



## ***Global Palate Adventures***

### ***“Uncommon Journeys into Cuisine and Culture”***

#### **Terms & Conditions**

*Please review the following Terms & Conditions carefully as we will ask you to acknowledge your understanding and agreement of the Terms & Conditions when registering for one of our adventures.*

##### **Deposits and Final Payments**

Your deposit will confirm your booking until 90 days prior to departure. We accept deposits with your credit card for no additional fee.

Final, non-refundable payment of the balance of the trip cost is due 90 days prior to departure (exact date will be provided for each tour), with payment by check, money order, or credit card. We never mark-up our trips to cover credit card fees. A 3% fee is added to your invoice if a credit card is used to make the final payment.

Bookings made 90 days or less of trip departure must be paid in full.

##### **Changes or Cancellations**

Any changes or cancellations must be made in writing. Deposit payment may be refunded less a \$300 per person administrative fee if request is made 90 or more days prior to departure. No refund of the deposit or final payment of the trip can be given due to the commitments we have made to our local travel hosts if request is made 89 days or less prior to departure.

Global Palate Adventures reserves the right to cancel any trip prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of travelers or local logistical problems which may impede trip operations. In this unlikely event, a full refund of funds paid by traveler to Global Palate Adventures shall release Global Palate Adventures from any further liability. Global Palate Adventures is not responsible for expenses incurred by travelers in preparing for their trip (e.g. non-refundable air tickets, visa fees, etc.).

There is no refund for unused accommodations or services and please be aware that any voluntary changes on your part to your itinerary while in your destination will be made at your own expense.

##### **Travel Insurance**

We strongly recommend that every guest on our adventures purchase travel insurance. Depending on the type of insurance, it can cover your costs of trip cancellations due to medical reasons, family emergencies, airline issues, weather, etc. Premiums are based upon the cost and length of your trip.

We feel so strongly about the advantages of travel insurance for our guests that if you decide not to purchase travel insurance, we will ask you to sign and acknowledge that you understand and accept the risks of declining such coverage on your trip Registration Form.

## **Single Supplements**

For those wishing single accommodations, we must often charge a single supplement as most hotel room costs are priced on double occupancy. If you are a single traveler and wish to share accommodations, we will try to match you with a roommate if one is available. If none is available, or if you prefer single accommodations, you must pay the single supplement specific to the desired trip.

## **Travel Documents**

It is the responsibility of each tour participant to obtain and carry a passport valid for the duration of the tour, and any other documents required by applicable government regulations. In most countries, your passport must be valid for six months from the date of entry into the country.

## **Health Information**

When booking the tour, each traveler certifies that she or he does not have any condition or disability that would create a hazard or hardship for themselves or other travelers participating in the program, and the traveler understands that health care standards, facilities and services we are visiting may be different or inadequate for treatment of certain health conditions. Global Palate Adventures makes no guarantees regarding special accommodations or handicap accessibility on any program. The Tour Leader has the right to disqualify any participant at any time during the trip if she or he feels that traveler is physically incapable and/or if a traveler's continued participation will jeopardize either the individual involved or the group. There will be no refund given under these circumstances.

Global Palate Adventures cannot guarantee accommodation for any allergies, dietary needs or restrictions. It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to take care of their own dietary needs. Travelers with any medical problems or dietary restrictions must make them known to us before departure, and we can then counsel you on whether the tour you have selected is right for you.

Global Palate Adventures will advise you, to the best of our knowledge, of any inoculations or medications recommended or required for a destination. However, we should not be considered a medical advisor and do not claim any expertise or assume any responsibility for this information. We recommend you consult your private physician for advice. Global Palate Adventures assumes no liability regarding provision of medical care for any travelers on the tour.

## **Limitation of Liability**

Global Palate Adventures does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services or accommodations for your trip. As a result, it is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such supplier or of any third party over whom Global Palate Adventures has no control. Global Palate Adventures and its representatives act only in the capacity of an agent for transportation, sightseeing, tour operators, and hotels which provide services included in the specified tour. The individual tour participant agrees that Global Palate Adventures and its representatives shall not be liable for any injury, illness, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity, liability or expense to person or property due to any act of default of hotel, transportation carrier, restaurant supplier or other contractor rendering or providing services. Global Palate Adventures and its representatives shall not be responsible for any expense or liability resulting from labor disputes, war, acts of terrorism, government restraints, weather conditions, sickness, pilferage or any other cause beyond their control.

## **Force majeure:**

Travelers with Global Palate Adventures understand that situations beyond the control of Global Palate Adventures, its providers or the participants may arise during the tour. In case of changes to or cancellations of portions of an itinerary caused by force majeure, Global Palate Adventures in its sole discretion may, but shall be under no obligation to, offer an optional or alternate activity. If extra costs are incurred because of any such changes, Travelers agree to promptly pay the pro rata share thereof.

**Medical proxy:**

I hereby give Global Palate Adventures and their contractors permission to arrange emergency medical treatment if necessary, and agree to hold Global Palate Adventures harmless for the provision or non-provision of such services.

I hereby agree that neither I, nor any of my heirs, personal or legal representatives, or family members will bring suit or make a claim for illness, injury, loss or damage to property, or loss of life resulting from the negligence (but not the willful or fraudulent conduct) of Global Palate Adventures, its employees, directors, owners, officers, agents, contractors, or affiliated organizations as a result of my participation in this trip.

I have carefully read this Agreement and fully understands its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and Global Palate Adventures and/or its affiliated organizations, and I agree to these terms and conditions and sign of my own free will.

**Photography**

Global Palate Adventures reserves the right to take photo or video records of any of its programs, and Global Palate Adventures may use any such records for promotional, commercial or social media purposes without any remuneration to the traveler. Unless arrangements are made in advance between the traveler and Global Palate Adventures, the traveler agrees to assign all right, title, and interest they may have in or to any media in which their name or likeness might be used by Global Palate Adventures.

**Pricing**

While it rarely happens, the advertised cost of the tour is subject to change without notice as a result of adverse economic changes or currency fluctuations that may affect transportation, hotels, or other related service providers. We publish our prices well in advance of the trip departure and are occasionally faced with significant cost increases that we cannot control or absorb, such as international currency fluctuations. However, once we have accepted your deposit for the tour, the rate will be guaranteed.

*Global Palate Adventures, LLC*

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