

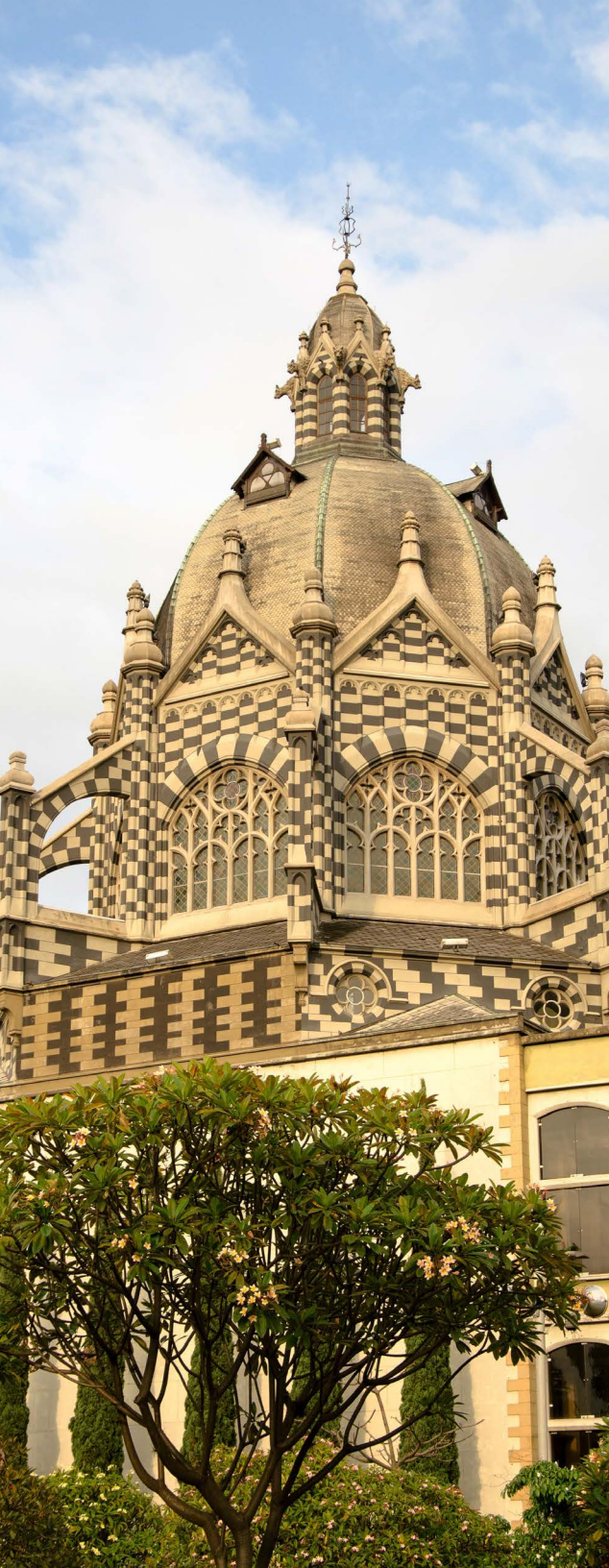
# Discover Colombia:

CULTURE, CUISINE AND COFFEE

March 14 – 21, 2020







Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,

Bienvenido a (welcome to) Colombia, a country that boasts about its coffee, music and cuisine, and one of the fastest growing destinations for tourism in South America. Colombia has emerged as a nation over the past two decades and today stands as a model of how peace and transformation can lead to growth and prosperity. For the first time, Tufts will be offering this unique destination to our alumnae/i, family, and friends with a focus on history, culture, cuisine and its world famous coffee! Visit three very different regions of Colombia as you discover this beautiful country.

Your trip will start in the capital city of Bogota, Colombia's cosmopolitan city. One of the highest cities in the world at just over 8,000 feet above sea level. A vibrant and exciting place, Bogota is full of fascinating attractions: Monseratte Hill where you can view the city at 10,000 feet above sea level, La Candelaria district with its colonial center, government buildings, Gold and Botero Museums, beautiful parks and an unbridled night life.

You will then fly to the Coffee Region and visit a traditional coffee farm where you will learn about the process of coffee from the plant to the finished cup in your hand. A coffee sommelier will take you through a coffee tasting experience and share information about the world of coffee. The next day enjoy visiting the colonial town of Salento and the famous Wax Palm forest.

After the coffee region, you will fly to the coastal city of Cartagena, known for its walled old colonial center and Caribbean culture. We will tour this historic city, indulge in a Street Food Tour and visit the La Boquilla neighborhood. Spend some time enjoying this warm coastal city as you walk along the walls of the historic center, enjoy local rum and salsa music.

Your time in Cartagena may be the end of your trip with a flight back to the US, or your adventures may continue on an extension trip to Medellin, known as the most transformed and innovative city in South America.

This program offers a unique experience by merging the academic and the aesthetic, by exploring Colombia's rich history, culture, food and agri-tourism.

We hope you will join us on this memorable program, and since space is limited, we encourage you to reserve your place quickly.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann R. Hunt  
Associate Director, Tufts Travel-Learn

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*Colombia*, a nation that has a coastline along both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, boasts about its coffee, cuisine, music and rich culture. Cities such as Bogota and Cartagena are complemented by smaller towns with charming colonial histories. With a strong focus on eco and agritourism, experience local culture and cuisine as you visit three diverse regions. Start your tour in the capital city of Bogota, where modernity meets colonial history. Later experience the beauty of the coffee region where you will visit a coffee farm and enjoy a coffee tasting experience and end the tour in the vibrant coastal city of Cartagena known for its walled colonial center, music and street food.

## Study Leader



Nina Gerassi-Navarro, Professor of Latin American Literature and Director of Latin American Studies came to Tufts in 2006. She teaches courses on nation building, bandits, Latin American cities, women writers, travel literature, and visual culture. Her books include *Pirate Novels: Fictions of Nation Building in Spanish America* (Duke, 1999), a co-edited volume on

Transatlantic Studies (2009), and more recently *Women, Travel, and Science in Nineteenth-Century Americas: The Politics of Observation* (Palgrave, 2017). She has traveled several times to Colombia, especially to Cartagena where the history of piracy is rich and fascinating. She is currently working on the intersection of politics and scientific knowledge during the nineteenth century through the writings and fieldwork of Aimé Bonpland in South America and his research on yerba mate.







# PROGRAM ITINERARY

## Saturday, March 14, 2020 – U.S.A | Bogotá, Colombia

Take an independent flight to Bogotá to arrive the same day. Met on arrival and assisted to your hotel. *Most flights to Bogotá from the USA arrive on the same day.*

Bogotá is Colombia's sprawling capital, home to eight million people. It was founded in 1538 by Spanish explorer Gonzalo Jimenez de Quesada after a conquest over the Muisca, the indigenous inhabitants. At an altitude of 8,600 feet above sea level, Bogota is considered one of the highest capitals in the world. La Candelaria's cobblestoned center, features colonial-era landmarks like the neoclassical performance hall Teatro Colón and the 17th-century Iglesia de San Francisco as well as Plaza Bolivar and the government palace. Just north of it is new Bogota, bustling with shops, restaurants and modern buildings. As the country's cultural center, it is also home to many universities, popular museums and a vibrant culinary scene.

*Overnight: EK Hotel*

## Sunday, March 15 – Bogotá

After breakfast, visit Monserrate Hill and ride a funicular to 10,000 feet above sea-level to get a view from high up of Bogota. Later, visit Paloquemao Market known for selling fresh fruits and vegetables as we embark on a fruit and food tasting experience. Mingle with the locals and enjoy mouth-watering Colombian food.

Visit the historic center of La Candelaria to tour the impressive Gold Museum that houses centuries old pre-Columbian gold and metal artefacts. Later walk around the cobblestoned Plaza Bolivar surrounded by the Cathedral, the Government Palace, Congress and the Mayor's House. Visit the nearby Botero Museum, home to famed Colombian artist Fernando Botero's art collection.

The day ends with a traditional welcome dinner (wine or beer included).

*Overnight: EK Hotel (Breakfast, Food Tasting Lunch, Dinner)*





## Monday, March 16 – Bogota | Armenia

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to the Coffee Región. Upon arrival, we drive to a coffee farm to experience and learn about the world of coffee – from the planting of coffee beans to the finished cup in your hand. After a tour of the farm, we gather for a lively and fun coffee tasting experience. Return to your hotel for check-in and enjoy the rest of the evening at the hotel.

*Overnight: Hotel Las Camelias (Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner)*

## Tuesday, March 17 – Salento | Cocora Valley

After breakfast, visit Cocora Valley home to the famous wax palm trees, the national tree of Colombia which can go as high as 200 feet and considered one of the tallest trees in the world. Experience riding in Jeep Wileys as you drive to the Wax Palm Forest and enjoy a short hike to admire these trees and the surrounding lush scenery.

After lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy a game of Tejo. The origin of Tejo is pre-Colombian and the natives played it with discs made of gold and competed according legend, for the love of a woman. One had to throw a golden disc as close as possible into a golden ring located at a certain distance. Today, the game is a national sport and the discs are made of metal.







Continue to Salento, an Andean town known for its breathtaking scenery, impressive architecture, colorful buildings and a colonial town square. Spend some time admiring the town's quaint streets and shops.

*Overnight: Hotel Las Camelias (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

### **Wednesday, March 18 – Armenia | Cartagena**

After a very early breakfast, we depart to the Pereira airport for our flight to Cartagena. Upon arrival, we will visit San Felipe Fortress, built by the Spanish to protect Cartagena from invading forces. We then continue to La Popa, a convent built on top of a hill with spectacular views of Cartagena. After lunch, we go to our hotel for check-in and the rest of the day is at leisure as you explore the walled colonial center on your own.

Cartagena was founded in 1533 and named after Cartagena, Spain. It is on the northern coast of Colombia and its walled city was named a UNESCO world heritage site. Its colonial squares, cobblestone streets, colorful buildings and tropical climate make it a popular destination to visit.

*Overnight: Hotel Spa Tcherassi (Breakfast, Lunch)*

### **Thursday, March 19 – Cartagena**

After breakfast, enjoy a heritage guided walking tour through the old city of Cartagena. Stroll through charming, romantic alleys and admire impressive colonial buildings, the Inquisition Palace, clock tower as well as the city wall.

After lunch, spend the afternoon enjoying the walled city on your own, whether you decide to walk on top of the wall surrounding the full perimeter of the city, enjoy a local cocktail or shop. In the early evening we will indulge in a 2-hour Colombian rum tasting experience of some of the regions finest rums. Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure and explore some of the many amazing restaurants for a late dinner.

*Overnight: Hotel Spa Tcherassi (Breakfast, Lunch)*





## Friday, March 20 – Cartagena

After breakfast, we will drive to a local neighborhood called La Boquilla to meet its local residents and get a glimpse of Cartagena outside the tourist areas. Visit the Coconut Women project, an organization that was founded by women in the neighborhood who decided to support themselves economically by making jewelry out of coconut shells. Hear about their story and how they overcame resistance from their husbands and community to successfully establish their business and bring meaning to their lives. The women will help you make your own souvenir if you choose to.

After lunch return to the hotel to spend the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, we will go on an amazing culinary experience – Cartagena’s famous street food tour – a culinary “must” to gain insights into the daily lives and culture of Cartageneros. Enjoy tasting snacks, local delicacies and desserts as street vendors warm our hearts with their hospitality.

*Overnight: Hotel Spa Tcherassi (Breakfast, Lunch, Street Food)*

## Saturday, March 21 – Depart to US

After breakfast, transfer to Cartagena Airport for your scheduled flight home.

(Breakfast)

*Note: Recommended that guests plan their return flights from Cartagena to the US. Please note that flights departing from Cartagena arrive on the same day to the US. If guests decide to return to US via Bogota, it will be the guests responsibility to purchase a one-way domestic fare from Cartagena to Bogota or request your tour operator to make arrangements at an additional cost. Day-room or late check-out can be arranged at an additional cost should your departing flights leave later in the day.*





## GROUND COST

**\$3,499 per person (double occupancy)**

**\$799 single room supplement**

### TRIP INCLUDES:

- Accommodations and meals as indicated above.
- Full time English-speaking in-country Tour Manager/ Local Guides.
- Domestic flights (economy class).
- Luxury coaches and airport transfers.
- Entrance fees to sites.
- Excursions and activities as indicated above.
- Meals as mentioned (1x bottled water with meals included).
- 1x Bottled Water during excursions.

### TRIP EXCLUDES:

- International flights.
- Tips/ gratuities to drivers, guides, hotel staff
- Travel insurance.
- Telephone/ fax/ internet costs.
- Laundry Service
- Meals not mentioned above.
- Alcohol unless mentioned

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Moderate. Good walking ability without assistance is required. It is advisable to consult with your doctor with this brochure in hand to ensure you are physically capable of handling altitude. You will be also visiting areas that will require some walking on uneven pathways and climbing stairs.





## Optional Extension to Medellín

Medellín, known as the “City of Eternal Spring,” has been transformed into one of the most livable and innovative metropolises in Latin America. Colorful buildings, friendly people, good cuisine, a strong Andean culture and a highly pleasant climate make it a perfect destination to visit. Learn about how Medellín transformed itself from the tough years of the 1970s and 1980s into one of the best cities to live in the hemisphere.

### March 21

Arrive in Medellín from Cartagena. Enjoy a private salsa dancing class. In the evening go on a “Fondas” experience. Back in the day, Fondas were traditional bars in the Andean mountains around Medellín where farmers took a break after a long day to enjoy a local liquor called Aguardiente. Nowadays these popular fondas are gathering places for the locals and decorated with traditional artefacts from the Paisa culture. Enjoy Colombian rum or beers and local foods as we experience a typical Medellín tradition.

*Park 10 Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch, Fondas Dinner)*

### March 22

Start the morning with a Medellín City Tour, as you learn about Medellín’s transformation to the most innovative city in South America. After lunch we go to Arvi Park and ride a cable car to have a birds eye view of this ecological nature preserve and pre-hispanic archaeological site.

*Park 10 Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch)*

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### March 23

Visit a flower farm in Santa Elena. Due to its favorable climate, Medellin blooms with flowers and hosts an annual flower festival. The city identifies itself with the diversity of flower species that grow in the area making Colombia one of the largest exporters of flowers, especially Orchids. Enjoy a traditional lunch on the flower farm with the farmer and his family and later visit the town of Guatapé.

*Park 10 Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch)*

### March 24

After breakfast, depart for Medellin Airport for your flight back to the US.

*Note: Guests should plan their return flights from Medellin to the US. If guests decide to return to US via Bogota, it will be the guests responsibility to purchase a one-way domestic fare from Medellin to Bogota or request your tour operator to make arrangements at an additional cost. Day-room or late check-out can be arranged at an additional cost should your departing flights leave later in the day.*

**GROUND COST: \$ 1,699 per person (double occupancy)  
\$249 single room supplement**

#### TRIP INCLUDES:

- Accommodations and meals as indicated above.
- English-speaking Guides.
- One-way Domestic flights Cartagena – Medellin (economy class)
- Airport Transfers
- Entrance fees to sites
- Excursions and activities as indicated above.
- Meals as mentioned (1x bottled water with meals included)
- 1x Bottled Water during excursions

#### TRIP EXCLUDES:

- International flights.
- Tips/ gratuities to drivers, guides, hotel staff
- Travel insurance.
- Telephone/ fax/ internet costs.
- Laundry Service
- Meals not mentioned
- Alcohol unless mentioned



# TOUR RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a space, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 payable to Coddwomple Journeys. Mail to **13 Glen Road, Hopkinton, MA 01748** or **fax to 917-210-4093/ email: info@coddwomplejourneys.com**. We will not process your deposit until you are assigned a place on the tour. Please contact 781-454-9883 (Rushik Mehta) 917-686-2620 (Rumit Mehta) if you have any questions about the registration process or the trip.

☐ Enclosed is my/our deposit check of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) ☐ Please charge my/our deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) to my:

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code (4 digits for AMEX/ 3 digits for others) \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Card Holder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***The balance of the trip is due on December 16, 2019 and is payable by check. Credit Card payments will incur a 3.5% fee***

## **GUEST INFORMATION**

**Name 1 (as on passport):** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Issue Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy) Tufts Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (write clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

**Name 2 (as on passport):** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Issue Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy) Tufts Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (write clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I prefer single accommodations (due to limited space this is not guaranteed and if necessary you will be assigned a rooming partner of the same gender).

☐ I plan to room with \_\_\_\_\_ Bed Type: Double ☐ Twin ☐

☐ I prefer to share accommodations (if roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate)

Emergency Phone # & Contact Name (during trip): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any special needs (diet, health, mobility etc): \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting my/our deposit of \$1,000 per person, I/we am/are registering for the **Discover Colombia: Culture, Cuisine & Coffee** program and have read and agreed to the Coddwomple Journeys Participation Agreement. I understand that portions of this trip will be over difficult terrain as outlined in the brochure and often strenuous, unpaved paths, uneven steps and will be outdoors. I/we also agree to be in good physical shape and will be prepared to walk without any assistance or wheelchair. I / we also take responsibility for purchasing our own supplemental travel insurance including medical evacuation coverage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

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Date



# PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT

Your signature on our tour reservation form will signify your agreement with the following terms and conditions.

**Introduction:** These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Coddwomple Journeys LLC and Tufts University (collectively "Coddwomple Journeys", "Tufts University", ("we", "us" and "our"). The terms "client" "you" and "your" refer to each person who purchases and/or uses a tour package provided by Coddwomple Journeys LLC.

**Benefits of Tour Packages:** Our tour packages offer services of a professional tour guide, accommodations, meals as outlined in the itinerary, transportation as specified in the itinerary and excursions and tours as outlined in the itinerary.

Coddwomple Journeys may, from time to time, offer you optional services or benefits. By using those services and/or benefits when they become available, you agree to be bound by any supplemental terms applicable to those services or benefits We will send final documents and tickets by overnight or registered mail approximately two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tour.

**Rates and Exclusions:** The rates and charges for tour participation are those established at the time the tour is booked with Coddwomple Journeys. We reserve the right to increase our prices to cover increased costs, tariffs, taxes and V.A.T. received after prices are published and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Published rates and charges are typically "per person," based upon double occupancy with en suite bath (unless otherwise stated). Single rooms are subject to a single room supplemental charges which are stated in the proposal. Expenses and terms not specifically identified in the applicable Coddwomple Journeys produced quotation are not covered. These include any paperwork or charges associated with: passports, visas, immunization, meals other than those specified, optional excursions, trip protection coverage, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor), all beverages excluding those provided in Coddwomple Journeys vehicles, telephone calls, room service, laundry, personal items, baggage handling, international airfare unless otherwise stated, gratuities and transportation to or from any departure gateway and any other costs that might be incurred not stated in tour package. Some governments charge departure taxes and/or fees. These fees are the responsibility of each passenger traveling to the designated country and are not included unless stated.

**Payment:** We accept the following forms of payment: major credit cards, bank transfer or checks drawn on a U.S. Bank. Credit cards will incur a service fee of 3-5% paid by the client.

**Airfare:** Full payment per person is due in order to purchase airline tickets. Airline cancellation policy shall apply. Discounted airfare quote (if available) is subject to purchase of ground package. Discounted airfare quote (if available) is subject to purchase of ground package.

**Ground Package:** A deposit of \$1,000 per person per tour is required immediately to secure the tour and services

**Balance:** The balance of the tour price is due 90 days before departure or December 16, 2019.

**Cancellation by You:** We must receive your cancellation notice in writing by email, fax, or overnight courier, and your cancellation date will be the date on which we receive your notice. Simultaneously with your notice, you must pay the following cancellation charge based upon the amount of notice provided from the date of trip departure. In addition, airline cancellation policies shall apply for cancelled tours involving air transportation: :

Penalty	Number of Days of Advance Written Notice
\$650 per person	Ninety (90) or more
50 percent (50%)	Between Eighty-nine (89) and Sixty (60)
One hundred percent (100%)	Less than Sixty (60)

There is no refund for unused portions of a tour once it has commenced, and you are solely responsible for costs incurred by you due to missed, canceled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the tour due to State Department warnings, fear of travel, illness or any other reason will be deemed a cancellation. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the tour on the tour departure date and time, you will be considered a no-show, and we cannot provide a full or partial refund or credit toward a future tour, but you may join the tour late if you wish.

**Insurance:** Coddwomple Journeys recommends that you purchase trip cancellation, medical, and baggage insurance to cover penalties and cancellation charges. Upon registration you will receive information regarding insurance available through Tufts Alumni Association. More information can be found at <https://alumniandfriends.tufts.edu/explore-education-travel/travel-learn-program/travel-insurance-information>. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. Please contact Mary Ann Hunt for more information.

**Cancellation or Substitution by Us:** We will make commercially reasonable efforts to keep the itinerary as it has been published; however, the final itinerary may vary due to availability and factors beyond our control. We may in our sole discretion substitute services such as hotels or goods of similar quality for any service or good stated in the itinerary. If a tour is cancelled, our liability is limited to a full refund of your payments, and we will not be liable for any other costs, damages, or refunds of any kind for any loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment, or expense whatsoever in such circumstances. If for reasons beyond our control, a tour in progress must be interrupted or cancelled, we will refund a portion of the price depending on our actual costs incurred.

**Study or Group Leader(s) (if applicable):** Participation of a Study or Group Leader(s) is dependent on obtaining the minimum required number of full-paying travelers registering for the trip. In the event the minimum number is not met, we have the right to either cancel the trip for a full refund OR run the trip without a Study or Group Leader(s). In the event the Study or Group Leader(s) cancel their attendance on their own merit, we will make every attempt to substitute with another Study or Group Leader(s), without guarantees. We will not be liable for any other costs, damages, or refunds of any kind for any loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment, or expense whatsoever in such circumstances.



**Airfares:** Airlines and airfares included in any brochure are subject to change without notice. Please check with Coddwomple Journeys or your travel agent for conditions applicable to your airline ticket. Even after you have paid, tours with scheduled air transportation within or from the United States are subject to supplemental price increases that may be imposed by the supplier and/or government. You hereby consent to any such price increase. We will not change your requested seat assignments on commercial aircraft without permission. However, airlines often change seat assignments to satisfy their loyalty members or because of equipment changes (aircraft type). We are not notified of these changes in advance, and often clients are not made aware of these changes until they arrive at the airport. We are not responsible for seat assignment changes made by the airline. Frequent flyer programs are private agreements between airlines and passengers, and we cannot be held responsible for mileage discrepancies involving airline loyalty reward programs.

**Passports and Visas:** International travel requires a passport valid 6 months beyond your intended return travel date. In many cases, you will also need to have multiple consecutive blank visa pages within your passport (the number varies depending on the destination(s)). Many destinations also require that visas be obtained prior to travel. Please speak with us if you are unsure about the visa requirements for your travel destination, but you are solely responsible for complying with passport and visa requirements.

**Security and Safety:** We are strongly committed to protecting your security and well-being. However, travel, safaris and sightseeing endeavors are inherently dangerous activities. Coddwomple Journeys strongly recommends that you exercise extreme caution when participating in tour events. Parts of your tour may involve high altitudes, hiking, cycling and/or driving over rough and dusty terrain.

All tour participants booking with Coddwomple Journeys certify that they are in good health, fit to travel and have no specific medical problems. It is the responsibility of each tour participant to obtain health and medical certificates, inoculations and vaccinations. Any physical disability that may require special attention or treatment must be reported in writing at the time your reservation is made. Passage may be refused to any person whose state of health or physical conditions render them, in the opinion of the tour company or its suppliers, unfit. Children under sixteen (16) years of age must be supervised by parent(s) or guardian(s) who will bear ultimate responsibility of their actions. Coddwomple Journeys recommends that you purchase insurance to cover medical expenses, trip cancellation and interruption, and loss of baggage. Please contact **Tufts University, Inc.** by contacting **Mary Ann Hunt** at [Mary\\_Ann.Hunt@tufts.edu](mailto:Mary_Ann.Hunt@tufts.edu) or 617-627-3986.

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**Vendor Acts or Omissions:** We act only in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of the travel services named in your itinerary or otherwise providing services or goods in connection with the tour (the "Vendors"), such as airlines, hotels and other lodging providers, local hosts, sightseeing tour operators, bus lines, car rental companies, driving services, restaurants, and providers of entertainment. We assume no responsibility for any personal injury,

property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission of any of the Vendors or airlines providing flights to or from your tour.

**Travelers Needing Special Assistance:** We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the needs of our travellers; however, travellers needing special assistance for their personal needs must notify us at the time of booking for a determination of what assistance we can reasonably provide. In cases where we cannot accommodate a traveller's special needs, persons requiring this assistance must be accompanied by a companion who will be responsible for independently providing the needed assistance. We regret that we cannot provide special individual assistance to travellers with special needs for ordinary daily activities, such as walking, dining, etc. and other special needs. In no instance will we or our Suppliers physically lift or assist participants on to or off transportation vehicles.

**Medical Proxy:** If you are unable to authorize your own medical attention and treatment, you authorize Coddwomple Journeys or its subcontractors or agents to authorize medical attention and treatment on your behalf. You agree to hold harmless and release Coddwomple Journeys and Tufts University, from any liability for medical attention authorized by them, their subcontractors or agents on your behalf. Coddwomple Journeys assumes no liability regarding provision of medical care or evacuation services. Any of our staff or subcontractors who may provide or seek emergency medical care on your behalf may not have had formal medical or first aid training and are acting only as a good Samaritan.

**Conduct During the Tour:** You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

**Limitation of Liability and Damages:** In no event will we be liable for any injury, loss, claim, damage, or any special, punitive, exemplary, direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages of any kind, whether based in contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise, that arise out of or are in any way connected with the tour, even if advised of the possibility of such damages. In no event will our aggregate liability exceed the total tour price set forth in the itinerary.

**Force Majeure:** We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our exclusive control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation that causes you to miss all or any portion of the tour, acts of God, acts of government, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather extremes, or strikes. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of the Suppliers, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. You understand that health care standards, facilities, and services abroad may be different or even inadequate for treating health conditions. For information concerning possible dangers at foreign destinations, we recommend contacting the Travel Warnings Section of the U.S. State



Department at (202) 647-5225 or [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), and click on "Travel Warnings." For medical information, we recommend contacting the Centers for Disease Control at (877) FYI-TRIP or [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

**Indemnification:** You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless CoddIWomple Journeys and Tufts University, and its officers, employees, directors, suppliers and agents, in their individual capacities or otherwise, from and against any Losses arising out of: (i) your negligence; (ii) your failure to comply with applicable law; or (iii) your failure to comply with these terms conditions.

**Miscellaneous:** CoddIWomple Journeys may assign its rights and/or delegate all or a portion of its duties under these Terms and Conditions to any third party at any time without the consent or permission of any parties to these Terms and Conditions. If there is a conflict between these Terms and Conditions and one or more terms contained in another agreement between you and CoddIWomple Journeys, these Terms and Conditions will control. No alteration, cancellation, variation of, or addition to these terms and conditions shall be of any force or effect unless reduced to writing and signed by CoddIWomple Journeys and the Client. If there is a conflict between any part of these terms and conditions and any present or future law, the part that is affected shall be curtailed only to the extent necessary to bring it within the requirements of that law.

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the limits on CoddIWomple Journeys responsibility clause, to the brochure, to the proposal, to any information relating in any way to the trip, to the trip itself, or to any products or services related to the trip, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in the State of Massachusetts, in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, except that (a) in lieu of a personal appearance at arbitration, the arbitration may be conducted by telephonic means, (b) arbitration is the exclusive forum for dispute resolution (no court actions), and (c) except as otherwise provided by statute,

each party shall bear its own costs and expenses and an equal share of the arbitrator and administrative fees. You agree to present any claims against us within 90 days after the tour ends and to file any arbitration request within one year of the incident, and you acknowledge that this expressly limits the applicable statute of limitations to one year.

You hereby consent to our use of pictures or video of you in our marketing materials without compensation. Facsimile or scanned transmission of any signed document shall be deemed delivery of an original.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE:** You understand and acknowledge that, if you participate in activities during your trip, certain risks and dangers may arise, including, but not limited to, the risk of accidents in remote places without access to medical facilities, transportation, or means of rapid evacuation and assistance; the hazards of traveling in unsafe or politically unstable areas or under unsafe conditions; the dangers of civil disturbances, war, extortion, kidnapping, and terrorist activities; Tour activities that may involve increased risks including, but not limited to, gorilla trekking and walking safaris; dangers and risks inherent in activities in underdeveloped countries; dangers of local law enforcement activity; attacks or bites by animals, pests, or insects; quarantine; epidemics; injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or third parties; sickness; lack of appropriate medical care; or criminal activity. YOU DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL OF THESE RISKS AND DANGERS, AND YOU DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY AGREE TO FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD US AND OUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATES, AFFILIATED COMPANIES, GUIDES, GROUP LEADERS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS HARMLESS AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTIONS, SUITS, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF ANY AND EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER WHICH YOU NOW HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR TRIP OR PARTICIPATION IN ANY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE.

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