Flavors of Sicily
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No other part of Italy embraces you as warmly and feeds you as well as Sicily. We invite you to explore the many layers of the island’s history, its delectable cuisine and vintages, and its engaging culture. Visit Sicily’s many marvelous sites, admire her stunning vistas, and relax and rejuvenate in your stately accommodations.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

What could be more inspiring than a journey to Sicily highlighted by visits to renowned archaeological sites, delicious cuisine and wine, and a fabulous private villa selected as our home base?

This comprehensive program will provide an intimate, immersive approach to an authentic cultural and culinary experience. We’ll converse with winemakers whose vineyards thrive on the flanks of Mount Etna and enjoy their boutique wines paired with savory antipasti.

The beautiful landscapes of Sicily are populated by the spirits of ancient Greeks and the Romans who found paradise on this island. Excellent guides will lead us on many memorable discoveries of Sicily’s celebrated past.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.
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Sincerely,

Tricia Essenpries
Director, Business Development

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Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 6/7/2022
Program Highlights:

- With your small group (maximum 22 guests), enjoy seven nights in the luxury and elegance of your private villa, Don Arcangelo all'Olmo.

- Work side-by-side in the kitchens of distinguished chefs, learning time-tested techniques and modern twists with ingredients grown in the mineral-rich, volcanic soil of Mount Etna’s fertile lowlands.

- Spend time exploring the coastal towns of Taormina and Siracusa—including a stop at a local outdoor market.

- Visit Benanti, a family-owned boutique winery with a strong international focus, and winner of over 80 awards since 1994.

- Stop by the award-winning Planeta winery for a tasting and lunch.

- Visit Sicily’s archaeological masterpieces—the ancient theatres of Taormina and Siracusa, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Villa Romana del Casale mosaics in Piazza Armerina.

- Explore Mount Etna, a natural marvel and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- Day after day, experience the fusion of tradition and modernity, and see for yourself how Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, German, French, and Spanish influences have formed this magnificent island of fertility.

- **What’s included:** 7 nights accommodations; a special welcome reception, 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine; all lessons, private tours, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary; private motor coach transportation; luggage porterage; gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
Itinerary:

Day 1: En Route from U.S.
Friday, May 12, 2023

Day 2: Arrive Catania, Sicily / Giarre
Saturday, May 13, 2023
Settle in at Don Arcangelo all’Olmo, an enchanting villa featuring lush gardens and views of Mount Etna. Explore the property before becoming acquainted with your travel companions during dinner served with Sicilian wines and specialties of the region.
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (R,D)

Day 3: Taormina
Sunday, May 14, 2023
Spend the day touring Taormina, an idyllic town perched on a rocky hillside. With your local guide, delight in exploring the town’s network of winding streets and ancient Greek theatre—one of Sicily’s most picturesque and well-preserved. Charming streets open to stunning panoramas of popular beaches, the warm Ionian Sea, and snow-capped Mount Etna. This afternoon, stroll down the pedestrian-only Corso Umberto with leisure time to discover the lively shops and restaurants.
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,D)

Day 4: Piazza Armerina
Monday, May 15, 2023
Today visit Sicily’s archaeological masterpiece and UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Villa Romana del Casale. During a guided tour, explore the famous 4th-century site that offers the best preserved and most extensive examples of Roman mosaics in the world. The villa offers a glimpse into a wealthy Sicilian family’s lifestyle from centuries past.
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,L,D)

Day 5: Viagrande / Catania
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
This morning, browse the colorful and culture-rich outdoor street market in nearby Catania, a local tradition dating back to the 9th century. Then venture to Benanti, an award-winning winery, for a unique cooking lesson followed by a vineyard tour and wine tasting.
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,L,D)

Day 6: Siracusa / Ortigia
Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Welcome to the historic city of Siracusa, a 2,700-year-old fortified seaport founded by Greek Corinthians and Teneans. During the Athenian Empire, Siracusa rivaled Athens in size and importance. Cicero described Siracusa as the greatest and most beautiful of the Greek city-states. As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it features many structures dating back to the 5th century B.C. Visit the storied island of Ortigia, the heart of the ancient city. See the massive Greek theater as well as the “Ear of Dionysius”—the famous stone quarry nearby. In the old city, the kaleidoscopic markets overflow with local seafood, dairy, meat, and succulent produce, such as ruby-red tomatoes, tender figs, and dark green capers.

Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,D)

Day 7: Mount Etna
Thursday, May 18, 2023
Today you can opt to visit Sicily’s greatest natural attraction, Mount Etna—another UNESCO World Heritage Site and the highest active volcano in Europe. Lovingly known locally as "The Etna," at almost 11,000 feet, it has four craters at the summit and more than 300 vents on the flanks. Marvel at its enormity as you take in its unique, dominant features and view the destruction of previous eruptions and lava flows.

Guests opting to relax at the villa in the morning instead of taking part in the high-elevation hike up to 9,580 feet can rejoin the group in the afternoon for a wine tasting and delicious lunch at award-winning Planeta winery. Here, focus on how the cultivation of the ancient fertile land around Mount Etna influences the wine.

Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,L,D)

Day 8: Taormina
Friday, May 19, 2023
After a leisurely morning, travel to Villa Britannia to experience a hands-on cooking class of traditional Sicilian fare with a celebrated chef who selects only locally grown, hand-picked ingredients to concoct a unique menu for the group. You’ll have an opportunity to create a variety of mouth-watering dishes made from the freshest ingredients chosen daily. These might include: marinated prawns, caponata, pasta alla Norma, seafood risotto, zuppa di pesce, veal rolls, chicken alla cacciatore, and desserts, such as Sicilian cassata, tiramisu, and crespelle.

Following cooking class, enjoy a farewell luncheon and wine pairing at Villa Britannia on the terrace with views of the sea and Taormina. Celebrate capping off a fabulous week of new
memories and adventures.

Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,L,D)

Day 9: Giarre / Catania / Depart for U.S.
Saturday, May 20, 2023
After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

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

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Activity Level:
Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests on this program can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and can walk up and down hillsides and stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited. Also, dexterity to use kitchen tools and participate in lessons is not necessary, but adds to the enjoyment of this program.

What’s Included:

- 7 nights accommodations at Don Arcangelo all’Olmo villa (or similar)
- A special welcome reception, 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- Full services of an Orbridge Travel Director in addition to expert local guides
• All private tours and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary

• Intimate cooking classes with celebrated chefs

• In-depth, guided exploration of Sicily’s main attractions—Taormina, Mount Etna, Villa Romana del Casale, Siracusa, and Ortigia

• Private motor coach transportation

• Luggage porterage

• Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals

• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Your Guide(s):

**Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host**

As you explore the region’s culinary and cultural flavors, an Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure’s appreciation of food and wine, a local’s knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado’s ability to enrich the beauty of all senses to your discoveries.

Whether at a wine tasting, visiting with locals, sightseeing, or raising a glass with you over an exquisitely crafted meal, the contribution of your Travel Director is essential to the intimate and educational qualities that distinguish this program. Catch their enthusiasm and explore the flavors of this wonderful region with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.
Don Arcangelo all’Olmo

May 13 - May 19

Don Arcangelo all’Olmo, lovingly known as L’Olmo, is a Think Exquisite villa from the award-winning villa company, The Thinking Traveller, and it sits serenely between Mount Etna and the Ionian Sea. Once a farm building on a wine-producing estate, the property was painstakingly restored to create the grand villa that exists today.

Guests will experience authentic Sicilian hospitality with true personal attention, as the villa is exclusive for our small group.

Property Amenities: Fine dining that features locally sourced ingredients, complimentary Wi-Fi, large sitting area with open fireplace, televisions in the living area of the main house and in the Casa all’Olmo, outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, colorful gardens, and fitness room.

Classic Double: Impeccably designed for comfort, these rooms are located in Casa all’Olmo—a superbly restored farm house next to the main building.

Deluxe Double: Spacious and bright, these classically appointed rooms are in Casale, the main building.

Room Amenities: Air conditioning, complimentary Wi-Fi, iPod docking station, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

NOTE: This property does not have an elevator.

(Accommodations subject to change.)
What Guests Are Saying:

“Never having done any group travel before, I didn’t really have clear expectations—but whatever they were, the trip more than exceeded them. Perfect organization, lodging, scheduling—wonderful leadership, and a great group of participants. The program highlights, for me, were our travel director, the really fun group of folks, the property, and the cooking classes.”

–Bruce B., Los Angeles, CA

“Even though we knew the itinerary and location, we were awed by everything experienced. Our travel director was delightful and clever and very friendly and attentive. She made the trip in every way.”

–Charles & Ann S., Winter Park, FL

“Our travel director was fantastic. She was so accommodating about everything. We thought she was over the top. All of the local guides were well-spoken, informed and pleasant.”

–Barbara L., Highland Park, IL

“Our travel director was truly wonderful and we were so happy to have her on the trip. She was always very aware of our group and making sure everyone was included and that their needs were being met. As the week went on, she felt like another member of our group, participating in our conversations, answering our questions, and it was very enjoyable. She knows a lot about Sicily, but was also able to engage in really interesting conversations about Italian culture vs. American culture vs. other countries' cultures that were incredibly interesting.

I went on this trip with my family and 89-year-old grandmother and we all loved the itinerary (which is a challenge because it needed to appeal to people in their 20's through late 80's). We really enjoyed all of the tours, cooking classes, and vineyard visits.”

–Alyssa F., Pepper Pike, OH

“We thought the program was an incredible value! We typically have traveled internationally very independently, doing our own research, renting a villa and
renting a car. We never could have experienced the things we did on this tour if we had planned it ourselves—for financial reasons as well as logistics (e.g., being able to cover as much ground if we also had to do the driving). Given the range of activities and the number of professionals involved, we marvel at how you're able to offer such a trip so economically for the value!

We also loved the personal nature of the small group, which made it very enjoyable for everyone to get to know each other.”

–Joyce G., Alexandria, VA
Optional Post-Tour:

PALERMO

Enjoy Sicily’s fascinating and bustling capital, Palermo. The city, more than 2,700 years old, is rich in history, culture, art, music, and gourmet cuisine. Also visit the seaside village of Cefalù—home to just 14,000 residents and one of the most popular attractions near Palermo.

Itinerary:

Day 9: Depart Taormina / Cefalù / Arrive Palermo
Saturday, May 20, 2023
After departing Taormina, delight in a splendid lunch followed by guided sightseeing in Cefalù before arriving in Palermo.

Named for the massive hill and rock formations rising above town, Cefalù is famous for its cozy beaches, picturesque harbor, and Duomo (cathedral) built in 1131 by Roger II. Legend has it, he built the cathedral to thank the gods for saving him when he was lost at sea during a storm.

The town is also known for its various Greek ruins and delightful streets lined with colorful shops. Cefalù is home to just 14,000 residents, however it remains one of the most popular attractions near Palermo. Some of the original structures of the town are still visible, including an unusual edifice built of limestone blocks that appears to have been a palace or residence—and is the island’s only example of this style of masonry, which is typically found
in Central Italy.

Enter the imposing Arab-Norman Cathedral, listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It's characterized by the splendid mosaic of Christ Pantocrator.

This evening, enjoy dinner at leisure and time to relax at the property.
*Overnight: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa (L)*

**Day 10: Palermo**  
**Sunday, May 21, 2023**  
Following breakfast, join the local guide and embark on a walking tour of the city center. Founded more than 2,700 years ago in a basin formed by three rivers, Palermo is surrounded by mountains and has been influenced by everyone from the Phoenicians to the Romans and Byzantines. Famous for its citrus groves, beautiful ancient churches, outdoor markets, and narrow medieval streets, this delightful city combines well-preserved historical sites, friendly locals, and delicious cuisine to provide a memorable experience.

Enter the amazing Royal Palace of Palermo, the Norman Palace. It was the seat of the Kings of Sicily during the Norman domination and served afterwards as the main seat of power for the subsequent rulers of Sicily. On the second floor is the well-known Cappella Palatina, the royal chapel of the Norman kings dedicated to Saint Peter and Paul. The mosaic created for Ruggero II in the XII century represents a vivid example of Byzantine art.

Next, meet a local artisan who has made puppets for generations and learn about opera dei pupi—a marionette theatrical representation of Frankish romantic poems that is one of the characteristic cultural traditions of Sicily—as well as an intangible world cultural heritage.

Cap off the morning with a food tour in the Ballarò market, the best way to experience Palermo’s culture, and get to know local people and cuisine.

In the afternoon, learn about a movement for the promotion of a virtuous and Mafia-free economy. Discover how this association was born and how it is changing life in Sicily from the bottom up. Set out on a special “No Mafia Tour” through the alleys of the historic center, encountering the places in the fight against the Mafia.

The evening is at leisure.  
*Overnight: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa (B,L)*

**Day 11: Palermo / Depart for U.S.**
Monday, May 22, 2023
In the morning, guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary group transfer to the airport for flights home. *(B)*

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch

*This post-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Travel Director. 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.)

**Activity Level:**

**Moderate**

Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and can walk up and down hillsides and stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited.
Accommodations:

Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

May 20 - May 21

Rich in charm and beauty, the Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa is located within walking distance from Palermo’s main attractions. A conglomeration of three historic buildings, see the property’s panoramic roof garden, its ancient cloister used as a venue for concerts and other events, and the frescoed salons. Guest rooms are large with hardwood floors and furnishings blending tradition with contemporary flair.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, LCD TV, phone, coffee and tea maker, minibar, safe, slippers, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

What's Included:

- Group transfer to Palermo
- 2 nights accommodations at Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa (or similar)
- 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Guided sightseeing of Palermo and Cefalù, including entrance fees
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times
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MAY 12, 2023 — MAY 20, 2023

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# _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $ _________

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Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________
Terms and Conditions

THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022.

Note: Travel credits and transfers are subject to the Terms and Conditions agreed upon at the time of the original reservation.

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This Agreement includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. Any payment to Orbridge, including but not limited to deposits or full payments, constitutes your acknowledgement of, and agreement to, this Terms and Conditions, Release and Binding Arbitration Agreement Orbridge set forth below and in subsequent tour documents.

Limitation of Responsibility, Orbridge LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, “Orbridge”), does not own or operate any entity that provides 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 LLC” or “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 (collectively, “losses”) 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, 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, pandemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

Rates. Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares and costs (air, water, land, rail), tariffs and currency values. While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, they are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge. In the case of invoicing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with the correct pricing.

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: (1) $850 per person per program and $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour; (2) a non-refundable $1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Wildlife Safari’s Rwanda pre-tour. Deposits are payable by check, automated clearing house (“ACH”), wire transfer or major credit card.

Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer, and is due for: (1) all programs except Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 90 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date; (2) Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 195 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date.

If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program’s scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer.

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 Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be processed as follows:

(a) For all programs except those noted in (b) and (c), if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 90 calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(b) For Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 195 calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 195 and 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 149 and 120 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 119 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(c) All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari’s Rwanda pre-tour are non-refundable at all times.
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, will 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 emergency medical evacuation insurance and cancel for any reason insurance. Travel and cancellation insurance policies and dates by which policies must be purchased vary by provider/insurer, maximum coverage (including cancel for any reason) is generally only available for purchase within 14 days of your reservation being confirmed. It is advised to determine your insurance needs and make necessary arrangements soon after reserving on tour. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us.

**Program Cancellations or Postponements.** All programs are subject to cancellation or postponement by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for reasons such as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge’s sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation or postponement by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join the same tour on a different date or a different tour. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference within 30 days of the alternative program’s departure date. If it is higher than your original booking price, Orbridge will invoice you the difference and you will be responsible therefor. Transferred guests are subject to the terms of the original tour. Except for force majeure, if a program is cancelled or postponed by Orbridge, Orbridge will refund all payments made within 30 calendar days of notice of program cancellation or postponement if an alternative arrangement is not offered.

**Itineraries.** Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, lecturers, hosts, faculty or organization representative, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge’s control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, however adjustments, substitutions and changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw a program or any part of it, make such alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures or additional costs caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

**Not Included.** Unless otherwise specifically noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares except as indicated in program inclusions; transfers and baggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or other taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authorities; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship’s crew not specified; meals and beverages other than those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability); ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable; any items not on the “included” list of the tour documents.

**Health and Fitness to Travel.** Through your participation in your tour, you assume responsibility for your own health, safety, and welfare and acknowledge that Orbridge cannot absolutely guarantee your safety or health. Your physician can provide guidance on your personal health risk and precautions to take while traveling. Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required and Orbridge will require all guests to follow local, state, national and/or World Health Organization health and safety mandates. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will cause or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit from participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant’s sole expense, remove the guest from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may or is likely to cause a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your situation if possible.

**Accessibility.** Orbridge cannot guarantee that the transportation, lodging, and entertainment/sightseeing accommodations will be accessible to all persons regardless of their physical and mental condition. In addition, many of the activities involved in each program include walking or the like for some distance on uneven ground or pavement or moving water as well as the ability to walk up and down stairs without assistance. Should any individuals seeking to participate in a travel opportunity need special accommodations to ensure their enjoyment of the trip, kindly provide notice at the time the reservation is submitted, and we will see if your participation is feasible. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside the United States. At the time of reservation, Orbridge needs to be notified to determine if the special needs of an individual traveler can be met through special arrangements. It is possible that minor modifications to the services can be provided, but only if Orbridge is made specifically aware of anticipated needs. This notification should be made in writing no less than two weeks prior to the planned travel. Orbridge will not accept any responsibility for the costs of any such modifications.

Where an individual with certain specific needs will be traveling with a group, it is necessary for other members of that person’s group to be available to assist as necessary. Nei

**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. Orbridge highly recommends everyone to review these sites.

**Children.** Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian (“Dependents”) in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is possible or suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

**Baggage.** Program rates include the price of one piece of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land, cruise or rail portion of the program only unless specified in the itinerary. Air carriers and motor coaches often impose significant other restrictions or limitations on the number of pieces, size and weight of luggage and may reject or impose additional fees on luggage exceeding such limitations or restrictions. All such fees are your sole cost and responsibility. In addition and regardless of location or transportation method, your baggage and personal effects are and shall at all times be at your sole risk throughout the entire program. Please check with your air carrier for other applicable baggage restrictions and limitations.

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In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties’ intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

Binding Arbitration. I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, either according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, both parties are waiving their right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Orbridge must be on behalf of only the individual(s) to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members travelling with them, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

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