

GENERAL TOUR CONDITIONS

Overview: Walking Adventures International plans and guides walking adventures that combine international travel with recreational walking. Our programs 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 group air policy 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 land services.

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. In addition, airport taxes and fuel surcharges 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 and fuel surcharges.

Land Transportation: WAI endeavors to find the best motorcoaches available. We generally 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. 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, may be 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 cannot be guaranteed.

Walks are between 5 and 12 kilometers (3 to 7 miles) in length and vary in difficulty. Most foreign clubs do not typically use a "difficulty" rating system. In most cases, however, the WAI guide has prior experience with the walks and is 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 lunches or dinners; 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* 120 days or more before departure will receive a full refund less a \$250 administration fee. Cancellations received *in writing* 119 to 90 days before departure will receive a full refund less the initial \$500 deposit. Cancellations received *in writing* 89 to 60 days before departure will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be made on cancellations received less than 60 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 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

DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE

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Preferred Benefits Platinum Plan

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TRAVEL INSURANCE
SERVICES

Schedule of Benefits

<u>Benefits (Per Person)</u>	<u>Maximum Limit</u>
Trip Cancellation	Up to Trip Cost*
Trip Interruption	Up to 125% of Trip Cost
Travel Delay (Maximum of \$200 per day)	\$1,000
Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$100
Medical Expense (Primary)	\$100,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation	\$1,000,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment (Principal Sum)	\$25,000

Optional Coverages

Cancel for Any Reason** Up to 75% of Trip Cost

The following non-insurance services are provided by the Worldwide Assistance Center through Travel Assist:

24-hour Medical Assistance	Included
24-hour Travel Assistance	Included

*Maximum trip cost is \$25,000 per person.

****Not available to New York residents.**

Note: Benefits are valid only if plan cost has been paid and appropriate cost has been paid for each upgrade.

Worldwide Assistance Center 24 Hour Telephone Numbers

USA & Canada1-866-221-0578
International.....1-715-342-3541 (call collect)

Use the appropriate country code when calling.

**Travel Insurance Platinum Plan
Product Code: TIS403 P1-P4 8/08**

For exclusions & conditions please ask for a copy of the complete brochure or go online at <http://walkingadventures.com/upload/insurance.pdf>.