumn (Feb-Apr). The Lake District and Patagonia are more seasonal, and best visited during the summer months (Dec-Mar). Easter Island is sub-tropical, meaning warm weather year-round, with gentle winter rains and torrential summer downpours.



Argentina

As with Chile, the vast country of Argentina comprises a number of climate zones. Buenos Aires has humid summers (Dec-Feb) with temperatures around 30C, more temperate shoulder seasons, and cool, dry winters which can be very pleasant. The area around Iguassu Falls is tropical with mild winters (Jul-Sep) and hot Summers (Dec-Feb). Patagonia, in the south, is more seasonal, with cold temperatures in winter and strong southwesterlies in Ushuaia. It's best visited during the summer (Oct-Apr).

Antarctica

The summer cruising season in Antarctica (Nov-Mar) sees temperatures hovering around 0°C, however the wind makes it feel considerably colder. For further details, please see page 78.

Mexico

Oct-May is the best time to visit Mexico, with virtually no rain. May-Sep can get hot and humid, particularly in the south of the country and along the coasts, whilst higher elevations such as Mexico City are drier and more temperate. The Yucatan is subject to the annual Caribbean Coast hurricane season (Jun-Oct), although plenty of warning is usually available to get visitors out of harm's way.

Costa Rica

At just a few degrees north of the equator, there's little seasonality in temperatures so any differences that do occur are rather due to specific locations and altitude. The capital, San Jose, has a highlands location which can make it chilly at

night; whilst down at sea level on both the Pacific and Caribbean coasts, the temperatures are higher (28C and upwards) and are at their hottest during Mar-Apr at the end of the dry season. The wet (or 'green') season, runs from May-Nov, but with Costa Rica's blanket of rainforest, pretty much the whole country can be wet at any time of year.

Guatemala

Although conditions can vary with altitude in the country's highlands, it is generally warm and comfortable year round in Guatemala, with a wet season running from May to October.

Belize

Generally Belize enjoys consistently warm conditions year round with the high humidity tempered by refreshing sea breezes. The onsets of the wet & dry seasons do vary from year to year but traditionally the wet season runs from June to November.

Cuba

With a mild, sub-tropical climate refreshed by the cooling tradewinds, Cuba is pleasant year round with the rainy season typically May to October.

Colombia

Altitude is a key factor with cooler temperatures higher into the Andes and wet seasons varying across the country. Bogota can be cool by day and crisp at night, whereas coastal regions benefit from consistently warm, pleasant conditions.

Climate Guide

H-Average daily max. temp.in °C R-Average monthly rainfall in mm	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec	
	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
Ecuador Quito	21	89	21	134	20	148	21	165	21	109	21	49	21	28	22	35	22	84	21	134	21	99	21	94
Peru Lima	25	1	26	1	26	1	24	0.5	21	1	19	2	17	5	17	3	17	3	19	2	20	0.5	23	1
Cuzco	20	148	21	115	21	97	22	38	21	7	21	3	21	4	21	6	22	24	22	47	23	69	22	109
Brazil Rio de Janeiro	30	135	30	124	29	133	27	108	26	77	25	51	25	44	25	45	25	62	26	82	28	99	28	137
Manaus	31	249	31	231	31	262	31	221	31	170	31	84	32	58	33	38	33	46	33	107	33	142	32	203
Salvador de Bahia	26	84	26	111	26	153	25	303	24	303	24	226	23	190	23	121	23	89	24	103	25	127	25	116
Argentina Buenos Aires	30	93	29	81	26	117	22	89	18	76	15	64	15	59	16	65	18	78	21	96	25	89	29	96
San Carlos de Bariloche	21	26	21	25	18	40	14	60	10	149	7	155	6	144	8	115	10	63	11	40	16	29	18	32
Ushuaia	9	52	9	50	7	54	5	52	3	50	1	47	2	42	2	44	4	38	6	36	7	41	8	46
Chile Santiago	29	5	29	5	27	5	23	10	18	60	14	70	15	65	17	55	19	30	22	10	26	5	28	5
Arica/Atacama	22	0	22	0	21	0	19	0	17	0	16	0	15	0	15	0	16	0	17	0	19	0	20	0
Punta Arenas	15	52	14	49	13	54	9	52	6	49	4	47	3	42	4	44	7	38	10	36	12	42	14	46
Bolivia La Paz	13	129	13	109	13	72	14	47	14	13	13	16	13	8	13	14	14	29	14	40	15	50	14	93
Mexico Mexico City	21	8	23	5	25	11	26	19	26	48	24	105	23	128	23	121	23	109	22	44	22	15	21	7
Caribbean coast	27	100	28	60	29	40	29	40	31	130	32	170	32	100	32	150	32	200	31	180	29	100	28	100
Costa Rica San José	24	11	24	5	26	14	26	46	27	224	26	275	25	214	26	243	26	325	25	323	25	147	24	42
Guatemala Guatemala City	23	8	25	3	27	13	28	31	29	152	27	274	26	203	26	198	26	231	24	173	23	23	22	8
Belize Belize City	27	137	28	61	29	38	30	56	31	109	31	196	31	163	31	170	31	244	30	305	28	226	27	185
Cuba Havana	26	71	26	46	27	46	29	58	30	119	31	165	32	125	32	135	31	150	29	173	27	79	26	58
Colombia Bogota	19	58	20	66	19	102	19	147	19	114	18	61	18	51	18	56	19	61	19	160	19	119	19	66
Cartagena	26	6	26	0.5	27	2	27	26	28	107	27	85	28	120	28	130	27	222	27	133	27	34	27	950

Booking Conditions

The following Booking Conditions together with the Important Information appearing on pages 112 and 113 form the basis of all bookings of packages and accommodation only made with Travel 2 Limited trading as Travel 2. Please read them carefully as they set out your rights and obligations.

If you do not book a package or accommodation only (for example, a flight only), different booking conditions will apply. Please ask your travel agent for a copy.

1. The meaning of the words used in these booking conditions

In these Booking Conditions, the following words have the following meanings (except where the context otherwise requires):-

"you" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date).
"party leader" means the person who makes the booking
"Travel 2", "we", "us" and "our" means Travel 2 Limited trading as Travel 2
"package(s)" means the pre-arranged combination of at least two out of

(a) transport
(b) accommodation
(c) other tourist services not ancillary to any transport or accommodation and forming a significant part of the arrangements where sold or offered for sale by us at an inclusive price and where the service lasts at least 24 hours or includes overnight accommodation. For the avoidance of doubt, the component parts must be booked with us in combination at the same time for a package to exist.
"accommodation only" means any accommodation (of whatever type) which is arranged by us and does not form part of a package.
"arrangements" means a package and/or accommodation only, as applicable
"ticket(s)" means the document which, subject to compliance with all applicable requirements, will enable you to gain access to your flight. References to a "ticket" includes an e-ticket and any equivalent document.
"departure" means the commencement of your arrangements
"ABTA" means the ABTA Limited of which Travel 2 is a member (No V0156)
"ATOL" means the Air Travel Organisers Licence of which Travel 2 is a holder (No 3228)

2. Making your booking

All bookings must be made through one of our authorised travel agents. The party leader must be at least 18 and must be authorised to make the booking on the basis of these Booking Conditions by all persons named on the booking. In making the booking, the party leader confirms that he/she is so authorised and that all party members agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions. The party leader is responsible for making all payments due to us. The payments set under clause 4 ("Payment") below must be made at the time of booking. Subject to the availability of all component parts of your requested arrangements and receipt by your travel agent of all applicable payments, your booking will be confirmed by the issue to your travel agent of a confirmation invoice. Your contract will come into existence as set out under clause 5 "Your contract".

3. Your confirmation invoice/ticket/ other paperwork

Please check your confirmation invoice, ticket and anything else you receive in relation to your booking carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact your travel agent immediately if any information appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracy in any document which is our responsibility within 14 days of its being sent to your travel agent (7 days for tickets). We will endeavour to rectify or arrange for the rectification of any inaccuracies notified to your travel agent outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. Please see clause 10 "Changes by you" if you wish to make any changes to your booking or to the information you provided to us at the time of booking.

4. Payment

In order to confirm your chosen arrangements, a minimum deposit of £100 per person must be paid at the time of booking if booking more than 8 weeks in advance. A higher deposit may be payable depending on the particular arrangements booked. Depending on the fare booked, full payment for flights may be required at the time of booking. Full details of the applicable payment will be given at the time of booking. Please also see clause 6 "The cost of your arrangements".

If booking 8 weeks (56 days) or less before departure, full payment must be made at the time of booking. If not paid in full at the time of booking, the balance of the cost of your arrangements must be received by us no later than 8 weeks before departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent. If we do not receive all payments due (including any surcharge where applicable) in full and on time, your booking is likely to be cancelled. In this case the cancellation charges set out in clause 11 "Cancellation by you" below will be payable.

For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to one of our authorised travel agents for your arrangements with us will be held on our behalf until they are paid to us or refunded to you.

5. Your contract

When your booking is confirmed as set out in clause 2 "Making

your booking", a legally binding contract between you and Travel 2 comes into existence. We both agree that English law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us (except as set out below). We both also agree that any dispute, claim or other matter of any description (and whether or not involving any personal injury) which arises between us must be dealt with under the ABTA Arbitration Scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question – see clause 19) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

6. The cost of your arrangements

Advised prices are believed correct at the time of publication. However, for a variety of reasons (such as exchange rate variations) the price of your arrangements as confirmed at the time of booking is very likely to be different to that appearing in our brochure. In addition, despite our best efforts, errors in advertised prices and other details occasionally occur and hotel descriptions and facilities can change even after our brochure has been printed. We reserve the right to correct such errors and information.

The prices shown in our price grids are for ground arrangements only calculated on the basis of exchange rates applicable in August 2008 as indicated in the Financial Times Guide to World Currencies, which were US dollar 1.85. The price actually payable will be calculated on the basis of the exchange rates applicable at the time you make your booking. The price may also have changed for other reasons. In order to guarantee the price of arrangements confirmed at the time of booking or any element of them (for example, any flight(s)), we may need to ask you to make full payment for the arrangements / element(s) concerned at the time of booking / prior to balance due date. If you fail to meet any such request, any increase(s) in the price will be passed on. It may not always be possible to guarantee the price by making payment in this way in which case any increase(s) will be passed on as set out below.

Once the price of your arrangements has been confirmed at the time of booking, then subject to the correction of errors we will only increase or decrease the price in the following circumstances. Price increases or decreases after booking will be passed on by way of a surcharge or refund. A surcharge or refund (as applicable) will be payable, subject to the conditions set out in this clause, in the event of any change in our transportation costs or in dues, taxes or fees payable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at airports or in the exchange rates which have been used to calculate the cost of your holiday. Even in the above cases, only if any increase in our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your arrangements (excluding any amendment charges) will we levy a surcharge. If any surcharge is greater than 10% of the total cost of your arrangements (excluding any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your booking and receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us (except for any amendment charges) or alternatively purchase other arrangements from us as referred to in clause 12 "Changes and Cancellation by us". Please note, arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your holiday due to contractual and other protection in place.

A refund will only be payable if any decrease in our costs exceeds 2% as set out above. Where a refund is due, we will pay you the full amount of such decrease. You have 14 days from the surcharge invoice issue date to tell us if you want to cancel or purchase other arrangements. If we do not hear from you within this time, we are entitled to assume that you will pay the surcharge. Any surcharge must be paid with the balance of the cost of your arrangements or within 14 days of the surcharge invoice issue date, whichever is the later. No surcharge will be levied within 30 days of your departure. No refunds will be payable if any decrease in our costs occurs within this period either.

7. Special requests, disabilities and medical conditions

If you have any special request, you must advise your travel agent at the time of booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the airline or relevant supplier as applicable, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met unless we have specifically confirmed it in writing. Failure to meet any special request will not otherwise be a breach of contract. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. If you or any member of your party has any disability or medical condition which may affect your arrangements, please provide your travel agent with full details so that we can advise as to the suitability of the chosen arrangements. In any event, we must be given full details in writing at the time of booking. If we / the airline / other supplier reasonably feel unable to properly accommodate the particular needs of the person concerned, we reserve the right to decline the booking or, if full details are not given at the time of booking, cancel when we become aware of these details.

8. Insurance

We consider adequate travel insurance to be essential. Travel insurance is widely available and your travel agent and/or other insurance providers will have a policy available for you to purchase. Please read your policy details carefully and take them away with you. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is suitable and adequate for your particular needs.

9. Travel advice

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

10. Changes by you

Should you wish to make any changes to your confirmed arrangements, you must notify your travel agent in writing as soon as possible. Whilst we will endeavour to assist, we cannot guarantee any such requests will be met. Where they can be met, an amendment fee of £50 per person will be payable together with any costs or charges incurred by ourselves or incurred or imposed by any airline or supplier. Some suppliers particularly certain airlines and hotels, whose special fares/costs are in some cases non-refundable as soon as they are booked, may consider a name change or other change to an existing booking as a cancellation and rebooking with up to 100% cancellation charges payable by you.

If any member of your party is prevented from travelling, the person(s) concerned may be able to transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you) providing we are notified not less than 2 weeks before departure. Where a transfer to a person of your choice can be made, all costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers as a result together with an amendment fee of £50 per person must be paid before the transfer can be effected. For flight inclusive packages, you must pay the charges levied by the airline concerned. As most airlines do not permit name changes after tickets have been issued for any reason, you will have to pay the full cost of an alternative flight (if available) if you wish to transfer after tickets have been issued (subject to the above minimum notice).

11. Cancellation by you

Should you or any member of your party need to cancel your confirmed arrangements, the party leader must immediately notify your travel agent in writing. Your notice of cancellation will only be effective when it is received in writing by us from your travel agent.

The following cancellation charges* will be payable where you cancel or your booking is cancelled in accordance with these Booking Conditions (for example, where you fail to make payment as required) except where otherwise stated. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost of the cancelled arrangements excluding any amendment charges. Amendment charges are not refundable in the event of the person(s) to whom they apply cancelling.

Period before departure and cancellation charge
56 days or more = loss of deposit
55 - 29 days = 50% of the total cost
28 - 15 days = 80% of the total cost
14 - 0 days = 100% of the total cost

*These cancellation charges apply to all bookings except where a booking includes items or services where our suppliers own cancellation charges exceed those shown above. Please enquire at the time of booking as up to 100% cancellation charges may apply from the time of booking.

In the event of cancellation by some but not all party members, additional charges may be payable (for example, where a twin or double room will only be occupied by one person). Any such additional charges must be paid at the time of cancellation or with the balance of the cost of the arrangements as advised

12. Changes and cancellation by us

Arrangements are often made many months in advance. Occasionally, we, airlines and/or suppliers have to make changes to and correct errors in published and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. However, we will only cancel your confirmed booking 8 weeks or less before departure where you have failed to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel or where we are forced to do so as a result of circumstances outside our control or because an insufficient number of people have booked your chosen arrangements and we have notified you of this not less than 8 weeks before departure.

Most changes are minor. Occasionally, we have to make a significant change. Significant changes include the following changes when made before departure; a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification or standard for the whole or a major part of the time you are away, a change of outward departure time or overall length of time you are away of twenty four or more hours or a change of UK departure point to one which is substantially more inconvenient for you (except between airports within or around the same city for example London Gatwick and Stansted Airports).

If we have to make a significant change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible. If there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of the following options:-

(a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or

(b) purchasing alternative arrangements from us, of a similar standard to those originally booked if available (if the alternative is less expensive than the original arrangements, we will refund the difference but if more expensive, we will ask you to pay the difference or

(c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us.

If we have to make a significant change or cancel after the date you have to pay the balance of the cost of your arrangements, we will pay you the compensation set out below depending on the circumstances provided we have received full payment subject to the following exceptions. Compensation will not be payable and no liability beyond offering the above mentioned choices can be accepted where we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care or where we cancel more than 8 weeks before departure because an insufficient number of people have booked your chosen arrangements. No compensation will be payable and the above options will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these Booking Conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where any change is a minor one.

Period before departure a significant change or cancellation is notified to you	Compensation per person (excluding infants)
56 days or more	Nil
55 to 29 days	£10
28 to 14 days	£20
14 days or less	£30

Very rarely, we may be forced by "force majeure" (see clause 13) to change or terminate your arrangements after departure but before the scheduled end of your time away. This is extremely unlikely but if this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any refunds from our suppliers), pay you any compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

13. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Booking Conditions, Travel 2, airlines and other suppliers will not be liable for any change, cancellation, effect on your holiday, loss, damage or expense of any nature or description you suffer or incur or failure to perform or properly perform any contractual obligation(s) which is due to any event(s) or circumstance(s) which Travel 2, the airline or other supplier, as applicable, could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include war or threat of war, riot, civil strife, actual or threatened terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, fire, flood, systems failure and all similar events outside our control or that of the party concerned.

14. Flight information

The flight timings given on booking are for general guidance only and are subject to change. The latest timings will be shown on your confirmation invoice. However, the actual flight times will be those shown on your tickets. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched, if so we will endeavour to advise your travel agent of any change prior to departure and your travel agent or the airline will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. We advise you contact your travel agent to reconfirm your outbound journey at least 72 hours prior to departure should there be a late flight change.

We are required to bring to your attention the existence of a list of airlines which are subject to an EU operating ban - see http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/air/safety/lywell_en.htm. We will advise you of your operating airline at the time of booking or as soon as we become aware of it if later. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 12 "Changes and cancellation by us" will apply. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

15. Flight delay

Unfortunately, delays sometimes occur. Depending on the length of the delay and surrounding circumstances, the airline concerned should provide refreshments when and where appropriate. Travel 2 is not in a position to provide any assistance in the event of flight delay and cannot accept any liability except where expressly stated in these Booking Conditions.

16. Denied Boarding Regulations

If any flight you have booked is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline in circumstances which would entitle you to claim compensation against the airline under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004, you must pursue the airline for the compensation due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to

you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If your airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the Air Transport Users' Council on 020 7240 6061 www.auc.org.uk

17. Our Liability to you

A. We promise to make sure that all services we have agreed to arrange, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are arranged, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means, subject to these conditions, we will accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in arranging, performing or providing, as applicable, the contracted service in question. Please note it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used if you wish to make a claim. We will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting in the course of their employment (for our employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment or any other loss of any description), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:-

- the act(s) or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party; or,
- the act(s) or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday which we could have predicted or avoided; or,
- force majeure as defined in clause 13 above.

B. Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them. In addition, regardless of any wording used by us in any advertising material, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

C. The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to arrange, perform or provide as part of our contract - and the laws and regulations of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question have been properly performed or provided. If the particular services which give rise to a claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK.

D. As set out in these Booking Conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us.

Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,000 for luggage and £300 for personal possessions (including money). For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is twice the price (excluding amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 17 E below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

E. Where any claim or part of a claim relates to any transport (including the process of getting on/off the transport) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier or any stay in an hotel, the maximum we will have to pay you in respect of that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the maximum which would be payable by the carrier or hotelier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements or hotel stay in question (for example, Athens Convention for international travel by sea, Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Berne Convention for international travel by rail). Where the carrier or hotelier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we are similarly not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier or hotelier for the complaint or claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available on request.

F. Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses.

18. Complaints

In the unlikely event that you have any reason to complain about any arrangements whilst away, you must immediately inform the airline or supplier of the service(s) in question. Any verbal notification must be confirmed in writing to the airline / supplier as soon as possible.

If you remain dissatisfied, you must write to us, Customer Relations, Travel 2, 8 Elliot Place, Glasgow G3 8EP within 28 days of the end of your arrangements giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. For all complaints and claims which do not involve death, personal injury or illness, we regret we cannot accept liability if you fail to notify the complaint or claim entirely in accordance with this clause.

19. Arbitration

Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your contract with Travel 2 which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA and administered independently by IDRS, part of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website (www.abta.com).

20. Passports, visas and health requirements

Passport, visa and health requirements may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. For packages, the passport, visa and health requirements applicable at the time of printing to British citizens are shown in our applicable brochure or will be advised by your travel agent at the time of booking. A full British passport presently takes approximately 2 to 6 weeks to obtain depending on whether you are renewing your passport or obtaining one for the first time but you should allow more time if possible. The UK Passport Service has to confirm your identity before issuing your first passport and will ask you to attend an interview in order to do this.

Information on health is contained in the Department of Health leaflet T7 (Health Advice for Travellers) available from the Department of Health by telephone on 0870 1555455 or via its website www.dh.gov.uk and from most Post Offices. Please also check the up to date position in relation to recommended vaccinations and other health precautions with your GP in good time before departure.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a valid passport and all necessary visas, travel and health documents before departure. All costs incurred in obtaining such documentation must be paid by you. We regret we cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to carry correct documentation. If you or any member of your party is not a British citizen or holds a non British passport, you must check passport and visa requirements with the Embassy or Consulate of the country(ies) to or through which you are intending to travel. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in any fines, surcharges, other financial penalty, expenses or other sums of any description being imposed on or incurred by us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us accordingly.

21. Conditions of suppliers

The services which make up your arrangements are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions (see above). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

22. Financial Security

We hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 3228). When you buy an ATOL protected air inclusive holiday from us you will receive a confirmation invoice via our authorised travel agent confirming your arrangements and your protection under our ATOL. In the unlikely event of our insolvency the CAA will ensure that you are not left stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking. * The air inclusive holidays we arrange are ATOL protected providing either the person who pays for the booking is present in the UK when the booking is made or the first leg of any flight or flights we arrange for you commences in the UK. For further information, visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk.

We are also a member of ABTA (ABTA number V0156). If your holiday does not include flights, ABTA will financially protect your holiday in the same way except that, if already abroad, you will be returned to the point where your contracted arrangements with us commenced. Please go to www.abta.com for a copy of the guide to ABTA's scheme of Financial Protection.

ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct.

For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint (see clause 13), contact ABTA, 68 - 71 Newman Street, London W1T 3AH tel 020 7637 2444 or www.abta.com

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