Polar Bears & Beluga Whales

Animals of the Arctic | Summer Expedition
POLAR BEARS & BELUGA WHALES

Head north and discover the beauty and wilderness of Churchill, Manitoba. This small town on the banks of the Hudson Bay is known for hosting polar bears in the fall. During summer, visitors can possibly spot polar bears along the local shores before they return to the pack ice when it forms in early winter. Summertime is also when the bears share the area with more than 60,000 beluga whales—who come to feed, mate, and give birth in the shallow waters—as well as a wide variety of other wildlife. Come and see this annual exhibition that can only be found here in the Canadian north, and meet the local people who call it home. Pioneering spirits and welcoming smiles are waiting for you.

Dear Fellow Traveler,

Please join fellow alumni and friends for a special opportunity to witness the diverse wildlife and pioneer spirit of the Canadian Arctic in summer.
On this seven-day journey, discover the beauty and magnitude of Churchill, Manitoba—a remote town on the banks of the Hudson Bay renown for hosting polar bears in the fall.

Visitors hope to glimpse polar bears lazily roaming the local shores as well as spot some of the 60,000 beluga whales—who come to feed, mate, and give birth in the shallow waters—alongside a multitude of other wildlife enjoying the fleeting summer season.

The expert guidance of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist, plus exclusive educational experiences—including presentations from Assiniboine Park Zoo and Churchill’s Northern Studies Centre—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.

Please reserve online at arizonaalumni.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Warmly,

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Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 6/16/2020
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.

- In Churchill, stay at the iconic Lazy Bear Lodge, hand-built by local pioneer Wally Daudrich from stone and reclaimed boreal forest timbers.

- Explore Churchill’s waterfront area, including panoramic visits to the sites of Miss Piggy Plane Crash, Polar Bear "Jail," and Cape Merry.

- Enjoy a 6-8 hour Hudson Bay area tour, on board a custom-designed viewing boat to see beluga whales, seals, a multitude of birds, and perhaps a few polar bears.

- Embark on Zodiacs to see and experience pods of friendly beluga whales up close, and watch the shoreline for other wildlife.

- Take a Summer Tundra Tour on the 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.

- Meet an energetic team of sled dogs and their experienced handler before climbing into a dog cart for your own exciting ride.

- **What's included:** 6 nights hotel and lodge accommodations; 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 3 dinners including a special welcome reception and dinner plus a farewell reception; all excursion transportation and entry fees; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist; and all gratuities.
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 arctic summer. 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 / Assiniboine Park Zoo
Monday, July 27, 2020
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 / Cultural and Heritage Tour
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Arrive in beautiful Churchill after a morning flight and transfer to the Lazy Bear Lodge. Enjoy a Cultural and Heritage Tour where you'll have guided site visits of the town's waterfront area, Miss Piggy Plane Crash, Polar Bear "Jail," and Cape Merry.
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 3: Churchill / Boat Tour / Prince of Wales Fort / Dog Mushing
Wednesday, July 29, 2020
Board Zodiac boats with your Orbridge Expedition Leader for a 3-hour tour of the Churchill River/Hudson Bay area to learn more about the 60,000 beluga whales that inhabit the area. Visit the Prince of Wales Fort, built to protect the business interests of the Hudson’s Bay Company. After lunch, you may choose to explore the area on foot, including several galleries and shops carrying local indigenous art from the Canadian Arctic, or you may select to participate in one of the following two optional excursions available for purchase:

A) 3-Hour Kayaking Tour: Includes a single or double kayak, paddles, wet suit, life jacket, transfers, and an experienced guide. This is an intermediate-level kayaking excursion and includes limited instruction. It is not recommended for beginners.

B) 3-Hour Arctic Aquagliding Tour: Take advantage of an exciting and unique way to see beluga whales, getting up close and personal without being submerged underwater. Climb
atop an Aquaglider—a floating mat secured to a watercraft—for a tour around the bay. (A dry suit and all necessary equipment will be provided.)

This evening, meet an energetic team of sled dogs and their experienced handler. Learn about these industrious animals and the important role they play in the heritage of this remote region. Then, get ready for your own exciting dog mushing experience.  
*Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B)*

**Day 4: Churchill / Hudson Bay Coastal Tour**

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Today we explore the Hudson Bay area during a full-day water excursion aboard a custom designed wildlife viewing vessel—led by your naturalist leader and boat captain. The shoreline of this entire area is a rich ecosystem of life, home to a diverse group of animals. Polar bears, belugas, caribou, and more than 270 species of birds have been recorded. Harbor, bearded, and ringed seals also thrive here and are the polar bears primary food source when the bay is frozen. Stop at Seal River, a favorite polar bear gathering spot.  
*Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L)*

**Day 5: Churchill / Arctic Crawler Experience / Itsanitaq Museum**

Friday, July 31, 2020

Grab your camera, board your expedition vehicle, and head to stark yet beautiful landscapes, stopping to enjoy the scenery and search for wildlife. Your expert naturalist will provide details on the wildlife, vegetation, and ecosystem of the Arctic tundra. After lunch, visit the well-known local Itsanitaq Museum to learn more about the indigenous population and its rich history and culture. While downtown, take some free time to explore on your own.  
*Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L,D)*

**Day 6: Churchill / Flight to Winnipeg**

Saturday, August 1, 2020

After breakfast, visit the Churchill Northern Studies Centre before transferring to the airport for a charter flight to Winnipeg for a farewell reception with your fellow travelers.  
*Overnight: Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites (B,L-aloft,R)*

**Day 7: Depart Winnipeg**

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Enjoy breakfast, then bid a fond farewell to Canada and head to the airport for flights home.  
*(B)*
B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Activity Level:
Moderate

Guests should be sure-footed on stairs, ramps, and small vessels, and able to walk on uneven ground without assistance. Skiffs provide the mode for much of the exploration on this program and guests should be sure-footed to enter/exit the vessel.

What's Included:

- 6 nights ideally situated and comfortable accommodations
- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 3 dinners—including a special, private welcome reception and three-course dinner at Assiniboine Park Zoo—and a farewell reception
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist
- In-depth educational program with informative presentations
- Park and entry fees, and all excursion transportation
- All gratuities
Karen Walker grew up in the Pacific Northwest. After college, she headed north to Alaska for what she thought would be just one summer. But the beauty, wilderness, and adventure of the northern surroundings made such an impression that Karen is still in Alaska today. For the past 30 years, she has lived in Anchorage and worked as a tour guide and naturalist throughout Alaska and Canada. She has had close encounters with grizzly, black and polar bears, kayaked with humpback whales in Glacier Bay, and helped with race communications along the Iditarod Trail.

Karen was also drawn to the southern polar region and worked with the U.S. Antarctic Program for five seasons, spending one full year “on the ice.” She experienced the Aurora Australis, rode on an icebreaker, camped out in an ice shelter, and jumped in the Antarctic Ocean on winter solstice. Karen’s wanderlust has led her to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, hiking in the Himalayas, tracking mountain gorillas, scuba diving along the Great Barrier Reef, and rafting the mighty Nile and Zambezi Rivers.

Karen is looking forward to sharing with you her passion for travel and her love of the north.
Program Accommodations:

**Inn at the Forks**

July 27

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**

July 28 - July 31

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

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:

“The program exceeded my expectations. Sighting polar bears, so many beluga whales, the presentation on photography and birds, the research station tour, and talking to townspeople. All staff—guides, front desk, servers, park and museum docents—were friendly, very knowledgeable, helpful and fun.”

–Donna V., Salinas, CA

“This was our first organized tour. It was excellent. The friendly guide was very knowledgeable and anticipated the little things that helped guests enjoy the activities even more. Very well organized from beginning registration to the farewell. Top quality. Lazy Bear Lodge and the guides were outstanding.”

–Gary & Joan C., Bozeman, MT

“I try not to set up expectations, so I was delighted to be so close to the belugas, polar bears and caribou. The dog mushing was a special treat. The program was very well organized. Great attention to detail with many special touches. Lazy Bear Lodge was delightful and having the owner take us out on the boat felt special.”

–Dona P., Marana, AZ

“This is our seventh Orbridge experience—we keep coming back for more due to the outstanding programs and guides. This program was better than expected! Highlights included the Hudson Bay tour, and the Winnipeg Zoo experience was excellent.”

–Bob & Kim B., Deerfield, IL
“We loved Lazy Bear Lodge—very rustic, and the food was excellent. Our Expedition Leader went over and above to make sure we always knew what was going on and when. She was very knowledgeable about Churchill and the wildlife.”

–William & Luanne T., Centreville, VA

“We had high expectations to begin with, so we consider having met our expectations a high mark. Our overall impressions of this program are very positive. The leaders were patient, positive, helpful, well-informed, and organized. We’d be happy to take another trip with them! The dog mushing and kayaking were highlights.”

–George & Marcia E., Austin, TX

“The Zodiac ride was outstanding! We saw a bear and the whales were awesome—came so close to the boat I actually was able to touch one. Amazing experience. The zoo experience, particularly the food, was also outstanding. Our Expedition Leader was very nice, very knowledgeable and always available to us.”

–Tom H., Miami, AZ

“This was our second experience with Orbridge and we were not disappointed. They are the best travel group we’ve encountered. Our guide was an excellent, knowledgeable leader. We could not have had better!”

–Frances & Michael S., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
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
Saturday, July 25, 2020
Settle into your accommodations, and enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at leisure.
Overnight: Inn at the Forks

Day +2: Winnipeg
Sunday, July 26, 2020
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
exhibit 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**  
Monday, July 27, 2020  
After breakfast, visit the Manitoba Museum for a guided program, _Flora and Fauna of the North_, to gain an understanding of the plant and animal species of the tundra, as well as the summer ecosystem. Later, join guests for the main program. (_B_)  

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.)

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**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.
Accommodations:

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July 25 - July 26

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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
- Airport transfer for guests arriving during the suggested times
Terms and Conditions

ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

*Special group rate; limited offer. Rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included. Group airfare for the charter flight between Winnipeg and Churchill is charged additionally at $995 per person.

**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.
Responsibility. Orbridge LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, “Orbridge”), does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide 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” 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 in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned 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, strikings 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 bites from animals, pests 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, canoeing, 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 or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own simple negligence and assume all risk thereof.

Rates. Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares (air, water, land), 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.

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation: (1) a deposit of $2,500 per person is due for Antarctica, Toronto to Vancouver by Rail (or Vancouver to Toronto by Rail), and Trans-Siberian Railway plus $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour; (2) a non-refundable deposit of $1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Migration Safaris’ Rwanda pre-tour; (3) a deposit of $850 per person and $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour is due for all other programs at the time of registration and are payable by check, automated clearing house (ACH), money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour and optional excursion(s) fee(s), is payable by check, ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, and is due for: (1) Antarctica, Toronto to Vancouver by Rail (or Vancouver to Toronto by Rail), and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 150 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date; (2) all other programs—90 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 and optional excursion(s) fee(s), is due at the time of registration, payable by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds.

Final payments made by credit card 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 Grace Period. Reservations made no sooner than 158 calendar days prior to Antarctica, Toronto to Vancouver by Rail (or Vancouver to Toronto by Rail), and Trans-Siberian Railway’s scheduled departure date, and no sooner than 98 calendar days prior to all other programs’ departure dates may be canceled within seven (7) calendar days immediately following the reservation date (“Grace Period”) for a full refund of all Payments received by Orbridge to effectively terminate the reservation.

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

Notice of termination must be in writing, must be received by Orbridge during the Grace Period, and is effective only on timely receipt of such written notice by Orbridge.

For all other reservations and cancellations, the terms of the Cancellations and Refunds section below apply.

Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a Cancellation Fee as follows:

(a) All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari’s Rwanda pre-tour are non-refundable at all times.

(b) For Antarctica, Toronto to Vancouver by Rail (or Vancouver to Toronto by Rail), and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 305 or more calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all deposits will be fully refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 304 and 245 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person per program and $300 per person per program for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 244 days prior to the scheduled departure date and the day before the final payment due date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any pre-tour and/or post-tour. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge on the final payment due date or closer to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price.

(c) For all other programs, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 275 or more calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all deposits will be fully refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 274 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person per program and $300 per person per program for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date and the day before the final payment due date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any pre-tour and/or post-tour. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge on the final payment due date or closer to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price.

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, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall 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 some or all of your losses associated with damage or loss of luggage or personal effects. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us immediately.

Cancelled Programs. All programs are subject to cancellation by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for such reasons 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 by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join another tour on a different date or to a different location. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference; or Orbridge shall refund all payments made to Orbridge at the time of cancellation should the alternative arrangement not be offered or selected.

Itineraries. Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover some or all of your losses associated with damage or loss of luggage or personal effects. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us immediately.

Hotel, Food, Beverage, Transportation, and other supplier's policies, practices and services are subject to change, and this includes their services, facilities, and availability. Orbridge does not guarantee the services, facilities or availability of any specific accommodation, facility, or service provider. In the event of any change, default, or non-performance by any such person, 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 in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, 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 bites from animals, pests 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, canoeing, 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 or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own simple negligence and assume all risk thereof.

This Agreement is important. It includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. It must be signed by all participants.
circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge’s control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, but 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; 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 GST taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authority; 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); and ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable.

Health and Fitness to Travel. Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition and medical 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 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 interests if possible.

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 http://www.cdc.gov. We urge 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 extension(s). Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

Baggage. Program rates include the price of two (2) pieces of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land or cruise 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. 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 have an expiry date of not less than six month 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.

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Please sign, date and print guest name(s).

Guest #1 Signature   Date

___________________________________________________________________
Print Name

Guest #2 Signature   Date

___________________________________________________________________
Print Name

For a Minor
I, as an authorized parent or guardian of the below named minor, hereby give my permission for my child or ward to participate in the trip and further agree, individually and on behalf of my child or ward, to the terms of the above. In the event the minor is not accompanied by all legal guardians on this trip, I agree to carry with me a notarized document from each legal guardian, not on the trip, granting his or her approval for the minor to travel on this trip and to present said document(s) to any authority requesting such. In the event I am the sole guardian of the minor, I agree to carry documentation evidencing such and present to any authority when requested.

Name of Minor

Signature of Parent or Guardian   Date

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Print Name