Polar Bears of Churchill

A 6-Day Expedition to the Polar Bear Capital of the World
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On this wildlife expedition, surrounded by experts and featuring up-close experiences, be part of an extraordinary natural phenomenon and unforgettable adventure.

Dear Spartans,

We are thrilled to present you with a special opportunity to witness one of the largest confluences of polar bears in the world. Much like the bears themselves, visitors make their way to Churchill each fall when temperatures drop, brimming with anticipation. The reward: experiences of a lifetime.

As polar bears await the formation of arctic sea ice over the Hudson Bay—to begin their hunt for ringed seals—they descend upon this tiny seaport town, forming one of the largest congregations of polar bears in the world. During this annual spectacle, it is possible to observe, photograph, and learn about these “Kings of the North.”

The quality guidance of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and exclusive educational experiences—including presentations by experts at Churchill’s Northern Studies Centre and a local naturalist—distinguish this program.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today online at msu.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed
reservation form.

Go Green,

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Office

PS: Orbridge and MSU take your health and wellness seriously. Visit orbridge.com/wellness to learn about our enhanced COVID-19 protocols.

Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 3/25/2021
Program Highlights:

- Begin in Winnipeg with a private reception and three-course welcome dinner at Assiniboine Park Zoo along with a presentation on polar bears.

- Learn about Churchill’s unique ecosystem at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre.

- Enjoy two full-day expeditions aboard a custom-designed Arctic Crawler—a specially designed trekking vehicle, featuring comfortable seating, on-board facilities with flush toilet, large windows that lower for better viewing, and a spacious, fully grated outside rear deck for optimal photography opportunities.

- Discover the cultural history of this region during a guided tour through the Itsanitaq Museum and a talk with a Parks Canada ranger.

- Meet an energetic team of sled dogs and their experienced handler, then bundle up for an exciting dog sled experience.

- **What’s included:** 5 nights in ideally-situated and comfortable accommodations; round-trip airfare between Winnipeg and Churchill; 5 breakfasts, 3 picnic-style lunches, and 4 dinners, including a special welcome reception and dinner; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist; all excursion transportation and entry fees; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
Itinerary:

ITINERARY NOTE: You are embarking on an adventure where daily activities will be determined by weather, opportunities to view wildlife, and other various elements that make up the incredibly diverse landscape. Guests will receive a daily itinerary while in Churchill, which will be flexible and updated frequently. The itinerary below is a general listing of activities and excursions that may happen during any part of the program.

Day 1: Arrive Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
Welcome to Canada! Join fellow travelers for a warm welcome, then step out for a special evening reception in the Assiniboine Park Zoo's underwater viewing tunnels. Observe polar bears and seals as they swim in the crystal clear pools above you. A three-course meal with wine is served under the dancing Northern Lights in the Aurora Borealis Theatre. Following dinner, enjoy a presentation on the magnificent polar bears.
Overnight: Inn at the Forks (R,D)

Day 2: Winnipeg / Flight to Churchill / Northern Studies Centre / Parks Canada Interpretive Centre
Thursday, November 3, 2022
Arrive in Churchill after a morning flight from Winnipeg (with lunch aloft) and head to the Churchill Northern Studies Centre, getting acquainted with the town along the way. At the Centre, an informative introduction to this unique ecosystem and the environmental research currently underway will shed light on the significance of your surroundings. Afterward, visit the Parks Canada Interpretive Centre. Take part in an interactive presentation that discusses the history, culture, and wildlife of Churchill. Explore the exhibit at your leisure after the presentation.
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L-aloft,D)

Day 3: Churchill / Arctic Crawler Experience
Friday, November 4, 2022
Grab your camera, board your expedition vehicle, and head out onto stark, yet beautiful, landscapes for your first opportunity to observe and photograph polar bears in their natural habitat. Our expert naturalist and local guide will present perspectives on the bears’ behavior, survival, and habitat—as well as international conservation programs.
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L)

Day 4: Churchill / Cultural and Heritage Tour / Itsanitaq Museum / Dog Sledding
Activity Level:

Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous and walking is at a fairly slow pace in order to observe and learn as much as possible. Our expectation is that guests on this program are able to walk on uneven surfaces, icy, snow-covered ground, and stairs without assistance.
What's Included:

- 5 nights in ideally-situated and comfortable accommodations
- Round-trip airfare between Winnipeg and Churchill
- 5 breakfasts, 3 picnic-style lunches, and 4 dinners, including a special welcome reception and dinner
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist
- All excursion transportation and entry fees
- All gratuities
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Your Guide(s):

Kent Taylor — Orbridge Expedition Leader

Kent Taylor has led national park tours as a park ranger since 1984. Having worked with the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Colorado Division of Wildlife, he brings to your expedition a lifetime of knowledge about North America's parks, preserves, and wildlife.
Inn at the Forks

November 2

Ideally located in downtown Winnipeg, this modern boutique hotel is near a plethora of shopping, arts, and entertainment options. During leisure time, stroll the city’s cobblestone streets or take advantage of the hotel’s fully equipped fitness center.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, 55” HDTV, complimentary Wi-Fi, alarm clock, mini-fridge, coffee and tea maker, safe, bathrobes and slippers, and en suite bathroom with locally made sundries and hair dryer.

Lazy Bear Lodge

November 3 - November 5

This remarkable, handcrafted log lodge will provide cozy comfort during your stay.

A log house builder by trade, Wally Daudrich built the Lazy Bear Lodge himself, literally. Drawn to the area by its sense of freedom, he and a partner dragged logs from the forest by snowmobile, crafting them first into a small café, then a small lodge and finally the two-story, modern lodge of today. Even the wood floors and windows were sustainably sourced. The flooring, made of Douglas fir, was recycled from the Canadian National Railway warehouse built in the early 1920s. The windows were once part of an 1800s Hudson Bay Trading Post.

The friendly staff and scenic surroundings make this property supremely memorable. Get cozy in the comfortable lounge and feast on homemade northern cuisine at the Lazy Bear Cafe.

Lodge rooms are small but cozy, with limited counter and storage space for belongings. Each room has two...
double beds, one luggage rack, one small clothes rack, a small desk, one small nightstand, and a small bathroom shelf large enough to hold a few small items. We recommend packing light and carefully utilizing available space.

Additional lighting sources in the lodge rooms are limited. Consider bringing a small portable reading lamp or flashlight if you prefer stronger light.

Room Amenities: Two double beds, cable television with movie channels, complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee maker, and en suite bathroom with shower, sundries and hair dryer.

Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites

November 6

Located just minutes from Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport, this classic property provides well-appointed accommodations and thoughtful amenities. The hotel's restaurant, Oak and Grain, features comfort food with a twist.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, Hilton's "Serenity Collection" pillowtop mattress, flat-screen TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, alarm clock, mini-fridge, microwave, coffee maker, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

(Accommodations subject to change.)
What Guests Are Saying:

“Everything we visited was well worth the trip. I learned a TREMENDOUS amount, not just about polar bears but about the Arctic and Churchill as well.

Our Expedition Leader was wonderful! He’s truly passionate about wildlife and is a font of knowledge.

The staff at Lazy Bear Lodge was terrific. Everyone went above and beyond to make our trip exceptional!”

–Deb M., Bainbridge Island, WA

“Good value based upon the high cost to travel to this remote place. I thoroughly enjoyed every place we went, and was impressed with the food at Lazy Bear. Lazy Bear Lodge was delightful! A wonderful surprise.”

–Michelle M., Carlisle, MA

“Excellent trip...fun and educational. We would never have done this on our own.

We were so impressed with the food!

We’ve all seen dog sled pictures. Going on a dog sled and being around the dogs is a whole different experience.

Our guide made the trip! He was knowledgeable, fun and kind to all. He knew the "lay of the land"—so helpful when you get to a remote destination.”

–Linda & Tom N., Spokane, WA

“Third trip with Orbridge—all three widely different (Tanzania, Northern Italy, Polar Bears). All three were thought out, planned and executed extremely well. Looking forward to my next trip with Orbridge, wherever that might be!”

–Dave & Pam P., Nashville, TN

“The books we received pre-departure are wonderful. Now that we’ve been there, I’m going to read them again. The dog sledding was beyond excellent. The Lazy Bear is beyond expectations. For me, it is the gold standard in accommodations.
Our Expedition Leader was a delightful person with great experience.”

–Ellen H., Morgantown, WV

“The pre-departure experience was great, especially the time and patience Orbridge Guest Services afforded me as I tried to ascertain what photography gear I could/should bring.

I think the program is excellent, particularly in how it accommodates the wide range of mobility and levels of interest in the group.

The hotel was excellent. The restaurant was surprisingly good, and the staff was great at all junctures.

Our local guide was a rockstar—there’s really no substitute for the breadth and depth of field experience he has on the taiga/tundra and in Churchill among both the full-time and seasonal residents, staff, scientists/naturalists and visitors.

Our Expedition Leader was everything you could hope for in a group leader: well-informed about the topic at hand, well-informed about many other things including other trips/expeditions, positive, patient, frank but diplomatic, and most of all, seemed genuinely passionate and excited about the bears and their natural (and sometimes unnatural) environment(s).”

–Allan H., Dallas, TX

“I concluded it was well worth every penny. I would encourage anyone to experience this beautiful and interesting part of our world.”

–Diane B., Destin, FL
Optional Pre-Tour:

WINNIPEG

Enjoy additional days in Winnipeg to experience a multiple award-winning exhibit at Assiniboine Park Zoo, featuring nine playful polar bears and a host of Arctic animals. Also visit Winnipeg's architectural marvel, the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, and enjoy a guided tour of the Manitoba Museum.

Itinerary:

Day +1: Arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Monday, October 31, 2022
Settle into your accommodations, and enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at leisure.
Overnight: Inn at the Forks

Day +2: Winnipeg
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before touring the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Interpretive guides connect guests to stories about people who are making or have made human rights history in the area. Explore the equality, language, and labor rights of indigenous people.

Afterward, take a guided tour at Assiniboine Park Zoo to discover Journey to Churchill—an
Activity Level:

Moderate

It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to walk a mile at a moderate pace, get in and out of a motor coach, and walk up a flight of stairs without assistance.

experience featuring polar bears, musk oxen, Arctic foxes, wolves, and other northern species—the most comprehensive northern species exhibit of its kind in the world. Experience a variety of landscapes and animal-viewing areas, view interpretive signage and interactive displays, and learn about biodiversity, climate change, and conservation.

Overnight: Inn at the Forks (B,L)

Day +3: Winnipeg / Main Program Begins

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

After breakfast, visit the Manitoba Museum for a guided program, Indigenous Peoples of the North, to gain an understanding of the traditional lifestyles of the indigenous people. Learn about the limited resources of the area integral to their survival.

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch

This pre-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Expedition Leader. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Space is limited, so it's recommended to reserve early for best availability.

(Itinerary subject to change.)
Accommodations:

Inn at the Forks

October 31 - November 1

Ideally located in downtown Winnipeg, this modern boutique hotel is near a plethora of shopping, arts, and entertainment options. During leisure time, stroll the city’s cobblestone streets or take advantage of the hotel’s fully equipped fitness center.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, 55" HDTV, complimentary Wi-Fi, alarm clock, mini-fridge, coffee and tea maker, safe, bathrobes and slippers, and en suite bathroom with locally made sundries and hair dryer.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

What's Included:

- 2 nights accommodations at Inn at the Forks, or similar
- 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Admission to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights for a half-day guided tour
- Admission to the Manitoba Museum, including a private docent-led tour
- Admission to Assiniboine Park Zoo for guided Journey to Churchill tour
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfer for guests arriving during the suggested times
Polar Bears of Churchill
NOVEMBER 02, 2022 — NOVEMBER 07, 2022
PRE-TOUR: OCTOBER 31, 2022 — NOVEMBER 02, 2022

Reserve by Credit Card:
Online: msu.orbridge.com
Phone: (866) 639-0079
Fax: (206) 452-5655

Reserve by Check:
Made payable to Orbridge, LLC
Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 10339
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Office. For more information, contact Orbridge at (866) 639-0079 or you may call the MSU Alumni Office at (888) 697-2863.

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation):
Email: ___________________________ Class Year: ______
Home Phone: _______________ Alt. Phone: ______________
Address: __________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: _______
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation):
Email: ___________________________ Class Year: ______
Home Phone: _______________ Alt. Phone: ______________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Cleaning House) ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: ___________________________ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: ________
Name (as printed on card): __________________________
Billing Address (if different from above):
City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: _______

DEPOSIT:
# ________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) +
# ________ guests joining program ($850/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $ ______

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.
Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________

Terms and Conditions

*Special group rate; limited offer; subject to change. Rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Group airfare for the round-trip charter flight between Winnipeg and Churchill is included. Airfare otherwise not included.

**Pre-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.
THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, AND APPLY TO NEW RESERVATIONS RECEIVED BY ORBRIDGE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021.

Note: Travel credits and transfers are subject to the Terms and Conditions agreed upon at the time of the original reservation.

ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS, RELEASE AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. Any payment to Orbridge, including but not limited to deposits or full payments, constitutes your acknowledgement of, and agreement to, this Terms and Conditions, Release and Binding Arbitration Agreement Orbridge set forth below and in subsequent tour documents.

Limitation of Responsibility. Orbridge, LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, “Orbridge”), does not own or operate any entity that provides goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service or entertainment providers, etc., even if they use the “Orbridge LLC” or “Orbridge” name. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Orbridge is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Orbridge is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience (collectively, “losses”) in connection with the trip, including, but not limited to, acts or omissions by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging or vessel facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with or borne from animals, plants or insects, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, caving, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics, pandemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

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

Reservation, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: (1) $850 per person per program and $550 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour except for programs noted in (2) and (3), (2) $2,500 per person for Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway and $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour, (3) a non-refundable $1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Wildlife Safari’s Rwanda pre-tour. Deposits are payable by check, automated clearing house (“ACH”), wire transfer or major credit card.

Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer, and is due for: (1) all programs except Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 90 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date; (2) Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 150 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date.

If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program’s scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer.

Final payments made by credit card for departures in 2021 are subject to a 2% transaction fee.

If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be processed as follows:

(a) For all programs except those noted in (b) and (c), if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 90 calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(b) For Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 180 calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 180 and 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 149 and 120 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 119 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(c) For Tanzania Wildlife Safari’s Rwanda pre-tour are non-refundable at all times.

In addition to and not 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, will be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

Travel Insurance. Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover emergency medical evacuation insurance and cancel for any reason insurance. Travel and cancellation insurance policies and dates by which policies must be purchased vary by provider/insurer, maximum coverage (including cancel for any reason) is generally only available for purchase within 14 days of your reservation being confirmed. It is advised to determine your insurance needs and make necessary arrangements soon after reserving on tour. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us.

Program Cancellations or Postponements. All programs are subject to cancellation or postponement by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for reasons such as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge’s sole 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 or postponement by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join the same tour on a different date or a different tour. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference within 30 days of the alternative program’s departure date. If it is higher than your original booking price, Orbridge will invoice you the difference and you will be responsible therefor. Transferred guests are subject to the terms of the original tour. Except for force majeure, if a program is cancelled or postponed by Orbridge, Orbridge will refund all payments made within 30 calendar days of notice of program cancellation or postponement if an alternative arrangement is not
Itineraries. Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, lecturers, hosts, faculty or organization representative, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge’s control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, however 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 alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures or additional costs caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

Not Included. 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 except as indicated in program inclusions; 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 than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or other taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authorities; 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); ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable; any items not on the “included” list of the tour documents.

Health and Fitness to Travel. Through your participation in your tour, you assume responsibility for your own health, safety, and welfare and acknowledge that Orbridge cannot absolutely guarantee your safety or health. Your physician can provide guidance on your personal health risk and precautions to take while traveling. Some programs include physical, actively physical elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required and Orbridge will require all guests to follow local, state, national and/or World Health Organization health and safety mandates. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will cause or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit from participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant’s sole expense, remove the guest from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may or is likely to cause a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your situation if possible.

Accessibility. Orbridge cannot guarantee that the transportation, lodging, and entertainment/sightseeing accommodations will be accessible to all persons regardless of their physical and mental condition. In addition, many of the activities involved in each program include walking or the like for some distance on uneven ground or pavement or moving water as well as the ability to walk up and down stairs without assistance. Should any individuals seeking to participate in a travel opportunity need special accommodations to ensure their enjoyment of the trip, kindly provide notice at the time the reservation is submitted, and we will see if your participation is feasible. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside the United States.

At the time of reservation, Orbridge needs to be notified to determine if the special needs of an individual traveler can be met through special arrangements. It is possible that minor modifications to the services can be provided, but only if Orbridge is made specifically aware of anticipated needs. This notification should be made in writing no less than two weeks prior to the planned travel. Neither Orbridge nor any of the providers of transportation, lodging, or other services can provide special accommodations without this advance notice.

Where an individual with certain specific needs will be traveling with a group, it is necessary for other members of that person’s group to be available to assist as necessary. Neither employees of Orbridge nor any suppliers of services can allow any of their employees to provide physical assistance to any guests.

Travel Advisories. The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue state and advisories and notices regarding to travelers. These statements are country specific and contain important information. The State Department information can be found at www.travel.state.gov, and the CDC statements can be found at http://www.cdc.gov. Orbridge highly recommends everyone to review these sites.

Children. Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian (“Dependents”) in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is possible or suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

Baggage. Program rates include the price of one piece of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land, cruise or rail portion of the program only unless specified in the itinerary. Air carriers and motor coaches often impose significant other restrictions or limitations on the number of pieces, size and weight of luggage and may reject or impose additional fees on luggage exceeding such limitations or restrictions. All such fees are your sole cost and responsibility. In addition and regardless of location or transportation method, your baggage and personal effects are and shall at all times be at your sole risk throughout the entire program. Please check with your air carrier for other applicable baggage restrictions and limitations.

Travel Documents. All guests are responsible for possessing and maintaining necessary travel documents. These documents shall be valid under state and federal law and as required by foreign countries being visited. Orbridge is not responsible for invalid travel documents and repercussions thereof.

For U.S. citizens, valid passports are required for travel to foreign destinations and some countries require specific visas prior to entry. Please direct any questions in respect to visa requirements to Orbridge, which shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide answers as a courtesy, provided that it shall remain your sole responsibility and obligation to obtain and verify that you have all required travel documents, including visas, necessary and appropriate for the program location(s) and sufficient blank pages in your passport for visas and immigration stamps. In addition, some countries require your passport to have an expiry date of not less than six months after your anticipated return to the United States. Orbridge disclaims all liability for any expenses or costs you may incur due to your prohibition or restriction from entering a country on the program itinerary or reentering the United States at the conclusion of the program. If travel documents fail to meet these requirements, boarding of aircraft or ship to any international destination may be denied and entry into such countries may be denied.

Photos and Videos. Orbridge may take photographs and/or video of its trips and participant grants Orbridge permission to do so and for it to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant. In addition, Orbridge may use, without compensation, any photographs or video taken by tour participants and submitted to Orbridge or to SmugMug without payment of any compensation. In submitting any such photographs or videos to Orbridge or to SmugMug, participant warrants that he or she took the image and that the dissemination of same does not violate the copyright rights of any person.

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Other. Dates, program details and costs are based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time. While we do not anticipate material revisions of the itinerary or its included features, we do reserve the right to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary Orbridge, in its sole discretion, deems necessary and in that case any additional expense or cost will be paid by the individual guest. Your baggage and
personal effects are your sole responsibility at all times. It is prohibited by federal law and Orbridge policy to bring illegal drugs, firearms, or other contraband (including marijuana for medical or recreational purposes) on any program.

Orbridge may at any time and without notice modify these terms and conditions, and any modification so made will be effective for all reservations made from and after the posted Effective Date.

In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties’ intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

**Binding Arbitration.** I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, either according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. 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. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, both parties are waiving their right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Orbridge must be on behalf of only the individual(s) to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members travelling with them, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

**Acceptance of Contract.** ANY PAYMENT TO ORBRIDGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEPOSITS OR FULL PAYMENTS, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TOUR DOCUMENTS.

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