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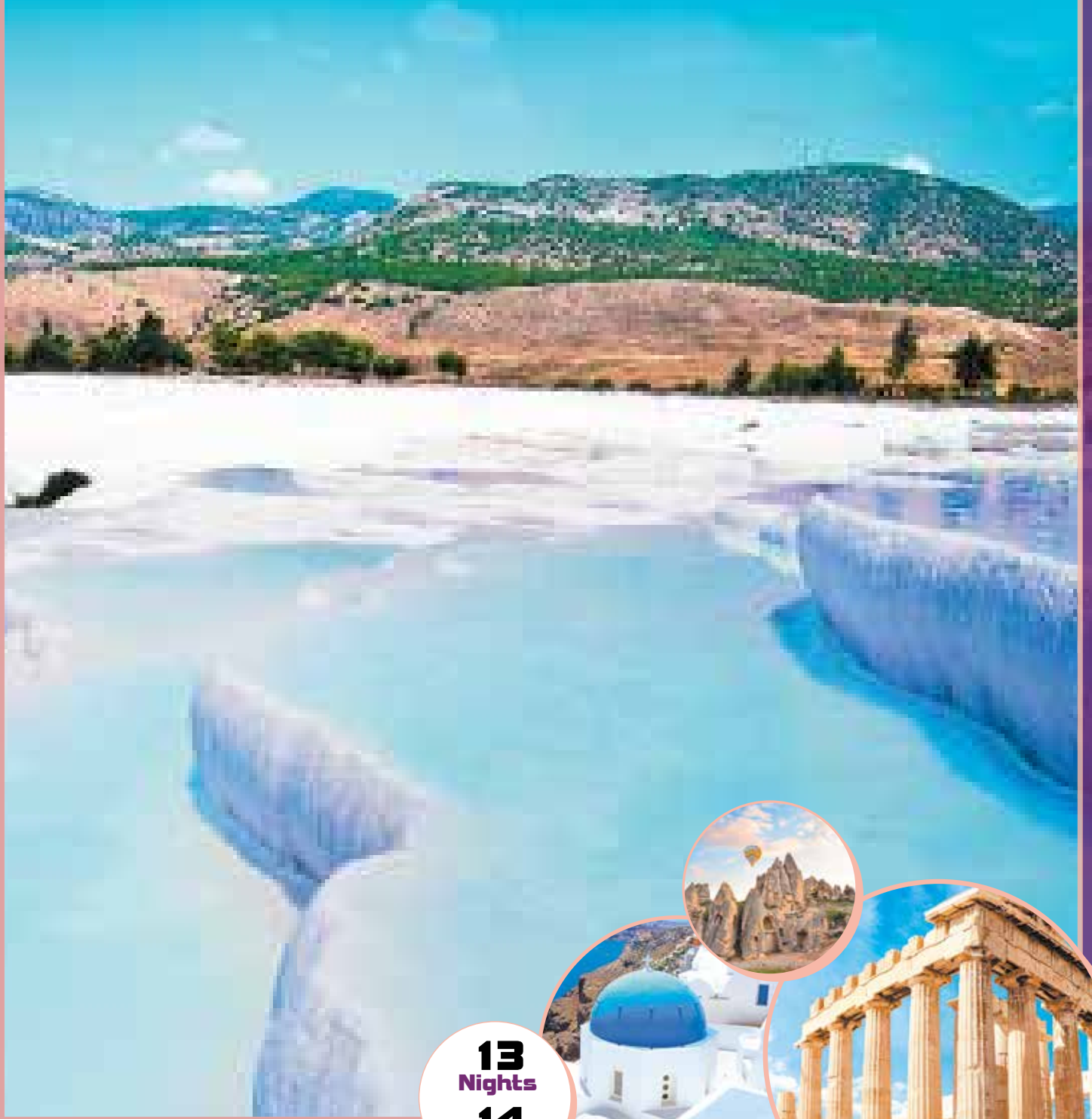
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EXOTIC GREECE & TURKEY

2023



13
Nights
14
Days





- Athens
- Delphi
- Kalambaka
- Olympia
- Santorini
- Istanbul
- Cappadocia
- Kusadasi
- Pamukkale

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- A complete all-inclusive value for money tour with maximum quality sightseeing and minimum travelling time.
- Stay in conveniently located & comfortable hotels throughout your holiday.
- Daily buffet breakfast at hotels.
- Vegetarian / non-vegetarian local lunches as specified in the Itinerary.
- Indian or local - vegetarian / non-vegetarian dinners as specified in the Itinerary.
- Stay 03 nights in Athens.
- Guided tour of Athens.
- Walking tour of Ancient Delphi - UNESCO World Heritage site.

- See the Sanctuary of Apollo and hear tales about the Greek god Zeus.
- Stay 01 night in Kalambaka
- Visit two of the famous rock monasteries in Meteora with a local guide.
- Stay 01 night in Olympia
- Guided tour of Olympia, visit the Olympia stadium and museum.
- Stay 02 nights in the beautiful Santorini islands.
- Explore Oia Village.
- Stay 02 nights in Istanbul, Turkey
- Visit Topkapi Palace, Grand Bazaar, Hagia Sophia, Byzantine Hippodrome, Blue Mosque and Spice Market in Istanbul.

- Stay 02 nights in Cappadocia
- Visit Kaymakli Underground City, Göreme Open-Air Museum, and see the natural citadel of Uçhisar, Pasabag Valley and Avanos Village.
- Visit Carpet Atelier in Cappadocia.
- Stay 02 nights in Kusadasi.
- Visit the Cotton Fortress in Pamukkale.
- Visit the House of Virgin Mary, Ephesus, ruins of Odeon, Hercules Gate, fantastic Greco-Roman Theatre and Basilica of St. John.
- Services of a professional, friendly, multi-lingual and experienced Tour Manager travelling with you throughout your tour.



Acropolis

DAY 01

Athens - Welcome to Athens

Embark on your exciting holiday as you arrive into the Greek Capital of Athens. Meet your tour manager at the arrival area after you clear immigration and customs, and proceed to your hotel & check in. (Standard check-in time is 1500 hrs.) Kindly make your own arrangement if you are unable to meet the Tour Manager at the designated time. **Later enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Athens. (D)

Athens City Tour – Acropolis - Acropolis Museum

DAY 02

After breakfast, get ready for a city tour of Athens. Today you will see the famous sites of ancient and modern Athens on the city tour. We will drive past major Athens attractions including the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Greek Parliament building and Presidential Palace. A photo-stop at Panathinaïkó Stadium where the first Olympic Games took place in 1896. It is the only stadium built out of white marble. Later pass by Zappeion and Temple of Zeus. You will also pass the Athens Trilogy which includes the University of Athens, the Academy of Athens, and the National Library. Visit the Acropolis, the UNESCO-listed site that served as the ancient citadel and hear how they reflected Athens' prosperity in the 5th century BC. After local lunch, we will visit the New Acropolis Museum, an archaeological museum focused on the findings of the archaeological site of the Acropolis of Athens, where at least 4,000 priceless statues found their home. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

(Please prepare 01 small bag for 02 overnights at Kalambaka & Olympia along with your required medicine and other daily items. Big bag will remain in ATHENS)

Overnight in Athens. (B, LL, D)

DAY 03

Athens – Delphi - Kalambaka

After breakfast, drive to Delphi. You will immerse yourself in the myths and monuments of classical

Greece on this trip to Delphi. Explore the UNESCO-listed archeological site of Delphi and learn how the city was considered the 'Center of the World' in ancient Greece. Stand in awe before the dramatically situated Temple of Apollo, then discover long-lost wonders at the Delphi Archeological Museum, including the Charioteer of Delphi and the Sphinx of Naxos. Enjoy a local lunch. Later drive to Kalambaka. Check into your hotel. **Enjoy a local dinner.**

Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, LL, LD)

Kalambaka – Olympia

DAY 04

After breakfast, visit Meteora with its impressive scenery, ageless monasteries (visit two monasteries), suspended between earth and sky. The monasteries are perched on top of towers of sandstone, which for centuries provided totally inaccessible retreats for the monks. Inside the Byzantine Monasteries see priceless historical and religious treasures. Enjoy a local lunch. Later drive to Olympia and check-in to your hotel. **Enjoy a local dinner.**

Overnight in Olympia. (B, LL, LD)

DAY 05

Olympia - Athens

After breakfast, check out and drive to Olympia stadium and museum. In the western Peloponnese, called the "Valley of Gods", lies the most celebrated sanctuary of ancient Greece and the birthplace of the most important athletic mega-event of all times; the Olympic Games. At ancient Olympia stand the impressive ruins of the area where athletes trained and ran, just as the ancient Olympians did after their victory 3000 years ago. We will also visit the museum and see some unbelievable sculptures such as the sculpted decoration of the Temple of Zeus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the famous Hermes of Praxiteles and the statue of Nike of Paionios. After local lunch, drive to Athens. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner. Later check-in to your hotel.**

Overnight in Athens. (B, LL, D)

Athens – Santorini – Fira Walking Tour

DAY 06

After an early breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Santorini, which is one of the most outstanding places in the world. On arrival, enjoy local lunch and then transfer to your hotel. This evening enjoy a walking tour of Fira. **Enjoy an Indian dinner tonight.**

Overnight in Santorini (B, LL, D)

Blue Mosque





Santorini

DAY 07

Santorini – Traditional Villages & Oia Sunset

Breakfast at leisure. Then we will explore the center of the island. The first stop of the tour is the 16th century Monastery of Prophet Elias, which was built on the highest point of the Island 567 meters above sea level. From there you will enjoy a panoramic view of the whole island. Later continue to the village of Pyrgos, with its Cycladic architecture, Byzantine churches and a Venetian Castle. The village is one of the highest points of the Island and enjoy the view - overlooking the North West part of Santorini. Enjoy local lunch. Later transfer to the traditional village of Oia which is on the northern tip of the island, high on the cliff top. Oia hosts the most magnificent views of Santorini and a picturesque road with cliffs on one side and sea on the other, the whitewashed walls and blue domes sparkling in the sunlight. Witness a spectacular sunset and thereafter transfer to dinner. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Santorini. (B, LL, D)

Santorini – Athens.

(For passengers taking only Greece part of the tour)

Check out after breakfast and proceed to Airport for your flight to Athens.

Arrive Athens. Proceed for Lunch. Later Check in to Hotel. Rest of the day Free at Leisure. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Athens. (B, LL, D)

DAY 08

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On to Istanbul Via Athens. Enjoy the Bosphorus Cruise.

Check out after breakfast and proceed to the airport for your flight to Athens. Later bid farewell to Greece as you board your flight from Athens to Istanbul, Turkey. On arrival proceed for a cruise along the Bosphorus, the winding strait separating Europe and Asia. Along the shores there is a delightful mix of the past and the present, as well as the grand splendour and quaint beauty of the ancient wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses and small fishing villages. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner. Later check-in to your hotel.**

Overnight in Istanbul. (B, D)

Guided city tour of Istanbul – Visit Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Grand Bazaar, Byzantine Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Spice Market.

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel and proceed on a full day city tour of Istanbul. Start with the Topkapi Palace, an Ottoman ruler's palace complex. Thereafter visit the famous Grand Bazaar (closed on Sundays) dating back to 15th century. It covers over 4,000 shops under one roof. Later visit Hagia Sophia (closed on Mondays), Byzantine Hippodrome, in which stands the obelisk brought from Egypt by Theodosius and the

DAY 09

Farewell !

(For passengers taking only Greece part of the tour)

Enjoy Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to the airport for your flight back home. Return home with wonderful memories of your tour. (B)

FOR PASSENGERS PROCEEDING TO TURKEY:



Grand Bazaar - Istanbul

Serpent Column taken from Delphi by Constantine. Also visit the Blue Mosque (closed to visit on Friday morning due to Friday prayers), which has five main domes, six minarets and eight secondary domes. **[Please note, Blue Mosque is under renovation due to which it will be visited from outside only]**. Later visit the Spice Market. **Enjoy an Indian dinner Overnight in Istanbul.** (B, LL, D)

Onto Cappadocia. See Zelve - Pasabag Valley, Uçhisar Citadel (from outside)

DAY 10

After breakfast check out and proceed to the airport for your flight to Cappadocia. On arrival at Kayseri Airport, drive to the mysterious Cappadocia regions. Enjoy local lunch. Later drive to Zelve (Pasabag) center of the Fairy Chimneys. Zelve presents a picture of an abandoned village that existed until a short time ago. Also see Uçhisar, which is situated on the edge of Göreme National Park, dominated by a 60-metre-high castle mountain, which is visible over a wide distance and has the form of a large cylindrical tower. Later check-in and relax at the hotel. **Enjoy a local dinner.**

Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, LL, LD)

DAY 11

City sights of Cappadocia. Visit Carpet Atelier, Kaymakli Underground City and see Pigeon Valley and Avanos.

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for sightseeing in this unique corner of the world. Visit the carpet atelier and witness a carpet weaving demonstration. After local lunch visit the Underground City and see Pigeon Valley and Avanos Region. Also watch local artisans sculpt traditional plates and kilims at the ceramics centre. **Enjoy a local dinner.**

Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, LL, LD)

Onto Izmir and drive to Kusadasi. Visit Ephesus and see Sirince Village.

DAY 12

After breakfast check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Izmir. Later on the way to Kusadasi, visit the House of Virgin Mary, Ephesus and see the ruins of Odeon, Hercules' Gate, the fantastic Greco-Roman Theatre and Basilica of St. John. After local lunch,

see Sirince Village on top of a hill. Arrive Kusadasi and check in to the hotel. The rest of the evening is free at leisure. **Tonight enjoy a local dinner.**

Overnight in Kusadasi. (B, LL, LD)

DAY 13

Visit Pamukkale Cotton Fortress. See City of Hierapolis

After breakfast at the hotel drive to Pamukkale for a full-day tour. Visit Pamukkale Cotton Fortress with its travertines and ancient city of Hierapolis, which has the biggest Necropolis with about 1,200 gravestones. Enjoy a local lunch, later drive back to Kusadasi. **Enjoy a local dinner.**

Overnight in Kusadasi. (B, LL, LD)

Farewell !

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to the airport for your flight back home. Return home with wonderful memories of your tour. (B)

DAY 14

TOUR COST (Only GREECE)

Land Cost - 8 Nights 9 Days

Per Person on Twin Sharing	USD 2850
Single Supplement	USD 910

Note:

- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double bed. There will be no reduction for triple sharing.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case of any one member sharing room with other cancel their reservations.

TOUR COST (GREECE & TURKEY)

Land Cost - 13 Nights 14 Days

Per Person on Twin Sharing	USD 4250
Single Supplement	USD 1540

Note:

- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double bed. There will be no reduction for triple sharing.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case of any one member sharing room with other cancel their reservations.

DEPARTURE DATES 2023

GREECE (9 Days) and GREECE & TURKEY (14 Days)

April: 14, 29	May: 13	July: 08, 22	Aug: 05, 19
Sept: 02, 16, 30	Oct: 07, 21		

Note:

- Tour starts in Athens on the above-mentioned dates. There could be possibility of flight departure on the previous evening.
- On certain departure dates the itinerary may be operated in reverse order. However, all services and inclusions will remain the same.

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSIONS

GREECE

- Athens** : Guided city tour of Athens.
: Visit Acropolis Museum with guide.
: Guided tour of Temple of Zeus
- Delphi** : Visit Delphi Oracle and museum
: See the Sanctuary of Apollo & hear tales about Greek God Zeus
- Kalambaka** : Visit two of the famous rock monasteries in Meteora with a local guide
- Olympia** : Guided tour of Olympia
: Visit Olympia Stadium & Museum
- Santorini** : Walking Tour of Fira
: Full day guided tour of Santorini
: Enjoy a spectacular sunset at the village of Oia
: Visit the Black and Red sand beaches
: Visit the quaint village of Pyrgos

TURKEY

- Istanbul** : Visit Topkapi Palace
: Visit Grand Bazaar
: Visit Hagia Sophia, Byzantine Hippodrome, Blue Mosque (from outside)
: Visit the Spice Market
: Enjoy a cruise along the Bosphorus
- Cappadocia** : Visit a carpet atelier and a ceramics centre
: Visit Göreme Open-Air Museum, Kaymakli Underground City
: See Citadel of Uçhisar, Pigeon Valley and Avanos village
- Kusadasi** : Tour to Ephesus
: Visit the House of Virgin Mary
: See Sirince Village
- Pamukkale** : Visit Pamukkale Cotton Fortress
: See the Necropolis at Heirapolis

ACCOMMODATION

- 03 nights' accommodation at Athens Key Hotel by Wyndham or similar in Athens. **(Passengers opting for ONLY Greece, will stay one additional night in Athens)**
- 01 night accommodation at Hotel Grand Meteora or similar in Kalambaka
- 01 night accommodation at Hotel Europa Olympia or similar in Olympia
- 02 nights' accommodation at Hotel Majestic/Hotel Daedalus/Hotel Splendour or similar in Santorini
- 02 nights' accommodation at the Hotel Ramada Old city or similar in Istanbul
- 02 nights' accommodation at Hotel Ramada or similar in Cappadocia
- 02 nights' accommodation at Hotel Richmond Ephesus Resort or similar in Kusadasi

MEALS - As per the itinerary

- Daily breakfast at the hotel.
- Local vegetarian/non vegetarian lunches
- Local or Indian vegetarian/non vegetarian dinner.
- Two 500 ml water bottles per person per day.

TAXES

- Currently applicable hotel tax in Greece and VAT in Turkey

TIPS & PORTERAGE

- Tips to driver & local guides.
- Porterage 1 bag (20kg) per person at hotels.
- Whilst travelling to Kalambaka & Olympia big bags will remain in Athens.

TRANSFERS

- All transfers will be conducted by a deluxe air-conditioned coach.
- Economy class flight from Athens to Santorini
- Economy class flight from Santorini to Athens
- Economy class flight from Athens to Istanbul*
- Economy class flight from Istanbul to Kayseri*
- Economy class flight from Kayseri to Izmir*

*Clients traveling to Turkey

Internal Flights Baggage Allowance: Check-in: 20 kg & Carry-on: 5kg

TOUR MANAGER

- Services of a professional and experienced tour manager or a local representative throughout your tour.

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Cost of International Air Tickets.
- **Cost of deviation:** In case you wish to deviate from the group departure dates mentioned in the brochure i.e. either travel before the departure date of your tour or would like to come back on a later date after the tour ends, there will be an additional charge that will be applicable which will be advised to you by our sales team. The same is subject to availability of seats & class for the given dates & ticket validity. Kindly also note, the deviation request is to be made at the time of booking.
- **Cost of Transfer:** The individual arrival & departure transfer in case you are not arriving / departing as per group ARRIVAL&DEPARTURE timings.
- **Cost of visas to travel on the tour.**
- Medical/ Travel insurance.
- Any expenses of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, mini bar, telephone calls, pay channels, cruise shore excursion and any type of beverages in cruise etc. Anything not specified under inclusions.
- Meals other than what is mentioned in your itinerary
- Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in 'What your tour price includes'
- Departure taxes except where included.

VISAS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL ON YOUR TOUR

- USA Citizen** : Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) Turkey e-Visa*
- Green Card Holders** : Single Entry Schengen Visa
Single Entry Turkey e-Visa*
- Indian National** : Single Entry Schengen Visa
Single Entry Turkey e-Visa*

*** If ATH processes Turkey e-Visa, clients have to pay an additional US\$ 75 per person**

- Cost of the above-mentioned visa is not included in your tour price.

BOOKING TERMS & CANCELLATION POLICY

All services such as airline seats/hotel accommodation/ground transportation for group tours are pre-blocked well in advance. We are liable to pay penalties to all our suppliers/vendors if these services are released within the below mentioned time frame. If circumstances make you cancel the tour, the cancellation must be intimated to us in writing. Such cancellation will attract the following cancellation charges:

Booking Terms & Cancellation Policy

Non-Refundable deposit to book your tour	US\$ 1000 Per Person
Full payment to be made	75 Days prior to Departure date
Cancellation of Tour due to border closure in Origin or Destination, 60 days prior to Departure date	Administrative Fees US\$ 100 Per Person
59 Days to 45 Days	30% of Total Tour cost Per Person
44 Days to 30 Days	60% of Total Tour cost Per Person
29 Days to 15 Days	75% of Total Tour cost Per Person
14 Days till Tour date	100% of Total Tour cost Per Person

Mandatory travel requirements: Keeping in view the safety of all travelers and as per the requirement of various countries, only fully vaccinated people who have taken the last shot / jab / dose at least 14 days before the travel date will be allowed on the tour.

Cancellation due to Border Closures: In case we are unable to operate a tour due to Border Closure, Air Tours Holidays LLC will refund the deposit amount after deducting the administrative fees of US\$ 100 per person. In the event that the entire tour cost has been paid by you and we in turn have paid our overseas tour operators, after which the tour gets cancelled due to Border Closure, then it is possible that we are not able to get the amount back, then we will try and get the refund or a credit note for a later travel date. Any loss due to the exchange rate will affect the refund amount. The company reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to the departure, without assigning any reason. All monies paid by you will be fully refunded in USD only, and no compensation will be payable. In case of cruises, 100% of the cruise cost paid will be forfeited in case of any cancellations irrespective of time of cancellation. The company cannot assume responsibility for any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not done through the company.

Single Room Supplement Charges will be applicable in case any of the client cancels the booking of sharing the room together.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL INSURANCE

- It's very important to find out before you leave whether or not your medical insurance will cover you overseas. Your regular U.S. health insurance may not cover doctors' and hospital visits in other countries. ALWAYS LOOK INTO THE ASPECTS OF COVERING YOUR TRIP FOR UNFORESEEN EVENTS.

IMPORTANT

- **Only fully vaccinated persons are eligible to travel on this tour over and above the prevailing covid protocols outlined by the respective countries**
- **All tours will be operated subject to a minimum of 25 full paying passengers traveling together. In case there are less than 25 full paying passengers the clients will be given an option of travelling on another departure date.**
- Check for detailed cancellation rules in our booking form.
- Updating of Mileage is subject to Airlines terms & conditions in group fare.
- We request the airlines for your preferred seats however this is as per their policy and at their discretion.
- Keeping in view of Luggage compartment of coach & Internal Flight regulations, we strongly recommend you to carry only medium size Bag of 20 kg and 1 carryon bag of 5 kg per person.
- The dates and granting of Visas is at the sole discretion of the concerned consulate. Air Tours Holidays is not responsible for granting of visas and are only a facilitator in the visa application process and any situation arising out of delay in granting visa by the consulate/embassy.
- Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any delay in flights or change in Schedule by the airline and any situations arising out of the same.
- Any damages caused to the hotel rooms/coach during your stay, shall be payable by the passengers. Air Tours will not be liable for the same.
- Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, injury, accident, death, delay, breakdown or irregularity which may occur in carrying out of the tour arrangement.
- Air Tours Management reserves the right to claim any additional expenses due to delay or changes in train, plane, bus, ship or other services, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine and any other cause whatsoever and all such losses or expenses must be borne by the passengers.
- We reserve the right to amend, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised or substitute a hotel of similar class if deemed advisable or necessary.
- For the convenience of our passengers, Air Tours will sometimes amend the itinerary; however all the other services will remain the same.
- Air Tours will not be liable in any loss of baggage by the Airline.
- The Tour Cost is a combination of all the arrangement and hence cannot be calculated on individual service basis. Tour cost is one component and not calculated individually.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case any of the guest cancel the reservations of sharing room together.
- Please refer to the booking form for detailed 'Terms and Conditions'.