# SPAIN

DISCOVER THE SPIRITUAL
ROUTES OF THE NORTH
WITH SAN MARINO COMMUNITY CHURCH

# May 6-17, 2024

The English Way ~ The French Way ~ The Portuguese Way

# **Features**

- → Reflection time for spiritual reflection with friends of faith.
- Fellowship a focus of a journey together is to create time for shared experiences building community.
- ✦ Historical discovery northern Spain offers off the beaten path opportunities to understand this unique cross roads of history as European civilization developed.
- → Gastronomy and wine the centuries have deposited customs, crafts and recipes for delectable food and wine across these northern shores. The itinerary will allow for time each day to make your own discoveries (see Meals on Tour, page 2).

# Registration Link

www.travelgallery.com/smcc-spain



# Camino Real

The famous Camino Real (Pilgrim's Way) has long been an attraction for those seeking time for spiritual reflection. Few today are able to devout the weeks or months to cover the over 1000 kilometers from the French border to Santiago de Compostela. This tour provides you with the opportunity to discover select stops that would have been a part of each of the three Caminos: the English way, the French Way, and the Portuguese Way. The encounters with the Camino will be woven into the daily program creating a mix of natural reflection, European history, and local gastronomy.

Initially, the group will explore the northern Spanish shoreline, following the old Northern Way (also known as the English Way). This path takes us through fishing towns, along the shoreline, and into mountains and cities like Oviedo and Asturias.

In Santiago, in the Vigo area, we will encounter sections of the Portuguese Way, which was the traditional pilgrim route from Lisbon to Santiago.

In Burgos, Haro, and Leon, we will come across portions of the most popular route, the French Way. This provides an opportunity to learn about and experience the three most significant Camino routes, with most of our walking occurring during short tours of the towns we visit, such as Haro, Burgos, Leon, Santiago, and Vigo. During these tours, we'll explore notable landmarks, including cathedrals and other points of interest.

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# MEALS ON TOUR

Approach to meals on the tour. You will note that we have allowed for ample time to have a number of meals on your own, as a couple, or small groups. As you would expect there are occasions where a lunch or dinner must be pre-scheduled because of limited choices or timings in the itinerary plan. However, you will note that a feature of this custom crafted tour is that there will be many opportunities to discover the local cuisine on your own terms.

The selections of all restaurants are based on top local restaurants that the directors of Ole Spain Tours, Josu and Kitty, love to go, of course, not touristy ones, with a selection of regional traditional dishes.

The Boat ride is a boat excursion in the bay of Vigo and Rias Baixas where the most fresh mussels and local Albariño wine is served and included. It is not a traditional meal, it is more of an experience. Maybe someone does not like mussels or wine? If so, we will arrange for alternatives.

Once the registration list settles we will go ahead with all the meal reservations, sending details for each of the meals and the descriptions/options between meat or fish, etc. We will also ask you in advance to provide us other specifics as some in the group might have dietary restrictions, allergies, and vegetarians.

Day 1 Welcome dinner at the hotel in Haro

Day 2 Lunch at the Winery in Rioja

Day 3 Dinner in Gijon in local restaurant

Day 4 Free day for lunch and dinner on your own

Day 5 Dinner in Santiago at a local restaurant

Day 6 Lunch in a seafood restaurant in Finisterre

Day 7 Boat ride with Mussels and Galician wine

Day 8 Lunch at a local restaurant in Playa de Samil

Day 9: Lunch in restaurant at Ribeira Sacra

Day 10: Free day for lunch and dinner in Leon

Day 11: Dinner in a local restaurant in Segovia

Day 12 Farewell dinner in Segovia or Farewell dinner and flamenco show in Madrid

As you would expect all breakfasts will be included at the hotels.

To clarify, participants will walk each day, but the distances will be short, with time allocated for breakfast and sightseeing. The only "serious" walking day will be between Santiago and Finisterre. This route covers 90 kilometers, typically completed in 5 walking days and four nights by full-time pilgrims. However, our focus will be the final stage, from Cee to Finisterre, spans 16 kilometers and takes about 4 hours to walk, concluding at the Finisterre lighthouse.

We understand that there may be participants who wish to experience the entire 16 kilometers (4 hours) of this final stage, some who may opt for half (8 kilometers/2 hours), and others who might only be interested in the final section from the town to the lighthouse, which takes less than 2 hours. We are planning this journey with these varying preferences in mind. We will arrange a meeting in Finisterre and proceed together to the lighthouse, where the coach will await us before we enjoy lunch at a local seafood restaurant on the pier in the town, concluding our day before returning to Santiago.

Discovering history at a modern pace.

## Hotels / Overview

Day 1 - Hotel Los Agustinos in Haro

Day 2 - Hotel Los Agustinos in Haro

Day 3 - Hotel NH Gijon

Day 4 - Hotel NH Gijon

Day 5 - Gran Hotel Los Abetos

Day 6 - Gran Hotel Los Abetos

Day 7 - Hotel Ciudad de Vigo

Day 8 - Hotel Ciudad de Vigo

Day 9 - Hotel Exe Leon

Day 10 - Hotel Exe Leon

Day 11 - Plaza Acueducto in Segovia

Day 12 - Plaza Acueducto in Segovia

Note the tempo of the hotel stays allowing for easier exploration of each city and limited time in the coach.

#### **Tour Inclusions:**

- Transfers the tour begins and ends on the first and last day of the tour at the Madrid airport.
   For those arriving early or departing afterwards transfers are able to be arranged at an additional charge.
- 12 nights' accommodation in 4 stars hotels as noted (subject to final confirmation once group is fully formed.
- Daily Buffet Breakfast at the Hotels
- Lunches & Dinners, According to the program
- Motor Coach (deluxe) with professional licensed driver
- Spanish based tour director, bilingual Spanish and English
- Gratuities for driver and guide
- English Speaking Local Guides as needed
- Entrances fees according to the program
- Whispers headsets for the whole program
- Bus Services for the whole program
- Taxes (except daily Euro Bed tax as collected locally usually 1-2E per night)

#### **Excluded from Tour:**

- Lunches and Dinners not specifically mentioned.
- Transfer in Madrid when not traveling from/to the airport on start and end date with group.

#### Airfare: Not Included in the Land Tour

Estimated from \$1600-1750 per person. From past experience we anticipate that some of the group will desire to travel together as a group for the tour as outlined (minimum of 12 is needed).

As in the past, assistance will be offered for arranging upgraded seating or alternate air arrangements.

#### Action - What's Next?

- 1. Register
- 2. There are only 20 tour spaces.

The next action items are:

• We will advise you once the operating minimum is reached and the trip is a GO!

- **Airfare** (Group) requiring minimum of 12 passengers
  - **December 1, 2023** Deposit \$150 per person
  - **March 1, 2024** Balance
- **Land Tour** payments will be due:
  - December 1, 2023 \$1000.00
  - January 31, 2024 \$ 1500.00
  - March 1, 2024 Final Balance
- Cancellation terms outlined on web portal.
   Funds become non-refundable on payment due dates.



Custom Land Tour Pricing \$4912 per person, twin sharing

\$647 add for Single Occupancy

Price is based on 20 participants.

Airfare is priced separately

PASSPORT REQUIRED VALID SIX MONTHS BEYOND RETURN

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# SAN MARINO COMMUNITY CHURCH

# **THE GREEN SPAIN following the Camino**



# Day 1: Monday May 6th MADRID TO BURGOS AND LA RIOJA WINE REGION - Dinner

Upon arrival at Madrid airport, and after some time to enjoy some coffees in case of any flight arrival delays, the participants will head north of Madrid towards the mountains of Madrid first and the plateau of Castile before we arrive at the medieval city of Burgos, old capital of the ancient kingdom of Castile. A visit to its Cathedral, considered among the best Gothic Cathedrals in Europe and some leisure time for lunch before you continue to the neighbor province of La Rioja, where you will spend the first two nights at Hotel Los Agustinos in Haro, capital of the winemakers of Rioja and a remarkable medieval town.



Welcome dinner and overnight in Haro.

# Day 2: Tuesday May 7th LA RIOJA WINE REGION Wine Tasting in a Bodega & Lunch

This morning you will explore the highlights of La Rioja wine region, its picturesque towns and visit one of its best wine cellars with wine tasting and a lecture about its process before enjoying a traditional lunch. You will return to Haro where you will spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure to walk the medieval town and enjoy some tapas for dinner on your own. Overnight stay in Haro.



# Day 3: Wednesday May 8th LA RIOJA- BILBAO & THE BASQUE COUNTRY- THE GREEN SPAIN TO ASTURIAS-Dinner

Leaving behind La Rioja, shortly you will step in the Basque region and traditions. Bilbao is one of the three main cities and capital of the Bizkaia province; it is also the largest one with most population. It used to be the capital of the



Basque industry mainly focused on steel, but recently and after a large crisis it became the best example of progress and development. Its main symbol of this transformation is the Guggenheim Museum, built over twenty years ago by Frank Gehry at the riverbanks. You will visit the building outside and inside to enjoy its exhibitions before walking the Old Bilbao with its traditional markets, its Plaza Mayor and its streets around the Cathedral where you will try the traditional pintxos and local txakoli wines at the many taverns you will find on each block on your own.

After this experience you will depart along the Coast towards the region of Cantabria before you arrive at Asturias, considered a natural paradise itself, located between the longest National Park in Europe, the Picos de Picos de Europa National Park; and the Cantabrian Sea, with amazing fishman towns, cliffs and the wildest beaches and nature. Asturias was also the oldest Christian Kingdom in the peninsula, where during the VIII century started the Reconquest against the Muslims.



Dinner and overnight stay in Gijon, the second most important city, a beach resort city that grew around a wonderful bay and the beach of San Lorenzo.

#### Day 4: Thursday May 9th ASTURIAS Natural Paradise

Enjoy a walking tour this morning and have the rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the wonders of its towns and some rest at the beach. Overnight stay.



#### Day 5: Friday May 10th ASTURIAS TO GALICIA – CANTABRIAN SEA – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA Dinner

Back on the road again, you will follow the Cantabrian Sea shoreline and stop for lunch on your own in some of the fishman towns on your way to Galician region and Santiago de Compostela. You will arrive in Santiago in the early afternoon and enjoy a walking tour including the visit of the Cathedral of Santiago, final destination of today's pilgrims ending at a local restaurant for dinner. Overnight stay in Santiago de Compostela.



**Santiago de Compostela** is the capital of the region of Galicia and the final destination for today's pilgrims, after this ancient medieval route became popular again. It was during the Middle Ages when the first pilgrims started coming to Santiago from all over Europe, when Jerusalem or Rome where impossible for pilgrims due to wars and pirates.

Santiago became the main pilgrimage center in Europe from the 9th's up to the 15th hundreds, where they came looking for indulgences for their sins. The legend said that the relics of St James were discovered by an eremite in the mountains when he saw a star rain into one of the fiords near Santiago. He presented this relic to the bishop in that time, and they started building a temple that became popular after the Arab invasion of the peninsula in the year 711. Since that moment, knights and pilgrims started coming to Santiago and founded cities along the way. Pilgrims started writing about the Camino (The Way) and about the places they stopped to visit.

A great example is the Codex Calixtinus; it is considered the first travel guidebook (our Lonely Planet). In the Middle Ages there were no reason to travel, tourists did not exist and the only travelers where pilgrims or soldiers.... Santiago is a different city, as it is not a city to build a cathedral but is a Cathedral that built the city around it.

#### Day 6: Saturday May 11th WALKING TO FINIS TERRAE The Lands' End Lunch

Before the tomb of St James was discovered in the early Middle Ages, the first habitants who arrived at this region, in the time of the Celtics, they were always wondering where the further sunset point in Europe was. They came following the Milky Way and the Atlantic coast until they arrived at what they considered the Lands' End, the Finis-Terrae. Later when the Camino became the most important middle-aged pilgrims' center, over Rome or Jerusalem, they also consider Finisterre as the final stage of their pilgrimage. Finisterre today is located over an hour driving west from Santiago, and four days walking.



We will select the best part of those four days to walk as pilgrims today ending at the lighthouse of Finisterre on top of the cliffs and overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. You will enjoy a local seafood lunch at a traditional *Marisqueria* (local seafood restaurant) at the port of this beautiful town before return to Santiago de Compostela where you will enjoy this afternoon and evening on your own.

Overnight stay in Santiago de Compostela,



#### Day 7: Sunday May 12th THE RIAS BAIXAS & VIGO Boat ride excursion and Lunch

Still in Galician region, you will leave Santiago de Compostela and head south towards the Rias Baixas, world seafood capital and famous for its Albariño white wines and the beauty of the coast and its laughs/fiords. You will enjoy a boat ride to visit its mussel factories on its laughs, enjoy lunch and continue to Vigo, capital of the Rias Baixas with a unique atmosphere and city life in the heart of the city where is located your hotel.



Overnight stay in Vigo.

Day 8: Monday May 13th VIGO & THE ATLANTIC Lunch



Morning sightseeing ending at Samil beach (Playa de Samil) where you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in front of the beach. You will enjoy Vigo and its surroundings and the afternoon you will have time on your own to explore the city of to enjoy some beach time at the Playa de Samil, or take an boat excursion to the Islas Cies (Cies Islands).

# Day 9: Tuesday May 14th VIGO, THE RIBEIRA SACRA TO LEON Ribeiro Wines at the Ribera Sacra & Lunch

One of the hidden corners in Galicia is known as Ribera Sacra, where the riverbanks are surrounded by vineyards of Ribeiro wine, medieval towns and lost monasteries in the mountains. You will stop to visit this area and learn about the Ribeiro wine and landscape and enjoy a traditional lunch before heading towards the city of Leon. Check in at your hotel in Leon and leisure time for enjoying some of the traditional taverns and tapas on your own. Overnight stay in Leon.



# Day 10: Wednesday May 15th LEON

Morning walking tour includes the visit of the Monastery of San Isidro that holds the oldest Romanesque frescoes at

the Pantheon of the Kings of Leon, considered the Sixtin Chapel of the Romanesque Art that are located below the cloister where the ancient kings of Leon founded the first Parliament in Europe. Pilgrims on their way to Santiago stopped in Leon to pray and visit the relics of San Isidoro, a wise man in the V century in Seville which relics where given to the Kings of Leon by the Muslim kings of Seville to be venerated. Also, the Monastery exhibits the Chalice of Doña Urraca considered the one used by Jesus. Leon has also its Cathedral that is worth to visit, that probably is the most beautiful one in Spain for its lines and specially for its stained-glass works, especially during the afternoon.



Leon is another interesting city of the way to Santiago, a main pilgrimage stop, that has a lot of ambience in its old quarter, Barrio Humedo, with wonderful local taverns and restaurants and an outstanding Plaza Mayor to "get lost" and wander around this afternoon.

Overnight stay in Leon.



#### Day 11: Thursday May 16th LEON- VALLADOLID- RIBERA DEL DUERO- SEGOVIA

Heading back to the plains of Castile across the Douro River, you will continue along this Castle land to the medieval city of Segovia. Upon arrival you will have some time for leisure and eat on your own. This afternoon you will enjoy a walking tour that includes the visit of the Alcazar fortress and end up at a local restaurant for dinner. Overnight stay in Segovia.



## Day 12: Friday May 17th SEGOVIA

This day you will be able to enjoy Segovia or take an optional excursion to visit Madrid or the Monastery of El Escorial or other great options. In case you will decide to go to Madrid we will suggest some leisure time for shopping and lunch on your own, an afternoon visit to the Prado Museum, a flamenco show with farewell dinner and return to Segovia for overnight.



Another alternative will be a half day excursion to Madrid to visit the Prado, lunch and shopping on your own, return to Segovia and enjoy a farewell dinner in Segovia, that sounds excellent too.

But staying in Segovia, enjoying some walks and leisure time, having some drinks under the Roman Aqueduct or enjoying some taverns as Jose Maria are great options too, that could finish at the end of the day with a farewell dinner in Segovia.

## Day 13: Saturday May 18th SEGOVIA TO MADRID Airport

Early morning transfer to Madrid airport to catch your return flight back home, take other flights to other European cities or enjoy some extension trips to the South of Spain (Granada, Cordoba, Seville) or Barcelona.

#### **End of services**

# San Marino Community Church Spanish Reflective Discovery Tour Program Terms & Conditions

**Special Note:** The tour package price is subject to change until the group size is determined based on the number of people at the time of final payment. Current pricing is based on minimum group size of 20. Based on previous interest we look forward to full enrollment and fixing the group size as soon as possible.

**GROUP AIR SCHEDULE** - Available 11 months prior

## FINANCE - DEPOSITS, PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Date	Amount	Terms
Deposit - Tour	\$1000	Non-refundable on November 15, 2023
Deposit - Group Air	\$150	Non-refundable after November 15, 2023
Tour Payment	\$1500	Non-refundable after January 31, 2024
Final Payment Group Air	Balance	Non-refundable after March 1, 2024
Final Payment Tour	Balance	Non-refundable after March 1, 2024

Additional Payments may be made at any time. All prices reflect a discount for cash/check. American Express, Discover, Master Card, and Visa are accepted for all payment subject to a bank service charges.

**FINANCE – REFUNDS:** Travel Gallery, Inc. will be under no obligation to make any refunds if:

- Clients amend their itineraries after departure.
- Clients do not utilize all services and arrangements or part thereof during the tour.
- Circumstances necessitate alternative arrangements made to ensure the safety and/or further participation and enjoyment of the Tour Program.
- Voluntary cancellations due to political instability, acts of terrorism, government intervention or US State Department warning will be subject to the above fees, provided the program is deemed able to continue. Should the operator elect to cancel this tour for any of these reasons, every effort will be made to obtain refunds from suppliers (e.g. airlines, hotels, cruises), however we cannot provide guarantees on their behalf.

**AIRLINES**: Airline schedules and flights are subject to change without notice. Travel Gallery, Inc. or their suppliers are not responsible for penalties incurred for tickets not issued by Travel Gallery or their suppliers due to schedule and/or flight changes. Please note that airline security requires all passengers to check in at the airport three hours prior to departure.

**AIRFARE:** On the <u>international airfare</u> the taxes and fuel surcharges are not guaranteed on group or individual fares until ticketed. Taxes on air tickets are subject to change until ticketing. A new twist instituted in recent years has been the inclusion of the "fuel surcharge" into the tax total. This means that the typical fuel surcharge of \$150-400 each direction may be changed up until ticketing just like

the taxes. While the fuel surcharge has stayed constant for a few months now, the potential for a change is still a reality both for group and individual fares.

If you are NOT utilizing the group air provided with the program, you will be responsible for all change fees, cancellation fees, mileage ticket change fees, mileage re-deposit fees or expenses of any kind should there be any changes to the dates or arrangements in the tour/cruise itinerary for any reason. These fees may be covered by insurance--a call to them would clarify available coverage. DO NOT MAKE THESE ALTERNATE AIR ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL THE TOUR HAS REACHED THE OPERATING MINIMUM.

**AIRLINE SEAT ASSIGNMENTS**: These will be made as a group block as determined by the airline. Those passengers requiring special assistance must notify us at the time of deposit.

**AIRLINE LUGGAGE:** Airline luggage guidelines allow one piece of luggage per person and one carry-on bag. These are also the guidelines for the tour company. Excess or oversized luggage may be subject to additional charges by airlines and payable by the individual tour member. Carry-on baggage is limited per rules of the air carrier. You will be advised of applicable limits prior to the trip.

AIRLINE FREQUENT FLIER MILEAGE: Sometimes the group airline fares allow for the accrual of frequent flier mileage programs directly with the carrier flown or on a participating carrier. Travel Gallery, Inc. will inform the group leaders if the fare allows for such mileage accrual. It is then the responsibility of the individual traveler to follow program rules for earning mileage and tracking accrual. We suggest the individual traveler contact the carrier once tickets are issued to add the frequent flier number, saving all boarding passes and passenger receipts. If documentation is requested after travel for lost passenger receipts Travel Gallery, Inc. will charge a processing fee at \$59 per hour.

**COACH CHARTERS**: The group will use charter coaches with air conditioning for the program as listed. (Use of the coach will be exclusive if the tour participation reaches 40 passengers.)

HEALTH CONSIDERATION, CURRENTLY UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE OR THOSE WITH A DISABILITIES: THIS PROGRAM INVOLVES CONSIDERABLE WALKING, AND PERSONS SHOULD BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION – this means capable of boarding a motorcoach many times each day and able to walk at a normal pace approximately 2-3 miles per day. Tour participants currently <u>under a doctor's care</u> or those <u>with a disability</u> are requested to notify us in writing at the time of deposit concerning all conditions such as (but not limited to) pregnancy, food allergies, chronic pain, nausea, motion sickness, mental illness, claustrophobia, heart conditions, sleep apnea, difficulty with walking, climbing stairs, considering a hip or knee replacement, heavy doses of medication or any condition that would affect full participation in the program. Travelers may be requested to provide a letter from a physician explaining the condition. In the best interest of the group, Travel Gallery, Inc. as you can understand must reserve the right to determine the fitness of participants for a trip of this magnitude and level of difficulty.

Additionally, tour participants requiring any special need or form of assistance (whether officially or unofficially a disability) are requested to notify us in writing at the time of deposit. Many ground conditions are not comparable with U.S. standards for accessibility. While these conditions are beyond our control and could severely impact your tour experience, it is our goal to communicate in advance what parts of the program will be impacted by your special need. It may be necessary for individuals with special needs to be accompanied by an individual who is responsible for providing those services. Tour managers, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel, or ship personnel are not able to provide such assistance. Due to space limitations, wheelchairs and walkers cannot be taken aboard motor coaches, but can be stored under the coach, space permitting. In the best interest of the group, Travel Gallery, Inc. as you can understand must reserve the right to determine the fitness of participants for a trip of this magnitude and level of difficulty. If it is determined that your ability to walk and keep up with the group is limited and holding the group back, we reserve the right to offer a separate tour guide to conduct the tour at your pace and this will be at your personal expense.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** All rooms are standard twin-bedded (two single beds) rooms with private facilities, unless you have specifically requested and paid for an upgraded room category. Special requests such as bed types, smoking preference and connecting rooms are subject to availability. Room selection in all cases, unless otherwise reserved, is strictly at the discretion of the hotel's management on a run-of-house basis. Additional charges apply for single rooms. Rooms for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> persons are not a standard in Europe.

The number of single rooms is limited on this tour and are often smaller than a standard room size. The number of persons accommodated does not dictate the room size. Although available at most 4 and 5 star hotels, use of air-conditioning abroad differs greatly from the United States. Many European hotels were built before central air-conditioning was introduced.

## **INFORMATION AND DEADLINES:**

The processing of information for such a large group takes considerable time. One of the biggest challenges is the submission of details late. Key dates have been laid out for submission of reports to suppliers and government agencies. Late fees will apply. Note the key dates listed in the terms and conditions are for the group submission to the Travel Gallery, Inc. office.

**INCLUDED:** The inclusive land program services include hotel accommodations (priced on a twin/double occupancy basis, with a supplement for single occupancy which is limited to a set inventory by the hotel), inclusive of service and tax, ground transportation (as outlined) via private air conditioned coach, airport transfers are arranged to match individual arrangements and are billed separately.

**NOT INCLUDED**: Items of personal nature such as laundry, mineral water, beverages and food other than the table d'hote menu. Optional tours and admission fees to other tour sites not mentioned, meals not specifically mentioned in the itinerary, additional transportation not outlined in the itinerary, and other items, e.g. laundry, personal items, and incidentals. Voluntary non-usage of any service is non-refundable and non-exchangeable.

**INJURY OR LIMITATION:** Individuals, who sustain an injury or are obviously limited in ability to participate in the tour, may be excluded from any tour activity by the Travel Gallery, Inc. tour director if he or she deems it necessary for the effectiveness of the overall tour or safety of the individual or group.

**INSURANCE:** Travel Gallery, Inc. and its suppliers cannot be responsible or liable for loss, damage or theft of personal luggage and belongings, nor can we be liable for personal injury, accident or illness. With international travel there is a chance of delay. Travel Gallery, Inc. does not cover for trip delays. With changing airlines rules you should plan that the airline does NOT cover or reimburse for travel delays either. Unforeseen service disruptions, such as those caused by weather or worker strikes, are also outside the purview of this agreement. Travel delay is a benefit of travel insurance.

In most foreign countries, insurance coverage of personal injury, accident or illness is not available on the basis of U. S. standards. Travel Gallery and its affiliates or employees, cannot under any circumstances, accept liability for the failure of hotels, agencies, or other organizations to provide services reserved for you.

Therefore, we <u>strongly</u> recommend the purchase of travel insurance. Be sure to review policy limitations on COVID-19 and other public health challenges on coverage, quarantine or cancellations due to vendor or government mandates and/or requirements. Individuals who are not permanent residents of the U.S. will need to buy travel insurance issued in their country of residency. Travel Gallery Inc. offers several travel insurance vendors, please ask us for a quotation.

**MEALS ON TOUR**: Meals are specified in the itinerary and are based on the hotels or restaurant's buffet or set menu. Voluntary non-usage of meals is non-refundable and non-exchangeable. Persons with food allergies or dietary restrictions must notify us at the time of booking and will be advised if the tour can accommodate the request.

**PASSENGER AGREEMENT:** The ground tour operator may require all passengers to complete a Passenger Agreement prior to travel and, by so doing, formally accept ground operator's Travel's Terms & Conditions.

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS**: Passengers are responsible for ensuring that they have the proper travel documents. Passports must be valid six months beyond return are required.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE:** Travel Gallery and Ground operator may take photographs or video of its trips and trip participants grant Travel Gallery and ground operator permission to do so and for it to use same for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant.

**SIGHTSEING & ITINERARY:** Times listed in itineraries are approximate and meant only as guidelines. Some itineraries may have early morning start times for sightseeing in order to complete the touring during daylight hours or avoid afternoon heat in tropical and desert climates. It is your responsibility to arrive on time for all scheduled flight and package components. Arriving late may

be considered a "no-show", in which case you will not be eligible for refund for the unused service(s).

Ground operator imposes mandatory motorcoach seat rotation with no exception. Some buses are equipped with toilet facility, however they are strictly intended for emergency use only. On dates including, but not limited to religious holidays and national celebrations, some monuments and sites may be closed. On these occasions, touring itineraries may be amended to reflect these closures. Occasionally, during holidays and certain periods, and/or due to unforeseen circumstances including weather conditions there may be last-minute changes, sometimes after arrival, in affecting the sequence of the tour, locations visited and/or hotels. Therefore, we reserve the right to adjust the sequence and/or substitute any hotels with others of similar category. In such cases there will be no cost adjustment. National monuments and tourist sites regularly undergo renovations, which can obscure the monument's view. No tour will be canceled due to renovations, however ground operator will decide based on the conditions whether to amend an itinerary.

**TIPPING:** Guide and Driver gratuities are included for tours outlined in itinerary.

**TOUR GUIDES:** English-speaking guides (one per bus) are provided for entire itinerary as listed.

**TRANSFERS:** Transfers are provided as indicated for each tour by car, minibus, or motor coach. If you purchase a land-only tour, or if you deviate from the arrival and/or departure dates as stated in the itinerary, you will have the option to add transfer services to your reservation. Your arrival transfer is guaranteed for up to one hour from your scheduled arrival time in order to compensate for minor delays. Tour Company or the transfer company will not be responsible for flight delays, for any reason, beyond one hour from your originally scheduled arrival time. In case of a delay, whether due to flight delay, immigration and customs, or time spent reporting baggage damage or loss, it will be your responsibility to make other transfer arrangements such as a taxi.

**VALIDITY**: Due to the international components of this trip, all prices are subject to change until final payment. Special Notes: The airline tax and fuel surcharge, visa fees and currency exchanges are not guaranteed until time of ticketing. All package prices provided more than 12 months in advance are subject to final quotation 11 months prior to departure, and subject to currency fluctuations until final payment. Itinerary is subject to revision and rerouting at the discretion of Travel Gallery and or land operator to conform to local conditions.

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Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions, if any, of the contact for transportation or travel services, all sums paid to Travel Gallery for services not received by you will be promptly refunded by Travel Gallery to you unless you otherwise advise Travel Gallery in writing.

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#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS - END**

December 21, 2023



