Terms & Conditions

These are the terms under which we offer Sacred Path Programs. By registering and paying your deposit for a Program, you are entering into this Participant Agreement with us. Please read these terms carefully before making a deposit or payment for a Program. Sacred Path is referred to as “we” and “us” throughout this document.

Sacred Path Participant Agreement

Sacred Path acts as the trip coordinator and is not responsible for the acts or omissions of other parties. The trip is described on the Sacred Path website (the “Website”). The terms and conditions of this Participant Agreement apply to your Program.

Pricing and Inclusions: Quoted Program prices are per person, double occupancy except where indicated. Prices include programming, planning, handling and operational charges. We will not give a breakdown in the price of a Program or its parts. Modification of Program Itinerary will not affect the published price.

Exclusions: Quoted Program prices exclude: trip insurance; international airfare, including airfare and other transportation to and from the meeting point for the Program (unless otherwise noted); costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes (unless otherwise noted); excess baggage charges; gratuities to the Program teachers, guides, drivers, and so on; sightseeing not included in the Itinerary; and personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability).

Reservations and Payments: The Program deposit amount is listed on the Website. The deposit is required in order to confirm your booking. Upon receipt of the deposit, Sacred Path will send you confirmation of your booking. Your remaining payment dates are listed on the Website. If a Program is full, you will have the choice entering your name on the waitlist.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and medical insurance. Any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation.

Single Travelers: Program prices are based on double occupancy. Single travelers will be expected to pay the single supplement fee, listed on the Website.

Cancellation by You: We must receive your cancellation notice in writing by email.

In the case of cancellation, payment will be refunded based on the following information:
- Cancellations made 180 days prior to the program will receive a full refund of any payment made to date, minus 50% of the deposit.
- Cancellations made between 179 - 120 days prior to the program will receive a full refund of any payment made to date, minus the deposit.
- Cancellations made between 119 - 60 days prior to the program will be subject to a penalty of 50% of the total course fee.
- Cancellations made on or after 59 prior to the program will not receive any refund.

Your decision not to participate on the Program due to State Department warnings, fear of travel, illness or any other reason will be deemed a cancellation. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the Program on the Program departure date and time, you will be responsible for travel costs to meet the group.

Passports and Visas: You are solely responsible for complying with passport and visa requirements for the countries you visit. For U.S. travelers, international travel requires a passport valid six (6) months beyond your intended return travel date. In many cases, you will also need to have multiple consecutive blank visa pages within your passport (the number varies depending on the destination(s)). Many destinations also require that visas be obtained prior to travel. It is recommended that you check with the U.S. Department of State website for the latest passport and visa requirements.

Cancellation or Substitution by Us: We will make reasonable efforts to keep the Itinerary as it has been published; however, the final Itinerary may vary due to availability and factors beyond our control. We may in our sole discretion substitute services such as hotels or goods of similar quality for any service or good stated in the Itinerary. If a guide or teacher cancels, Sacred will make every effort to find a replacement.

We reserve the right to cancel any Program because of inadequate enrollment that makes the trip economically infeasible to operate or because of our concerns with respect to the safety, health or welfare of our travelers or staff. If we cancel a Program, our liability is limited to a full refund of your payments to us and we will not be liable for any other costs, damages or refunds of any kind for any loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment or expense whatsoever in such circumstances. If a Program in progress must be interrupted or canceled, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the Program.

Baggage: We assume no liability for loss or damage to baggage in transit to and from a Program or while on a Program. We recommend purchasing a supplemental travel insurance package.

Children: Unless otherwise indicated in the Program description, all Program passengers must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, unless special arrangements are made directly with Sacred Path staff.

Third Parties: Sacred Path acts only as an independent contractor to supply or arrange for the travel services named in your Itinerary or otherwise to procure services or goods from third parties such as airlines, hotels and other lodging providers, local hosts, guides, bus lines, car rental companies, driving services, restaurants and so on. Sacred Path assumes no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any act by third parties.
Conduct During the Program: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the Program guides and teachers and the laws of the countries in your Itinerary during a Program. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the Program if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the Program or unfit for continuation once the Program has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of Program services or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the Program. Should you decide for any reason not to participate in certain parts of the Program or use certain goods included in the Program, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the Program or goods.

Limitation of Liability and Damages: In no event will we be liable for any injury, loss, claim, damage or any special, punitive, exemplary, direct, indirect, incidental or consequential damages of any kind, whether based in contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, that arise out of or are in any way connected with the Program, even if advised of the possibility of such damages.

Travel Advisories and Warnings: It is your responsibility to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the U.S. State Department’s travel website at travel.state.gov or by phone at 888 407 4747.

Force Majeure: We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our exclusive control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation that causes you to miss all or any portion of the Program, acts of God, acts of government, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather extremes or strikes. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of the Suppliers, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. You understand that health care standards, facilities and services abroad may be different or even inadequate for treating health conditions. For information concerning possible dangers at foreign destinations, we recommend contacting the Travel Warnings Section of the U.S. State Department at (202) 647-5225 or www.travel.state.gov, and click on “Travel Warnings.” For medical information, we recommend contacting the Centers for Disease Control at (877) FYI-TRIP or www.cdc.gov/travel.

Assumption of Risks and Release: If you participate in activities during your Program, certain risks and dangers may arise, including, but not limited to, the risk of accidents in remote places without access to medical facilities, transportation or means of rapid evacuation and assistance; the hazards of traveling in unsafe or politically unstable areas or under unsafe conditions; the dangers of civil disturbances, war, extortion, kidnapping and terrorist activities; dangers and risks inherent in activities in underdeveloped countries; and dangers of local law enforcement activity. You hereby expressly assume all of these risks and dangers, and you hereby expressly agree to forever release, discharge and hold us and our agents, employees, officers and directors, harmless against any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, suits, claims and demands of any and every kind and nature whatsoever which you now have or which may hereafter arise out of or in connection with your Program or participation in any activities in which you participate.
General: You hereby consent to our use of pictures or video of you in our marketing materials without compensation. Facsimile or scanned transmission of any signed document shall be deemed delivery of an original. If there are any conflicts between this Participant Agreement and information published on the Website, this Participant Agreement shall apply. We reserve the right to decline to do business with anyone on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Active Elements, Medical Conditions and Special Assistance: Some of our Programs incorporate active elements such as hiking, climbing or canoeing; you are responsible for familiarizing yourself with the level of activity that will be involved in your Program. You must disclose in your Registration (or at such later time when you become aware of such a condition) any existing physical or mental illness, disability, pregnancy or any other condition which may create a health hazard for yourself or others during the Program or for which you may require medical attention or special accommodation during the Program. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate your needs, but you must notify us at the time of booking for a determination of what assistance we can reasonably provide. We regret that we cannot accommodate you if you have special needs for ordinary daily activities, such as walking and dining. In no instance will our Suppliers or we physically lift or assist you on to or off any vehicles. If we cannot accommodate your special needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will be responsible for independently providing the needed assistance.

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