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INTRIGUING INDIA





Join us on an unforgettable journey through India's interior where every moment promises a blend of historical and cultural discovery. Uncover this vibrant country's rich tapestry while exploring iconic landmarks and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, joining wildlife game drives, and connecting with residents in local villages. This in-depth sojourn underscores ancient treasures, modern marvels and everything in between.

NOTE: Tour information is current as of 4/25/2024.

Program Highlights

- Immerse yourself in India's enigmatic history during visits to Agra Fort, Amer

Fort and City Palace.

- Stroll through buzzing bazaars, including Chandni Chowk, for an authentic glimpse into daily life.
- Experience a transcendent sunset and sunrise at the Taj Mahal.
- Embark on captivating wildlife odysseys through Keoladeo National Park and Ranthambhore National Park.
- Delve into the cultural treasures of Bharatpur with a visit to a traditional village where a dramatic dance performance brings ancient traditions to life.
- Marvel at architectural masterpieces, including Hawa Mahal and Jantar Mantar Observatory.

What's Included

- 12 nights hotel accommodations and a day room on departure day
- 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 8 dinners
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Admission to all locations listed on the itinerary
- Internal airfare from Jaipur to Udaipur and from Udaipur to Delhi
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, 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 Delhi, India

Welcome to India! Settle into your elegant and modern hotel for a restful evening. Overnight: The Imperial

Day 3: Old Delhi | New Delhi

Following breakfast and a morning briefing with the Orbridge Travel Director, depart for Old Delhi—a city that pulses with energy and color.

As its name suggests, Old Delhi is the oldest area of Delhi, where traffic from honking cars, rickshaws, and ox carts blends with crowds of merchants and shoppers in a tangle amid narrow alleyways. The sights, sounds, and aromas come alive as brightly colored fruits and vegetables, intriguing street food, and handicrafts intermingle with exhaust, hot oil, spices, and the din of voices from passersby. Stimulating, and sometimes perplexing, this is an experience that won't be forgotten.

Drive past the Red Fort—Delhi's most iconic monument and one of several UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Massive red sandstone walls standing 75-feet high enclose a complex of palaces, gardens, and a mosque. Across the road, and towering over Old Delhi with its tapering minarets and marble domes, stands Jama Masjid—the biggest and perhaps most well-known mosque in India. One of the finest examples of Mughal architecture in India, the Jama Masjid was created by Emperor Shah Jahan, who also commissioned the Taj Mahal. The mosque took more than 5,000 workers toiling six years to complete.

Next visit Chandni Chowk, the main thoroughfare through Old Delhi, and its business nerve center. Experience a rickshaw ride through the streets teeming with life. Pass by mansions from the past and a vast display of goods from today.

This afternoon, venture into New Delhi, a city of wide boulevards bordered by formal parks and attractions, including Rashtrapati Bhawan, the official residence of the president, and India Gate, a 138-foot-tall arch that bears the names of thousands of Indian soldiers who perished in conflicts such as World War I and the Third Afghan War.

Humayun's Tomb, built in the mid-16th century, is also of structural and historical interest. Admire the arched façade of this regal mausoleum with its inlaid bands of white marble and red sandstone, and note how the building follows rules of Islamic geometry, with emphasis placed on the number eight.

Today also features educational enrichment through an informative discussion with an art historian on Delhi's history and culture.

Overnight: The Imperial (B,D)

Day 4: Delhi | Agra

After breakfast this morning, drive approximately four hours to Agra. Nestled on the banks of the Yamuna River, Agra boasts three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the iconic Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.

With sunset comes the first glimpse of India's most ornate mausoleum, the Taj Mahal, meaning "crown of palaces" in Urdu and Persian. Built by nearly 20,000 workers and 1,000 elephants over 20 years, this vital stop on any India tour is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. The Taj Mahal was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal.

Watch as the last natural light illuminates beautiful colors within the structure's marble and showcases the gardens and reflecting pools. See the sunset cast its fiery-orange glow on the Taj's white marble dome and observe in awe what photographs cannot do justice, including the builders' and designers' mastery of perspective. The height and the width of the Taj Mahal are equal, yet an optical illusion makes it appear taller. Delight in the scene's stately scale and ethereal quality of grace and elegance.

Overnight: Jaypee Palace (B,L,D)

Day 5: Agra

With an early start today, sunrise presents an additional enchanting view of the Taj Mahal. Soak in the dawn with cooler temperatures and fewer visitors. Ready your camera to capture the rising sun and mist blanketing the Yamuna River. Stroll

through the arches into the grounds to explore in and around the Taj, admiring the calligraphy, the minarets, and the intricate lattice screens of the interior.

Return to the hotel for breakfast. The next adventure: a visit to Agra Fort, a complex of beautiful mosques and palaces that once housed royals who were guarded by crocodiles and tigers. The fort was the main residence of the Mughal emperors in this former capital. In 1657, when Shah Jahan fell ill, his son Aurangzeb declared himself emperor and confined his father to the fort. Discoveries await inside these imposing 70-foot walls, including the walls themselves. Legend has it some were made hollow and then filled with river water to keep occupants cool during the summer.

Today's itinerary is enhanced with a visit to an artisan's workshop that showcases the continuing tradition of handcrafted marble inlay (as seen at the Taj Mahal).

Afterward, experience a memorable and eye-opening visit to Wildlife S.O.S. This organization works to protect Indian wildlife, conserve habitat, and create alternate livelihoods for poachers and other communities depending on wildlife for sustenance. Known for their work rescuing the exploited "dancing bears" of India, Wildlife S.O.S. also helps leopards, elephants, reptiles, and other creatures. Gain a better understanding of issues facing wildlife in India and witness the heartwarming care, dedication and knowledge of a passionate staff committed to the rehabilitation of these animals. Be uplifted by the second chance this vital sanctuary affords.

Overnight: Jaypee Palace (B,L)

Day 6: Agra | Bharatpur

Following breakfast, a drive to Bharatpur takes approximately two hours. Upon arrival, check into accommodations for the evening and have lunch.

This afternoon, walk through a rural village to interact with locals going about their daily lives. Tonight, continue to deepen cultural knowledge by attending a performance of Raas Leela, an indigenous form of Hindu dance theatre. 'Raas' means divine pleasure or dance, and 'leela' implies play or magic in Sanskrit. Watch the performers bring to life the mythology of the Hindu deity Krishna.

Overnight: The Bagh (B,L,D)

Day 7: Bharatpur | Ranthambhore

India boasts a significant amount of varied wildlife, including approximately 12% of all avian species. This morning following breakfast, escape the usual hustle-bustle with a relaxing rickshaw ride and time in Keoladeo National Park, including its bird sanctuary. A true treat of nature, this ecologically diverse paradise—once a former royal game reserve—now protects numerous resident and migratory birds.

Enveloped by the sounds of nature, keep binoculars and cameras ready to look for species of cormorant, heron, egret, bittern, stork, ibis, goose, eagle, crane, lapwing, sandpiper, jacana, dove, owl, kingfisher, swallow, shrike, and so many more! Every year rare Siberian cranes migrate here to spend the winter in a warmer climate. The park is also home to an estimated 13 species of snakes, five species of lizards, seven species of turtles, 50 species of fish, 25 species of butterflies and a wide range of mammals, including striped hyena, jackal, fishing cat, wild boar, gerbil, bat, and deer.

Overnight: Ranthambhore Kothi (B,L,D)

Day 8: Ranthambhore

This morning and afternoon, take off on game drives deep into the jungles of southeast Rajasthan at Ranthambhore National Park. Once the royal Maharaja's hunting grounds, the park is India's premier tiger safari destination and home to abundant wildlife. Travel through this sanctuary of dry tropical forests, lakes, streams, rocky terrain, and grassy meadows for chances to spot animals, such as sloth bear, caracal, deer, jackal, striped hyena, crocodile, desert fox, wild boar, hundreds of bird species, mongoose, and—fingers crossed—the elusive tiger. Relics of old temples and forts enhance this uniquely Indian environment.

Also planned today is a visit to Dastkar, a non-profit NGO established in 1981 that works to support traditional Indian craftspeople, many of them women, by promoting local art. Browse the works of these genuine artisans from nearby villages.

Overnight: Ranthambhore Kothi (B,L,D)

Day 9: Ranthambhore | Jaipur

After breakfast, enjoy one final game drive through Ranthambhore before lunch, and then drive to Jaipur, the "Pink City."

With an eclectic mixture of styles, Jaipur was carefully planned and arranged in a pattern of eight squares around a central square in the country's first urban grid. It was later painted terra-cotta pink, the traditional color of welcome, in honor of Prince Albert. All buildings facing the main street within city walls must maintain the pink color. See how this pink joins with a rainbow of other colors from flower-market and vendor stalls. Jaipur is a labyrinth of bazaars, grand palaces, and magnificent forts revealing both a majestic past and some modern-day problems common to India.

Overnight: Jai Mahal Palace (B,L,D)

Day 10: Jaipur

Stop at the pink-sandstone Hawa Mahal, or Palace of the Winds, Jaipur's most famous building. Exhibiting a unique combination of Mughal and Rajput architectural

styles, this UNESCO World Heritage attraction in the midst of a bustling street and market is a striking five-story palace with more than 900 windows. The Hawa Mahal was built to allow royal women a way to observe those entering Jaipur yet remain unseen behind latticed screens.

Next, see and explore the majestic and massive Amer (or Amber) Fort. Also recognized by UNESCO World Heritage, it was once the capital of the state of Jaipur. In shades of honey and rose stone, behold the well-preserved monument's beautiful carvings and paintings, expansive courtyards, decorated temples, and ornate halls. The Sheesh Mahal, or Mirror Palace, is one of the fort's most exciting attractions. Adorned with thousands of mirrored tiles and colored glasses on the walls and ceiling, the hall comes to life with reflections.

Overnight: Jai Mahal Palace (B)

Day 11: Jaipur

Today, visit the City Palace, a vast complex that occupies a seventh of the walled city of Jaipur. Within, the palace has been adapted over time and houses several palatial structures, such as Chandra Mahal, Mubarak Mahal, Badal Mahal, and Shri Govind Dev Temple. Near the inner courtyard is Pitam Niwas Chowk, where four glorious gates represent the seasons—the Peacock Gate illustrates autumn, the Lotus Gate celebrates summer, the Green Gate depicts spring, and the Rose Gate portrays winter. Museums at the palace offer a visual feast into yesteryear, with collections of garments, weapons, art, Afghan and Persian carpets, miniature paintings, astronomical manuscripts in Persian and Sanskrit, and more.

Adjacent to the entrance of the City Palace is the observatory, or Jantar Mantar, begun by Jai Singh in 1728. Jai Singh's passion for astronomy was even more notable than his prowress as a warrior. Before construction commenced, Singh sent scholars abroad to study foreign examples of such structures. The Jaipur observatory is the largest and the best-preserved of the five Singh built. See what has captivated the attention of architects and art historians worldwide at this site packed full of interesting instruments. Check the Vrihat Samrat Yantra—the world's largest sundial that reportedly gives the time within an accuracy of two seconds!

Hundreds of years ago when Jaipur was founded, its prince incentivized jewelers to move to the city. Today, Jaipur is known as the "gem capital of the world" and employs a large number of designers and manufacturers. As a special treat, pop into an artisan's workshop to learn how gems from all over the world are crafted into jewelry.

Later walk through the bazaar, where vendors specializing in jewelry, textiles, and crafts conduct business along with sellers of enticing delicacies. Take in the vivid colors and breathe in a potpourri of spices, including tumeric, cinnamon, and

cardamom.

Following this fulfilling and active day, relax and be entertained by a traditional puppet show in the gardens of the Jai Mahal Palace.

Overnight Jai Mahal Palace (B,L)

Day 12: Jaipur | Udaipur

This morning, take a short flight to Udaipur, a beautiful city set amidst the Aravalli Range of Rajasthan. Known as the "City of Lakes" and often referred to as the "Venice of the East," Udaipur offers a distinctive romantic and serene character (by India standards). Ancient narrow streets lined with colorful shops, fanciful palaces, temples, and ornately decorated residences add to the city's beauty and reflect a remarkable past.

This afternoon embark on a boat ride to cruise Lake Pichola, one of the oldest and largest lakes in Udaipur. There are four islands on the lake, including Jag Niwas, where the Taj Lake Palace is located. Cruising Lake Pichola is a highlight of a stay in Udaipur, providing the opportunity to gain another perspective of the surrounding landmarks.

Overnight: Taj Lake Palace (B,L)

Day 13: Udaipur

Today explore Udaipur, including its own splendid City Palace. It was originally built by Maharana Udai Singh of the Sisodia Rajput clan and extended to its present form by subsequent Maharanas. Constructed in granite and marble and surrounded by fort walls, the largest palace complex in Rajasthan stands on a crest overlooking Lake Pichola. The rooms of the palace are adorned with beautiful paintings, inlay glass work, antique furniture, and colorful enamel. The Krishna Vilas has a remarkable collection of miniature paintings depicting the royal processions, festivals, and games of the Maharanas. Mor Chowk has unique glass mosaics of peacocks set in the walls.

Overnight: Taj Lake Palace (B,L,D)

Day 14: Udaipur | Flight to Delhi

Enjoy breakfast followed by time to relax and reminisce about this epic adventure. Perhaps venture into Udaipur to shop for unique silver accessories, lovely handicrafts, and printed fabrics. Or opt to stay back at Taj Lake Palace and take advantage of the property's world-class amenities, including a pool and full-service spa (additional fees apply). There will be an optional yoga session planned today for those interested.

Later, transfer to the airport for the connecting flight to Delhi. Upon arrival, head to the hotel to unwind before gathering for a final dinner

Overnight: Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport (B,D)

Day 15: Delhi | Depart for U.S.

After breakfast take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Activity Level

Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous, but a considerable amount of walking can be expected. It is our expectation that guests are able to follow a guide at an average pace for three hours through paved and unpaved streets, over even and uneven terrain, and up and down stairs without assistance. Due to the nature of some structures, handrails may not be present, and facilities for people with disabilities may be limited. Participation in itinerary activities is up to the individual.

Accommodations

The Imperial







This award-winning property, just steps away from New Delhi's shopping district, features a colonial style. Built in 1931, it exudes a sophisticated elegance with airy atriums, crystal chandeliers, marble lobby floors, walls lined with fascinating historical prints, and a mix of eclectic art deco, colonial, and Victorian-era décor. Situated on a plush, manicured landscape spread over eight acres, The Imperial is a welcoming oasis amid the intensity of Delhi and is arguably one of the finest hotels in Asia.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, flat-screen TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, coffee and tea maker, safe, minibar, iron and ironing board on request, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

Jaypee Palace







Built of red sandstone and white marble in the style of Mughal architecture, the Jaypee Palace in Agra welcomes guests with ornate, well-appointed rooms, landscaped gardens, specialty restaurants, and unique leisure options, including shopping, squash, and bowling.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, coffee and tea maker, safe, minibar, complimentary daily newspaper, iron and ironing board, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

The Bagh







The word "bagh" in India and Pakistan means garden, so it's a fitting name for this expansive heritage property set amid dense foliage and lovely pathways with peacocks and chirping birds. Delight in the property's modern comforts blended seamlessly with the surrounding flora and fauna, providing a relaxing retreat after an adventurous day. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in common areas.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, flat-screen TV, phone, coffee and tea maker, safe, minibar, iron and ironing board on request, and en suite bathroom with sundries.

Ranthambhore Kothi







Ranthambhore Kothi, a retreat close to Ranthambhore Park, is built in the style of British bungalows, offering spacious rooms, lush gardens, welcoming staff, and delicious cuisine. During leisure time, stroll the surrounding forest, take a dip in the outdoor pool, or visit the full-service spa (additional fees apply).

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, private balcony, phone, tea kettle, safe, minibar, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

NOTE: TV and Wi-Fi not provided in guest rooms.

Jai Mahal Palace







Built in 1745, the Jai Mahal Palace is a stunning piece of Rajasthan's heritage set amidst 18 acres of landscaped gardens. This award-winning property has been the residence of three Prime Ministers of Jaipur, and today it features 94 restored rooms and six suites equipped with modern-day comforts.

Room Amenities: Flat-screen TV, complimentary basic Wi-Fi, phone, coffee and tea maker, minibar, complimentary daily newspaper, iron and ironing board upon request, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

Taj Lake Palace







The 18th-century whitewashed Taj Lake Palace rests in the middle of Lake Pichola, offering 360-degree views of surrounding Udaipur. Reach the man-made island via private boat and let your cares float away with round-the-clock butler service, spa, swimming pool, and restaurants open only to resident guests. Ornately carved pillars and archways join with corridors and pavilions inlaid with stone and mirrors in the palace's interior. Rooms are refined and sumptuously decorated with vibrant colors, hand-painted motifs, and quality Indian textiles. Some may recognize this property as it was featured in one of the James Bond films.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, flat-screen TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, coffee and tea maker, minibar, complimentary daily newspaper, iron and ironing board upon request, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport







Situated in the bustling business district, this property offers stylish rooms and lovely onsite dining options. During leisure time, take advantage of the fitness room or outdoor pool.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, work desk and chair, flat-screen TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, coffee maker, minibar, bathrobes, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

Deluxe Accommodations Package (availability limited)

While all accommodations at the listed properties are exceptional, guests wishing the ultimate indulgence may choose to purchase the Deluxe Accommodations Package, which includes the following upgrades:

- The Imperial: Upgrade to Grand Heritage Room—a larger room with a seating area and garden view.
- **Jaypee Palace:** Upgrade to Junior Suite—a larger room with separate living/dining area, balcony, garden view, and bathroom with separate bathtub and shower.
- Ranthambhore Kothi: Upgrade to Regal Room—a larger room with private terrace or balcony, garden view, and bathroom with an open shower.
- Jai Mahal Palace: Upgrade to Luxury Terrace Room—a room with a private garden terrace.
- **Taj Lake Palace:** Upgrade to Palace Lake View Room—a larger room with separate seating area with large view windows.

NOTE: Deluxe Accommodations Package only offers one king bed configuration throughout. Guests preferring two separate beds should reserve the Standard category.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

Optional Post-Tour

VARANASI





Famous for its temples, palaces, and shrines, as well as arts, music, and dance, Varanasi is one of the oldest continuously inhabited places in the world. Perched upon the banks of the sacred Ganges River, the city offers an intense and unique glimpse into India's soul.

Itinerary

Day 15: Delhi | Flight to Varanasi

After breakfast transfer to the airport for the group flight to Varanasi. Check into your hotel and gather for lunch.

This afternoon explore the old city of Varanasi. Walk through Vishwanath Gali, which is home to one of the most important Hindu temples, Kashi Vishwanath, and a famous shopping street. Prepare to bargain for deals, and enjoy browsing for modern and traditional apparel, home decor, wooden toys, brass idols of deities and local snacks and sweets.

Just before sunset gather to witness the thousand-year-old aarti ceremony. It often begins with the blowing of a conch shell and ringing bells. Worshipers pray near the Ganges by the light of candles and lanterns, dedicating this light as a sacred offering to deities. Facing the river, Hindu priests chant and perform synchronized movements. Witnessing this ancient ceremony is a unique opportunity to experience Indian culture and community.

Return to the hotel for dinner. Overnight: Taj Ganges (L,D)

Day 16: Varanasi

Early this morning embark upon a boat ride down the Ganges. Watch the rising sun cast its glow over the water as the morning air fills with the aroma of sandalwood and jasmine. Life's customs and everyday activities are on full display with locals taking a holy dip, washing clothes and watering buffaloes. Many Hindus make a pilgrimage to Varanasi to have their remains burned on the banks of the river. While this sounds grim to most Westerners, Varanasi is also full of celebration. It's believed if one is cremated here and the ashes released into the sacred water, the reincarnation cycle ends and nirvana is attainable. Watching cremation ceremonies is allowed, but photography is forbidden.

Visit Sarnath, an important archaeological site that, according to tradition, is where Buddha first taught his followers after reaching enlightenment. Explore the temple, museum and Dhamek Stupa complex, and admire the great craftsmanship of Buddhist art.

Tonight revel in the company and talent of a trained classical musician.

Overnight: Taj Ganges (B,L,D)

Day 17: Varanasi | Flight to Delhi

After breakfast return to the airport for the flight to Delhi. Enjoy the day at leisure at the hotel before gathering together for a final dinner.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport (B,L,D)

Day 18: Delhi | Depart for U.S.

After breakfast take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Post-tour space is limited. We recommend reserving early for best availability.

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Activity Level

Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous, but a considerable amount of walking can be expected. It is our expectation that guests are able to follow a guide at an average pace for three hours through paved and unpaved streets, over even and uneven terrain, and up and down stairs without assistance. Due to the nature of some

structures, handrails may not be present, and facilities for people with disabilities may be limited. Participation in itinerary activities is up to the individual.

Accommodations

Taj Ganges







Discerning travelers rave about the Taj Ganges' luxurious rooms with sumptuous bed linens, gracious, attentive staff, and delicious, well-executed meals. A contemporary haven in a classical city, this landmark exudes comfort and class.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, flat-screen TV, phone, complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee and tea maker, minibar, safe, iron and ironing board, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport







Situated in the bustling business district, this property offers stylish rooms and lovely onsite dining options. During leisure time, take advantage of the fitness room or outdoor pool.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, work desk and chair, flat-screen TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, coffee maker, minibar, bathrobes, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

What's Included

- 2 nights luxury accommodations at the Taj Ganges (or similar) and 1 night at Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 3 dinners
- Admission to all sites listed in the 4-day itinerary
- Touring by an English-speaking guide
- Round-trip airfare between Delhi and Varanasi
- All gratuities and porterage
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

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 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 employees to provide physical assistance to any guests.

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.

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 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 traveling 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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