

GENERAL TOUR CONDITIONS

Overview: Walking Adventures International plans and guides walking adventures that combine international travel with recreational walking. Our itineraries blend walking with historic, cultural, and scenic highlights of the areas through which we travel.

Reservations: Since reservations are accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis, we encourage travelers to register early. Reservations may be secured by paying a deposit of \$500. At the time of registration, travelers will receive an invoice showing the due date for the remaining balance (90 days prior to departure for most tours). A reminder statement will be sent about 2 weeks prior to the due date. Walking Adventures Int'l accepts payment in the form of cash (personal check) or credit card (VISA or MasterCard).

Airfare: The tour price generally does not include airfare. Changes in airline prices combined with the indirect routing travelers are forced to take in order to rendezvous with our group flights, have made group air travel less beneficial. On a case-by-case basis, we will continue to evaluate group air travel possibilities for international tours. When offered, all air arrangements will be optional additions to the tour, priced separately from the rest of the tour services. In cases where group air contracts are not favorable and we choose not to offer a group flight, travelers who prefer the security of flying with a group are welcome to contact our office to obtain our guide team's flight details. They can then arrange their flight schedule to coincide with the guide team for the international segments of the flight.

In cases where we do offer a group flight, travelers should realize that, although it rarely occurs, airlines can raise their rates between the date we print the brochure and the date we travel. In the unlikely event this happens, we could be forced to add a surcharge to the airfare add-on, if offered. In addition, airport taxes are a component of air travel that are traditionally not included in quoted airfare because they fluctuate between the original quote and the travel date. Your final statement (mailed about 10 days before the due date of the final tour payment) will include a firm amount of airport tax.

Land Transportation: WAI endeavors to find the best coaches available. We employ a seat-rotation system we have found to be effective and popular with our travelers. Therefore, seats cannot be reserved on the coach.

Hotels: Superior tourist-class accommodations or better will be used throughout. In all cases, facilities are en suite. Travelers may request a roommate and will be put into contact with other travelers also seeking roommates. Alternatively, travelers may request their own single room for an additional fee (see single supplement amount listed on specific brochures). This supplement assures the traveler of a room to themselves. It does not necessarily cover the expense of a full-sized double room and does not guarantee them two seats on the motorcoach. *** In much of the world, single rooms are smaller than double rooms but still more costly, on a per person basis, than sharing a double room.

Luggage Handling: Though our guides are sensitive to those needing help with luggage, portage is generally not included on our tours. As most experienced travelers will tell you, this is just one incentive to travel light. Luggage is limited to one suitcase per person plus carry-on type luggage. This is necessary to meet the limitations of luggage space beneath the coach.

Walks: Whenever possible, WAI endeavors to use walk routes that are sanctioned by the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV or volkssport). Some walks, however, were in the process of being sanctioned at the time this brochure was printed, or are in countries in which volkssport has not yet been organized. IVV sanctioning, therefore, cannot be guaranteed.

Walks will be between 5 and 12 kilometers (3 to 7 miles) in length and will vary in difficulty. Most foreign clubs do not typically use a "difficulty" rating system. In most cases, however, the WAI guide will have prior experience with the walks and will be able to brief walkers on what to expect. Usually the host walking club decides the venue and route of the walk offered and can change the route from year to year. Therefore, we cannot always determine in advance the difficulty level of a walk. Participation in walks is always optional. Because we normally offer a full schedule, travelers are encouraged to pace themselves and should not feel obligated to participate in all walks.

Tour Itinerary Deviations: Travelers sometimes ask if they can join or leave the tour somewhere en route. It is difficult to serve these travelers without shortchanging those signed up for the full advertised itinerary. We regret that we cannot accommodate itinerary deviation requests. Exception: WAI takes no issue with travel "deviation" plans that have no impact on the group itinerary (e.g. arriving early or extending your stay after the tour).

Travelers with Disabilities: Travelers with disabilities are welcome provided that they have a traveling companion who can assist them if the traveler's disability prevents them from being fully independent.

Tour Pace/Physical Conditioning: As would be expected with a walking tour, our itinerary is aggressive and designed to offer the traveler as much exposure to the areas we visit as possible. In order to maximize enjoyment of these sometimes rigorous and always rewarding Adventures, we recommend that travelers be in good physical condition.

Not Included: Airfare; passport or VISA fees; passenger facility taxes levied by domestic or foreign airports (airport taxes); meals not listed in the itinerary; beverages for any included evening meals; tips for maids; trip cancellation or other travel insurance; phone calls; valet/laundry services and other services of a personal nature; and portage of luggage.

Prices: Prices quoted in this brochure are per person with two travelers sharing a room. Though it happens infrequently, surcharges are sometimes necessary to cover unexpected additional charges levied by airlines or tour operators (e.g. fuel surcharges). In the unlikely event we encounter strikes, natural disasters, social disturbances, etc., that require modifications to our itinerary for the safety and convenience of our travelers, a surcharge may be necessary to cover additional expenses incurred for extra services and/or accommodations. *** International travel arrangements are subject to foreign currency fluctuations. Consequently, though it is rarely necessary, prices quoted may be subject to an adjustment due to any change in foreign currency rates.

Cancellations: Our standard cancellation policy outlined below holds true for most tours. In cases where contracts with travel vendors impose earlier cancellation penalties, we will notify travelers of these adjusted cancellation penalties in the brochure memo that accompanies the tour brochure, and in initial tour literature that is mailed to newly registered travelers. Otherwise, cancellations received *in writing* before the final payment due date will receive a full refund less a \$50 administration fee. Cancellations received *in writing* between the final payment due date and 60 days before departure will receive a full refund less the initial \$500 deposit. Cancellations received *in writing* between 60 and 30 days before departure will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be made on cancellations received less than 30 days before departure. No refunds will be made on any unused or cancelled services once the tour has commenced.

Insurance: Walking Adventures International strongly recommends travel insurance. Many years of helping travelers deal with unexpected circumstances that require cancellation of their travel plans have made us believers in the benefits of this form of insurance. WAI now offers Preferred Benefits™ through USI Travel Insurance Services as part of the tour registration process. Please see the back of this page and the Registration Form for more details or call us at 1.800.779.0353.

WARNING: Coverage for "pre-existing conditions" is a time-sensitive issue for many travelers. Purchase of Preferred Benefits™ at the time of tour registration automatically covers any pre-existing conditions. If pre-existing conditions may be an issue for you, and you opt to purchase travel insurance elsewhere, be sure to check your insurance company's policies with regard to pre-existing conditions before registering for the Adventure.

WAI is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen property. Some homeowner's insurance policies provide for this coverage.

TRAVELER'S PERSPECTIVE:

As with most things, the benefit you receive from this experience will depend to a large degree on the frame of mind you have at the outset. If you've not traveled outside the U.S. before, here are a few things to be aware of:

- Though we attempt to eliminate it as much as possible, travel always contains an element of uncertainty. Being flexible will enhance your experience.
- To varying degrees, hotels, food, and local customs are different in other countries. This can be uncomfortable...and exciting!
- Though we continue to look for ways to slow the pace of our "Adventures," we still believe in providing a full day's opportunities for our travelers. On some days, we spend a significant amount of time on the bus.
- Group travel, by its nature, involves giving up a certain degree of individual convenience. Though we strive for added flexibility for the individual, much of the time we all need to be "headed in the same direction."

Further Questions??
1.800.779.0353

*** Applies to International tours only

Preferred Benefits™

Summary of Travel Insurance Coverage

Trip Cancellation / Interruption - Pays up to Trip Cost (maximum \$15,000 per traveler) for non-refundable payments/deposits if the Trip is canceled prior to departure, or any unused land or sea arrangements and up to a one-way economy airfare to return home or rejoin the Trip, if the Trip is interrupted or cancelled after departure.

Covered Reasons - Cancellation/Interruption must be due to a covered reason such as injury, sickness, death; or due to Other Covered Events such as: air carrier delay due to strike; cancellation of arrangements by an airline, cruise line or tour operator due to bad weather, strike or Financial Insolvency; a traffic accident while en route to a departure; jury duty; destruction of a residence by a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a terrorist act in a departure, connecting or destination city that occurs within the 30 days before or after the Scheduled Departure for the Trip (**see the Time Sensitive Provisions below for further details on securing coverage for Pre-Existing Conditions, Financial Insolvency and Terrorist Acts.**)

\$50,000 Medical Expense / \$100,000 Emergency Assistance - Covers medical expenses incurred within one year of an injury or sickness suffered during the Trip; emergency dental treatment by a dentist during the Trip; evacuation and transportation as directed by a physician to the nearest adequate medical facility and/or to the insured's U.S. residence; expenses for a Physician recommended escort; or, in the event of death, transportation of the remains home.

24-Hour Assistance - Provides physician and hospital referrals, medical monitoring, guarantee of medical payments (up to policy limits, as required to secure treatment), and communication with friends or family during an emergency.

\$500 Trip Delay - Covers additional accommodation and traveling expenses up to \$100 per day (maximum \$500) when the trip is delayed 12 hours or more due to a covered reason such as: common carrier delay, lost or stolen travel documents, sickness, or injury.

\$1,000 Baggage / Travel Documents / Baggage Delay - Covers up to \$1,000 for loss or damage to baggage, personal effects and travel documents during the Trip. A \$100 benefit is included for the purchase of additional clothing and personal articles when baggage is delayed more than 24 hours.

\$25,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment - Covers death and loss of limb or eyesight within 365 days of an accident.

Coverage Conditions and Limitations - Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Travel Insurance Certificate. For example, coverage does not apply to: a Pre-Existing sickness or condition that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of coverage of an Insured, a Traveling Companion or immediate family member traveling with the Insured; suicide; mental or nervous disorders; normal pregnancy; war or any acts of war; Financial Insolvency of the company to whom the Insured made direct payment for the Trip; or Financial Insolvency that occurs within 15 days following premium payment. A Traveling Companion is defined as a person booked to share the same room or cabin during the Trip.

EXTRA VALUE:

Time Sensitive Coverage Provisions

The exclusion for Pre-Existing Conditions is waived, provided premium for the policy is received with the initial deposit/payment for the Trip, (assuming the Insured is not disabled from travel when the premium is paid). The Trip Cancellation/Interruption benefits for Financial Insolvency (bankruptcy/default) and for certain terrorist acts are included, provided premium for the policy is also paid with the initial deposit/payment for the Trip.

Important Note: This is only a summary of coverage. The **Preferred Benefits™** Travel Insurance Certificate provides complete coverage details and will be sent with premium purchase confirmation. Please read it carefully.