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FLAVORS OF DORDOGNE



Step into a world where medieval charm meets modern sophistication, where every cobblestone street tells a story, and every vineyard whispers secrets of centuries past. This is Dordogne, a captivating region in the heart of southwest France overflowing with history, architecture and enchanting beauty. This customized itinerary provides an idyllic setting for authentic cultural and culinary experiences, from exploring medieval towns and ancient castles to dining at Michelin-starred restaurants, partaking in vineyard tours and tastings and joining hands-on cooking demonstrations.

NOTE: Tour information is current as of 4/24/2024.

Program Highlights

- With your small group, enjoy 7 nights deluxe accommodations in an authentic castle with scenic views at Château de Mercuès.
 - Discover new flavors with a vineyard tour, wine tasting, and lunch at the Château de Haute-Serre.
 - Indulge in local delicacies on a gourmet tasting tour in the charming medieval town of Sarlat-la-Canéda.
 - Join an intimate cooking class with a chef sharing inspiration, secrets, and favorite recipes.
 - Take in the area's layered history with guided tours of the prehistoric cave paintings at Pech Merle and the 12th century Château de Beynac.
 - Survey the small cliff-top village of Rocamadour and visit a local cheese farm to taste homemade creations.
 - Delight in a truffle tasting and learn how they are harvested and turned into delicacies.
 - Explore one of France's most beautiful villages, La Roque-Gageac, with a walking tour.
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What's Included

- 7 nights accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 3 dinners
- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage handling
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and wait staff for

included meals

- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Itinerary



Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Toulouse / Transfer to Mercuès

Bienvenue en France! (Welcome to France!)

After arriving in Toulouse, travel north towards the *departements* of Lot and Dordogne. These regions are framed by two rivers of the same names and are known for their bucolic landscapes, medieval villages, imposing châteaux, and of course—food and wine.

Your home for the next week, the beautiful 13th-century *Château de Mercuès*, is perched on a rocky promontory overlooking the surrounding countryside and the Lot River. The château's elevated location offers exceptional views from every vantage point. As the summer residence of the Counts and Bishops of Cahors for seven centuries, guests enjoy an authentic immersion in the history of the region.

This evening, enjoy a festive welcome reception and dinner with fellow guests in the hotel's impressive wine cellar and tasting room, constructed in the style of a Romano-Byzantine cathedral.

Overnight: Château de Mercuès (D)

Day 3: Cahors / Haute Serre

At Le Domaine de Haute Serre, gastronomy, wine, and art combine to offer a hedonistic rendezvous for all the senses. Enjoy an unforgettable wine tourism experience here, complete with wine tasting, lunch, and a tour of the property and vineyard. Caretakers of the family business strive for excellence with high-density replanting, use of eco-friendly vine growing and tending techniques, and aging in oak barrels.

Malbec is the original grape variety in this region, and its marvelous characteristics are used in 70% blends. But while France is the place of origin of malbec, Argentina is currently home to nearly 70% of the malbec vineyards of the world. Fans of malbec who have tasted what is produced in Mendoza, Argentina, will discern a dramatic difference in the taste of malbec here. This difference clearly demonstrates how *terroir* affects wine. Terroir includes all the regional factors that define the taste of a wine grape before a winemaker begins, such as sun, soil, proximity to water, altitude, and more. As distinguished by Wine Folly, "a malbec from Argentina tends to be plummy and fruit-forward, with a velvety soft texture" while French malbec is savory, tart, and "tends to have more structure, firmer tannins, and an inky dark, brooding quality."

Visit a wine store room, known as a *chai*, to see tradition and modernity both at work in producing award-winning wine such as Château de Haute-Serre - Geron Dadine. This "vin noir," or black wine, of Cahors is described with a nose that "reveals perfumes of stewed black and red fruits enhanced by spicy hints. The mouth is coated by very long, tight, and elegant tannins that seem to never end."

In Cahors, discover Pont Valentre and the Cathedral of St. Etienne during a brief panoramic tour. Dinner is on your own this evening. Your Travel Director will provide dining recommendations and arrange complimentary transportation to and from Cahors.

Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,L)

Day 4: Rocamadour

Head today to one of the most beautiful places on your Flavors of Dordogne itinerary: Rocamadour. This tiny medieval village built into a cliffside is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and has been an important pilgrimage destination on the Way of St. James for hundreds of years. Its one main street is filled with quaint shops and restaurants and leads to the Grand Escalier, comprised of 216 steps. At the top is a

small square surrounded by the Chapelle Notre Dame and the Romanesque Basilica of St. Sauveur.

While visiting the area, a must-try is Rocamadour cheese at a cheese farm. This belongs to a family of goat cheeses and has been designated with AOC certification since 1996. Because of its nutty flavor, it tastes great when consumed on hot toast or in salads, and it also pairs well with red wine.

To further stimulate the appetite, lunch is at the Michelin-starred Château de La Treyne today. It is a quintessentially French property standing spectacularly on limestone cliffs above the Dordogne River. To quote the Michelin Guide, "What a splendid place! The Dordogne snakes by the foot of this superb château surrounded by greenery. The view from the terrace is inspiring, and even enhances your appreciation of the food, which is classic, elegant and finely crafted."

Continue to savor your time in France this afternoon and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,L)

Day 5: Pech Merle / Saint-Cirq-Lapopie

Today get a peek into the prehistoric past through well-preserved mural paintings at the neolithic caves of Pech Merle. This art is a heritage to behold and safeguard, as it is more than 20,000 years old. Indeed, is one of the few original caves still open to guests. Learn the charming story of how these caves were discovered.

While traveling through southwestern France, it's easy to overuse the word "beautiful." But thanks to its clifftop location and unrivaled view of the river, Saint-Cirq is just that. André Breton, leader of the Surrealist movement, commented after being in Saint-Cirq-Lapopie that he "stopped wanting to go anywhere else." Many artisans live and work in the village and display their goods in small boutiques or medieval houses.

Enjoy one of the region's most prized treasures with a truffle tasting. Truffles are a form of mushroom, an edible fungus that many claim enhances the taste of food. Growing in damp conditions at the base of trees, truffles emit a scent that can be detected by trained goats, female pigs, and dogs.

France is the largest producer of truffles, and each year the town of Sarlat holds a special festival for them. There's even a museum dedicated to truffles in the town of Sorges! At a truffle farm, learn more about these "black diamonds" and the patience and care required to cultivate them.

Enjoy a three-course dinner with wine at our accommodations this evening.

Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,L,D)

Day 6: Sarlat-la-Canéda / Les Eyzies-de-Tayac / Thonac

Today's adventure welcomes us to Sarlat-la-Canéda, one of the most fascinating small towns of France. Amongst the romantic châteaux, medieval villages, and the Dordogne River, Sarlat is a culinary hotspot recognized for its truffles, walnuts, and wine.

Delight in a tour of the town's famous weekly market and learn about the renowned ingredients from the region with a gourmet tasting. As you stroll the sunbaked streets, admire the fresh produce, loaves of rustic breads, oddly shaped sausages, heaps of olives, wheels of cheese, cans of artisanal foie gras, vivid flowers, and so much more. There are some fantastic nougat shops in Sarlat, too. It tastes nothing like the chewy, plastic-wrapped candy to which most are accustomed.

Lunch today will be at Les Glycines, in Les Eyzies-de-Tayac, where high-quality, original, delectable dishes await. This Michelin-starred restaurant is committed to sustainable gastronomy and offers delicious food, attractive ambiance, and good service.

This afternoon visit the impressive Gardens of Eyrignac, designated a historic monument. Handed down through 22 generations over a period of 500 years, this absolute must-see highlight is renowned for its intricate topiary art, magnificently sculptured hedges, and recently added rose garden—where more than 5,500 bulbs are planted annually.

Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,L)

Day 7: Beynac / La Roque-Gageac

Discover the cultural and geographic factors that surround what's on your plate with a cooking class and lunch at Le Chèvrefeuille, a traditional gîte, or country home. In the rush and excitement that typically accompanies travel, slow down to focus on all the sights, smells, and tastes of your destination. Your class is led by an expert chef who will share his culinary secrets and guide you through recipes using local ingredients.

In the afternoon, explore the Château de Beynac, the most authentic and best-preserved fortress of the Périgord, with a guided tour. This magnificent medieval structure sits high above the Dordogne River. Despite its fortifications, Richard the Lionheart conquered the castle by scaling the cliff from below—though his occupation of the castle was admittedly short-lived.

Enter the grounds and admire breathtaking views provided over the river. Continue into the courtyard as a church and stables come into view. Inside the castle, find interesting dungeons, kitchens, and living quarters. Feel history in every corner of this impressive château with rare 15th-century frescoes that are in incredibly good

condition and a Renaissance staircase dating back to the 17th-century.

End today's touring with a stroll around the photogenic village of La Roque-Gageac. It offers visitors a labyrinth of cobbled streets, a troglodyte fort, a Romanesque church, and a stunning view of the Dordogne River. Did you know? The Dordogne River holds the title of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. UNESCO has recognized the area as being remarkable for its well-preserved natural setting and the noteworthy cultural heritage linked to it.

Dinner tonight is at leisure.

Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,L)

Day 8: Luzech / Puy l'Evêque

After lunch, continue to Château de Cayx, a majestic property owned by the Danish royal family since 1974. Learn how grapes are harvested and made into wine from separate plots under strict temperature controls. The wines of the Château of Cayx include The Royale, The Cuvée Majesté, The Cigaralle, and The Prince's Malbec. A local wine from Cayx, The Cigaralle comes from chardonnay planted mostly on the limestone terraces around the château. "Cigaralle" is an old word probably from Catalan and used in Aquitaine and Occitanie to describe a pavilion built in a park or a pleasure garden where you can hear the song of cicadas. This vintage reveals a complex and expressive nose, with notes of exotic fruits and white flesh fruits.

Continue to Puy l'Evêque, a medieval town built on a rocky slope overlooking the Lot River. Its strategic location made the village one of the busiest and most important in the region, where wine was loaded onto river barges for transport to Bordeaux. Admire the 14th century Château de Lychairie, the Convent des Capucins, and the gothic church of Saint-Sauveur.

Later, take advantage of additional opportunities to enjoy France on your own before our group meets for the farewell dinner. Our final meal together will be at the Michelin-starred Le Duèze for three delightful courses and wine.

Overnight: Château de Mercuès (B,D)

Day 9: Transfer to Toulouse/ Depart for U.S.

Today after breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times will take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Activity Level

Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking each day, are sure-footed on cobbled and unpaved surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance.

The Château de Mercuès was constructed in the 13th century. While it has been updated to modern standards, its original structure means guests will find stone floors and steps that may not have railings. There is an elevator, but it does not access every floor.

Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than by vehicle, and sometimes it is not possible for your motor coach to drop you off at site entrances. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited. Also, dexterity to use kitchen tools and participate in lessons is not necessary, but adds to the enjoyment of this program.

Accommodations

Château de Mercuès



Nestled amidst the rolling hills and vineyards of the Dordogne region, Château de Mercuès—a Relais & Châteaux property—stands as a majestic testament to the grandeur of the 13th century. The château's history is evident in every weathered stone and ageless vine that graces its surroundings. Each guest room is a sanctuary of

tranquility, featuring warm décor and uniquely selected furnishings that complement the original stone walls.

The Château not only invites guests to indulge in the opulence of its accommodations but also in the culinary delights that grace its dining options. Its Michelin-starred Le Duèze Restaurant serves gourmet creations that pay homage to the region's rich gastronomic heritage. Savory flavors and carefully selected wines from the château's own vineyards make each dining experience a journey through the senses.

Rooms differ in size and décor, but each offers views over the valley, vineyards or the garden.

Classic Double: 279-301 sq ft

Deluxe Double: 301-441 sq ft

Prestige Double: 344-592 sq ft

Signature Suite: 538-850 sq ft

Room Amenities: King or two twin beds, flat-screen TV, writing desk, phone, minibar, safe, and en suite bathroom with combined bathtub/shower, sundries, and hair dryer.

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(Accommodations subject to change.)

Terms and Conditions

THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022.

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

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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.

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: (1) \$850 per person per program and \$500 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 African Expedition and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour; (3) a non-refundable \$750 per person is due for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour. Orbridge accepts payment 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 due for: (1) all programs except Antarctica Discovery and African Expedition—no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date; (2) Antarctica Discovery and African Expedition—no later than 195 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.

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 Grace Period. Reservations made no sooner than 120 days prior to all programs' scheduled departure date, except Antarctica and African Expedition, and no sooner than 225 days prior to Antarctica's and African Expedition's departure date may be cancelled within 30 days following the reservation date ("Grace Period") for a full refund.

All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour are non-transferrable and non-refundable.

Notice of termination must be received by Orbridge during the Grace Period and provided in writing either via email or mailed letter. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date.

Reservation Changes. Reservation changes (including, but not limited to, name changes) are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. Reservation changes will not incur an administration fee except in the following cases: 1) Reservation changes completed 90 or fewer days from the program's scheduled departure date for all programs except Antarctica and African Expedition will incur a \$150 administrative fee plus any third-party penalties and/or charges. 2) Reservation changes completed 195 or fewer days from the program's scheduled departure date for Antarctica Discovery and African Expedition will incur a \$150 administrative fee plus any third-party penalties and/or charges. In addition, any reservation changed from double occupancy to single occupancy will be charged the single occupancy rate, which will be due at the time of final payment or upon receipt of an updated invoice if received after the tour's final payment due date.

Reservation Cancellation and Refunds. Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing either via email or mailed letter. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date and the cancellation 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 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 less an administrative fee of \$350 per person for the main program and \$200 per person for a pre-tour and/or post-tour. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 90 and 76 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, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 75 and 61 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, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 60 and 46 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 75% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 45 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, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives.

(b) For Antarctica Discovery and African Expedition, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 195 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 less an administrative fee of \$950 per person for the main program and \$200 per person for a pre-tour and/or post-tour. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 195 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, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, 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, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, 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, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives.

(c) All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour are non-refundable.

A 100% cancellation fee applies to all non-refundable airfare. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 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 days of notice of program cancellation or postponement if an alternative arrangement is not offered.

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 physically active 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

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Travel Advisories. The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue statements and advisories about risks 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 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.

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