The Galapagos Islands
8 days of wonder & amazement

*Think biology class – with deck chairs*
SEPTEMBER 07, 2016 – SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

In the extraordinary archipelago Charles Darwin called "a little world within itself," surround yourself with swimming-basking-flying examples of perfect adaptation.

Feel the thrill of encountering the flora and fauna that famously inspired Darwin—and in his footsteps, generations of nature lovers. Undiscovered by Europeans until the 16th century, the Galapagos Islands hold a central position in modern scientific and evolutionary history. In a place where human presence is relatively minimal, take the opportunity to observe and photograph these remarkable species up close—either sitting quietly in the midst of a colony of tropical penguins or snorkeling with inquisitive and playful sea lions.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow friends as we explore the Galapagos Islands. Designated the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, the Galapagos Islands have been described as a “unique living museum and showcase of evolution.”

This exciting journey features a day of guided touring in Quito, in addition to a cruise through the archipelago with unparalleled access to endemic species. Expert naturalists guide you through the wonders of this national park, whale sanctuary, and marine reserve.

Our rates for Rutgers guests on this departure represent a significant savings over that of non-affiliated guests, so be certain to reserve your spot today and to share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you! Please reserve your space online at [http://rutgers.orbridge.com](http://rutgers.orbridge.com), by calling (866) 639-0079, or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Warm regards,

Donna K. Thornton
Program Highlights:

- Appreciate the diversity of life first-hand while observing endemic species such as the flightless cormorant, the Galapagos penguin, blue-footed boobies, giant tortoises, marine and land iguanas, and the famous “Darwin’s finches.”

- Swim with sea lions, and snorkel among colorful tropical fish or sea turtles.

- Discover amazing aquatic wildlife as you observe through a glass-bottom boat in the clear waters of the world’s second largest marine reserve.

- Explore remote coralline beaches and secluded inlets, such as Gardner Bay—where sea lions lounge, Española mockingbirds sing, and Green Sea Turtles make their nests.

- Visit dramatic and historic places, including the Charles Darwin Research Center—where the National Park and conservation programs are headquartered, and Cerro Brujo—one of the first sites visited by Darwin.

- **What’s included:** all excursions, presentations, onboard welcome dinner, breakfast each morning and all onboard meals, airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times, and round-trip internal airfare between Quito and the Galapagos Islands.

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Day-by-Day Itinerary*:

**Day 1: En route from U.S. / Arrive in Quito, Ecuador**

After an evening arrival in Quito, transfer to your hotel for a comfortable night’s sleep.
Overnight: *Hilton Colon, Quito*

**Day 2: Quito**
Head out for a full-day, guided walking tour of historic Old Town. A local expert will take you through the Quito neighborhood called San Roque, where we’ll visit with local artisans, shopkeepers, hat makers, and sweet confectioners. Next, explore the San Francisco Market—one of the oldest in the capital—up the hill on Calle Rocauierte. There, learn about the unique fruits and vegetables grown in Ecuador, local culinary traditions, as well as meet herbal healers with shops in the market. Continue your journey downhill to the cobbled street of La Ronda, featuring balconies festooned with colorful flags. Speak with artisans in the workshops, and stop by a chocolatier to taste the finest chocolates of Ecuador! Next, head north toward the political heart of the city. Following a brief narrative, stroll to the Jesuit church of La Compañía to admire its stunning gold-leaf interior. A lunch of Ecuadorian specialties will be served in the beautiful 19th-century Teatro Nacional Sucre. In the afternoon, head to the Casa del Alabado Archaeological Museum, within a restored 17th-century colonial mansion, to view its collection of Pre-Columbian art.

Overnight: *Hilton Colon, Quito (B,L)*

**Day 3: Quito / Baltra / Santa Cruz - Embarkation**
Arrive by plane to Baltra Airport and transfer to the Itabaca Channel to ferry across to Santa Cruz Island. After a short, scenic drive across Santa Cruz Island, arrive in the Highlands to enjoy lunch. Afterward, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and giant tortoise pens within a prickly-pear cactus forest, which is home to many land birds. Take a late afternoon stroll along the main street of Puerto Ayora before embarking on *Isabela II*. Join the captain this evening for a cocktail, followed by a welcome dinner and briefing.

Overnight: *Isabela II (B,L,D)*

**Day 4: Floreana**
Floreana is perhaps best known for its colorful history of buccaneers, whalers and colonists. After breakfast, visit the historic Post Office Barrel, where, for over two centuries, letters continue to be hand carried to far-flung destinations by other visitors. Perhaps enjoy mid-morning snorkeling off the beach, then following lunch, walk along Punta Cormorant to see the flamingos, stilts, and sandpipers that inhabit a brackish-water lagoon.

Overnight: *Isabela II (B,L,D)*

**Day 5: Española**
After breakfast, hike along the lava terrain of Punta Suarez to the blowhole that shoots water 50 feet into the air. Along the way, observe unique sea bird colonies, including the famous boobies and swallow-tail gulls. In the afternoon, disembark at Gardner Bay onto a white coralline beach, where you can watch sea lions, Hood mockingbirds and finches.

Overnight: *Isabela II (B,L,D)*

**Day 6: San Cristóbal**
This morning, arrive at the eastern tip of the island for more spectacular wildlife viewing. Take a walk on the beach and, if conditions are favorable, there is a chance to swim, snorkel or kayak. After lunch on board, venture out on a panga ride along the shores to Cerro Brujo’s expansive beach to enjoy a coastline stroll and more bird watching.

Overnight: *Isabela II (B,L,D)*

**Day 7: San Cristóbal / Quito**
Bid a fond farewell to the Isabela II crew this morning prior to departing San Cristóbal for Quito, where you will spend your final night.

Overnight: *Hilton Colon, Quito (B,L aloft)*

**Day 8: Quito / Depart for U.S.**
In the morning, transfer to the airport to board your flight back home. (B)

**Days 8-13: Optional Extension - Machu Picchu, Cusco & the Sacred Valley**
Guests adding the optional extension board a flight from Quito to Lima, Peru and, on the next morning, go on an
expedition to the heights of Peru. See the Optional Extension section for more details. *(B)*

**B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner**

*Itinerary subject to change

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**What’s Included:**

* 4 nights aboard the *Isabela II*, with exploration by pangas, naturalist-led hikes and excursions, and evening lectures
* Three nights at the Hilton Colon in Quito
* 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners
* Complimentary use of kayaks, shorty wetsuits and snorkeling equipment
* Galapagos National Park entrance fee and transit card
* Internal air travel (between Quito and the Islands on days 3 and 7)
* Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
* Gratuities for airport and excursion drivers, hotel porters and guide in Quito

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**Your Guide(s):**

**Expedition Leader**

This departure will be accompanied by a premier Expedition Leader who has extensive local knowledge and experience as a cultural, historic, and naturalist interpreter. With their contribution of exceptional know-how and enthusiasm adding depth to your experience, enjoy the cultures and locations you explore with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.

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**Program Accommodations:**

**Hilton Colon, Quito**
On the first two evenings and the evening before your departing flight, you will be staying at the elegant and 5-star rated, Hilton Colon, Quito. Located within a 10-minute walk from Quito’s Spanish Colonial Old Town, the hotel offers easy access to the rich culture, tradition and charm of Quito’s historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978. In addition, La Mariscal Craft Market is next to the hotel, offering unique and beautiful local crafts. The hotel offers six dining options, as well as a business center, pool, and fitness room.

*Room Amenities: Individual heat and air control, HD LCD TV, wireless internet access (additional cost), phone, safe deposit box, tea and coffee-making facilities, bathroom sundries, and hair dryer.*

*Isabela II*

With a capacity of only 40 guests, *Isabela II* has been designed to provide the ultimate in comfort and adventure in the Galapagos Islands. Her 20 cabins provide spacious, fully air-conditioned accommodations with *en suite* facilities. Guests can savor healthy, fresh, and delicious international and Ecuadorian cuisine at every meal. Enjoy its three public decks, dining, lounge, game room, library, spa area, and the services of an enthusiastic crew who are committed to your comfort.

Sailing by small ship allows for flexibility in the itinerary to maximize wildlife viewing, as well as access to exclusive ports. While on board, learn about the area’s history, biology, and conservation from the ship’s multilingual naturalists. Then, experience the Galapagos Islands up close while kayaking, snorkeling or hiking, or by panga or glass bottom boat—viewing all the islands have to offer from a variety of perspectives.

*Cabin Categories*

**Standard:** Features a double bed, view window, private bathroom. 128 sq.ft.

**Classic Double:** Features a double bed, view window, private bathroom, and day bed. 139 sq.ft.

**Classic Twin:** Features two twin beds, view window, private bathroom. 139 sq.ft.

**Master Suite:** Features a queen bed, view window, private bathroom. 170 sq.ft.
Highlights

- Onboard lecture program and services of a premier Expedition Leader, the ship’s guides and multilingual naturalists
- Observation area and sundeck, bar/lounge, elegant dining room, boutique, game room, and an intimate library with a rich selection of reference books on the Galapagos and Ecuador
- All onboard hand-crafted meals tastefully prepared with local flair
- Spa area with a hot tub and fitness equipment
- All of the equipment – and expertise – for kayaking and snorkeling

Activity Level:

Moderate

Guests should be sure-footed on stairs and able to walk at least one mile on rocky, volcanic, and uneven ground, as the nature treks can be on irregular and elevated terrain. Guests should also be comfortable managing beach landings and boarding small vessels, both from shore and the deck of the Isabela II.

What They’re Saying:

“We are both professional naturalists at a large museum with research and educational components,
and we conduct field excursions for public groups. We truly appreciate the logistical and technical expertise necessary to conduct this excellent trip. Thanks to Orbridge for a wonderful honeymoon!”
--Alvin B. and Jan W., Raleigh, NC

“I am a life-long world traveler and this was one of the best and most memorable vacations of my life!”
--Sonia C., Seattle, WA

“The entire trip exceeded our expectations in every sense of the word. Great program, ship, crew, and naturalists.”
--Lawrence C., Lincoln City, OR

“The trip to the Galapagos was a 10! The trip planning expertise of your office and Orbridge; the Isabela II with healthy food and committed staff top to bottom; the comaraderie of the group with everyone engaged in the journey; the exceptional naturalists—all worked together to open the door to the Galapagos.”
--Mack and Susan L., Raleigh, NC

Optional Extension:

MACHU PICCHU, CUSCO, AND THE SACRED VALLEY

Travel to the mist-shrouded mountain citadel of the Incas. So remote and inaccessible that it was left untouched by the Spanish conquistadors, Machu Picchu was unknown to the outside world until Hiram Bingham rediscovered it in 1911. During your time in the Peruvian highlands, you will have a chance to explore the famous city of Cusco and the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Visit the Pisac Market, ride the train through the Urubamba Valley, marvel at the massive stone stairs at Ollantaytambo, and break bread in the home of a local Peruvian outside of Cusco.
Itinerary:

Day 8: Quito / En route to Lima, Peru
Welcome to Peru! After your adventure in the Galapagos Islands, arrive in Lima and transfer to your hotel. Refresh for tomorrow’s exciting expedition to the heights of Peru—and into its past, when the largest empire in pre-Columbian America ruled the Andes and beyond.
Overnight: Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima

Day 9: Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley
Fly east over the Central Andes’ peaks and plateaus to the ancient capital of Cusco, and then transfer to the Sacred Valley, a half hour away by road. Relax and sample traditional flavors during lunch at a lovely local restaurant before exploring this scenic region of Inca sites and indigenous villages. In the village of Pisac, discover a vibrant market with the colorful handicrafts this region is known for: weavings, musical instruments, alpaca sweaters, jewelry, ceramics, and much more. Find a fruit, vegetable and cereals’ market at the main square where villagers from miles around visit, barter, and shop. Join this lively scene surrounded by the beauty of both the merchants’ wares and the traditional clothing worn by locals. This evening, enjoy time to relax after checking in, and perhaps take a short stroll through the property’s lush gardens, before dinner at the hotel.
Overnight: Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay (B,L,D)

Day 10: Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu
After breakfast, make your way through the intimate cobblestone streets of Ollantaytambo, a "living" Inca town. Here, Inca descendants inhabit the largely unchanged homes of their ancestors and continue to maintain ancient customs and traditions. The massive fortress, perched among steep stone terraces carved into the hillside, is where the Inca won their greatest victory against the conquistadores. Next, board a Vistadome train to Machu Picchu, the most important site of the vast Inca empire. Enjoy views of the mountains, villages, and Inca vestiges as you descend into the Sacred Valley. From there, a short bus ride takes you to the archaeological site of “The Lost City of the Incas.” Begin a guided exploration of the enigmatic citadel. As it lies before you, learn about the archaeology and history of Intihuatana (the Sun Dial), the Sacred Plaza, and the Temple of the Sun, with plenty of time to wander, hike, and take pictures of the photogenic site. This evening, share impressions of your day while dining with your travel companions at your Machu Picchu hotel.
Overnight: Inkaterra Machu Picchu (B,L,D)

Day 11: Machu Picchu / Sacred Valley / Cusco
After an early breakfast, you have an excellent opportunity to experience the wonder of a Machu Picchu sunrise, and to imagine the sanctuary as it was centuries ago. Today, have a more in-depth look at this amazing place and its surroundings. Adventurers are welcome to hike the surrounding trails to other discoveries. Ascend to the Sun Gate, or walk to the Inca Bridge, a challenging path carved into a rock face with a sheer vertical drop of 1,900 feet. After lunch, return to Ollantaytambo via the Vistadome train to your relaxing Cusco accommodations.
Overnight: Aranwa Boutique Hotel (B,L,D)

Day 12: Cusco / Saqsayhuaman / San Blas / Villa Tipón
This morning, explore Cusco’s streets still flanked in places by Inca walls built with gigantic carved granite blocks. View the unique masonry up close to truly appreciate the astonishing perfection and mass of this true Inca marvel. Visit the Qorikancha, or Sun Temple—now referred to as Santo Domingo Church—to admire its smooth basalt foundation and learn about its period of transformation during Spanish rule. Walk the plaza of Saqsayhuaman, an Inca complex overlooking Cusco with stones so enormous the largest is estimated to weigh up to 200 tons. Visit the San Pedro local market, offering a sense of everyday life in Cusco, and the San Blas artists’ colony for a picturesque stop. Mid-day, retreat to Villa Tipón, which is just outside the city of Cusco and set in the midst of awe-inspiring mountains and incredible gardens full of vividly-colored flowers. A local family hosts a delicious Peruvian lunch followed by a traditional Shaman performing an Andean ceremony. This evening, celebrate the rich rewards of your journey during a special farewell dinner.
Overnight: Aranwa Boutique Hotel (B,L,D)

Day 13: Cusco / Lima / U.S.
After breakfast, head to Cusco for your flight to Lima. In Lima, share a final lunch with your fellow travelers in a lively, local restaurant. Check in to your dayroom at the Casa Andina Select Miraflores hotel, your own private and convenient home base while awaiting your flight this evening.

*Day room: Casa Andina Select Miraflores (B,L)*

*B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner*

*Group space may not be available within 90 days of departure.*

### Activity Level:

**Moderate**

Guests should be sure-footed on stairs, able to walk at least two miles on rocky, uneven ground without assistance and be prepared for varying altitudes. Max elevation: 11,200 ft.

### Accommodations:

**Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima**

Travelers appreciate the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima for its convenient location directly across from the Lima airport. The hotel offers modern amenities and conveniences, including a restaurant, bar, indoor pool, fitness facilities, and complimentary wireless internet access.

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, TV, wireless internet access, phone, safe, mini-bar, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

**Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay**

Located in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, this hotel is a former 18th-century, colonial-style monastery surrounded by beautiful gardens. Rooms offer the comfort of modern amenities and the charm of rustic decorative features.

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, TV, complimentary wireless internet access, phone, safe, and en suite bathroom with sundries (hair dryer by request).*
Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo - Machu Picchu

The Inkaterra Machu Picchu is only a short walk away from Machu Picchu Pueblo (Aguas Calientes) and the train station, but worlds apart from its hustle and bustle. Nestled on twelve quiet acres of forest with nature trails and waterfalls, the hotel is home to the world’s largest private collection of indigenous orchids. In this lovely setting, relax in the hotel’s atmosphere of refinement and warm hospitality while exploring nature and encountering the wonders of the Inca civilization.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, complimentary wireless internet access, an en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

Aranwa Boutique Hotel – Cusco

The luxurious Aranwa Boutique Hotel is situated near Cusco’s main square, only minutes away from colonial buildings, restaurants, and shops. Built in a 16th-century mansion, its decor, sculptures, and carvings accentuate the colonial period. Each room is well-appointed and elegantly decorated with luxurious furniture and frescoes.

Room Amenities: System supplying an additional 30% oxygen—to assist in preventing ill effects from altitude sickness, individual climate control, LCD TV, iPod docking station, complimentary wireless internet, phone, safe, mini-bar, and en suite bathroom with organic sundries and hair dryer.

Casa Andina Select Miraflores - Lima

While in Lima on your day of departure, a day room is available at the Casa Andina Select Miraflores hotel in the Miraflores Business District of Lima. Nearby locations include Sala Luis Miro Quesada Garland, Virgen Milagrosa Church, Kennedy Park, Ricardo Palma Cultural Center and Miraflores Central Park.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, TV, iPod docking station, complimentary wireless internet, phone, safe, coffee-making facilities, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.
What's Included:

- 5 nights choice accommodations (Deluxe Accommodations package available)
- 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners, and bottled water on excursions
- Fully guided tours throughout the program as well as lectures and field presentations from local experts
- Internal flights between Lima and Cusco
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
- All ground excursion transportation, including the Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley to Machu Picchu
- Gratuities to Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, and waiters for included meals
Reservation Form

The Galapagos Islands

SEPTEMBER 07, 2016 — SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
EXTENSION: SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 — SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

☐ Option 1: Reserve online now at http://rutgers.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.

☐ Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

Guest Information:

Guest #1 (as printed on passport): __________________________ Class Year __________
Guest #2 (as printed on passport): __________________________ Class Year __________
Address: ________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ________ Zip: ________
Email: __________________________ Phone: __________ Alt. Phone: __________
Category Preference: 1st choice __________________________ 2nd choice __________________________

Deposit:

(#) ______ guests joining program ($850/person) +
(#) ______ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $ __________

Extension Category (choose one): □ Standard □ Deluxe □ Single

Deposit Payment:

□ Check enclosed □ Online Check/ACH □ MasterCard □ Visa □ American Express □ Discover
Card #: __________________________ Exp. date: __________ CVV: __________
Name (as printed on card): __________________________
Billing address (if different from above): __________________________
City: __________________________ State: ________ Zip: ________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to:

Rutgers University Alumni Association
7 College Avenue-Winants Hall
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Fax: (206) 452-5655

Program Rates*

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Airfare from main program to extension is additional $690 per person

*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single
availability limited. Internal airfare between the mainland and the Galapagos Islands is included. Airfare otherwise not included. **Extension rate** is per person based on double occupancy, in U.S. dollars. Single rate is $4,495 in Standard category, availability limited. Extension rate includes internal airfare between Lima and Cusco on Days 9 and 13; airfare otherwise not included. Airfare from main program (Quito) to extension (Lima) will be charged additionally at $450 per person.

Terms and Conditions

ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These Travel Guest Terms and Conditions (“Agreement”) apply to and control any travel services offered by or through Orbridge LLC or any of its Affiliates and together, the “Controlled Operations” or “Controlled Operations”). For purposes of this Agreement, the term “Affiliates” means any natural person or legal entity that is controlled by, controls, or is under common control with Orbridge. “Control” means, whether directly or indirectly, to direct the affairs of Orbridge by means of ownership, contract, employment relationship or otherwise. “You” and “your” means each program participant.

Rates. Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares (air, water, land), 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 invoking errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with the correct pricing.

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person and program and $500 per person per extension, and any non-refundable deposits are due at the time of registration payable by check, ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card. Final payment including any extension(s) and/or options is payable 90 days prior to departure Date. ACH, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds only. If final payment is not received by Orbridge at least 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date, (a) the reservation is subject to a late payment fee equal to 2% (or the maximum allowed by law) of the total invoice amount, per week until paid in full, and (b) Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole and absolute discretion. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments”.

Reservation Grace Period. Reservations made not fewer than 98 calendar days prior to the scheduled program departure date may be canceled at any time during the seven (7) calendar day period (the “Grace Period”) immediately following the date of reservation for a full refund of all Payments received by Orbridge as of the effective date of termination. Notice of termination must be in writing, must be received by Orbridge in the Grace Period and is effective only on timely receipt of such written notice by Orbridge. For all other reservations and cancellations, the terms of the Cancellations and Refunds section below apply.

Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee (“Cancellation Fee”) as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 151 or more days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price; (b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 151 and 91 days prior to the scheduled departure date the Cancellation Fee will be the aggregate of all Payments received by Orbridge less the $500 per person in extension deposit, if applicable, as well as any other cancellation fees or charges applicable as of the date of cancellation; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 90 or fewer days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price. In addition to and 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, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall be processed within 30 calendar days of your written notice.

Travel Insurance. Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your interests in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances, including unforeseeable events, loss of luggage or personal effects. If you do not purchase these benefits, it is your personal responsibility for all costs and expenses associated with damage or loss of luggage or personal effects. If you do not have, but are interested in, purchasing travel and cancellation insurance, please contact us immediately.

Cancelled Programs. All cancellations are subject to cancellation by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for such reasons as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge’s sole reasonable 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 by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer alternative arrangements such as the option to join another tour on a different date or to a different location. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking, Orbridge will refund the difference; or Orbridge shall refund all payments made to Orbridge at the time of cancellation unless the alternative arrangement not be offered or selected. It is understood that Orbridge makes substantial payments to its suppliers (hotels, transportation companies, etc.) in advance of the scheduled program departure date. Accordingly, if a program is canceled due to a Force Majeure event (as defined below) and the option of offering an alternative program and/or date is not feasible, your sole and exclusive remedy shall be (a) for Payments received by Orbridge that have not already been advanced or paid as program costs to suppliers, a refund by Orbridge of such Payments held by Orbridge as of the date of cancellation, and (b) for Payments received by Orbridge that have already been advanced/paid to suppliers, the amount of such advanced payments from the supplier to Orbridge. For those sums that were advanced to suppliers that are subsequently recovered, in whole or in part, less the cost of collection and other costs associated with the program, shall be refunded by Orbridge to program guests in a manner and amount as reasonably determined by Orbridge. You acknowledge and agree that (a) Orbridge has no obligation to refund all or any portion of any Payments that Orbridge has paid to suppliers, (b) commercially reasonable efforts under this Section shall not include or require, shall be fully satisfied and performed exclusive of, the institution of any legal proceedings by or on behalf of Orbridge in any forum, venue or jurisdiction whatsoever, (c) your primary source of recovery of any Payments you have made under the event of cancellation grant you the right to bring a claim in either any court competent to hear and try such claims, or (d) notwithstanding any provision in these Terms and Conditions or other documents to the contrary, Orbridge shall have no obligation, and shall undertake no effort to recover from you any Payments or other amounts to the extent they have or will be satisfied by or through insurance proceeds. Orbridge is not responsible for, and you hereby release and forever discharge Orbridge from any expense or cost incurred by you in preparing for or arising out of a canceled program, including without limitation, the cost of non-refundable airfare, other transportation, lodging and meal expenses, visa fees, medical expenses, equipment and clothing purchases, insurance premiums and deductibles and the cost of any additional or alternative arrangements you elect or are required to incur or make as a result of a canceled program.

Itineraries. Accommodations and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge’s control. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but 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 alternations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures, additional costs or losses caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw or modify a program if required by the tour operator or other vendor with whom Orbridge has contracted or by applicable governmental authority.

Unlisted. 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; 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 scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or GST taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authority; 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); and ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable.

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