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Continue your journey with an optional extension to Konya, Cappadocia, Çatal Höyük, Boğazkale & Ankara (6 additional days)
Many of the most magnificent and best-preserved ancient Greek and Roman sites are found along Türkiye’s beautiful Aegean and Mediterranean coasts. Visit world-famous, plus little-visited yet spectacular, Greco-Roman sites, Byzantine churches, Crusader castles, and Ottoman palaces. Your engaging AIA lecturer/host, Yaşar Ersoy, teaches classical art and archaeology and has been doing fieldwork in Türkiye since 1980. Throughout the program he will offer illustrated talks and informal discussions about the sites you are visiting and their places within the larger ancient Mediterranean world. Along the way, you will enjoy delicious cuisine, comfortable accommodations, and the company of a small group of like-minded fellow travelers. An expert tour manager/local guide will handle logistics and smooth the way.

Highlights:

- Visit three UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
  - Historic Areas of Istanbul, including the 6th-century Byzantine church-turned-mosque of Hagia Sophia; Topkapi Palace, the imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans; and the 17th-century Blue Mosque, with thousands of dazzling Iznik tiles;
  - Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, whose treasures include ancient villas with splendid frescoes and mosaics, and the 2nd-century A.D. Library of Celsus;
  - Aphrodisias, whose Temple of Aphrodite, tetrapylon, and baths of Hadrian are unforgettable.

- Marvel at a variety of Greco-Roman sites, including:
  - Didyma’s 7th-century B.C. Temple of Apollo, one of the leading oracles in the ancient world; and the 4th-century B.C. Temple of Athena at Priene, which became the classical model of Greek city planning;
  - Kibyra, with its magnificent stadium, odeon covered with a Medusa mosaic, late Roman bath, and underground tombs;
  - Sagalassos, a rarely visited and recently excavated site at an elevation of 5,000 feet, with breathtaking views;
  - Aspendos, with one of the best-preserved ancient theaters in the world, renowned for its acoustics; and Perge, with its splendid theater, stadium, and enormous Hellenistic and Roman gates.

- Explore spectacular museum collections, including Istanbul’s Archaeological Museum and Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art; Bodrum’s Underwater Archaeology Museum; and the Antalya Archaeological Museum.

- Two flights within Türkiye are included to maximize your time.

- An optional extension to central Türkiye is also available, including three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia, Hattusha: the Hittite Capital, and the Neolithic Site of Çatalhöyük; Ankara, with its superb Museum of Anatolian Civilizations; and Konya, the famous center of Sufi mystic Rumi and his followers.
Sunday, April 14, 2024: Depart home for Istanbul, Türkiye

Monday, April 15: Arrive Istanbul
Upon arrival at Istanbul International Airport (IST), you are met and transferred to our hotel in Sultanahmet, the oldest district of Istanbul and the center of the ancient Greek colony of Byzantium, founded in 700 B.C. This became Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine Empire, and then the capital of the Ottoman Empire. “Historic Areas of Istanbul” are a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Almost all of the major sites we will see are within walking distance of our hotel, whose rooftop terrace and indoor restaurant provide splendid views. Overnight at the 4-star Armada Hotel for four nights.

Tuesday, April 16: Istanbul: Underground Cistern, Hippodrome, Hagia Sophia, Archaeological Museum, Welcome dinner
Spend the day exploring ancient monuments of Istanbul on foot, beginning with Yerebatan Saray, one of the grand underground cisterns that were an important source of water for the city during Byzantine and Ottoman times. Sensitive restored, the cistern (whose roof is supported by 336 columns) is now equipped with meandering walkways above the water, plus atmospheric illumination and music. Stroll through the ancient Hippodrome, a Byzantine-era chariot racing arena, to the majestic church of Hagia Sophia. Now a mosque, Hagia Sophia was built by the Byzantine Emperor Justinian in the 6th century and reigned as the grandest church in Christendom for nearly 1,000 years, until the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople in 1453. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore the Archaeological Museum, which features one of the world’s richest collections of Greco-Roman antiquities, including an extraordinary collection of sarcophagi, as well as a number of antiquities from the first two millennia of the city’s history. Enjoy a reception overlooking Istanbul before our welcome dinner. (B,L,R,D)

Wednesday, April 17: Istanbul: Rüstem Pasha Mosque, Spice Market, Blue Mosque, Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art
Today we visit the small, but exquisite, 16th-century Rüstem Pasha Mosque, an example of the Ottomans’ best architecture and tile work; and then visit the atmospheric Spice Market, featuring a vast array of spices, sacks of henna, oils, herbs and, of course, the world’s very best Turkish Delight (confection). Continue on to the Blue Mosque, one of the most prominent landmarks in Istanbul. It has the most splendid exterior of the city’s imperial mosques, with a graceful cascade of domes and semi-domes, six slender minarets accentuating the corners of the building and the courtyard, and generally

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imposing but harmonious proportions. End the day with a visit to the Ibrahim Paşa Museum (Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art) with a wealth of art dating from the 8th to the 19th centuries. The collection ranges from calligraphy and paintings to a spectacular selection of antique rugs, with items from across the Middle East. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B,L)

Thursday, April 18: Istanbul: Topkapi Palace, Grand Bazaar
This morning we explore the imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans, Topkapi Palace, including a visit to its Harem. Topkapi is the most extensive and fascinating monument of Turkish civil architecture in existence in that, besides its historical and architectural interest, it houses extraordinary collections of porcelain, armor, fabric, jewelry, miniatures, calligraphy, and many other precious objects that once belonged to the sultans and their court. After lunch at Topkapi, continue on to Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, with time to wander on your own through its enormous labyrinth of covered streets lined with thousands of shops selling hand-woven carpets and kilims, gold and silver jewelry, hand-painted ceramics, leather goods, and more. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B,L)

Friday, April 19: Istanbul: Fly to Izmir | Kuşadası
Take a short, late morning flight from Istanbul to Izmir, from where we drive onward to our seaside hotel in Kuşadası. Settle in at the hotel and enjoy the property's amenities until we gather for dinner. Overnight at the 5-star Charisma De Luxe Hotel for two nights. (B,L,D)

Saturday, April 20: Ephesus | Selçuk Archaeological Museum | Kuşadası
Spend the day exploring Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, which provides compelling insights into life in Hellenistic and Roman times. At its peak, it was the largest Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor with a population of 250,000 and an infrastructure that included street lights, running water, a huge stadium and theater, and the marble-paved Arcadian Way leading down to the magnificent Library of Celsus. Ephesus has been extensively excavated and restored. Take a private tour of its Terrace Houses—villas of the wealthy, filled with colorful wall frescoes and intricate mosaic floors. After lunch, continue on to the Selçuk Archaeological Museum, one of the best regional museums in Türkiye. It houses a large collection of artifacts found at Ephesus and in the surrounding area. Return to our hotel and gather this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 21: Priene | Miletus | Didyma | Bodrum
Depart Kuşadası this morning and drive to Bodrum, exploring en route the valley of the Meander River (now known as the Büyük Menderes River) and three great Ionian cities. Priene is the oldest and best example of a Hellenistic city, and was laid out by the famous architect Hippodamus. Miletus has an impressive theater, stadium, three agoras, baths, and a bouleuterion. Lastly, the great Temple of Apollo at Didyma was one of the leading oracles in the ancient Greek world and is remarkable for its huge size and unique plan. This evening, arrive in Bodrum (ancient Halicarnassus), a charming port with a rich history that spans thousands of years. Overnight at the 5-star The Marmara Bodrum hotel for two nights. (B,L,D)

Monday, April 22: Bodrum: AM Underwater Archaeology Museum, PM at leisure
This morning tour the Bodrum Underwater Archaeology Museum, housed in the 15th-century Castle of Saint Peter, built by the Knights of St. John as part of a network of fortresses to defend the southeastern Aegean. The Museum is renowned for its collections ranging from the 14th century B.C. to the 16th century A.D., displayed among atmospheric halls and galleries. The Museum was an integral part of the development of underwater (a.k.a. nautical or maritime) archaeology, which was pioneered right off the Turkish coast in the early 1960s by American archaeologist George F. Bass. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy lively Bodrum, a small city of Turkish artists and intellectuals that is also a major center of boat building and yachting. (B,L)
Tuesday, April 23: Aphrodisias | Kibyra | Burdur
We drive today through the most fertile land of Türkiye to visit Aphrodisias, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most beautiful and exciting archaeological sites in Türkiye. The stadium is the best preserved in Asia Minor, while the Temple of Aphrodite, the tetrapylon, and baths of Hadrian make Aphrodisias unforgettable. Most of the statues and architectural remains discovered here are displayed in a well-organized museum at the site. Continue on to Kibyra, a 2,300-year-old city that has been on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List since 2016. It is known for its magnificent, 10,400-person stadium, odeon covered with a Medusa mosaic, late Roman bath, agoras, and underground chamber tombs. Drive to Burdur, where we check-in to our hotel this evening. Over night at the 4-star Grand Özeren Hotel & Spa. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 24: Burdur: Archaeology Museum | Sagalassos | Antalya
Make a morning visit to the Burdur Archaeology Museum, a small but impressive museum whose collections are from sites throughout the region including Sagalassos, which we visit today. Set out on our drive through the Lake District, high up into the mountains of Pisidia, until we come to the site of ancient Sagalassos. Well off the main tourist routes, Sagalassos has been extensively excavated and now visible are a library with mosaic flooring, temples, baths, and the residences of what was once the largest city in Pisidia. As impressive as the ruins, however, are the breathtaking views from 5,000 feet. Continue driving to the Mediterranean coast, where we check-in to our charming hotel in the heart of old Antalya. Overnight at the 5-star Akra Hotel for two nights. (B,L,D)

Thursday, April 25: Perge | Aspendos | Antalya: Farewell dinner
We begin the day with an excursion to Perge, where we explore the great theater, stadium, enormous Hellenistic and Roman gates, and colonnaded street. Continue on to what is perhaps the best-preserved ancient theater in the world, located in the ancient city of Aspendos. Having thoroughly tested the near-perfect acoustics, we circle the ancient acropolis to see some remarkably well-preserved sections of the aqueduct that supplied the ancient citizens with their water. Return to our hotel in Antalya and freshen up before our farewell dinner at an exclusive restaurant. (B,L,D)

Friday, April 26: Antalya Archaeological Museum | Begin post-tour extension OR Fly to Istanbul
This morning we visit the Antalya Archaeological Museum and its newly opened Perge Hall, displaying artifacts from the site we visited yesterday. After an independent lunch, guests booked on the optional extension will depart for Konya. The rest of the group has the remainder of the afternoon at leisure in Antalya, until we transfer to the airport for our evening flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, we check-in to a comfortable hotel conveniently located at the airport. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the 4-star Hampton by Hilton Istanbul Airport Arnavutköy. (B)

Saturday, April 27: Fly home
After breakfast, transfer to Istanbul International Airport (IST) for flights homeward. A representative will accompany you until the passport control desk. (B)
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Breakfast=(B), Lunch=(L), Dinner=(D)

**Friday, April 26, 2024: Drive to Konya**
After the morning visit to the Antalya Archaeological Museum with the main tour group, and an independent lunch, guests booked on the optional extension will depart Antalya on a scenic, 4.5-hour drive through the Taurus Mountains. Arrive at the vast Anatolian plateau in Konya, home to splendid Seljuk monuments, and check-in to our hotel. **Overnight at the 5-star Dedeman Konya Hotel.** (B,L,D)

**Saturday, April 27: Konya: Mevlâna Museum | Çatal Höyük | Sultan Han caravanserai | Cappadocia**
This morning we visit the Mevlâna Museum, the former lodge of the whirling dervishes and location of the tomb of the famed mystic/philosopher and theologian Celaleddin Rumi (later known as Mevlâna). It is one of the top pilgrimage centers in Türkiye. Depart Konya on a one-hour drive to the Neolithic site of Çatal Höyük, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and possibly the most important archaeological site in Türkiye. Discovered by James Mellart and excavated in the 1960s, it has revealed that the Neolithic and Bronze Age cultures located here were remarkably advanced. Since 1993 an international team of archaeologists has been carrying out new excavations and research to shed more light on the people that inhabited the site. Continuing along the ancient trade route to Cappadocia, we will visit en route the Sultan Han caravanserai, stopping place for the camel caravans that traversed the ancient Silk Road. Built in the 13th century, it is the largest caravanserai of its period in Türkiye. Drive onward to Cappadocia, where we check-in to our hotel. **Overnight at the 4-star Utopia Cave Cappadocia for three nights.** (B,L,D)

**Sunday & Monday, April 28 & 29: Cappadocia: Göreme Valley, Zelve Valley, Pasabag Monks Valley, Uchisar Castle, Avanos**
Spend two days exploring Cappadocia’s lunar-like landscape of soft, porous rock called tuff, or tufa, that was formed over time from volcanic ash. Erosion over the centuries formed fantastic geologic shapes, and early Christian settlers carved chapels, churches, dwellings, and numerous other structures into the soft rock. “Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia” are together a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the Göreme Valley, explore the open-air museum’s cave churches, including the famous Karanlık Kilise (Dark Church) with its extraordinary 11th-century murals; a
monastic retreat in the Zelve Valley; and Pasabag Monks Valley. Visit one of the area’s underground cities—a maze of tunnels and chambers carved out as places of refuge from hostile invaders. They contain storehouses, stables, sleeping rooms, kitchens, and even cemeteries. Visit Uchisar Castle, created by hollowing out natural caves (creating rooms and passageways) in a tall outcropping of volcanic rock that is visible for miles; and the well-known pottery center of Avanos. An optional hot-air balloon ride will be available (at additional cost). (28th: B,L,D; 29th: B,L)

**Tuesday, April 30: Boğazkale (Hattusha) | Ankara**
Depart Cappadocia early this morning on a drive to Ankara, stopping en route for lunch. Also along the way we visit Boğazkale where we find the ruins of Hattusha, capital of the Hittite Empire 2,300 years ago. This UNESCO World Heritage Site includes the ruins of the Great Temple, the best-preserved Hittite temple of the 13th century B.C.; and the famous rock sanctuary of Yazilikaya, an open-air temple, whose chambers in the bedrock are decorated with the most striking examples of Hittite relief art. Continue on to Ankara, chosen as the capital of the new Republic of Türkiye by its founder and first president, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, in the 1920s. Check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star Divan Çukurhan hotel. (B,L,D)*

**Wednesday, May 1: Ankara: Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, Farewell lunch | Fly to Istanbul**
Enjoy a morning visit to the superb Museum of Anatolian Civilizations. Located in an old area of the city near the Citadel, the museum houses archaeological finds from the many civilizations of Anatolia and has a particularly strong Hittite collection. Delight in a festive farewell lunch before we transfer to the airport for a late afternoon flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, check-in to our comfortable, convenient airport hotel. Dinner is on your own tonight. *Overnight at the 4-star Hampton by Hilton Istanbul Airport Ataköy. (B,L)*

**Thursday, May 2: Fly home**
After breakfast, transfer to Istanbul International Airport (IST) for flights homeward. (B)

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**Post-Tour Extension Prices**  
per person  
(5 additional nights)

| Double Occupancy (14-16 participants) | $2,845 |
| Double Occupancy (10-13 participants) | $3,145 |
| Double Occupancy (5-9 participants)  | $3,445 |
| Single Supplement (limited availability) | $595 |

A single supplement will be charged when requested or required. With fewer than 5 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

**Post-Tour Extension Prices Include:**

- Professional **tour manager/guide Onur Ertürk** throughout, plus AIA lecturer/host Yaşar Ersoy with 10 or more participants
- **Six nights’ accommodations** in best available, 4- and 5-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- **Breakfast daily, 6 lunches and 4 dinners**, as noted in the itinerary (with water, tea, and coffee at all meals), including a farewell lunch with wine/beer
- **Group airport transfer** on program departure date
- **All transportation** by private, air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary, with bottled water
- **In-program flight**: Ankara to Istanbul
- **Personal listening audio devices** during excursions
- **All sightseeing and entrance fees** as per itinerary
- **Gratuities** to tour manager/guide, drivers, waitstaff for included meals, and porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels and airports where available
- **Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes**
- **Complete pre-departure materials** including a suggested reading/media guide, luggage tags, name badge, and packing suggestions
What to Expect

This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants who are not able to walk, sit, or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. At the time of our visit you can expect pleasant weather, with daytime temperatures ranging from the low 60s F to the mid-70s, and cool evenings in the 50s to 60s F. Accommodations and restaurants have been carefully selected to offer the ultimate experience of true Turkish culture, ambiance, and hospitality. Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.

Flights & Transfers

Airfare to/from Istanbul International Airport (IST) is not included in the tour price. In-program flights for the main tour and post-tour extension are included in the tour prices and will be booked for you. Complimentary group arrival and departure airport transfers (times TBD) are provided. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.
### Main Tour Prices per person (12 nights)

- **Double Occupancy (13-16 participants)**: $5,945
- **Double Occupancy (10-12 participants)**: $6,345
- **Single Supplement (limited availability)**: $955

*A single supplement will be charged when requested or required. With fewer than 10 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

### Main Tour Prices Include:
- Leadership of AIA lecturer/host Yaşar Ersoy, plus professional tour manager/guide Onur Ertürk
- Twelve nights’ accommodations in best available, 4- and 5-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily, 10 lunches and 7 dinners, as noted in the itinerary (with water, tea, and coffee at all meals), including special welcome and farewell dinners with cocktails
- Group airport transfers on program arrival and departure dates
- All transportation by private, air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary, with bottled water
- Two in-program flights: Istanbul to Izmir and Antalya to Istanbul
- Personal listening audio devices during excursions
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Gratuities to tour manager/guide, drivers, waitstaff for included meals, and porters
- Baggage handling at hotels and airports where available
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- Complete pre-departure materials including a suggested reading/media guide, luggage tags, name badge, and packing suggestions

### Main Tour and Extension Prices Do Not Include:
- Airfare from/to home; all airport fees and departure taxes; independent transfers; passport and visa fees; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; medical expenses or emergency evacuation costs; transportation of excess baggage; meals or beverages other than indicated; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; other items not expressly listed as included.

### Payments:
- A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to “Eos AIA-Türkiye4/24.” Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit, you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

### Participant Cancellation Fees:
- All requests by participants for cancellations must be received in writing by AIA Tours.
- Cancellations received at least 180 days (October 17, 2023) prior to departure are fully refunded.
- Cancellations received from 179 days through 90 days (January 15, 2024) prior to departure are refunded less a cancellation fee of $250 per person.
- Cancellations received from 89 through 61 days prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 50% of the tour cost.
- Cancellations received 60 days or less prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost.

For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Information will be provided with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.

### Note:
- Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, and the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices.

Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leaders are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate nor to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

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Ancient Splendors of the Aegean & Mediterranean

April 14-27, 2024 (14 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Yaşar Ersoy
To fill out an online reservation form, click here. Or, print and mail or fax this form to the address below.

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**RESERVATION FORM**

**TÜRKIYE:**

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**To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-748-6262 or aia@studytours.org.**

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(as it appears on passport)

**Name 2**  
(as it appears on passport)

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**Email(s)**

☑ I/We have read the ‘What to Expect’ section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program?  Yes, _____________________________________________________

How did you hear about this tour?  ☐ eNewsletter  ☐ mailing  ☐ website  ☐ friends/family  ☐ other ___________________________

☑ Please sign me/us up for the optional post-tour extension (additional fee).

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

☑ Double (one bed)  ☐ Twin (two beds)  ☐ Single

☑ I will be sharing with: ____________________________    ☐ Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

☐ Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

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A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

**DEPOSIT TYPE (please check one):**

☑ Check payable to: Eos AIA-Türkiye4/24       ☐ Visa  ☐ Master Card  ☐ American Express  ☐ Already paid by phone

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**Signature (participant #1)                  Date**

**Signature (participant #2)                  Date**
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Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part unless trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, in which case the participant shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by Sponsors/Operator, or else receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as Sponsors/Operator are able to recover on the participant’s behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Sponsors/Operator, however, shall not have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing. TRIP INSURANCE: Sponsors/Operator strongly recommend that participants purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. PRICES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant’s option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to binding arbitration in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, 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.

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