# Kenya Safari: The Big 5

Black Rhino • Leopard • Elephant • Buffalo • Lion





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AUGUST 10, 2022 – AUGUST 20, 2022 POST-TOUR: AUGUST 19, 2022 — AUGUST 22, 2022

# **KENYA SAFARI: THE BIG 5**

Spot for the "Big 5" during this 11-day journey featuring unparalleled access to Kenya's national parks, reserves, and conservancies. Along with the guidance of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and remarkable accommodations, this adventure provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness the spectacular array of wildlife in this part of the world.





#### Dear Friends,

It's likely you've come across the iconic image of a lone acacia stoically poised in a distant savanna sunset. Here is your opportunity to visit that breathtaking terrain and admire all East Africa has to offer.

This 11-day journey of a lifetime provides exclusive access to reserves and national parks The Big 5—endangered black rhino, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and lion—call home.

Accompanied by local guides and a naturalist Orbridge Expedition Leader, set out on game drives in comfortable 4x4 vehicles to spot for endless wildlife including cheetahs, impalas, zebras, primates, a myriad of bird species, plus The Big 5.

Each evening, relax and rejuvenate amidst luxurious accommodations—each offering exceptional hospitality and superior amenities.

This is a peak-season sailing for university and college alumni association travelers. With significant savings of more than \$800 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve your spot today.

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Sincerely,

Kathy Hart

WolfTreks Travel Director

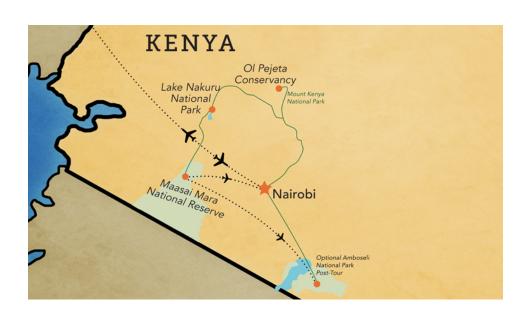
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Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 7/2/2021

# Program Highlights:

- Explore extraordinary national parks and reserves in Kenya—each featuring unrivaled wildlife and habitat diversity—with opportunities to observe the "Big 5" (endangered black rhino, leopard, elephant, Cape buffalo and lion).
- Retreat to luxurious lodges and tented camps, each uniquely beautiful and authentic in décor.
- Enjoy daily game drives—accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader and expert naturalist safari guides—aboard customized 4x4 vehicles.
- Visit the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, an organization dedicated to wildlife preservation and the
  economic growth and improvement of surrounding rural communities. Ol Pejeta is home
  to the largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa, which also houses the only two
  remaining northern white rhinos in the world.
- Observe land and avian wildlife during game drives through Lake Nakuru National Park, described as the greatest ornithological spectacle in the world.
- Discover the Maasai Mara National Reserve—where approximately 95 species of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles, and over 400 bird species have been recorded.
- Join an optional hot-air balloon safari over the Maasai Mara (additional fee).
- What's included: 8 nights accommodations at deluxe lodges and tented camps—all carefully selected to emphasize wildlife viewing and amenities—plus a day room on departure day; 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 7 dinners (including a special farewell dinner); expert naturalist guides throughout; daily game drives in open-air vehicles with bottled water provided; all main program gratuities, as well as taxes, service charges, and park fees; internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Nairobi on day 10, and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.



# Itinerary:

NOTE: Locations selected for this safari promise excellent viewing of wildlife, however, spotting specific wildlife cannot be guaranteed. Some activities are dependent on weather and seasonal conditions.

## Day 1: En Route from U.S

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

## Day 2: Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Welcome to Kenya! Upon arrival, meet your Orbridge representative who will assist with group transfers to the historic Fairmont The Norfolk hotel.

Overnight: Fairmont The Norfolk

## Day 3: Nairobi

Friday, August 12, 2022

After breakfast and a safari briefing, visit the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, considered the most successful orphan-elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world and one of the pioneering conservation organizations for wildlife and habitat protection in East Africa. Founded in 1977 by Dr. Dame Daphne Sheldrick, DBE, in honor of the memory of her late naturalist husband, David Leslie William Sheldrick, MBE, the facility prioritizes the conservation, preservation, and protection of wildlife.

To date, the center has successfully hand-raised over 150 infant elephants and has accomplished its long-term conservation priority by effectively reintegrating orphans back into the wild herds of Tsavo.

Then visit the home of the Rothschild Giraffe at the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Giraffe Centre. Founded in 1979, this non-profit organization's mission is to educate Kenyan school children and youth on their country's wildlife and environment. The facility also offers visitors an opportunity to see giraffes in close proximity, including the Rothschild Giraffe—named after a British zoologist and considered one of the tallest in the species.

Afterward, take a short drive to the foot of the Ngong Hills to see Karen Blixen's farm house, which gained international fame after the release of the Oscar-winning movie, *Out of Africa*. *Overnight: Fairmont The Norfolk* (*B*,*L*,*D*)

#### Day 4: Nairobi / Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Following breakfast, travel north out of Nairobi through lush tea and coffee estates to Sweetwaters Serena Camp, located in Ol Pejeta Conservancy. This 90,000-acre, non-profit, private wildlife facility is situated on the equator in Kenya's Laikipia District between the foothills of the Aberdares and the magnificent snow-capped Mount Kenya. Besides endangered rhinos, other rare animals found in Ol Pejeta include the endangered African wild dog, oryx, Jackson's hartebeest, Grevy's zebra, serval, cheetah, and bat-eared fox. The Big 5, as well as giraffes, baboons, hippos, impalas, and hyenas—plus more than 300 bird species—also call Ol Pejeta home.

Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Camp (B,L,D)

## Day 5: Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Today's highlights include a full day exploring Ol Pejeta Conservancy featuring morning and afternoon game drives.

Stop by the conservancy's rhino sanctuary to see some of the protected and critically endangered rhinos living here.

Continue on to the Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary—established with an agreement between the OI Pejeta Conservancy, the Kenya Wildlife Service, and the Jane Goodall Institute—with the mission to provide lifelong refuge to orphaned and abused chimpanzees from West and Central Africa. This facility is currently home to 36 chimpanzees and is the only place in Kenya where they can be seen.

Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Camp (B,L,D)

#### Day 6: Ol Pejeta Conservancy / Lake Nakuru National Park

Monday, August 15, 2022

Depart for Lake Nakuru National Park, described by Roger Tory Peterson as the greatest ornithological spectacle in the world, arriving in time for lunch. Lake Nakuru is one of the Rift Valley soda lakes at an elevation of 5,755 feet above sea level. It's best known for its thousands—sometimes millions—of flamingos nesting along the shores. Other bird species also inhabit the lake and the surrounding area, including African fish eagle, Goliath heron, hamerkop, pied kingfisher, and Verreaux's eagle.

This afternoon, explore the park during a game drive with opportunities to observe black rhinos, Rothschild giraffes, and a multitude of birds.

Overnight: Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge (B,L,D)

# Day 7: Lake Nakuru National Park / Maasai Mara National Reserve

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

This morning, travel along the Rift Valley's western rim into the Maasai Mara National Reserve—a northern extension of the Serengeti ecosystem and one of the world's most rewarding wildlife observation sites. The rich savanna is known for its concentration of plains animals. There have been approximately 95 species of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles and over 400 bird species recorded on the reserve.

Overnight: Mara Engai Lodge (B,L,D)

## Days 8-9: Maasai Mara National Reserve

Wednesday, August 17, 2022 - Thursday, August 18, 2022

Enjoy two full days of wildlife viewing throughout the Maasai Mara to spot for the Big 5 (lion, leopard, buffalo, black rhino, and elephant).

Head out with picnic lunch boxes to spend most of the day in the park, returning to camp late in the afternoon. Or take a pre-breakfast game drive and another game drive in the late afternoon.

While in the Maasai Mara National Reserve, you can opt to take a once-in-a-lifetime hot air balloon safari. Enjoy a dawn ascent to experience incredible birds-eye views over the wildlife and vast landscape. (Note: This excursion must be purchased in advance to guarantee availability and is non-refundable inside 90 days to departure.)

Tonight, enjoy a special farewell meal celebrating this wonderful adventure in Africa.

Overnight: Mara Engai Lodge (B,L,D daily)

#### Day 10: Maasai Mara National Reserve / Flight to Nairobi / Depart for U.S.

Friday, August 19, 2022

After an early morning game drive and breakfast, return to Nairobi for lunch. Afterward, you'll have access to a day room at the hotel for comfortable downtime until your transfer to the airport for evening departures.

Guests continuing on to the post-tour will partake in a mid-morning game drive after

breakfast, then take a flight from Maasai Mara to Amboseli. Day Room: Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport (B,L)

## Day 11: Arrive in U.S.

Saturday, August 20, 2022

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

(Itinerary subject to change.)

# **Activity Level:**

#### **Moderate**

This safari program requires an ability to walk safely over uneven and slippery ground without assistance, transport luggage a short distance, get in and out of a 4x4 vehicle, and physically tolerate vehicle motion on sometimes bumpy roads. Highest elevation: 5,500 feet.

# What's Included:

- 8 nights accommodations at deluxe lodges and tented camps—all carefully selected to emphasize wildlife viewing and amenities—plus a day room on departure day
- 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 7 dinners, (including a special farewell dinner)
- Expert naturalist guides throughout
- Daily game drives in open-air vehicles with bottled water provided
- Internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Nairobi on day 10
- All main program gratuities, as well as taxes, service charges, and park fees
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

# Optional Excursion(s):



# Kenya Balloon Safari

# \$499 per person

An optional Hot Air Balloon Safari is available while in Maasai Mara, featuring a dawn ascent over the national reserve. This excursion is available for additional payment of \$499 per person, and is non-refundable inside 90 days to departure. If you wish to participate, please contact Orbridge, as reservations must be made in advance.

# Your Guide(s):

# Kenya / Insider, Interpreter, Naturalist, Host

Orbridge	While in Kenya, an Orbridge Expedition Leader will infuse your journey with an
	appreciation of its extraordinary wilderness, an uncanny ability to spot wildlife,
	local's knowledge and pride of place, and a naturalist's ability to gather the
beauty c	f all senses to your experience.

# Program Accommodations:

#### Fairmont The Norfolk







August 11 - August 12

Dating back to 1904, this landmark property combines old world charm with elegant modern amenities. The Norfolk has hosted notable guests, including Theodore Roosevelt, Barbara Bush, and James Earl Jones, and it was also featured in the movie *Out of Africa* starring Meryl Streep and Robert Redford.

During leisure time, explore the expansive tropical gardens, take a dip in the heated outdoor pool, or sip a signature cocktail in the lively bar.

Room Amenities: King, queen, or two twin beds, armchair and coffee table, TV, phone, Wi-Fi (additional fee), coffee and tea maker, safe, iron and ironing board, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

# Sweetwaters Serena Camp







August 13 - August 14

While visiting the OI Pejeta Conservancy, spend the evenings at Sweetwaters Serena Camp, a sheltered oasis surrounding a water hole with picturesque views of Mount Kenya. Spacious tents offer the comforts of home, providing a serene spot to relax after an exciting day of wildlife viewing and exploration. For one-of-a-kind dining, retreat to The Rhino Room, featuring delicious international cuisine.

Room Amenities: Water hole views, king or two twin beds, private balcony or veranda, writing desk and chair, complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee and tea maker, bathrobes, safe (located in the manager's office), and en suite bathroom with premium sundries and hair dryer.

# Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge







August 15

Overlooking Lake Nakuru and its surrounding national park is tranquil Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge, situated on a range of hills that provides unparalleled views of Africa's Great Rift Valley. The property offers an inviting outdoor infinity pool, plus a lounge, bar, and dining room, each featuring extensive outdoor sheltered terraces—ideal for spotting an incredible variety of wildlife, including white and black rhinos and the rare Rothschild giraffes.

Room Amenities: Two double beds, private balcony, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

# Mara Engai Lodge







August 16 - August 18

Stunning views, spectacular wildlife, sumptuous food, and a cheerful staff combine for a fantastic stay at the Mara Engai Lodge. Relax in large, luxurious tented suites with waterfall showers and private verandas at this unique property nestled within the forest, overlooking the amazing Maasai Mara National Reserve. The Mara Engai Lodge has earned a gold eco-rating from Eco Tourism Kenya for its continual commitment to reducing carbon footprint and community activation.

Room Amenities: King or double-sized beds, private veranda, complimentary Wi-Fi in public areas, safe, bathrobes and slippers, and en suite bathroom with double vanities, waterfall shower, and premium sundries.

# Deluxe Accommodations Package (availability limited)

While accommodations at the listed properties are exceptional, guests wishing the ultimate

indulgence may choose to purchase the Deluxe Accommodations Package, which includes the following upgrades:

- Fairmont The Norfolk: Deluxe Room featuring additional space with a sitting area.
- Sweetwaters Serena Camp: Morani Wing Tent, featuring additional space, views of Mount Kenya, and upgraded bathroom with double sink and glass shower door.
- Mara Engai Lodge: Deluxe Tent, featuring uninterrupted views of the Maasai Mara.

(Accommodations subject to change.)		

# **Optional Post-Tour:**

# **AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK**





Experience the magnificent landscapes of Amboseli National Park, set against the iconic backdrop of towering Mount Kilimanjaro. The park is known as the best place in the world to see free-ranging elephants in ultra-close proximity. Home to over one thousand elephants, it's common to see herds of up to one hundred roaming through the plains.

# Itinerary:

# Day 10: Flight from Maasai Mara to Amboseli

Friday, August 19, 2022

Enjoy the remainder of today to explore lodge grounds and take advantage of the property's amenities.

Overnight: Ol Tukai Lodge (D)

#### Day 11: Amboseli National Park

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Today, set out for Amboseli National Park for two game drives to spot for African wildlife. At just over 150 square miles, Amboseli is relatively small, but its high concentration of wildlife makes for excellent viewing opportunities. In addition to its many elephants, the park is also home to Cape buffaloes, impalas, cheetahs, spotted hyenas, Maasai giraffes, Grant's zebras, blue wildebeest, more than 100 lions, and more than 400 bird species. *Overnight: Ol Tukai Lodge (B,L,D)* 

# Day 12: Amboseli / Transfer to Nairobi / Depart for U.S.

Sunday, August 21, 2022

After an early morning game drive and breakfast, return to Nairobi where you'll have access to a day room at the hotel for comfortable down time until transfers to the airport for evening departures.

Day Room: Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport (B,L)

## Day 13: En Route / Arrive in U.S.

Monday, August 22, 2022

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Space is limited, so it's recommended to reserve early for best availability.

(Itinerary subject to change.)

# **Activity Level:**

#### Moderate

This post-tour requires an ability to walk safely over uneven and slippery ground without assistance, transport luggage a short distance, get in and out of a 4x4 vehicle, and physically tolerate vehicle motion on sometimes bumpy roads.

# Accommodations:

# Ol Tukai Lodge







August 19 - August 20

With Mount Kilimanjaro in the distance, Ol Tukai Lodge is a remarkable spot to watch roaming elephants and various other wildlife. This eco-rated property offers true African hospitality, local entertainment, and well-appointed amenities.

Visit the open-air bar for fresh juice or a cocktail, then meander to the roof deck for a splendid panorama of the marshlands and Kilimanjaro.

Room Amenities: Chalet-style room with private terrace, mountain or wetlands view, one king bed or twin beds, and en suite bathroom.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

# What's Included:

- Internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Amboseli
- 2 nights accommodations at Ol Tukai Lodge (or similar) plus a day room on departure day
- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Admission to Amboseli National Park
- 3 guided game drives
- All excursion transportation
- Airport transfer for guests departing at the suggested times



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PROGRAM RATES\* Double: \$5,995

Deluxe Double: \$6,995

Single: \$8,995 Deluxe Single: \$9,995

POST-TOUR RATE\*\*\* Double: \$2,495 Single: \$3,495

# Reserve by Credit Card:

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\*Special group rates; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare for the flight from Maasai Mara to Nairobi on day 10 is included. Airfare otherwise not included.

\*\*\*Post-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare from Maasai Mara to Amboseli is included in the rate. Airfare otherwise not included.

# Terms and Conditions

#### THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, AND APPLY TO NEW RESERVATIONS RECEIVED BY ORBRIDGE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021.

Note: Travel credits and transfers are subject to the Terms and Conditions agreed upon at the time of the original reservation.

#### ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS, RELEASE AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. Any payment to Orbridge, including but not limited to deposits or full payments, constitutes your acknowledgement of, and agreement to, this Terms and Conditions, Release and Binding Arbitration Agreement Orbridge set forth below and in subsequent tour documents.

Limitation of Responsibility. Orbridge LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, "Orbridge"), does not own or operate any entity that provides goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service or entertainment providers, etc., even if they use the "Orbridge LLC" or "Orbridge" name. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Orbridge is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Orbridge is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience (collectively, "losses") in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging or vessel facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with or bites from animals, pests or insects, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, assume all risk thereof.

Rates. Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares and costs (air, water, land, rail), tariffs and currency values. While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, they are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge. In the case of invoicing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with the correct pricing.

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: (1) \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour except for programs noted in (2) and (3); (2) \$2,500 per person for Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway and \$500 per person per per-tour and/or post-tour; (3) a non-refundable \$1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour. Deposits are payable by check, automated clearing house ("ACH"), wire transfer or major credit card.

Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer, and is due for: (1) all programs except Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date; (2) Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 150 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date.

If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer.

Final payments made by credit card for departures in 2021 are subject to a 2% transaction fee.

If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be processed as follows:

(a) For all programs except those noted in (b) and (c), if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 90 calendar days prior to the program's scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(b) For Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 180 calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 180 and 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 149 and 120 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 119 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(c) All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour are non-refundable at all times.

In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

Travel Insurance. Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen

circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover emergency medical evacuation insurance and cancel for any reason insurance. Travel and cancellation insurance policies and dates by which policies must be purchased vary by provider/insurer, maximum coverage (including cancel for any reason) is generally only available for purchase within 14 days of your reservation being confirmed. It is advised to determine your insurance needs and make necessary arrangements soon after reserving on tour. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us.

Program Cancellations or Postponements. All programs are subject to cancellation or postponement by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for reasons such as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge's sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation or postponement by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join the same tour on a different date or a different tour. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference within 30 days of the alternative program's departure date. If it is higher than your original booking price, Orbridge will invoice you the difference and you will be responsible therefor. Transferred guests are subject to the terms of the original tour. Except for force majeure, if a program is cancelled or postponed by Orbridge, Orbridge will refund all payments made within 30 calendar days of notice of program cancellation or postponement if an alternative arrangement is not offered.

Itineraries. Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, lecturers, hosts, faculty or organization representative, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge's control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, however adjustments, substitutions and changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw a program or any part of it, make such alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures or additional costs caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

Not Included. Unless otherwise specifically noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares except as indicated in program inclusions; transfers and luggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or other taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authorities; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship's crew not specified; meals and beverages other than those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability); ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable; any items not on the "included" list of the tour documents

Health and Fitness to Travel. Through your participation in your tour, you assume responsibility for your own health, safety, and welfare and acknowledge that Orbridge cannot absolutely guarantee your safety or health. Your physician can provide guidance on your personal health risk and precautions to take while traveling. Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required and Orbridge will require all guests to follow local, state, national and/or World Health Organization health and safety mandates. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will cause or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit from participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant's sole expense, remove the guest from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may or is likely to cause a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your situation if possible.

Accessibility. Orbridge cannot guarantee that the transportation, lodging, and entertainment/sightseeing accommodations will be accessible to all persons regardless of their physical and mental condition. In addition, many of the activities involved in each program include walking or the like for some distance on uneven ground or pavement or moving water as well as the ability to walk up and down stairs without assistance. Should any individuals seeking to participate in a travel opportunity need special accommodations to ensure their enjoyment of the trip, kindly provide notice at the time the reservation is submitted, and we will see if your participation is feasible. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside the United States.

At the time of reservation, Orbridge needs to be notified to determine if the special needs of an individual traveler can be met through special arrangements. It is possible that minor modifications to the services can be provided, but only if Orbridge is made specifically aware of anticipated needs. This notification should be made in writing no less than two weeks prior to the planned travel. Neither Orbridge nor any of the providers of transportation, lodging, or other services can provide special accommodations without this advance notice.

Where an individual with certain specific needs will be traveling with a group, it is necessary for other members of that person's group to be available to assist as necessary. Neither employees of Orbridge nor any suppliers of services can allow any of their employees to provide physical assistance to any guests.

Travel Advisories. The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue statements and advisories about risks to travelers. These statements are country specific and contain important information. The State Department information can be found at www.travel.state.gov, and the CDC statements can be found at http://www.cdc.gov. Orbridge highly recommends everyone to review these sites.

Children. Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian ("Dependents") in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is possible or suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

Baggage. Program rates include the price of one piece of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land, cruise or rail portion of the program only unless specified in the itinerary. Air carriers and motor coaches often impose significant other restrictions or limitations on the number of pieces, size and weight of luggage and may reject or impose additional fees on luggage exceeding such limitations or restrictions. All such fees are your sole cost and responsibility. In addition and regardless of location or transportation method, your baggage and personal effects are and shall at all times be at your sole risk throughout the entire program. Please check with your air carrier for other applicable baggage restrictions and limitations.

Travel Documents. All guests are responsible for possessing and maintaining necessary travel documents. These documents shall be valid under state and federal law and as required by foreign countries being visited. Orbridge is not responsible for invalid travel documents and repercussions thereof.

For U.S. citizens, valid passports are required for travel to foreign destinations and some countries require specific visas prior to entry. Please direct any questions in respect to visa requirements to Orbridge, which shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide answers as a courtesy, provided that it shall remain your sole responsibility and obligation to obtain and verify that you have all required travel documents, including visas, necessary and appropriate for the program location(s) and sufficient blank pages in your passport for visas and immigration stamps. In addition, some countries require your passport to have an expiry date of not less than six months after your anticipated return to the United States. Orbridge disclaims all liability for any expenses or costs you may incur due to your prohibition or restriction from entering a country on the program itinerary or reentering the United States at the conclusion of the program. If travel documents fail to meet these requirements, boarding of aircraft or ship to any international destination may be denied and entry into such countries may be denied.

Photos and Videos. Orbridge may take photographs and/or video of its trips and participant grants Orbridge permission to do so and for it to use such for promotional or

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Other. Dates, program details and costs are based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time. While we do not anticipate material revisions of the itinerary or its included features, we do reserve the right to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary Orbridge, in its sole discretion, deems necessary and in that case any additional expense or cost will be paid by the individual guest. Your baggage and personal effects are your sole responsibility at all times. It is prohibited by federal law and Orbridge policy to bring illegal drugs, firearms, or other contraband (including marijuana for medical or recreational purposes) on any program.

Orbridge may at any time and without notice modify these terms and conditions, and any modification so made will be effective for all reservations made from and after the posted Effective Date.

In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties' intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

Binding Arbitration. I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, either according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, both parties are waiving their right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Orbridge must be on behalf of only the individual(s) to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members travelling with them, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

Acceptance of Contract. ANY PAYMENT TO ORBRIDGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEPOSITS OR FULL PAYMENTS, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TOUR DOCUMENTS.

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