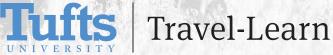
November 5-14, 2021













Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,

*Karibu* (welcome) to Kenya, East Africa's largest and fastest growing economy! For the first time, Tufts Travel-Learn will be offering this unique destination to our alumnae/i, family, and friends with a focus on meeting pioneers in conservation who are making a positive impact to the environment and landscape.

Your trip will start in the capital city of **Nairobi**, East Africa's most cosmopolitan city and Africa's 4th largest city. A vibrant and exciting place, Nairobi is full of fascinating attractions: a cafe culture, unbridled nightlife, and a thriving community of young entrepreneurs. Here you will also explore the dedicated conservation work of the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, an elephant orphanage, and the Giraffe Center devoted to saving and repopulating the endangered Rothschild Giraffe.

You will start your Kenyan safari experiences with a flight from Nairobi to **Amboseli National Park.** Located in southern Kenya and renowned for its excellent variety of wildlife, it is also home to the Amboseli Trust for Elephants and a boasts a majestic view of the snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro - the highest free-standing mountain in the world and highest peak in Africa.

After the acacia plains of the Amboseli, you will fly to the Laikipia region for a visit to the **Ol Pejeta conservancy**. Sandwiched between Mount Kenya and the northern deserts, Laikipia is where Kenya's wild and semi-arid northern frontier country begins. In addition to abundant opportunities for game viewing, a stay in the conservancy means you have an opportunity to partake in their conservation activities and other activities such as guided bush walks, fvisiting the rhino conservation center, lion tracking and a stop at the chimpanzee sanctuary.

No trip to Kenya would be complete without a trip to the famous **Masai Mara National Reserve**, a short flight from Laikipia. The Masai Mara, together with Tanzania's Serengeti, form Africa's most famous wildlife park, located in the Great Rift Valley in primarily open savanna grassland. There have been some 95 species of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles and over 400 bird species recorded on the reserve. Here again you will have abundant opportunities to enjoy game viewing in this jewel of Kenya.

The stay in Mara may be the end of your trip with a flight back to Nairobi, or your adventures may continue on an extension tour to Kenya's magnificent Swahili coast.

This program offers a unique experience by merging the academic and the aesthetic, by exploring Kenya's rich ecosystem, and offering a glimpse into the country's commitment to conservation.

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

Sincerely,

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

On-line: go.tufts.edu/travel\_learn E-mail: travel-learn@tufts.edu Join the conversation: #tuftstravellearn





# Tour Highlights

- Witness the spectacular seasonal wildebeest migration
- Explore a typical African market and savor local culinary experiences influenced by spices from Asia and the Middle East
- Visit the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust to interact with the elephant
- Meet conservation experts who are on the front lines of sustainable conservation and community impact efforts

### STUDY LEADER



Chris Whittier is a Research Assistant Professor and directs the Conservation Medicine program at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts. He also maintains a position with the Smithsonian. An avid wildlife photographer, Dr. Whittier appeared in a number of wildlife documentaries, and has had field and laboratory research and photographs published in a variety of scientific journals, magazines, and books.

# PROGRAM ITINERARY

### November 5, 2021 - Depart USA

Depart for Nairobi.

(Note that early arrival options are available. Contact the tour operator for details)

#### November 6 - Arrive Nairobi

You will be met by an Immersion Journeys representative upon arrival and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy welcome cocktails in the evening. Situated along the Nairobi River, Kenya's Nairobi, is East Africa's most cosmopolitan city.

Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (Welcome dinner)

### November 7 - Visit David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and the Giraffe Center

The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust is the most successful orphan-elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world. The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Kenya, also known as the Giraffe Centre, was started to save the endangered Rothschild Giraffe. Both visits will give you first-hand view of how endangered species are being rehabilitated and reintroduced into the wild to thrive in their natural environment. Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (B)

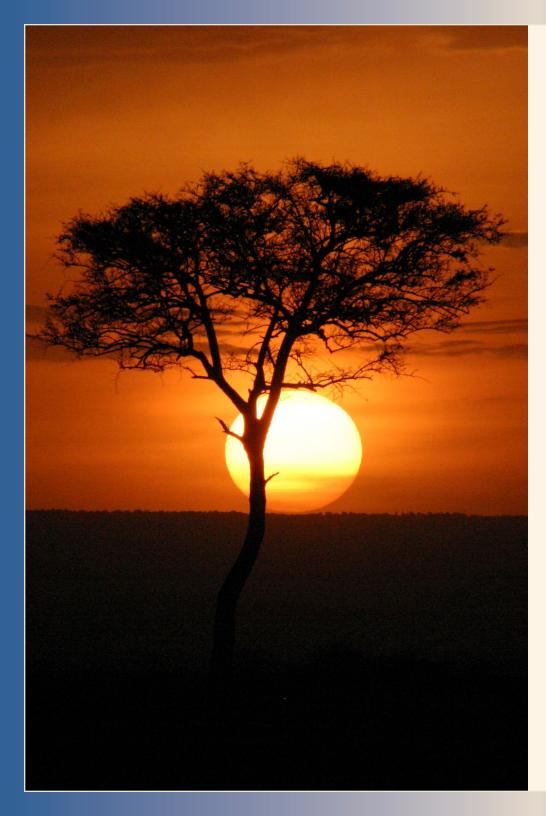
## November 8 - Nairobi | Amboseli National Park

Depart by plane to Amboseli National Park. Located in the southern Kenya, the park is renowned for its excellent variety of wildlife such as the Masai giraffe, elephant, lion and cheetah. The location of the park gives you uninterrupted views of Mount Kilimanjaro–Africa's highest peak and one of the Seven Summits.

Overnight: Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge (B, L, D)

### November 9 - Amboseli National Park

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives. You will also get an opportunity to visit the Amboseli Trust for Elephants. *Overnight: Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge (B, L, D)* 



### November 10 - Amboseli National Park | Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Flight to the foot hils of Mount Kenya. Arrive at the Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Ol Pejeta is the largest black rhino sanctuary in east Africa. It is the only place in Kenya to see chimpanzees, in a Sanctuary established to rehabilitate animals rescued from the black market. It has some of the highest predator densities in Kenya, and still manages a very successful livestock program. Ol Pejeta also seeks to support the people living around its borders, to ensure wildlife conservation translates to better education, healthcare and infrastructure for the next generation of wildlife guardians. *Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Tented Camp (B, L, D)* 

### **November 11 - Ol Pejeta Conservancy**

Enjoy a day of learning about the conservation work carried out by the conservancy including a visit the chimpanzee sanctuary. Take part in tracking lions and visiting the black rhinos whose populations have slowly climbed thanks to the immense efforts in partnership with the local community. *Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Tented (B, L, D)* 

### November 12 - Ol Pejeta Conservancy | Masai Mara

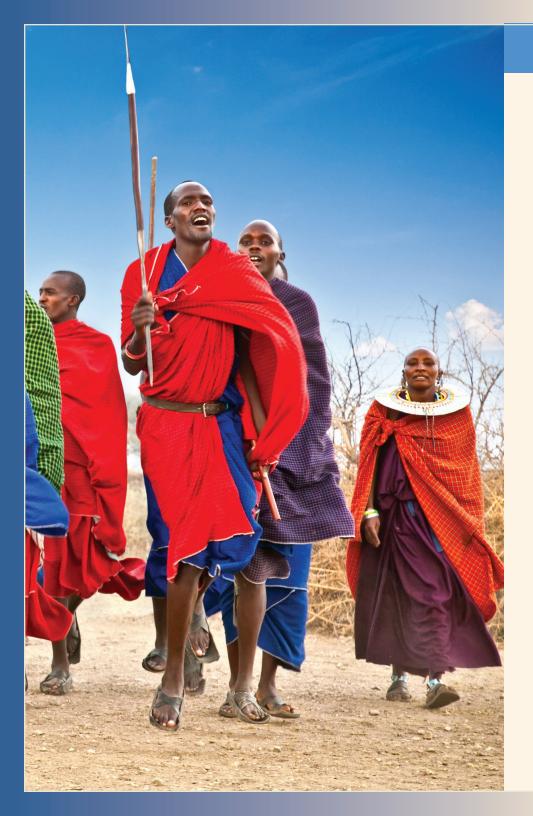
Fly in to the famous Masai Mara. Met on arrival by your guiding team and transferred to the lodge with game viewing en route. Masai Mara National Reserve is one of the most popular tourism destinations in Kenya. It is an extension of the Serengeti eco-system and famous for the huge herds of migratory wildebeests, and zebra. The reserve is located in the Great Rift Valley in primarily open grassland and regarded as the jewel of Kenya's wildlife viewing areas. There have been some 95 species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles and over 400 bird species recorded on the reserve. Overnight: Sanctuary Olonana Safari Lodge (B, L, D)

### November 13 - Masai Mara

Morning and afternoon game viewing continues in the Masai Mara. *Overnight: Sanctuary Olonana Safari Lodge (B, L, D)* 

### **November 14 - Depart**

Fly back to Nairobi, where you are met on arrival and transferred to the international terminal for your flight home or your onward adventure to Kenya's magnificent coast of Mombasa (see details below).



# TOUR PRICE

Land Package Only: \$6,495 per person (double occupancy)
Single Room Supplement: \$945

#### **Includes**

- Accommodation and meals mentioned above
- All safari game viewing activities
- All park fees and conservation taxes
- Full time local Tour Director (except during the optional extension)
- All airport transfers
- Domestic safari flights

#### **Excludes**

- International flights
- Tipping and gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, hotel and lodge staff
- Drinks during meals (bottled water will be provided)
- Laundry, dry cleaning, telephone, fax, internet
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Visa and passport services, vaccinations

## Level of difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Due to the nature of the areas we will be visiting, this program involves some walking on uneven terrain or up and down stairs. Accommodations will be in luxury properties, but note that they are located in remote locations in the bush, operating under challenging natural conditions (weather systems and animal movement) and may not offer all the amenities that big city based luxury hotels provide. Travel between parks will be by small plane and safaris will be conducted by 4x4 specially equipped safari vehicles often over bumpy terrain. Every effort will be made to ensure your comfort however it will be the responsibility of the guest to advise the tour operator and Tufts University regarding any concerns you may have. Please consult with your doctor regarding this trip, its length and location and share this brochure with them.

# OPTIONAL EXTENSION - 3 night/ 4 day to Kenya's Swahili Coast

## November 14-17, 2021

Visit Mombasa- Kenya's largest port city that brags of azure waters and pristine beaches. For centuries, the east African coastline has been host to traders who plied the oceans between Europe and China, leaving behind their influences. Mombasa's Old Town- complete with narrow alleys— is home to the famous Fort Jesus built by the Portuguese. Amble along the lanes and soak in the centuries of European, Arab, and Swahili culture and food.

Cost: \$1,575 person (double occupancy) \$295 single room supplement

### Includes:

- 3 nights at Baobab Resort with daily breakfast and dinner.
- Round-trip flights from Nairobi to Mombasa.
- All airport transfers
- Full day historic tour of Mombasa with lunch

### **Excludes:**

- Tipping and gratuities
- Beverages during meals
- Any additional meals not mentioned above
- Laundry, telephone, fax, internet

# TOUR RESERVATION FORM

☐ Enclosed is my/our deposit check of \$		\$1,000 per person payable) q Please charge my deposit of \$		(\$1,000 per person) to my:
□ VISA □ MasterCard □ American Express		Card #: Ex		piration Date:
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☐ Please sign me/us up for		-		
The balance of the trip is do	ue on <u>August 8, 2021 a</u>	and is payable by <u>che</u>	<u>ck</u> only. Credit card payments for the	e balance will be charged a 3.5% fee.
Passenger Information				
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# PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT

By signing our tour reservation form, or otherwise indicating your assent in writing, you agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this document. These terms and conditions apply to the Tour, the itinerary for the Tour and payment for the Tour.

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

**RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$1,000 of the total Tour cost, along with a completed and signed tour reservation form are required in order to confirm your reservation. Upon receipt of these forms and your deposit, we will confirm your trip. Your signature on the tour reservation form confirms that you have read this Participant's Agreement.

The balance of your Tour cost is due of 90 days prior to departure.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel Tour, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. In addition, medical evacuation coverage may be required as a condition of booking.

Please contact Mary Ann R. Hunt at Tufts Travel-Learn for insurance information. Mary\_Ann.Hunt@tufts.edu, 617-627-0633.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:** Our cancellation charges are based on the stringent payment policies of our suppliers of local services and therefore represent a reasonable estimate of our loss. Cancellation charges are expressed as a percentage of your total trip cost (excluding commercial airfare) and also depend on the day you cancel and the day of your scheduled departure from your home. Our cancellation charges are in addition to whatever the airline may charge you:

Penalty

Number of Days of Advance Written Notice

\$750 per person

Ninety-one (91) or more

50 percent (50%)

Between Sixty (60) and ninety (90)

One hundred percent (100%)

Less than ninety (90)

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, cancelled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the Tour due to State Department or Centers for Disease Control advisories or warnings, fear of travel, or for 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 start date, you will be considered a no-show. No refunds will be available, but you may join the Tour late if you wish.

Commercial airline tickets must be paid in full at the time of ticketing. Airline cancellation charges are set forth on the invoice.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Taxes; passport, visas and associated fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access; accident/ sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship and hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport tax(es); airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included in the travel Tour; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure; any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s); meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned as included in the travel Tour.

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, Immersion Journeys.

**BAGGAGE:** Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without notice. Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the trip. Airlines, buses, vans and other modes of transportation may all have weight and size restrictions on luggage. It is your responsibility to comply with all baggage restrictions

You must promptly pay the following fees and charges for participation in an Immersion Journeys tour.

**PRICE INCREASES:** Destination countries increase their VAT taxes from time to time. Some suppliers impose energy surcharges or other price increases. Prices are also subject to increase due to currency fluctuations. Any such increases will be applied to your total due at the time of final payment.

PASSPORTS, VISAS, and OTHER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: International travel requires a passport valid 6 months beyond your intended return travel date. In most 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. If one parent or guardian plans to bring a minor child without the other parent or parents, some countries and airlines have strict documentation and permission requirements. Birth certificates may be required for children under 18. Some nations require proof of vaccinations for all travelers. Please speak with us if

you are unsure about the visa requirements for your travel destination. You are solely responsible for complying with passport, visa, and other foreign entry requirements and vaccinations.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Immersion Journeys, its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, and assigns (collectively "Immersion Journeys"), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your Tour including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, safari or guide services, local ground or safari operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Immersion Journeys is not liable for any negligent or willful act, failure to act, financial failure or other defaults of any such person, entity, supplier or any other third party.

In addition and without limitation, Immersion Journeys is not responsible for any injury, financial or other loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts or orders of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, bites from or attacks by wild or domestic animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely. Further, I release Immersion Journeys from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

We have no special or unique knowledge regarding the financial condition of the suppliers of services, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. For useful information regarding your destination, we strongly recommend reviewing the destination-specific information at www.travel.state.gov, and the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/travel.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a Tour participant, or remove from a Tour, without refund, any person Immersion Journeys judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other Tour participants, leaders or third parties, or who Immersion Journeys determines to detract from the enjoyment of the Tour by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the lodge or hotel.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK OF EXPOSURE TO COVID-19: You agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, diseases, or conditions, including but not limited to the coronavirus known as COVID-19. The coronavirus COVID-19 is primarily transmitted via exhaled respiratory droplets, most often through coughing, sneezing and breathing in close proximity to another person. These droplets can travel up to six feet and are more commonly transmitted between persons rather than from equipment to persons. You understand and agree that (a) COVID-19 is extremely contagious and there is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any place where people are present; (b) no precautions, including the protocols that will be implemented as part of the trip, can eliminate the risk of exposure to COVID-19; (c) people of all ages and health conditions, including healthy young people, have been adversely affected by COVID-19; (d) certain people have been identified by public health authorities as having greater risk based on their age or underlying medical conditions; (e) exposure to COVID-19 can result in being subject to quarantine requirements, illness, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death, regardless of a person's age of health condition. You understand and agree to hold Immersion Journeys, Tufts Travel-Learn, its officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of COVID-19 or any other disease, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, disease or condition, and you fully agree to accept these and all other known and unknown risks of receiving services from Immersion Journeys.

#### **CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS BY IMMERSION**

JOURNEYS: Immersion Journeys reserves the right to change the itinerary, the lodges or hotels utilized or any Tour features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Immersion Journeys shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Immersion Journeys may cancel or postpone a Tour (or an option) for any reason whatsoever. Seasonal changes (for example, from low to high season) may result in higher prices. In any event, for cancellations (or postponements) based upon acts of God or force majeure, acts or orders of government, epidemics or the threat thereof, pandemics, terrorism or the threat thereof, strikes or labor disturbances, demonstrations, riots or civil unrest, criminal activity, supplier default or insolvency, or other similar circumstances, its sole obligation is to issue credits in the full amount of moneys paid to Immersion Journeys, but only to the extent its suppliers are crediting Immersion Journeys with those monies paid by Immersion Journeys to them. Under no circumstances is Immersion Journeys obligated to refund the cost of any purchased travel insurance. Immersion Journeys is not required to cancel any Tour for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Immersion Journeys is not responsible

for fees assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Immersion Journeys makes the flight arrangements or cancels the Tour. Immersion Journeys reserves the right to substitute lodges, hotels, vessels or attractions for those listed in the tour description if same is required by circumstances beyond its control or for the convenience or well-being of clients.

**OTHER TAXES AND FEES:** 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.

**FORCE MAJEURE:** Immersion Journeys assumes no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, financial or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation of a flight that causes you to miss all or any portion of the Tour, acts of God, acts or orders of government, epidemics, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather events, or strikes.

**INDEMNIFICATION:** You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Immersion Journeys, 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.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All Tours require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Participants must be able to embark or disembark vans or motor coaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply outside the United States.

**CONDUCT DURING 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.

**MEDICAL PROXY:** If you are unable to authorize your own medical attention and treatment, you authorize Immersion Journeys or its subcontractors or agents to authorize medical attention and treatment on your behalf. You agree to hold harmless and release Immersion Journeys from any liability for medical attention arranged or not arranged on your behalf. Immersion Journeys assumes no liability regarding provision of medical care or evacuation services.

**CHANGES:** Changes in this Agreement may be made only in writing, signed by an officer of Immersion Journeys.

**BINDING ARBITRATION:** Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning the Tour, or the Tour itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) 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) State of New York law and will take place in New York City, New York. 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. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, the participant and Immersion Journeys are waiving the right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Immersion Journeys must be on behalf of only the signatory to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members who travelled with signatory, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

By signing the Tour Registration form, you agree to the terms of this Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement. Your Agreement extends to any tour to which you may transfer. If you party includes a person under 18, then you represent that you are that person's parent or legal guardian.

