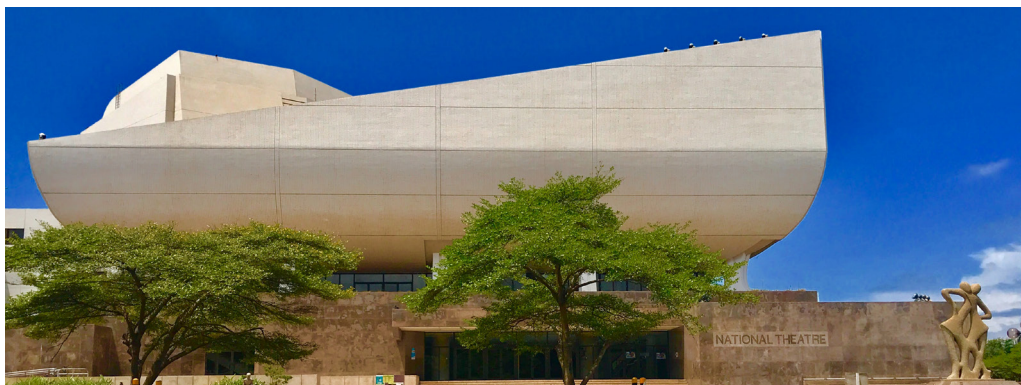




Best of
GHANA

OCTOBER 6 - 16, 2025



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October 6 – Depart the USA

October 7 – Arrive in Accra

Check into your hotel in Accra for dinner and your overnight stay. (D)

October 8 – Accra

Depart for a full-day city tour of Accra. Our first visit to the National Museum of History and Ethnography included exhibits that reflect the heritage of Ghana throughout history and to the present. This Museum houses a varied collection of Ghanaian artifacts. Drive through Old Accra. This is a contrast between Victorian, Dutch, and post-colonial architecture. You will drive past James Fort, built in 1673, Old Accra Square, and the Post Office. Drive by the Ussher Fort, one of three European forts in Accra that have survived the times. Continue to visit the W.E.B. Du Bois Centre for Pan-Africanism; this is the final burial place and home of the prominent American Pan-Africanist Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois, who led the Pan-African Congress between 1919 and 1927. It is currently a Pan African Centre for Culture and it also has a research library and gallery full of manuscripts. Lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the newly redeveloped Dr. Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and Park Museum. The Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and Memorial Park is in downtown Accra, the capital of Ghana. The memorial complex was dedicated in 1992 and is situated on the site of the former British colonial polo grounds where Ghana's independence was declared in Accra. The mausoleum, designed by Dr. Don Arthur, houses the bodies of Kwame Nkrumah, who is regarded as the leading founding father of Ghana's independence and one of the founding fathers of the African Union. His Egyptian Wife, Madam Fathia Nkrumah, is also buried at the mausoleum. The mausoleum is meant to represent an upside-down sword, which in Akan culture is a symbol of peace. It is clad from top to bottom with Italian marble, with a black star at its apex to symbolize unity. A skylight at the top of the mausoleum illuminates the grave. The mausoleum is surrounded by water, a symbol of life. Your last stop for the day is the Arts and Crafts market, where you can view a varied collection of Ghanaian handicraft souvenirs. This offers you an opportunity to try out your bargaining skills on the local vendors and to "shop till you drop." Return to your hotel in Accra. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B, L)



October 9 – Accra – Elmina

Drive along the coastal savannah vegetative cover with several fishing villages and coconut-lined beaches. Of interest along this route are food crop market towns and villages with several pineapple and vegetable stands. Drive through Mankessim and see the status of the "Three Wise Men" likened to the Elephant, Whale, and eagle, which depicts the might and power of the Fante people of Ghana. Arrive and first visit the Elmina Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Monument, the oldest and largest European structure built in sub-Saharan Africa. This was built by the Portuguese in 1482 and later used as an auction market for enslaved Africans for a comprehensive guided tour. See the slave dungeons and condemned cells where slaves who resisted were incarcerated and starved to death. After lunch, continue to visit Cape Coast Castle, which was initially started by the Swedes in 1652. It served as the headquarters and seat of the British colonial government until 1877. Go on a comprehensive tour of the Castle and the slave dungeons where enslaved Africans were incarcerated. Visit the negotiation hall where our ancestors were bargained for and sold. The rest of your afternoon is free for reflection on our visits to the infamous dungeons. Check into your Beach Resort in Elmina. (B, L)

October 10 – Elmina – Kakum

Depart to visit Kakum National Park. Take a walk on the forest Trails with countless trees of medicinal properties. Experience the Canopy Walk suspended 100 feet from the ground for a panoramic view of the flora and fauna of one of the remaining vestiges of the rain forest. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then go for your naming ceremony in a typical fishing village. Today, get immersed in the rich culture of Ghana as you get a unique opportunity to visit a nearby community and interact with the local people. Head to the countryside to witness the traditional way of life first-hand. Meet with the village chief and his elders and enjoy a special cultural performance. Receive a Ghanaian name as you participate in a naming ceremony and learn more about the village life as you take a stroll through the community. Chat with the friendly locals and observe as they go about their daily chores. Today's experience gives you an invaluable insight into the reality of West Africa's rural areas. Return to your Beach Resort in Elmina. (B, L)

October 11 – Cape Coast – Kumasi

Enjoy breakfast and check out of your resort. Today, you are on your way to the Ashanti Region, the land of ancient royalty and centuries-old traditions. Ancient Kumasi was the geographic meeting point of two powerful trading systems, the Sudanic Empire across the Sahara to the north and the gold-mining Kwaman forest region, which traded with Europeans. Named the Garden City for its tree-lined streets and public flower gardens, Kumasi is the second largest city in Ghana. This region has one of the richest gold mines in the world! Stop en route to Assin Manso Ancestral Slave River Park, which was one of



the largest slave markets during the infamous trans-Atlantic slave trade. It was the final link in the slavery route from northern to southern Ghana. The Ndonkor Nsuo (Slave River) is where the captives were oiled, fed, and bathed in the waters of their native land one last time. Continue your journey to Kumasi and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant there. After lunch, visit the Manhyia Palace Museum. The Manhyia Palace Museum was created within the old residence of Otumfuo Agyeman Prempeh I and Otumfuo Osei Agyeman Prempeh II, the thirteenth and fourteenth Kings of Asante, respectively. This historic building was rehabilitated in 1995 to serve as a museum. Visit the National Cultural Centre and Prempeh II Museum. This museum displays artifacts relating to the Ashanti King Prempeh II, including the king's war attire, ceremonial clothing, jewelry, protective amulets, personal equipment for bathing and dining, furniture, royal insignia, and some fine brass weights for weighing gold. Constructed to resemble an Ashanti chief's house, it has a courtyard in front and walls adorned with traditional carved symbols. Check into your hotel in Kumasi. (B, L)

October 12 – Akwasidae Festival & Ashanti Craft Villages

After breakfast, depart to participate in the celebration of the Akwasidae Festival. This festival falls on and is usually celebrated on a Sunday in Kumasi and other Akan-speaking communities that owe allegiance to the King of Ashanti. This is celebrated every 42 days. This is a colorful, scenic and unique event where people gather from afar, many in traditional costumes, come to greet their King on the throne at the royal court, and people bring gifts to pay homage to the King. Join the local folks and international visitors to celebrate the Akwasidae festival. This will offer you the opportunity to interact with the local chiefs dressed in colorful Traditional clothes. The Akans (the largest ethnic group in Ghana) annual calendar is divided into nine parts, each lasting approximately six weeks (42 traditional days). On this day, the Asantehene (King of Ashanti) meets his subjects and subordinate chiefs in the courtyard of the Manhyia Palace. The King holds a durbar on the occasion of the festival, and subjects have the opportunity to pay homage to him. Participants of the parade include drummers, folk dancers, horn-blowers, and praise singers paying homage to the ancestors. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Continue after lunch to visit a few Ashanti crafts villages including, Ahwiaa – the woodcarver's village specializing in woodcarving such as the Ashanti stools, fertility dolls and walking sticks and Ntonso - noted for its indigenous artisans whose expertise lies in Adinkra textile printing using traditional symbols that express the spiritual, moral, political and socio-cultural philosophies of the Akan people. In the Ntonso Adinkra village, you will be able to try your hand at creating your own designs. From here, we will visit Adanwomase, well known for the traditional Kente cloth weaving. Observe weavers exhibiting their skills in producing the clothes adorned, some of which are preserved for the Ashanti Kings. You can have lessons and try your hand at Kente weaving and Adinkra stamping using centuries-old methods. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy a sundown drink after you return to your hotel in Kumasi. (B, L)

October 13 – Kumasi – Accra

After breakfast, it is time to depart Kumasi and return to Accra. Stop en route at a village community along the Kumasi – Accra highway to interact with people in the community and experience a bit of the village lifestyle. Continue your journey to Accra. After you check into your room, you will have the rest of the day at leisure. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant after checking into your hotel in Accra. (B, D)

October 14 – Accra – Day at Leisure

You can explore the vibrant city at your own discretion today. You can choose to get a breath of fresh air on the beach, go downtown to hunt for souvenirs, or visit an art gallery. Stay overnight in Accra. (B)

October 15 – Depart and Return to the USA

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and some time for last-minute shopping this morning before transferring to the airport for your return. You may require an overnight stay at the gateway city. (B)

October 16 – Arrive Home



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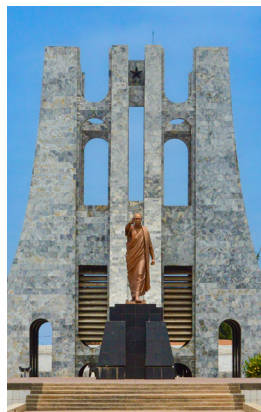
**Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing,
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Additional baggage & optional fees may apply;
see fine print for details

Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes
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**Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees,
Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees
Meals as Listed in the Itinerary,
Deluxe Motorcoaches
First-Class Hotels & much more!**

*See back for pricing details



TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please email completed form and passport copy to:

Departure City: _____ Departure Date: **10/06/25 (G)**

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)
 Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____
 Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F
 Dietary Restrictions: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
 How did you learn about this tour? _____

Guest 2: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)
 Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____
 Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F
 Dietary Restrictions: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
 How did you learn about this tour? _____

Roommate(s): _____

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited - \$698)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:	Guest 1:
1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.	<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.	
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).	Guest 2:
4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 06/23/25.	<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline

**\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION
 FINAL PAYMENT DUE 06/23/25**

via check # _____ via credit card (circle): **VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX**
 Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____
 Name on Card: _____ CVN: _____

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____

Guest 2 Signature: _____

Tour: AE25 Date: 100625 Code: G ID: _____ V.002 02/15/24

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates
 For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	..... \$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	..... \$299	\$4501 to \$5000	..... \$499	\$6501 to \$7000	..... \$699
\$1001 to \$1500	..... \$149	\$3001 to \$3500	..... \$349	\$5001 to \$5500	..... \$549	\$7001 to \$8000	..... \$799
\$1501 to \$2000	..... \$199	\$3501 to \$4000	..... \$399	\$5501 to \$6000	..... \$599	\$8001 to \$9000	..... \$899
\$2001 to \$2500	..... \$249	\$4001 to \$4500	..... \$449	\$6001 to \$6500	..... \$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	..... \$999

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit	Additional Cancellation Protection
Part A *		
Trip Cancellation	..... Trip Cost	When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Travel Services travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Travel Services website (www.etrustours.com). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.
Part B		
Trip Interruption	..... Trip Cost	
Missed Connection	..... \$500	
Travel Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$150 Per Day)	..... \$1,500	
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation		
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense	..... \$25,000	
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	..... \$50,000	
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	..... \$25,000	
Baggage and Personal Effects	..... \$1,000	
Baggage Delay	..... \$200	

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. For New York Residents Only. Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Travel Services at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first.), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency services of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (*in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Meals as Listed in the Itinerary • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges
- Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees
- Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$698 during the basic tour.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
Registration Deposit	\$300	At time of registration
Final Payment	Full payment	06/23/25 | If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Premium Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 06/23/25 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after June 23, 2025:

We welcome registrations after 06/23/25. Registrations received between 06/24/25-07/08/25 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 07/09/25-07/23/25 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 07/24/25 will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 06/23/25. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 08/15/24. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.