



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

This tour is operated by [Tour Operator Name]. The University of Washington Alumni Association is not the tour operator for your tour or trip. It serves only as the sponsor of the travel program for its alumni and friends.

RELEASE. The University of Washington Alumni Association, The University of Washington, and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, Regents, officers, directors, successors, representatives, trustees and assigns (collectively UWAA) does not own or operate any entity which provides, or is to provide, goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, food service or entertainment providers, equipment suppliers, operators of recreational, adventure or other activities (regardless of whether such activities are included as part of the UWAA trip itinerary), etc. As a result, UWAA is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such third person, or of any other third party. In addition, I release UWAA from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

I am voluntarily participating in this trip with the knowledge of the numerous risks and dangers involved including but not limited to: negligence on the part of UWAA, acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, acts or orders of government, financial failure insolvency or defaults by suppliers or the failure of any supplier to honor the terms of any refund or credit coupon, strikes or other labor activities, physical exertion for which I am not prepared; forces of nature; weather conditions, transportation failures or the failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely; consumption of alcoholic beverages; risks associated with food or impure water; civil unrest; terrorism or the threat thereof; criminal activity; bites from or dangers associated with wild or other animals, pests or insects, acts of other trip participants or of third parties; breakdown or failure of equipment; high altitude; accident or illness without access to means of rapid evacuation or availability of medical supplies or services; the adequacy of medical attention once provided and that such services and facilities may not be of the same quality as at home; epidemics or pandemics or the threat of either; stolen, lost, or misplaced luggage or property; financial or other defaults of suppliers of services, theft or break-ins into vans, lodging rooms or elsewhere, etc. I hereby agree to be responsible for my own welfare and accept any and all risks of delay, unanticipated events, inconvenience, illness, injury, emotional trauma or death.

I am aware that travel such as I am undertaking may involve hazardous activities, some in remote areas of the world, with a risk of illness, injury or death which may be caused by forces of nature, animals, insects or flora, the negligence of UWAA, or other persons and companies known or unknown, or of willful or criminal conduct of third parties. I am aware that weather conditions may be severe, adverse and/or unpleasant.

Availability of Travel Insurance: UWAA strongly recommends that Participants consider the purchase of trip cancellation/interruption insurance, baggage, medical expense, medical evacuation, accidental death coverage, and emergency assistance insurance. Information about insurance is available through UWAA or you can obtain insurance from another travel insurance vendor.

Health and other Risks: I understand and acknowledge that there are inherent health and other risks associated with traveling. I agree that I am personally responsible for obtaining all health and other destination-specific information, State Department releases, immunizations and medications appropriate to my intended travel. Both the U.S. State Department and the Centers for Disease Control publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>, and <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>.

Non-Trip Activities: I understand if I engage in any activities outside of the included activities, that UWAA assumes no responsibility for my safety or any liability for costs or difficulties that I may incur. I participate in these activities at my own risk.

Photograph Authorization Form. I grant permission to the University to take and use photographs/digital/electronic images, video, livestreaming, audio recording or quoted remarks of me for use in promotional or educational materials, including printed or electronic communications, publications, web sites or other video communications. I authorize the use of these materials indefinitely without compensation to me.

Medical Authorization. I authorize the University, tour operator, local ground handler or hotel to make medical decisions for me which in his or her sole judgment are necessary if I am incapable of making such decisions. I am responsible for any medical expenses related to same or otherwise incurred by me.

Miscellaneous Matters: I agree to follow all written and verbal rules and protocols presented to me by UWAA, my tour operator or leader. I understand that UWAA and the tour operator reserve the right to refuse as a trip participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders or third parties, or who it determines to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. UWAA and your tour operator reserve the right to make route, hotel, itinerary and trip modifications as required or desirable to improve the trip quality and/or to accommodate the comfort and well-being of guests.

My baggage and personal property are at my risk entirely throughout the Trip and any travel incident thereto.

Binding Arbitration: I agree that any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§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) Washington law and will take place in King County, WA. 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. Any arbitration commenced against UWAA 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 joint action. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, you (and we) are waiving our right to a trial by jury.

Knowing and Voluntary Execution: I acknowledge that the cost of all UWAA trips is based upon trip participants executing this Release of Liability, Assumption of All Risk, and Binding Arbitration Agreement (“Agreement”). I agree that this Agreement shall be legally binding upon me personally, all members of my family and all minors traveling with me, my and their heirs, successors, assigns, and legal representatives, it being my intention fully to assume all the risks associated with this trip and to release UWAA from any and all liability to the maximum extent permitted by law. I have carefully read and fully understand this Agreement as well as all terms and conditions in the UWAA brochure, including but not limited to, those regarding cancellation and refund policies. I understand that this is a legally binding and enforceable contract and sign it of my own free will. I agree that if any portion of this Agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

This Agreement must be accepted by UWAA in Seattle, Washington, and cannot be changed in an oral communication.

UWAA TRAVEL PROGRAM: [Name of Tour]

Name (Print): _____ Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

All tour participants are required to sign this form. Please sign it within 30 days of making your tour reservation and return it to the UW Alumni Association in the envelope provided

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