

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payments:

Reservations for a tour require a deposit of \$500 per person made payable to the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse and a Distant Horizons application form signed by the participant. Reservations will be taken in order of receipt. **Full balance of the trip cost is due upon receipt of final invoice no later than July 17, 2009.**

Tour Price Includes:

Hotel Accommodations: In deluxe or best available based on two persons sharing a twin room. Distant Horizons reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in the brochure when necessary.

Distant Horizons will do all possible for single participants to satisfy requests to share rooms. On occasions when it is not possible, the single room supplement will apply. If Distant Horizons assigns you a roommate and your roommate cancels or changes their mind about sharing a room, you will be liable for the single room supplement.

Meals: American breakfast (B), lunches (L) and dinners (D) are included as specified in the itinerary.

All Land Travel Listed: Including airport transfers to and from hotels if arriving and departing on the flights designated as the group flights, entrance fees to monuments, the services of local guides in each city and special activities as quoted in the itinerary.

Baggage: One average size suitcase, not exceeding 44 pounds or 20 kilos is allowed. In addition, one carry-on bag is allowed.

Distant Horizons cannot be held responsible in any way for any cost incurred if travelers are denied visas for any reason or if visas are not issued in a timely manner.

Please Note: If not arriving/departing on group international flights, participants' airport transfers upon arrival/departure are not included.

Tour Price Does Not Include:

International airfare to and from South America and domestic airfare while in South America, departure taxes, meals not listed, beverages with meals (except as specified in the program), tips to drivers and guides, charges for passport fees, excess luggage charges, insurance of any kind, laundry charges, individual tour transfers for individual arrival and departure at transfer points, and items of a purely personal nature.

Tour cost is based on rates of currency exchange and fuel at time of printing (Aug 2008) and is subject to change with or without previous notice. If there is a price increase prior to the day of departure in the basic costs, such increases may be passed on to the participant.

Deviations: Distant Horizons is very happy to make any special land or air arrangements.

Cancellations

Distant Horizons reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant at any time. Should this happen, refunds will be made without obligation, although we cannot be held responsible for any additional costs already incurred by participants.

The tour price is based on a number of people traveling together. If the total number of travelers falls below our minimum, the tour may be cancelled with a full refund. However, neither Distant Horizons, nor the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, can be held responsible for expenses incurred in connection with the trip that were not supplied by Distant Horizons.

If a participant cancels, the following refunds will be available upon written notice of cancellation to Distant Horizons.

Notice more than **90 days** prior to departure: a refund less a \$250 cancellation charge.

Notice between **90 days and 60 days** prior to departure: a refund less 50% of trip price.

Notice between **60 days and 30 days** prior to departure: a refund less 75% of trip price.

No refund shall be issued if cancellation is received less than **30 days** prior to departure date.

No refunds shall be issued after the tour has commenced. No refunds shall be issued for occasional missed meals, sightseeing tours or any unused services.

Air Carriers Contract

The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time tour members are on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contract in use by the airline concerned when the ticket is issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger.

Responsibility

Distant Horizons and the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse act only in the capacity of agents for the hotels, airlines, bus companies, railroads, ship lines or owners or contractors providing accommodations, transportation or other services. As a result, all coupons, receipts or tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier. By acceptance of tour membership, the participant agrees that neither Distant Horizons, The University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, nor any of its subsidiaries shall become liable or responsible for personal injury, damage to persons or property, loss, delay or irregularity caused by persons not controlled by it, such as (without limitation) airlines, bus and shipping companies, suppliers of accommodations or other services, or resulting from any acts of God, defects in vehicles, strikes, wars, whether declared or otherwise, civil disturbances, medical or customs regulations, acts of terrorism, epidemics or government restrictions. Distant Horizons and the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse cannot be held responsible for unfavorable weather or closure of access routes due to bad weather conditions. Distant Horizons and the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse is not responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the participant as a result of the above mentioned causes.

Tour participant acknowledges receipt of a copy of these terms and conditions and signifies acceptance of, and consents to, all of the terms and conditions set forth herein, on behalf of any participants they may act for and for themselves when registering for, or making payments on, this tour.