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*Oracles & Theaters,
Myths & Legends*



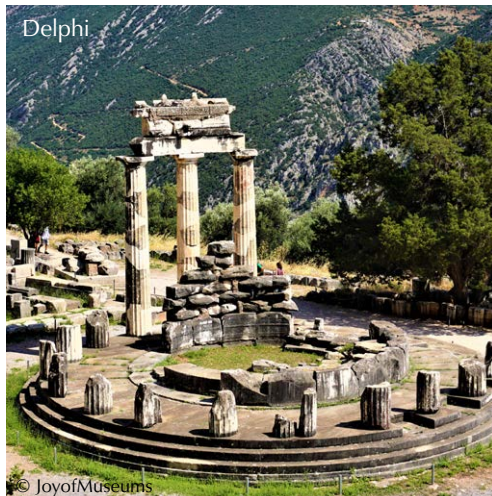
Temple of Poseidon at Sounion

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Alumni Global Adventures

May 20 - June 1, 2024 (13 days)

with Professor of Classical Studies Marc Mastrangelo



Dickinson College Faculty Leader



Professor Marc Mastrangelo has taught Classics at Dickinson College for 26 years and has published widely on Greek tragedy, Greco-Roman intellectual history, and early Christianity. He has led multiple trips with students and faculty to Greece, focusing on ancient Greek literature, history, and archaeology from the age of Homer to the travels of St. Paul. Prof. Mastrangelo will be your resource for ancient sites in the Peloponnese and mainland, including the Athenian Acropolis and Agora where Socrates philosophized, tragic and comic theater blossomed, and democracy was born. Prof. Mastrangelo will share his knowledge and passion for ancient Greek civilization that continues to fascinate and influence the world.

Dear alumni, parents and friends,

I invite you to delve into the world of ancient Greek mythology, religion, drama, literature, art and history with Dickinson's Marc Mastrangelo, Professor of Classical Studies, on this small-group exploration of mainland Greece and the Peloponnese peninsula. Professor Mastrangelo plus an expert Greek guide will provide discussions about and insights to all the wondrous sites and museums. In addition, a professional tour manager handles all of the logistics, so you can relax, enjoy and learn.

- Visit SIX UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
 - o Athens' Acropolis, with its stunning Parthenon and Erechtheion temples, plus the nearby Acropolis Museum;
 - o the 10th-century monastery of Hosios Loukas, on the slopes of Mount Helicon, which has some of the country's finest Byzantine frescoes;
 - o the greatest ancient oracle, Delphi, located in a spectacular mountain setting;
 - o Olympia, the original site of the Olympic Games for 1,000 years, starting in 776 B.C.;
 - o the Bronze Age fortress-palace of Mycenae, legendary home of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra;
 - o and the ancient sanctuary of Epidaurus, with its well-preserved, 4th-century B.C. theater.
- Marvel at world-class museum collections with marble and bronze sculptures, exquisite gold jewelry, splendid pottery and mosaics, Byzantine icons and more.
- Explore ancient Greek religion and mythology while visiting sites associated with the rites and stories, such as Eleusis, center of the ancient mystery cult called the Eleusinian Mysteries; and the oracle of Trophonius, which predates Delphi.
- Gaze upon breathtaking mountain vistas and seascapes.
- Relax at centrally-located, comfortable (often luxurious) hotels and savor delicious, healthy Mediterranean cuisine.
- Choose to add to your adventure with an independent extension to the classic, sun- and history-drenched Cycladic Islands of Mykonos and Santorini.

I hope you will seize this opportunity to explore with fellow Dickinsonians and Professor Mastrangelo on this custom-designed itinerary! Feel free to share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you. Our group is limited to just 26 guests, so we suggest you reserve your spot today.

Sincerely,

Liz Glynn Toth '06
Director of Alumni Relations



ITINERARY

(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (R)=Reception, (D)= Dinner

Monday, May 20, 2024: Depart home on flights to Athens, Greece

Tuesday, May 21: Arrive in Athens | Private transfer to hotel

Upon arrival at Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport (ATH), you are met for a private transfer to our centrally located hotel, which has views of the Acropolis. The balance of the day is at leisure for you to settle in, rest, and perhaps start to get acquainted with the very walkable area around our hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Divani Palace Acropolis](#) for four nights.*

Wednesday, May 22: Athens: Acropolis, Acropolis Museum, PM at leisure | Welcome dinner

Set out this morning to ascend the Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and learn about its Parthenon and Erechtheion temples. We will also view from above the Odeon of Herodes Atticus and the Theater of Dionysos, set on the southern slope of the Acropolis, before we explore the stunning, nearby Acropolis Museum. Enjoy a traditional Greek lunch in the Plaka, Athens' ancient center, at the foot of the Acropolis, with its narrow, labyrinthine streets. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure, perhaps to explore the Plaka's shop-lined alleys and/or return to the Acropolis Museum. Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner, hosted by your faculty leader. (B,L,R,D)

Thursday, May 23: Athens: AM walking tour: Kerameikos, Agora, Roman Agora | PM at leisure

This morning's walking tour begins with the Kerameikos, which was the city's cemetery from the 12th century B.C. through the 6th century A.D. and is something of an urban oasis today. It is populated by marble *stelae* (grave markers), many of which are carved with portraits. Continue our walk to the ancient Agora, the marketplace that was the center of ancient Athens' economic, social, and political life, to stroll its paths to the Temple of Hephaestus and visit the Agora Museum, housed in the reconstructed Stoa of Attalos. Our final stop of the morning is at the Roman Agora, where we see the octagonal, 1st-century B.C. Tower of the Winds and the monumental 1st-century A.D. Gate of Athens Archegetis. After a group lunch, the rest of the day is at leisure. Your guide and/or tour manager can suggest dinner options and independent activities. (B,L)

Friday, May 24: Athens: National Archaeological Museum | Brauron |

Cape Sounion | Athens

Spend the morning exploring the National Archaeological Museum, which contains the richest collection of Greek antiquities in the world, including Neolithic, Cycladic, and Mycenaean artifacts. After lunch we drive to the Sanctuary of Artemis at Brauron, a site often associated with the story of Iphigenia, who came to Brauron after Artemis saved her from sacrifice at the hands of her father, Agamemnon. We continue on to Cape Sounion, at the southernmost tip of mainland Greece, with its 5th-century B.C. Temple of Poseidon, spectacularly situated more than 200 feet above the Aegean Sea. Mythology tells us that the Sea

Optional extension

- # = Overnight stays
- = Itinerary stops
- ✈ = Flights

The so-called "Mask of Agamemnon," a gold funerary mask found at Mycenae, is on display at Athens' National Archaeological Museum





Theater at Epidauros
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acquired its name because King Aegeus of Athens leaped off this cliff to his death when his heroic son, Theseus, upon his return from killing the Minotaur, forgot to change his ship's black sail to white to indicate that he was alive. We return to Athens and enjoy dinner at leisure. (B,L)

Saturday, May 25: Eleusis | Corinth | Nafplion

Set out from Athens for the small site of Eleusis, center of the ancient mystery cult called the Eleusinian Mysteries. At Eleusis, where we find the Sanctuary of Demeter, secret religious rites took place based on Hades' seasonal abduction and return of Persephone to her mother, Demeter. We then drive to ancient Corinth, where we see the 6th-century B.C. Doric Temple of Apollo, the 1st-century A.D. Roman Odeion, and the site museum. Continue driving to the delightful port town of Nafplion, which was the first capital of modern Greece. Check-in to our hotel and get settled before gathering this evening for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Amalia Hotel](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Sunday, May 26: Epidauros | Nafplion: PM at leisure

We spend the morning at the site of Epidauros, an ancient sanctuary that was dedicated to Asclepius, the god of medicine, and today is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the well-preserved, 4th-century B.C. theater with its extraordinary acoustics, and visit the small site museum with ancient medical instruments. After a group lunch, the balance of the day is at leisure in Nafplion. (B,L)

Monday, May 27: Mycenae | Nafplion: PM at leisure

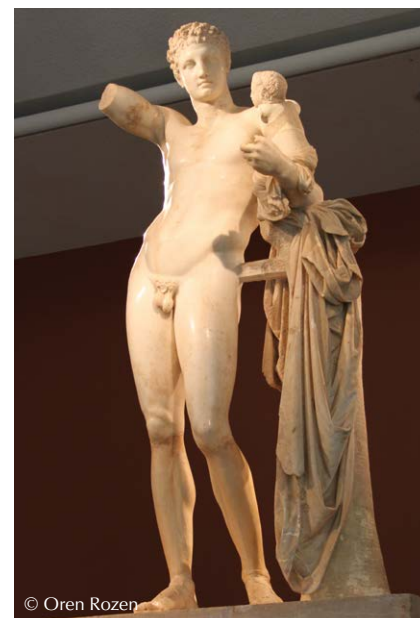
En route to Mycenae we drive past Tiryns for a view of its impressive Cyclopean walls. Tiryns and Mycenae are together a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At Mycenae, we start with a visit to the Treasury of Atreus, a well-preserved tholos (beehive-shaped) tomb, and then pass through the celebrated Lion Gate into the ruins of the fortress-palace of legendary Agamemnon and Clytemnestra. Also explore the wonderful site museum. After a group lunch, the balance of the day is at leisure in Nafplion. (B,L)

Tuesday, May 28: Olympia

Enjoy a scenic drive (approx. 3 hrs.) from Nafplion across the Peloponnese peninsula to the Pan-Hellenic sanctuary of Olympia, where the Olympic Games originated in 776 B.C. and were held every four years until the 4th century A.D. This extensive site, which is today a UNESCO World Heritage Site, includes the original stadium, the ruins of the immense 5th-century Doric Temple of Zeus, and the well-preserved 6th-century Doric Temple of Hera, plus we will visit the excellent site museum. Check-in to our hotel in the town of Olympia and then gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 4-star [Europa Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 29: Olympia | Arachova

The morning may begin with a return visit to the Olympia site museum, if we did not have a thorough visit the previous day. Then we take a beautiful drive (approx. 3.5 hrs.) crossing the Gulf of Corinth via the Rio-Antirrio bridge, one of the world's longest multi-span, cable-stayed bridges. Arrive at



Above, Praxiteles' *Hermes and the Infant Dionysus*, on display at the Olympia Museum; (below) a shallow bowl (kylix) with an unusual depiction of the god Apollo, found in a grave underneath the Delphi Archaeological Museum, where it is currently displayed



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the mountain resort town of Arachova, at the foot of Mount Parnassus, where we check-in to our hotel and have some time to settle in before we gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Aegli Arachova](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 30: Delphi | Arachova

We spend today at Delphi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site spectacularly situated on the slope of Mount Parnassus. This was the most celebrated oracle in antiquity, believed by the ancient Greeks to be the center of the Earth. We walk up the slope, along the Sacred Way, past monuments and treasuries to the theater and up even farther to the stadium where the Pythian Games were held. After a lunch in town, we explore the Delphi Archaeological Museum, whose excellent collection includes the celebrated bronze Charioteer statue and a colossal marble group of three dancing women. Return to our hotel in nearby Arachova and gather this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Friday, May 31: Hosios Loukas | Livadia | Athens | Farewell dinner

Set out this morning on a drive to the 10th-century monastery of Hosios Loukas. A UNESCO World Heritage Site on the slopes of Mount Helicon, the monastery contains some of the country's finest Byzantine frescoes. We then drive to Livadia to visit the site of the oracle of Trophonius, which predates the more famous oracle at Delphi, and onward to Athens. This evening we gather for our farewell reception and dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Divani Palace Acropolis](#).* (B,L,R,D)

Saturday, June 1: Private transfer to Athens Airport | Fly home OR Continue on your independent extension to the Greek Isles

You are met at the hotel for a private transfer to Athens' Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport (ATH) for your flights homeward or to begin your optional extension. (B)



ACTIVE: Must be able to walk three or more miles per day on mostly uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

What to Expect

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps that may be steep and without handrails. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants who are not able to walk, sit, or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask while in close proximity to others. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. At the time of year that we visit this region the weather is generally sunny and pleasant, with average temperatures in the 70s and 80s (F) during the day, dropping to the high 50s and 60s at night. There is always a chance of light to moderate rain showers. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*

Santorini



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Optional Independent Extension

MYKONOS & SANTORINI

End your journey with additional nights in Mykonos & Santorini.

Fly to the island of Mykonos for a two-night stay and perhaps take a day trip to the nearby sacred island of Delos, legendary birthplace of the twin gods Apollo and Artemis and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Delos was considered the most sacred island in the ancient Aegean, and the entire, albeit small, island is an archaeological site. Then, take a ferry to Santorini for a two-night stay on one of the world's most breathtaking islands, with whitewashed houses and churches perched on cliffs. Explore Fira's narrow cobbled streets lined with art galleries and craft and tourist shops, relax on the beach, or enjoy your hotel's amenities. Optional excursions may be planned, such as a sunset cruise into Santorini's caldera, including dinner and the opportunity to swim or snorkel; a tour of the Minoan town of Akrotiri, preserved for millennia under volcanic ash, now excavated and protected by a roof; and/or a tasting at a local winery and a drive up to the cliff-side village of Oia for panoramic views of the volcanic caldera and town of Fira below.

Pricing and additional options will be provided upon request.

Reservations are subject to availability.

Delos



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Mykonos

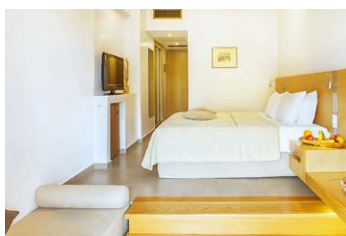
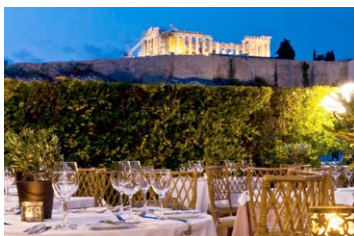


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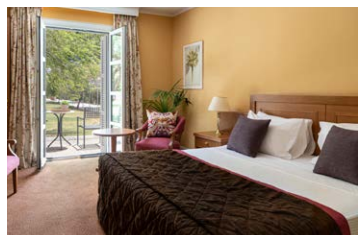
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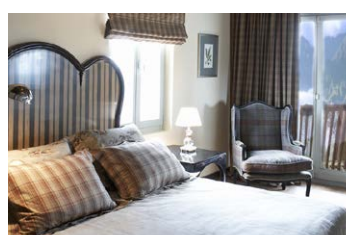
ATHENS: Five nights total at the 5-star [Divani Palace Acropolis](#)



OLYMPIA: One night at the 4-star [Europa Hotel](#)



NAFPLION: Three nights at the 4-star [Amalia Hotel](#)



ARACHOVA: Two nights at the 4-star [Aegli Arachova](#)





Main Tour Prices Per Person (11 nights)

Double Occupancy (21-26 participants).....	\$6,845
Double Occupancy (16-20 participants).....	\$7,345
Single Supplement	\$1,295

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).

With fewer than 16 participants a small group surcharge may be applied.

Main Tour Prices Include:

- **Dickinson faculty leader Marc Mastrangelo**, plus an expert **local guide** and a **tour manager**
- **Accommodations for 11 nights** in 4- and 5-star hotels
- **Delicious meals:** buffet breakfasts daily, ten lunches, and six dinners including welcome and farewell dinners. Lunches and dinners include water/soft drinks, a choice of local beer/house wine, and coffee/tea.
- **All gratuities** for tour manager, local guide, hotel staff, drivers, and servers for included meals
- **Private arrival and departure airport transfers** on program dates
- **Surface transportation** via air-conditioned coach with bottled water available at all times
- **Baggage handling** at hotels
- **All sightseeing, entrance fees, and excursions** as indicated in the itinerary; and all VAT and local taxes
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Private arrival and departure airport transfers are included. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to the tour. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

Main Tour Prices Do Not Include: All airfare; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation or cost of excess baggage; meals and beverages other than those indicated in the itinerary; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, medical expenses, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; and other items not listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "Eos DC-Greece5/24." Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

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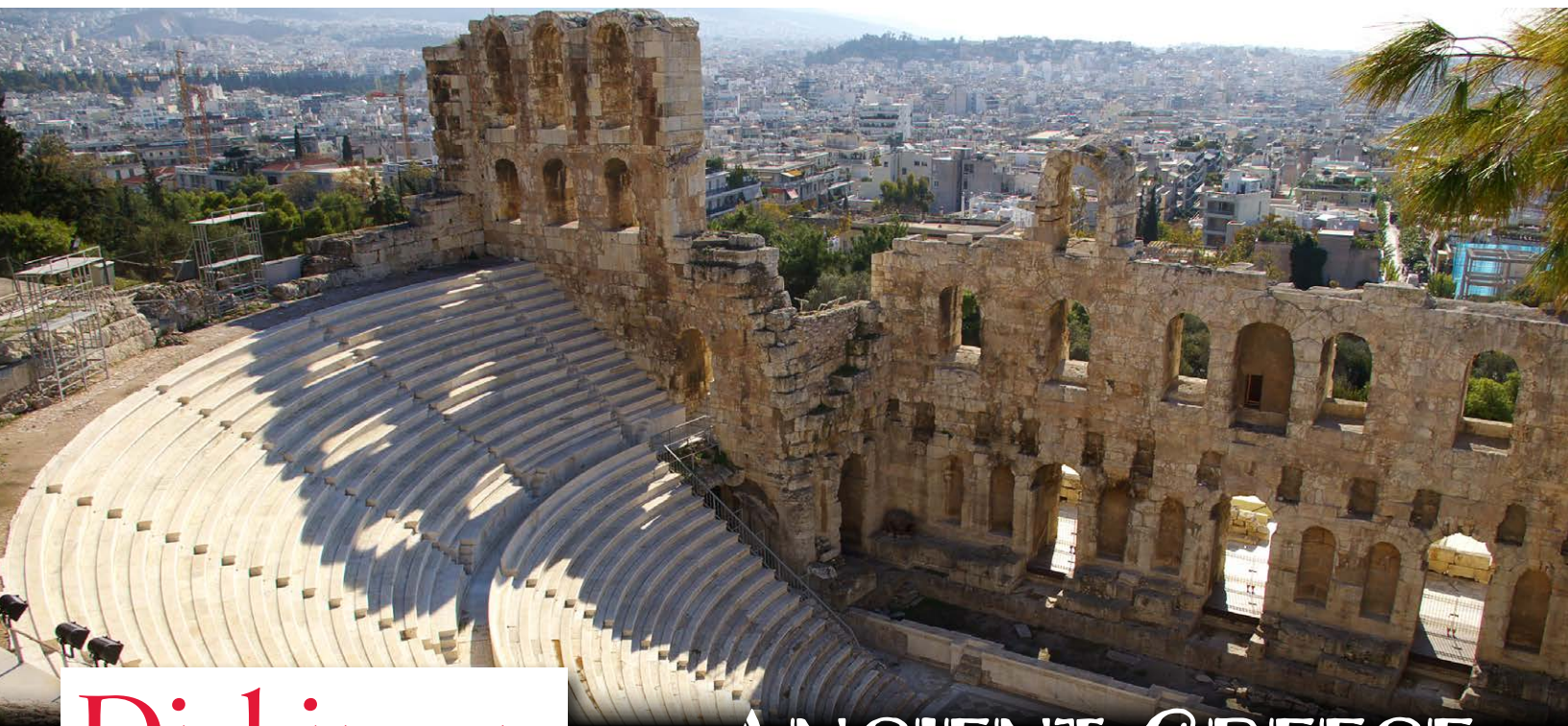
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Theater of Dionysus, Athens
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RESERVATION FORM

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☐ I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

☐ Please send me more information on the optional, independent extension to Mykonos & Santorini (additional fee).

How did you hear about this tour? ☐ eNewsletter ☐ mailing ☐ website ☐ friends/family ☐ other _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

☐ Double (one bed) ☐ Twin (two beds) ☐ Single

☐ I will be sharing with: _____

☐ Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

☐ Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

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A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.
Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

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☐ Check payable to: Eos DC-Greece5/24 ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Already paid by phone

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Signature (participant #1)	Date
Signature (participant #2)	Date

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reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **PRICES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. **FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to dispute resolution in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, 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. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:** Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> and <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. **APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Photos from Global Adventures' trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future Global Adventures promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. **ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.