



**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 tours.*

**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, credit card, or bank transfer. Deposits are non-refundable, due to the financial commitments we must make to our local tour operators. However, if you are unable to travel with us after paying your deposit, you may choose to transfer the deposit to someone else or apply it to a future Global Palate Adventures tour.

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, credit card, or bank transfer. 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. Final payments are non-refundable. Non-payment of the final amount due will result in your tour cancellation and loss of deposit.

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.

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 political or medical issues, or other local logistical problems that may impede tour operations. In this unlikely event, Global Palate Adventures will either refund payments or if 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. 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 accommodation or services on the tour. Please be aware that any voluntary changes on your part to your itinerary during the tour will be made at your own expense.

**Travel Insurance**

We strongly recommend that every guest purchase travel insurance. On some trips, it will be required. 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. “Cancel for Any Reason” policies typically need to be purchased within 14 days of your initial deposit. Many other policies may be purchased at any time before departure.

## **Single Supplements**

For those wishing a solo room, 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 GPA Tour Leader has the right to disqualify any participant at any time during the trip if they feel that the traveler is physically incapable or if a traveler's continued participation will jeopardize either the individual involved or the group. The Tour Leader also has the right to require participants to wear masks, to test for illnesses such as COVID-19, or to request participants isolate from the group as needed. If the participant is not able to continue with the group activities, there will be no refund given. However, the traveler may consult their travel insurance policy for specifics.

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. Many local operators we work with can 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 medical advisors 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 the 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, 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. Travelers agree to pay the pro rata share if extra costs are incurred because of any such changes.

## **Medical Proxy and Release of Liability**

Travelers with Global Palate Adventures give GPA and its 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.

Travelers with Global Palate Adventures agree that neither they, nor any of their 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 participation in the trip.

Travelers with Global Palate Adventures agree that they have carefully read this Agreement and fully understand its contents. They are aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between the traveler and Global Palate Adventures and/or its affiliated organizations, and agree to these terms and conditions, signing the acknowledgment of their 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.