

Distant Journeys INC

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS

Receipt by Distant Journeys, Inc. of a \$400 deposit along with your completed registration form will reserve a space on your requested trip. For an immediate reservation confirmation, please call us at 1-888-845-5781 to charge your deposit to your MasterCard or Visa.

Payment in full of the Land Cost for the trip is due 60 days prior to departure. When applying less than 60 days prior to departure, full payment is due upon registration.

As confirmation of receipt of your deposit and registration, we will send you an invoice for final payment and additional information including release agreement form, medical information form, travel information, packing list, and an application form for travel insurance. Upon receipt of final payment, you will receive trip rendezvous information and list of accommodations. Returning trip participants will receive a 5% discount on most trips.

Upon payment of the deposit, participants agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth herein.

TRIPS COSTS

The amount paid to Distant Journeys, Inc. to participate in a trip is referred to as the "Land Cost."

The Land Cost for all our trips printed in our itineraries and brochure are based on exchange rates and tariffs at the time of publication. Due to fluctuations in currencies and costs of services, Distant Journeys, Inc. reserves the right to increase the published Land Cost. Although we will do everything reasonably possible to avoid any increases, in the rare event we do increase the Land Cost for a trip, you will be contacted prior to the due date of your final payment and notified of the increase.

Included in the Land Cost for all trips: Unless otherwise indicated in the specific itinerary for a trip, the Land Cost includes all sleeping accommodations, all breakfasts, most dinners, guides (except for self-guided trips), all ski lifts, cable cars, train and bus transfers as specified in detailed itineraries.

Not included in the Land Cost: Unless otherwise indicated in the specific itinerary for a trip, the Land Cost does not include international airfare, passport, visas, airport taxes, medical costs, costs of evacuation from remote areas, individual/optional trains, buses, lifts or excursions, lunches, beverages, tips to guides/leaders, certain meals as specified in detailed itineraries, items not on the set dinner menus, or personal services and items.

Single Supplement: Accommodations in hotels are based on double occupancy. There are only a limited number of single rooms available in the hotels at a supplemental charge. This extra charge simply pays for a private room, not better accommodations.

If you are traveling alone and would like single accommodations where possible, a single supplement charge will be applied. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, we will assign you a roommate. If there is no one with whom you can share, in most cases, there will be no extra charge.

Although our trip itineraries have been carefully planned, reasonable changes and substitutions in the itinerary may be made where deemed necessary for the comfort, safety, and well being of the participants. Any resulting increase in cost will be the sole responsibility of the participant.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Should you find it necessary to cancel, a cancellation fee will be charged and applied based on the date we receive written notice from you of the cancellation:

- over 60 days prior to departure – \$200
- 60-30 days prior to departure – 50% of Land Costs
- less than 30 days prior to departure or failure to show – no refund.

There will be no refunds or credits for unused portions or uncompleted trips for any reason.

**** PLEASE NOTE** that a few of our trips have payment schedules and cancellation fees that are more stringent. These exceptions are clearly indicated in the detailed itineraries, printed separately for each trip.

Distant Journeys, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any trip prior to departure for any reason whatsoever, including insufficient registrations. Generally, a cancellation would be made more than 45 days in advance of the departure date. If we find it necessary to cancel a trip, all payments made to Distant Journeys, Inc. will be refunded immediately. However, Distant Journeys, Inc. shall not be responsible or liable for other expenses incurred by the participant as a result of such a cancellation.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that you purchase short-term travel insurance covering trip cancellation, trip interruption, baggage and accident/life. In the event you find it necessary to cancel either prior to or during a trip due to injury, personal or family illness or emergencies, travel insurance will usually reimburse non-refundable airfares and non-refundable Land Cost. It can also cover the costs of emergency evacuations from remote areas. It is possible to purchase travel insurance policies through most insurance agencies and travel agencies. Distant Journeys, Inc. also makes available applications for this type of insurance but makes no representations with respect to what is covered, applicable deductibles and limits of coverage, etc.. Please be sure to confirm directly with the insurance agent or company the specifics (i.e., what is covered, applicable deductibles and limits of coverage, etc.) for any insurance you are considering purchasing in connection with one of our trips.

HEALTH INSURANCE & MEDICAL INFORMATION

Due to the physically demanding nature of our trips, Distant Journeys, Inc. requires that you have medical/health insurance coverage while participating in one of our trips. It is possible that you may already have medical/health insurance that will cover you while you are abroad but it is your responsibility to find out in advance of the departure date.

All trip participants need to understand that there are places on trips where medical services are not, or may not be, immediately available. We require that each participant accurately and fully complete and provide the medical information form at the time of registration and update

said information immediately if it should change prior to the date of the trip. For guided trips, a copy of this medical information sheet will be provided to our trip guides for use in the event of a medical situation or emergency. For all trips, especially self-guided trips, we require you to have a copy of your medical information sheet with you at all times for use in the event of a medical situation or emergency.

TRIP DIFFICULTY

Trip difficulty is noted in the specific itineraries. All trips are planned for a pace that allows time for sight-seeing and rest stops. However, participants must be in a physical and medical condition appropriate for the trip. Most of our hiking and walking trips take place between 1,000' and 9,000'. We are happy to discuss the level of difficulty and provide you with names of past participants who can share their experiences with you.

Easy: Hike an average of 3 to 4 hours daily carrying a daypack on generally gentle terrain. Distances from 4 to 8 miles. Elevation gain and loss 500' to 1,500'.

Moderate: Hike an average of 4 to 5 hours daily on varied terrain. Distances from 5 to 9 miles. Elevation gain and loss generally 1,500'-2,500' over about 2 hours.

Strenuous: Hike an average of 5 to 7 hours daily on varied terrain, with consistent ascents and descents of 2 to 3 or more hours generally 2,500'-3,500'. Distances from 6 to 11 miles. There are some sections that include steep uphill and downhill.

Strenuous Plus: Hike an average of 5 to 8 hours partly on rocky, challenging terrain with consistent steep ascents and descents of 2 to 3 or more hours generally 3,000'-5,000'. Distances from 6 to 15 miles. Though each day is not strenuous plus there are some sections that may include rough terrain and open and exposed trails.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Trip participants are responsible for selecting trips that are appropriate for the participant's abilities, physical and medical condition, and interests. Trip participants are responsible for 1) studying and understanding the trip conditions as described by the trip itinerary and all supplemental information supplied by Distant Journeys, Inc., 2) knowing the participant's own physical and medical condition with respect to the advisability of participating in the chosen trip, 3) bringing appropriate and adequate clothing, equipment, medications and first aid supplies, and 4) acting in a respectful and safe manner and in accordance with the accepted local customs of foreign countries visited.

When travelling abroad, it is extremely important that participants understand that they will be subject to the laws of the particular countries visited.

Distant Journeys, Inc. reserves the right to decline or cancel the participation of any participant whose condition or conduct it deems to be detrimental to or compromises the safety or interests of the individual or the group as a whole.

INDEPENDENT SERVICE PROVIDERS

With respect to other companies, entities, individuals, associations, vendors, contractors and suppliers who are hired by Distant Journeys, Inc. to provide transportation, accommodations, food and other trip-related services for trip participants (referred to as "independent service providers"), Distant Journeys, Inc. does not assume, directly or indirectly, and hereby disclaims, any and all liability for delay, mishap, expense, inconvenience, irregularity, damage, bodily injury or death to person or property caused by the conduct or negligence of said independent service providers.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this registration and mail with your deposit to:

DISTANT JOURNEYS, P.O. Box 1211, Camden, ME 04843 • 207-236-9788 or 888-845-5781 (toll free) or fax 207-236-0972

For additional participants, photocopy registration

Name of Trip _____ Date of Trip departure _____

Your Full Name _____ Preferred First Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____ Work Phone _____

Passport Number _____ Place of Issue _____

Date of Issue _____ Citizenship _____

Gender _____ Age _____ Occupation _____

Where or how did you first hear about Distant Journeys? _____

Have you been on a previous trip with Distant Journeys? If so, which trip/s? _____

Please list all prior walking, hiking and skiing experiences and any other prior significant outdoor activity experiences. _____

Please list all dietary restrictions. _____

Please list any health or medical condition or other issues which are or may be relevant to your participation in the selected trip. _____

I am willing to share a room _____ I prefer a single room (at supplemental cost) _____

In case of Emergency, please notify _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Relation _____

Name of medical/health insurance company _____

Address and phone number _____

If you do not have medical/health insurance, please check one of the following:

I plan on purchasing medical insurance _____ and/or travel insurance _____
prior to the trip which will provide coverage while I am participating in the trip.

A \$400 deposit per person will reserve your space.

I have enclosed a check for \$ _____ Please charge \$ _____ to Mastercard _____ Visa _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

CVV Number (three-digit security code found on back of card) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete and return along with page 2 (continued)

PHOTO RELEASE

My signature below indicates that I give Distant Journeys, Inc. permission to use any photographs in which I may appear in their brochure, publications, or for any promotional materials.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

1. Please send a **Distant Journeys** brochure to a friend:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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