

# Gorillas in the Rift

An Adventure in Uganda

Entebbe • Murchison Falls • Kibale National Park • Queen Elizabeth National Park • Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

**OCTOBER 3-13, 2022**

Host: Dr. Felicia Nutter, Assistant Professor & Director of International Veterinary Medicine at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine



Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts

Join fellow Alumni in this once-in-a-lifetime trip to see the last remaining apes in Uganda, affectionately called the “Pearl of Africa” by Winston Churchill. Only 850 mountain gorillas still make their home in the primeval forests of central Africa. This trip enables you to intimately experience these animals and other primates in their natural habitat, while learning first-hand about the history and cultural heritage of this fascinating country. Tufts very own Dr. Felicia Nutter, Assistant Professor and Director of the International Veterinary Medicine at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine will lead this trip. Dr. Nutter research interests range from infectious disease ecology, to veterinary medical contributions to endangered species conservation.

Your journey will begin in Entebbe- a small town on the shores of Lake Victoria and in close proximity to the vibrant Ugandan capital of **Kampala**. Built on seven hills, it is the gateway to the interior. Traveling to **Murchison Falls National Park** will bring to the site where “The African Queen” was filmed featuring the famous Humphrey Bogart. The Victoria Nile bisects this park and finally squeezes through an 8-meter (26.2 feet) gorge that forms the falls. Here you will get a taste of the East African wild life and a haven for bird watchers. In **Kibale Forest** – one of the loveliest and varied tracts of tropical forest in Uganda – you will come face to face with 13 species of primates including chimpanzees. Not for the faint-hearted, this is an adrenaline rush listening for their screeching chatter as they search for fruit and berries.

Traverse past Africa’s third highest mountain- the Rwenzoris – or Mountains of the Moon and World Heritage site to **Queen Elizabeth National Park**. Named after the reigning British monarch, it is one of the most popular parks in Uganda and the place to see the famous tree-climbing lions.

Our final stop will be to the world-famous **Bwindi Impenetrable Forest** for the ultimate gorilla tracking experience. The mist-covered hills of the park is home to at least 320 mountain gorillas - roughly half of the world’s population. It is a thrilling experience to trek for several hours in search of their nests and come face to face with our closest non-human relative.

For those who wish to continue with your wildlife adventure, an optional safari has been arranged to Kenya’s Masai Mara. Please find the details below or contact Immersion Journeys to customize a pre or post trip.

Space is limited guests and we encourage you to reserve today: by phone at (866) 639-0079, online at [go.tufts.edu/travel\\_learn](http://go.tufts.edu/travel_learn), or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Warm regards,

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

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### Faculty Leader: Dr. Felicia B. Nutter

Dr. Felicia B. Nutter is a specialist wildlife veterinarian and epidemiologist. She has extensive conservation medicine field experience, both domestically and internationally, working at the interface of human, domestic and wild animal, and ecosystem health. Her research interests range from infectious disease ecology, to veterinary medical contributions to endangered species conservation, and the development of scientifically sound management options for feral cat populations. She previously worked as Regional Field Veterinarian for the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project in Rwanda, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo; as Staff Veterinarian at the Marine Mammal Center, Sausalito, CA; and as the founding Assistant Director of Veterinary International Programs at North Carolina State University.

Since 2009, Dr. Nutter has held leadership roles in the USAID – Emerging Pandemic Threats Program, focused on the development of curriculum and learning opportunities to support teaching and learning about One Health in multiple countries across Africa and Southeast Asia.

As Director of the International Veterinary Medicine (IVM) program at the Cummings School, she mentors veterinary students interested in exploring research and service projects, as well as clinical rotations, in other countries. The IVM program also provides the opportunity for highly-motivated students to earn a Post-graduate Certificate in IVM, which requires the completion of a summer research project. Many students go on to publish their research in peer-reviewed journals

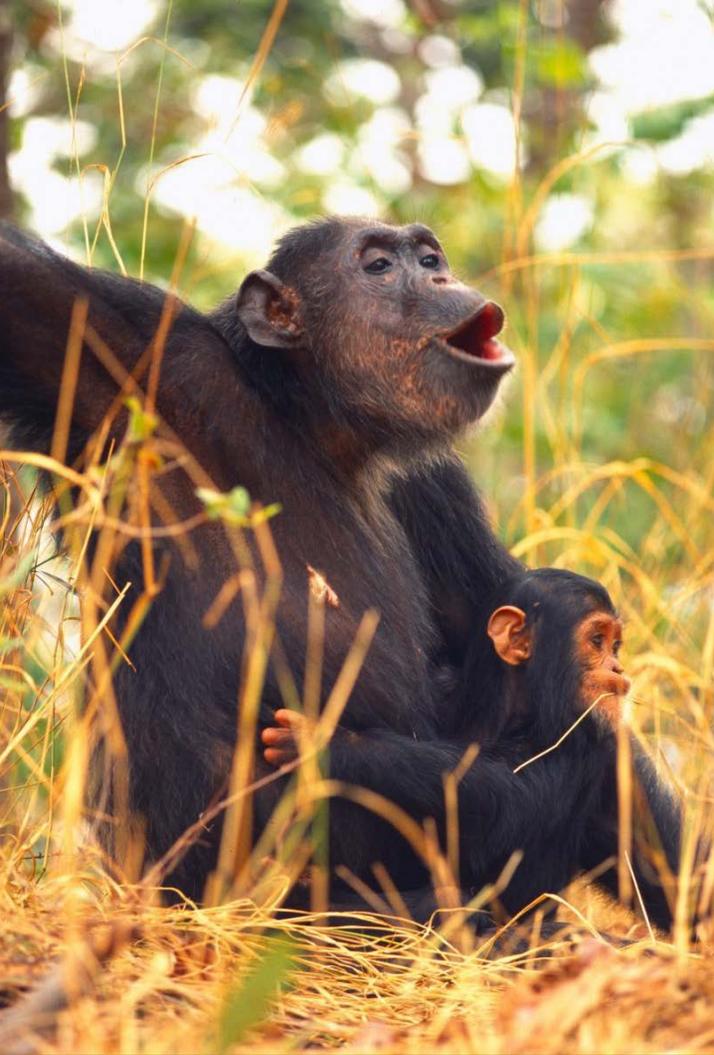
## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- **Travel** with Dr. Nutter and hear about her research.
- **Come face to face with endangered mountain gorillas** in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and trek chimpanzees in Kibale National Park. Learn about the strides being made in great ape and primate conservation in Uganda.
- **View a variety of animal and bird species** in Paraa and Queen Elizabeth National Park including the famous tree-climbing lions.
- **Get immersed** in the local culture, music and dance of Uganda.

**Activity Level:** chimpanzee and gorilla trekking is often strenuous and requires walking on muddy and uneven paths and climb short but steep terrain. While park rangers and porters are available for some assistance/ support, guests are expected to be able to walk without full time walking aid (example: a cane) or wheelchair. Please consult with your doctor to evaluate your physical condition.



# PROGRAM ITINERARY



## **October 3, 2022 — U.S. | Entebbe, Uganda**

Depart the U.S. for Entebbe (*Meals Aloft*).

*This is a recommended departure date. Should you wish to arrive early, please contact Immersion Journeys for hotel costs.*

## **October 4 — Arrival Entebbe**

Met on arrival and transferred to the hotel for rest and relaxation prior to meeting the group at an evening cocktail reception. *Overnight: Protea Hotel (Cocktail Reception)*

## **October 5 — Entebbe | Murchison Falls National Park**

Depart north-west for Murchison Falls National Park with a brief stop at the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary. This sanctuary was created to re-introduce rhino to Uganda after they were almost wiped out. Later arrive at your lodge located along the riverbank on the northeastern edge of the park. This park is where the world's longest river - the Nile passes through a narrow gorge forming the thunderous falls and is also home to a diversity of wildlife including the Big 5.

*Overnight: Paraa Safari Lodge (B, L, D)*

## **October 6 — Murchison Falls National Park**

Early morning game drive to the delta circuit where there's a possibility of spotting the elusive leopard, Jackson's hartebeest, large concentrations of Uganda kobs and large families of the defassa waterbuck, together with giraffe herds, groups of the dainty oribi and buffalo.

Afternoon boat safari on the calm Victoria Nile and the base of the falls just meters from the "Devil's Cauldron." You have an option to take a guided hike to the top of the Murchison Falls and from this vantage point will have an opportunity to see the Nile's beauty perfected as you watch the water forced through a seven meter cleft in the rocks and plunge 45 meters below forming a spectacular rainbow and adrenaline rush. *Overnight: Paraa Safari Lodge (B, L, D)*

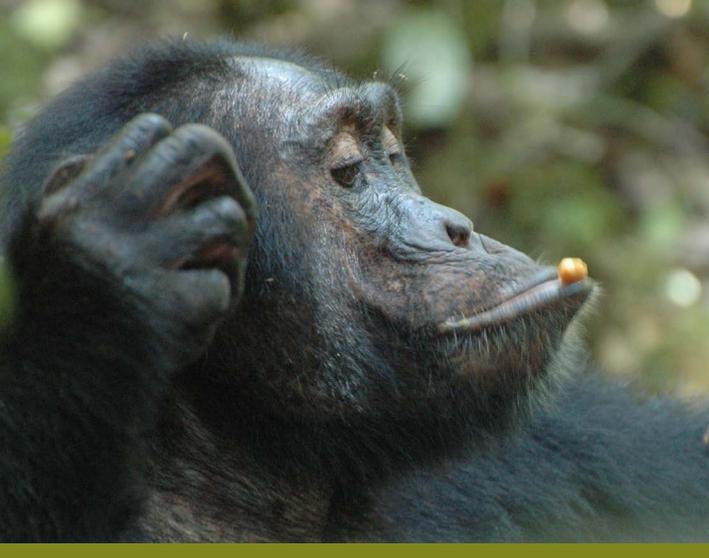
## **October 7 — Murchison Falls | Kibale Forest National Park**

Travel to Kibale Forest National Park. The drive will go past the verdant countryside and traditional homesteads and farms including the fabled "Mountains of the Moon. Kibale is one of the most varied tracts of tropical forest and home to 70 mammal species, 375 species of birds and 13 species of primates including the chimpanzee. *Overnight: Crater Safari Lodge (B, L, D)*

## **October 8 — Chimpanzee Tracking in Kibale Forest National Park**

Chimpanzee tracking starts early in the morning. Besides learning about the primates, your guide will provide detailed explanations on the fauna and flora ensuring that the walk is both informative and enjoyable. *Overnight: Crater Safari Lodge (B, L, D)*

*(B- Breakfast L- Lunch D-Dinner)*



### **October 9 – Kibale | Queen Elizabeth National Park**

Start for Queen Elizabeth National Park, following the mystical Rwenzori Mountain range along the way. Upon arrival at the park you may be rewarded with view of waterbucks, elephants, leopards, buffaloes, hyenas and a variety of antelope species.

Enjoy a unique boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel. This trip passes through high concentrations of hippos and a wide variety of animals may be seen at the water's edge. This cruise offers an excellent platform for photography, bird watching and game viewing. The prolific bird life is colorful and stupendous with well over six hundred recorded species having been spotted.

*Overnight: Silverback Lodge (B, L, D).*

### **October 10 – Queen Elizabeth National Park**

Following an early morning cup of tea/coffee, embark on a morning game drive along Kasenyi track and Queens's mile in the park and keep a watch out for lion, elephant, Cape buffalo, warthogs, leopard, hyena, mongoose, waterbuck, Ugandan kob, and lots of the many small animals and birds.

In the afternoon, enjoy a unique boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel. This trip passes through high concentrations of hippos and a wide variety of animals may be seen at the water's edge. This cruise offers an excellent platform for photography, bird watching and game viewing. The prolific bird life is colorful and stupendous with well over six hundred recorded species having been spotted.

*Overnight: Mweya Safari Lodge (B, L, D)*



### **October 11 – Queen Elizabeth National Park | Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**

Depart for Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, home to roughly half of the world's mountain gorillas. Take a village walk around the Buhoma area and learn about their way of life and local customs.

*Overnight: Mahogany Springs Lodge (B, L, D)*

### **October 12 – Gorilla Tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**

Early morning start for your gorilla trek. The rainforest is spectacular, heavily vegetated and dense landscape crisscrossed by numerous animal trails allowing access for trekkers. This park is best known for the fascinating gorillas. The thrill of spending time with them and observing these gentle giants is a rare and moving adventure that will leave you with long lasting memories of a truly unique experience. The gorillas are shy and peaceful animals and it is an unforgettable experience to watch them as they interact with each other.

*Overnight: Mahogany Springs Lodge (B, L, D)*

### **October 13 – Fly to Entebbe | Depart or Kenya Extension**

Fly to Entebbe airport arriving in the late morning. Day rooms (available until 18h00) have been arranged for those with late afternoon or evening flights. For those who are up for additional adventure, continue to Kenya (see details on the next page). (B)





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## TOUR PRICE

**\$8,995 per person (double occupancy)**

**\$1,795 single room supplement (extremely limited and on first come basis)**

### Includes:

- Accommodations in luxury lodges/ hotels.
- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners.
- Guided gorilla tracking and game drives, including all park fees, taxes, and one (1) gorilla trekking and one (1) chimpanzee trekking permits.
- Airport transfers on day of arrival and departure.
- Local flight from Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to Entebbe.
- Professional guides and all transport throughout the trip.
- Complete packet of pre-departure information.
- Tips to safari guides, park trackers, park porters (tips to airport and hotel/ lodge porters and hotel/ lodge staff not included).
- COVID testing in Uganda for re-entry into the U.S. (U.S. Center for Disease Control bulletin dated January 12, 2021) or onward journey as required by the destination.

**Exclusions:** Tips and gratuities to hotel/ lodge luggage porters, hotel staff, international airfare into/ out of Entebbe (unless traveling on the Kenya extension), visas and passport fees, vaccinations (yellow fever vaccination is required when traveling between the East African zone countries), laundry, beverages, telephone, fax and internet, Cost of pre-departure COVID testing (required by airlines and Uganda airport and health ministry authorities for entry.), **Mandatory** travel insurance\* including air evacuation to your home country/ state/ city. \*Guests should have enough coverage for additional in-country COVID testing and any necessary hospitalization/ treatment/ isolation/ transport.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSION

### 4-night/5-day Kenya Sojourn | October 13–17, 2022

This four-night extension is a wonderful complement to your primate experience in Uganda. The Masai Mara eco-system is teeming with wildlife across the savanna plains.

**\$3,550 (per person, double occupancy) | \$550 single supplement (extremely limited)**

- Above includes one-way flight from Entebbe to Nairobi, 1 night hotel in Nairobi (breakfast only) and 3 nights at luxury lodge/ camp (full board basis) all domestic flights, airport meet/ greet, accommodations and meal plan as mentioned above, all conservancy and park fees, safari game viewing with professional Guide.
- Does not include visas, gratuities, extra services, extra meals and COVID test required for your return journey (Immersion Journeys will arrange a test which guests can pay for directly.)
- Other customized pre/post trip extensions are available. Please contact Immersion Journeys at [info@immersionjourneys.com](mailto:info@immersionjourneys.com).

# TOUR RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a space, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$2,500 payable to Immersion Journeys. Mail or email to: Immersion Journeys, 455 Main Street, Suite 5M, New York, NY 10044. info@immersionjourneys.com

Enclosed is my/our deposit check of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$2,500 per person)  
 Please charge my/our deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$2,500 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 July 5, 2022. Payment by check or bank wire only.**  
***Please sign me/us up for the following optional extension:  4-night Kenya Sojourn***

## PASSENGER INFORMATION

<b>NAME 1 (as on passport):</b> _____	<b>NAME 2 (as on passport):</b> _____
Passport # _____ Nationality _____	Passport # _____ Nationality _____
Issue _____ (mm/dd/yy) Expiration _____ (mm/dd/yy)	Issue _____ (mm/dd/yy) Expiration _____ (mm/dd/yy)
Date of Birth _____ (mm/dd/yy) Tufts Affiliation _____	Date of Birth _____ (mm/dd/yy) Tufts Affiliation _____
Street Address _____ City _____	Street Address _____ City _____
State _____ ZIP _____	State _____ ZIP _____
Home Phone _____ Mobile _____	Home Phone _____ Mobile _____
Email (write clearly) _____	Email (write clearly) _____

I prefer single accommodations (*Limited to only 2 rooms and on first come basis ONLY.*)  
 I plan to room with \_\_\_\_\_  Double  Twin (*separate beds*)  
 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 \$2,500 per person I am/we are registering for the 2021 Dartmouth Alumni Travel **Gorillas in the Rift- An Adventure in Uganda** travel program, and have read and agreed to the terms & conditions. I understand that portions of this trip will be strenuous, includes unpaved and steep muddy paths. I also agree to be in good physical shape and can walk without a walking aid or wheelchair. I am/ we are also taking responsibility for purchasing **mandatory** supplemental travel insurance including medical evacuation in order to participate in this travel program.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# 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, Tufts University (collectively "Immersion 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 Immersion Journeys.

**RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$2,500 per person per tour is required immediately to secure the gorilla permits, tour and services. **Gorilla and chimpanzee permits and park entry fees are only purchased once the client has signed up for the trip and made the deposit in the above-mentioned amount. Permits are non-refundable and non-transferable once purchased. Please refer to the Cancellation and Refund Policy below. It is therefore important for clients to purchase trip cancellation insurance.**

The balance of your Tour cost is due 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.

**Due to the nature of this trip, proof of supplemental travel insurance with medical evacuation is required. Please contact Mary Ann R. Hunt at Tufts Travel-Learn for insurance information. [Mary\\_Ann.Hunt@tufts.edu](mailto: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:

<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Number of Days of Advance Written Notice</b>
\$1,200	Ninety-one (91) or more
50 percent (50%) of Tour Cost	Between Ninety (90) and sixty (60)
One hundred percent (100%) of Tour Cost	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, 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, likely is non-refundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Immersion Journeys or their airline ticketing partners.

**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

**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.

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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 or health condition. You understand and agree to hold the Immersion Journeys, 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.

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**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. The Tour requires walking over uneven terrain, some steep hills, muddy and rock paths. It is absolutely imperative that you have independent mobility. At times the walks will be strenuous. 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. Further, 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.

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**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. This includes adhering to local health laws that require you to wear face masks in public and during the tour that covers your mouth and nose and all other sanitization rules. 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.**