

TRAVEL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOUR COSTS

All costs are quoted per person, based on double occupancy. Prices are subject to change as a result of adverse economic changes, currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges that may affect air/land transportation.

DEPOSITS

A deposit of \$500. per person is required with trip reservations (specific itineraries may require more). Reservations are confirmed upon receipt of completed registration form and deposit.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment must be received by MBI, Inc. within 60 days to departure

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Checks, payable to MBI, Inc. MasterCard - Visa - American Express are accepted; charges are assessed 5%.

LATE RESERVATIONS

There is a \$100. per person late fee added for reservations made within 14 days to departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is highly recommended to protect your investment and you while traveling. Insurance is available through MBI, Inc.



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CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations must be made in writing to MBI, Inc. For cancellations made prior to final payment deposits will be refunded less \$200. per person. Cancellations made after final payment, the following refund policy applies:

Land Package

59 - 45 days: 50% refund 44 - 30 days: 25% refund

29 days to departure and no-shows: no refund

There are no refunds for any unused portion of the tour. Cancellations for medical reasons can be covered by travel insurance. Full refunds will be given if MBI, Inc. cancels the tour or program. MBI, Inc. guarantees its Food & Wine Tours, International Culinary Education Programs, International Culinary Competition Tours, and other programs to be of high quality for participants. To ensure this continuum of quality and service, MBI, Inc. guarantees payment to all its providers; hotels, chefs, restaurants, transporters, guides.

SPECIAL EVENT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

For culinary competition tours, such as IKA Culinary Olympics, International Catering Cup, Bocuse d'Or World Cuisine Contest, World Pastry Cup, Culinary World Cup and other international events, cancellation conditions apply. Hotels require full payment in advance to reserve rooms and kitchen space and no-refund policies apply.

TRANSFERS

Where transfers are included, there is one scheduled group transfer for arrival and departure at a scheduled time and place. Daily transfers are per the individual itinerary. It is the responsibility of the tour participant to be at the transfer point at the scheduled time. If the tour participant does not arrive within 15 minutes of scheduled time the driver will not wait. Private transfers are arranged for an additional fee.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

It is the responsibility of each tour participant to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa and/or any other travel documents required by the applicable government regulations.

RESPONSIBILITY

MBI, Inc. and its representatives act only in the capacity of an agent for all air and land transportation, sightseeing, tour operators, restaurants, hotels and properties that provide services included in the specific itineraries. The individual tour participant agrees that MBI, Inc. and its representatives shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity, liability or expense to person or property due to any act of default of hotel, air/land transportation carrier, restaurant supplier or other

contractor rendering or providing services. MBI, Inc. and its representatives shall not be responsible for any expense or liability resulting from labor disputes, wars, act of terrorism, government restraints, weather conditions, sickness, pilferage or any other cause beyond their control. MBI, Inc. and its representatives reserve the right to accept, retain or refuse any person as a participant of any tour or to cancel any program of a tour if circumstances so demand.

CERTIFICATION OF HEALTH

By making payment, the traveler certifies that he or she does not have any condition or disability that would create a hazard or hardship for other travelers participating in the tour/program and the traveler understands that health care standards, facilities and services in foreign countries may be different or inadequate for treatment of certain health conditions. MBI, Inc. makes no representations or warranties and disclaims any made regarding special accommodations or handicap accessibility on any program. MBI, Inc. reserves the right to decline accepting or retaining any traveler whose health or actions in sole judgment of MBI, Inc. impedes the operation of a trip or the welfare or enjoyment of fellow travelers.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of MBI, Inc. furnishing services to enable me to participate in one of its tours/programs:

I as a tour participant fully understand and acknowledge that culinary and travel activities have: (a) inherent risks, dangers and hazards and such exists in my participation in MBI, Inc. sponsored activities; (b) my participation in such activities may result in injury or illness; (c) these risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the owners, employees, officers or agents of MBI, Inc. the negligence of the participants, the negligence of others, accidents, breaches of contract, the forces of nature or other causes; and (d) by my participation in these activities, I hereby assume all risks and dangers and all responsibility for any losses and/or damages, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other conduct of the owners, agents, officers, or employees of MBI, Inc. or by any other person.

I on behalf of myself, my personal representatives and my heirs hereby voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify MBI, Inc. and its agents, officers and employees from any and all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise out of my participation in MBI, Inc. activities. Travelers further agree that they will indemnify and hold MBI, Inc. harmless in respect of any claims arising in connection with the trip made by: a) third parties, which arise from the misconduct of the travelers; b) the traveler's family members, dependents of heirs, c) third parties, which the traveler, their estate, their family member, dependents of heirs have sued, if damages are recovered from such third parties, to the extent the third party obtains any indemnification from MBI, Inc.; except where the loss, injury, death or damage is caused by the reckless or fraudulent conduct on the part of MBI, Inc. or their employees, guides, shareholders, officers or directors.

I understand that MBI, Inc. reserves the right to take photographic or film records of any of its tours/programs participants, and hereby agree that MBI, Inc. may use any such photographic or film records for promotional and/or commercial purposes without any remuneration to the traveler.

I agree to assign all rights, title and interest they may have in or to any media in which their name or likeness might be used to MBI, Inc.

Tour Participant Signature

Printed Name

Parent or Legal Guardian (for tour participants under 18 years of age)

Date _____

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