



## **Global Palate Adventures**

### ***"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 and save your spot on the tour until the final payment is due. Deposits may be paid by check or with a credit card.

Final payment of the balance of the tour cost is due 60 to 90 days (varies by tour) prior to the start of the tour with payment by check or credit card. The exact due date of final payment will be provided for each tour along with a reminder invoice. No additional fees are charged to pay with your credit card.

Bookings made after final payment is due, dependent on space availability, must be paid in full.

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

Any changes or cancellations must be made in writing. Deposits are refundable, less a \$350 per person administrative fee if the request is made at least one week prior to the final payment due date. No refund of the deposit or final payment can be given if a request is made after the final payment due date because of the commitments we must make to our local tour operators. Non-payment of the final amount due will result in your tour cancellation and loss of deposit.

Global Palate Adventures reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including an insufficient number of travelers, travel restrictions due to the pandemic, or other local logistical problems which may impede tour operations. In this unlikely event, a full refund of funds paid by travelers 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.). In the event that we are not able to refund payments due to commitments to local tour operators, we will reschedule the tour dates and apply your payments to the rescheduled tour.

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 or interruptions due to medical reasons (including COVID-19), loss of deposit, family emergencies, airline issues, weather, etc. Premiums are based on 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 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 tour.

### **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. Most local operators we work with are able to meet dietary preferences if enough notice is given.

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 that 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 and Release of Liability**

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 understand 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 rights, 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 because 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.