



Welcome



Travel has been my life for over 20 years. St Augustine's famous quote remains as true to me today as it was when I first set up 2by2 Holidays – "the world is a book and those who do not travel, read only one page".

My first love was Africa, the place of my birth. Its remarkable wildlife and cultures continue to captivate me today. A recent visit to the wildlife of the

Serengeti has starkly reminded me just how fragile the survival of so many endangered species remains and reinforced my belief that travel must always have conservation at its heart.

In recent years I have discovered the joys of travel in the Indian subcontinent and Latin America. The iconic sites and cultures there are no less enthralling and everywhere wildlife adapts and survives, from harsh barren deserts to cool mountain cloud forests and tropical wetlands.

My enthusiasm burns as brightly as ever and I continue to be as involved in every aspect of the business as I always have been, backed up by our superb travel team. I'm particularly thrilled that so many of our customers return time after time.

I do hope you find our latest brochure inspiring and we all look forward to hearing from you.

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About Us

We specialise in tailor-made holidays to Southern & East Africa, Latin America and the Indian subcontinent – regions that are often difficult to explore on your own.

The excitement of long haul travel starts in the early planning stages, as you browse through inspirational travel sites, speak to friends and gather information from magazines and brochures such as ours. At 2by2 Holidays we understand this anticipation, as we ourselves are passionate travellers. We love to listen to your ideas and supplement them with our own experiences to help you plan the best possible trip – tailored to your special interests and budget.

Our sales team regularly visit the countries we sell to ensure our specialist knowledge remains up-to-date. Through our extensive contacts in each destination, we are also happy to research unusual activities and excursions for you.

With our expert knowledge we can advise you on all the great wildlife reserves in the world and help you to explore iconic cultural highlights in countries that you never thought you

would be able to visit on your own, as our experiences of these destinations is truly second to none.

Our tradition of customer service has been a vital element of our success and many of our customers come back year after year. Be rest assured that you will be well looked after every step of the way as you explore these remarkable countries with their astonishing wildlife, colourful cultures and breathtaking landscapes.



Types of Holidays

We tailor make all our holidays so you can choose to travel by road, plane, luxury train, houseboat or expedition cruise. We can arrange a private driver/guide, you can self drive or join an escorted tour.

Browse through our brochure to see the wide range of destinations and types of holidays we offer. The example itineraries are intended to be a starting point, so ring us if you would like to talk with someone who has travelled to the country you are interested in. To see what travel options are possible, these symbols are shown under each example itinerary:



Land Transfers



Light Aircraft Transfers



Driver/Guide



Self Drive



Wheelchair Accessible



Escorted Tour



Train



On Water

Our Values

Travel should be a force for good, especially where tourism is a crucial source of revenue for local people. We want you to experience the very best holiday and at the same time, where we can, help to contribute something back to the communities you visit.

Auriel Holidays

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Chinchero Market

Peru

Peru is the must-see country of South America. From the pre-Inca Quechuan cultures to the colonial heritage of the Spanish and the magnificent citadel at Machu Picchu, you can explore thousands of years of history set in spectacular landscapes.

Think of Peru and you think of Machu Picchu. The Lost City of the Incas will take your breath away, but from north to south Peru is a treasure trove of wonderful places to explore. Its capital city, Lima, has been the main entry point for centuries. Skills and customs from Europe, Asia and Africa, mixed with indigenous and Spanish traditions, make it a cultural melting pot. The city's museums reflect its gloriously diverse legacy and it has a thriving gastronomic scene.

In the far south, colonial Arequipa is the perfect place to start a Peruvian adventure, as at over 2,300 metres above sea level this allows you to gradually acclimatise to the high altitude of the Andes. Once the country's capital, this vibrant town has a lively art and cultural scene. Much of the architecture is Spanish, including the World Heritage city centre, but the cuisine and three imposing volcanoes that flank the town are very much Peruvian. White

sillar stone from these volcanoes has been widely used for building, hence Arequipa's nickname of the White City. Among the many attractions here, pride of place goes to the Convent of Santa Catalina.

Arequipa is also the jumping off point for the spectacular Colca Canyon, one of the deepest in the world. Here you can watch the endangered Andean condor soar on the thermals, then have fun relaxing in the natural hot springs.



Lake Titicaca, Uros Islands



Arequipa Cathedral

The next stop on Peru's southern route is the electric blue waters of Lake Titicaca, set against a snow-capped Andean backdrop. Reached either by road or train from Cusco (you can choose between PeruRail or the luxurious overnight Belmond train), this enormous stretch of fresh water is 120 miles long and is shared with Bolivia. It is the largest lake in South America and at 3,800 metres above sea level it is the world's highest navigable lake for large boats, with a collection of old British-built steamers. Long before they arrived this lake was sacred to the Incas, who believed it was the birthplace of the gods.

Most visitors base themselves at the

lake port of Puno and from here explore the archaeological ruins and islands. The most famous attraction is Uros, a collection of floating islands made entirely from reeds. The people first came here to escape Spanish rule and have continued their way of life ever since, now welcoming visitors and showing off their unique homes. Uros is close to the shore at Puno, but 30 miles out in the lake lies Taquile Island. Here the men knit with extraordinary skill and complexity while the women make yarn and weave. The Taquile people own the island and keep their community collectivism and traditional way of life very much alive.

There is much to explore on the

Bolivian side of the lake too, especially Sun Island, one of the largest islands with 180 Inca ruins. As with the other islands, there are no cars and very little electricity. The islands are beautiful and peaceful, with impressive terraced farms and striking views across the lake.



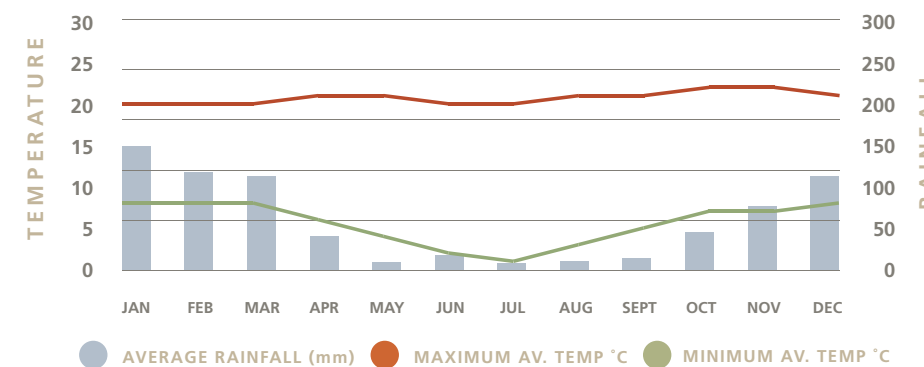
Classic Peru

- DAY 1** Arrive in Lima, with city tour
- DAYS 2/3** Fly to colonial Arequipa, with sightseeing
- DAY 4** Travel to Colca Canyon & view the giant condors
- DAYS 5/6** Drive to Lake Titicaca & visit Uros & Taquile Islands
- DAYS 7/8** Travel by train to the old Inca city of Cusco, with sightseeing
- DAYS 9/10** Explore the Inca ruins of the Sacred Valley, including magnificent Machu Picchu
- DAYS 11/13** Fly to the Amazon to experience its unique wildlife
- DAYS 14/15** Fly to Lima/Depart



When to go

The best time to visit Peru is from May to October (the dry season) when the days are sunny and less misty, but with chilly nights. This is also the best time for birding. December to March is the rainy season, with the Inca Trail closed in February. The Amazon is hot, wet and humid all year round. April to July is the best window to combine Peru with the Galapagos Islands, as the waters are at their calmest and clearest from January to June (the warmer, wetter months).



This is an example itinerary – see page 5 for key. For more ideas, information and prices call us on 01582 766122 or visit www.2by2holidays.co.uk



Set high in the Andes, the city of Cusco is the former capital of the Inca world. Now a World Heritage Site, it was developed by the Inca warrior King Pachacuti during the 15th century, but before that it was a centre of pre-Inca civilisation for 3,000 years. The Spanish built on top of the Inca structures, so you can literally see the city's layers of history. The Incas were master builders and their beautifully fitted and polished stonework is in evidence in the Plaza des Armas, the main square, and along the pretty cobbled streets that surround it.

Two Cusco highlights are the massive cathedral, built by the Spanish, and the magnificent Temple of the Sun, once the most important in the Inca empire. Although the temple was demolished and the Church of Santo Domingo built over it, the stonework of the lower levels

remains, as well as an archaeological museum housing several Inca mummies.

Elsewhere in the city you will find shops selling cloth woven from alpaca wool, a staple cottage industry for centuries and the bustling market of San Pedro. At 3,400 metres the high altitude makes the air thin, so take things slower than normal and try the coca tea provided by most hotels, as this helps prevent altitude sickness.

Ten miles north of Cusco, the Sacred Valley runs northwest towards Machu Picchu. Formed by the Urubamba River, distinctive Quechua traditions survive here, evident in the local dress, brilliantly colourful markets and local pottery. At Pisac the vast agricultural terraces, water ducts and steps are scarcely believable in their height and ingenuity. The views from the ruins of the citadel and Sun Temple are stunning.

At the western end of the valley, the small town of Ollantaytambo was where the Incas retreated when the Spanish captured Cusco. The ruins here, like the scenery, are spectacular and you can walk, horse ride and mountain bike along the old Inca trails. From here take the train to the gateway town of Aguas Calientes – choose between the scenic Vistadome or luxurious Hiram Bingham. This journey is a wonderful treat in itself.

Set high in the mountains, Machu Picchu is one of the most dramatic sights in the world and one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Swathed in the early morning mist, which burns off as the day progresses, the citadel is a spiritual place despite the crowds. Built at the height of the Inca Empire, it displays the very best of classical Inca architecture and building skills. Reclaimed by the jungle, it was rediscovered in 1911 by the American explorer Hiram Bingham. The two-day Mini Inca Trail or the four-day Inca Trail are exhilarating ways to reach Machu Picchu. Alternatively hike the less travelled Lares or Salkantay Trails.



Explore Peru's Amazon with an expert guide or get close to penguins, Peruvian boobies and sea lions in the Ballestas Islands.

From a wildlife perspective, Peru lays claim to the second largest share of the Amazon Basin rainforest after Brazil. Covering 60% of the country, the Amazon is home to the greatest diversity of plants and wildlife on earth. Stay in an eco-lodge deep in the jungle, accessed from Puerto Maldonado in the south, or opt for a river cruise from Iquitos in the northeast. Early morning starts are well worth the effort, as noisy macaws and parrots compete with acrobatic monkeys to steal the show. Closer to the forest floor look for tiny exquisite reptiles such as the Poison dart frog and in the river spot otter and caiman.

For wildlife lovers the marine and birdlife around the Ballestas Islands in the Bay of Paracas is worth a detour from the Pan-American Highway, as you head south from Lima towards Arequipa. An added treat is the unusual Candelabra of the Andes, an immense design drawn in the sand dunes that never disappears, despite the blustery sand storms that sweep this desolate coast. Further south the mysterious Nazca Lines geoglyphs, best seen from the air, are another World Heritage Site. These giant patterns and figures are carved into the desert sands over an area of 380 square miles and date from 500 BC.



- DAY 1** Arrive in Lima, with city tour
- DAYS 2/3** Fly to Sacred Valley of the Incas, to explore its many ancient ruins
- DAYS 4/5** Visit the citadel at Machu Picchu & take train to Cusco, with city tour
- DAY 6** Fly to Guayaquil in Ecuador
- DAYS 7/10** Embark on a thrilling Expedition Cruise through the Galapagos Islands, viewing their unique wildlife
- DAYS 11/12** Disembark from cruise & fly to colonial Quito, with city sightseeing
- DAYS 13** Depart from Quito



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Special Interest Holidays

Travel offers a wonderful opportunity to do and see things that you have previously only dreamed of. We can introduce you to a wonderland of new experiences and if you have a particular passion or interest, we are the people to talk to. Known for our wildlife and cultural holidays, we also have expertise in many other specialisms. Unlike most travel companies, we take the time to research and book even the most unusual requests. Here we highlight some of the special interest holidays that other customers have loved.



Walking

If you enjoy hiking, we offer a thrilling range of walking safaris – ranging from a few hours in the early morning or late afternoon, accompanied by an armed ranger, to specialised walking camps in Botswana and South Africa where all game viewing is on foot. We also offer point-to-point trails in Zambia, where you can spend a week walking from one remote bush camp to another – a truly unforgettable experience!

You can trek to see mountain gorillas, and in most of our destinations we can incorporate a variety of walking and hiking trails into your itinerary, ranging from day hikes to waterfalls and volcanoes in Costa Rica, to Peru's iconic Inca Trail and Nepal's stunning Annapurna Trek.

If you are sufficiently fit, you can even combine a safari in East Africa with climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, accompanied by experienced mountain guides.

Birding

Many of our customers are avid birders who want to spot regional endemics, as well as increase their life list, whilst others are more casual birders who simply enjoy the pleasure of identifying known species and spotting new ones. Whichever category you fit into, we know how important it is to design an itinerary that visits the best birding regions, at the right time of year.

With our extensive network of

specialist birding guides, we can tailor make private tours to key destinations such as Costa Rica, Colombia, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador and Galapagos, Brazil, Guyana, Madagascar, South Africa, Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania, India, Bhutan and Sri Lanka. We can also help you track down iconic species, such as the Harpy eagle in Panama.

We offer cheaper lodge-based birding holidays too, using guides employed by

the various lodges – although the quality of guiding can vary – and a few scheduled departure tours in high demand countries such as Costa Rica.





Sports & Cultural Events

As we tailor make all our holidays, we cater to a wide range of special interests.

Golf

Our golf holidays in South Africa are particularly popular, allowing golfers to escape the northern winter and combine championship golf with wine tasting and a luxury safari or beach break. You can select the courses you wish to play, varying from social to world class.

Riding

Our riding holidays vary from thrilling mobile horseback safaris in Big Five territory for experienced riders, to family-friendly lodge-based riding holidays suitable for all levels.

Diving

The Indian Ocean offers outstanding diving in warm water, from Kenya all the way down to Zanzibar, Mozambique and South Africa, as well as the islands of the Maldives, Andamans, Mauritius, Seychelles

and Madagascar. Galapagos offers live-aboard dive ships, whilst Mexico and Belize offer superb Caribbean diving.

Fishing

These same regions offer some of the best deep-sea fishing in the world. To this must be added the renowned fishing waters of the Baja Peninsula in Mexico.

Sports Events

Sports events are often the catalyst for a special holiday. We can source tickets to rugby internationals in South Africa and Argentina, as well as cricket tests in India, Sri Lanka and South Africa. We can also arrange Grand Prix packages.

Cultural Events

We can also build a holiday around special events such as the Rio Carnival, Holi in India or the Day of the Dead celebrations in Mexico



Cruises & Houseboats

Expedition cruises explore regions that are difficult to reach in other ways, whilst relaxing houseboats provide a different perspective from the water.

Expedition Cruises

Expedition cruises to the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador are the best way to explore the unique wildlife of this stunning archipelago. Itineraries vary in length from several days to a week or more, with a wide choice of boats varying in size, design and cost.

Patagonia expedition cruises sail from southern Argentina to Chile, and vice versa, navigating via Glacier Alley and Cape Horn.

Expedition cruises to the Falkland Islands and Antarctica use much larger vessels capable of handling the polar ice.

You need to be relatively mobile to enjoy an expedition cruise, as you will disembark twice a day for excursions, making your way down a gangplank into a zodiac-type inflatable.



Houseboats

Houseboats are a relaxing way to watch the world go by. They are the perfect way to explore the mighty Amazon River, the largest in South America, whether boarding from Manaus in Brazil, Coca in Ecuador or Iquitos in Peru.

You can also explore Brazil's southern Pantanal by houseboat or sail down the Magdalena River in Colombia.

India has houseboats that sail down the Brahmaputra and Ganges Rivers and are wonderful for observing local life. You can also spend a night on a traditional rice houseboat gliding through the Kerala backwaters.

In Africa, Botswana has houseboats on the Chobe River, superb for both wildlife viewing and tiger fishing, whilst Zimbabwe has houseboats on Lake Kariba. Lake Jozini in South Africa also offers tiger fishing by houseboat.

Houseboat facilities will be en suite, but expect the cabins on many boats to be relatively small and simple.

Ocean Cruises

Through our sister company, Auriel Holidays, we can source a wide variety of ocean cruises that can tie in with tailor-made land arrangements, either before or after your cruise.





Rovos Rail

Luxury Trains

If you love train travel, there is no better way of leisurely exploring a country than aboard one of the world's iconic luxury trains, travelling in the utmost comfort with superb dining.

Southern Africa

Rovos Rail

The nostalgic Rovos Rail train journeys across Southern Africa at a leisurely pace, pulling along its historic reconditioned carriages. The traditional observation car provides a delightful way of viewing the unfolding landscape, whilst enjoying superb service and delicious food and wine – everything from mouth-watering afternoon teas to cocktails and formal dinners. All off-train excursions are included. Dress code is smart casual, but a little more formal in the evening.

A selection of short journeys is available in both directions (two to four nights), with three cabin styles – Pullman, Deluxe or Royal:

- Pretoria to Cape Town
- Pretoria to Victoria Falls
- Pretoria to Durban

Longer journeys are also available in both directions:

- South Africa Collage (Pretoria to Cape Town)
- South Africa to Namibia
- Dar Es Salaam to South Africa
- Dar Es Salaam to Angola

A few specialist golf journeys are also available in both directions:

- Golf Collage (Pretoria to Cape Town)
- Golf Safari (Sun City, Durban and Kruger)

Blue Train

The modern Blue Train also travels regularly between Pretoria and Cape Town.



Rovos Rail - Deluxe Suite

India

India is well served by a range of luxury trains that offer superb service and dining reminiscent of the opulent Maharaja era.

Maharaja's Express

The famous Maharaja's Express is India's most luxurious train and offers a wonderful way to explore the treasures of the Golden Triangle and Rajasthan, starting from Delhi. A short three-night journey visits the stunning Taj Mahal in Agra, Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Jaipur in Rajasthan. A longer trip includes Orchha Fort, the magnificent temples of Khajuraho and the sacred city of Varanasi. There is also a journey that combines the Golden Triangle with more of Rajasthan - including Bikaner, Jodhpur and beautiful Udaipur - before continuing all the way to Mumbai. This trip is available in both directions. There are four different cabins – Deluxe, Junior Suite, Suite or Presidential Suite.

Palace on Wheels

The opulent Palace on Wheels, India's original luxury train, also starts in Delhi and explores the Golden Triangle and Rajasthan including a longer route to Jaipur, Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Chittorgarh Fort, Udaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur and Agra before returning to Delhi. The train has two different cabins - Deluxe or Super Deluxe.

Deccan Odyssey

The blue Deccan Odyssey explores the state of Maharashtra in style, including the holy city of Nashik, the incredible Ellora and Ajanta Caves with their magnificent sculptures and paintings, the temples of Kolhapur and the beaches of Goa. Another route links Mumbai with Delhi, travelling via Udaipur, Jaipur, Agra and Ranthambore Tiger Reserve. There are two cabin styles – Deluxe or Presidential Suite.

Golden Chariot

The luxurious Golden Chariot train explores South India. Starting from Bengaluru, the Karnataka route visits Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Mysuru Palace, the temples of Halebid, the hill station of Chikkamagaluru, the spectacular ruined city of Hampi and the beaches of Goa. The Tamil Nadu and Kerala route explores the temples and palaces of Mysuru, the Shore Temple at Mahabalipuram,

the Great Chola temples at Thanjavur, Chettinad Palace and Kochi, including a cruise in a traditional rice houseboat on the Kerala backwaters. This train has one adapted cabin.

Peru

Belmond Train

The luxurious Belmond Train journeys through Peru, travelling from Arequipa to Lake Titicaca and Cusco – gateway to the stunning Inca citadel at Machu Picchu. The train runs in both directions. Be sure to visit Machu Picchu aboard the famous Hiram Bingham train.

Mexico

El Chepe

Although not a luxury train, another iconic train journey is aboard El Chepe, which travels through the stunning Copper Canyon.



Maharaja Express, Dining Car



Deccan Odyssey



Springbok Atlas

Accessible Travel



If you are a wheelchair user or have limited mobility, long-haul travel poses a unique set of challenges, but as the UK market leader in accessible safari holidays we have considerable expertise in this field. Our greatest experience is in Southern and East Africa, but we have been expanding our knowledge in recent years and we now also offer accessible holidays to India, Sri Lanka and Latin America.

Whether you are simply unsure about travelling without assistance, walk with sticks or use a wheelchair permanently, we can design a holiday appropriate to your needs. We know which hotels and lodges are accessible (i.e. ramps, roll-in showers and grab rails) and which are not, and your private guide can travel with a shower chair if needed. However if you use a power chair, we will need to get the approval of the airline before we can confirm your holiday.

In South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia we have access to a small number of accessible vehicles, with ramps for wheelchairs. If you have upper body strength and can transfer into a regular vehicle, you will have more destination choices.

In India we also have a few accessible vehicles on the famous Golden Triangle route. In Latin America accessible vehicles are found mostly in the larger cities, but if you use a manual wheelchair we can take you to places such as Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands.

The accessible section of our website

showcases the many destinations we offer, but as you will have many questions please call us to discuss your specific needs or visit us in person and we will be happy to go through all the details with you.

As accessible hotels, guides and vehicles are always in short supply, you should book your holiday well in advance.



Wheelchairtravel.org

Small Group Tours

We offer a range of sociable small group tours in many of our key destinations, if you don't want to travel independently or self drive.

Southern Africa

South Africa offers a range of small group tours, travelling from beautiful Cape Town along the scenic Garden Route to Port Elizabeth. Afterwards you can add on a Big Five safari in the Eastern Cape. Alternatively, you can combine the wildlife of the famous Kruger National Park with Eswatini (Swaziland), Zululand and the beaches of Durban.

Namibia tours take in this country's dramatic landscapes, from the Fish River Canyon to Etosha, with longer tours

travelling through the lush Caprivi to Victoria Falls.

Botswana wildlife tours are generally done under canvas, exploring the wildlife of the Okavango Delta and Chobe.

East Africa

Kenya small group tours visit the famous Masai Mara, the elephants of Samburu and Amboseli in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro, with shorter tours from Mombasa.

Tanzania tours explore the northern circuit of Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater and the vast open plains of the wildlife-rich Serengeti.

Uganda tours focus on chimp and gorilla trekking. Ethiopia tours explore its ancient history.

Latin America

Peru tours visit Cusco and the stunning Inca citadel at Machu Picchu, with an extension to Lake Titicaca and the salt flats of Bolivia. Alternatively, you can combine Peru with Ecuador and the fascinating Galapagos Islands.

Brazil tours combines vibrant Rio de Janeiro with the thundering Iguassu Falls, whilst tours of Argentina and Chile focus on their capital cities and the dramatic landscapes of spectacular Patagonia.

Mexico small group tours explore their pyramids and the spectacular Mayan ruins of the Yucatan, before relaxing on the warm Mayan Riviera.

Through our sister company, Auriel Holidays, we offers tours to many other destinations.





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