

# Terms and Conditions

**Reservations.** A US\$500.00 deposit, along with a completed Trip Registration Form, will reserve space for you. Final payments are due 60 days prior to departure.

## Following information is sent after we receive your deposit:

- **Immediately after sign-up:** Confirmation letter, preliminary flight schedule, a visa kit if applicable, a list of recommended shots, temperatures to expect, clothing suggestion, reading suggestion and your tour invoice, etc.
- **About 75 days before departure:** Final invoice including extra services ordered. Balance payment is due 60 days before departure.
- **About three weeks before departure:** Final tour documents including rendezvous instructions, airline tickets, itinerary, hotel list with hotel address, fax numbers, etc, passport cases and baggage tags and any other information relevant to your tour.

**Included in tour programs:** Accommodations as noted in the itinerary or similar including applicable taxes, meals as specified, all ground transportation, first class or 2nd Class AC train tickets, guided sightseeing as indicated in the itinerary (including park and entrance fees), services of an India expert Tour Escort (only on Escorted tours, please see conditions noted below), baggage handling of one standard size checked bag per person, other baggage restrictions may apply for some flights, \*\*mentioned gratuities (only on Escorted tours). Tour prices are valid as shown on the price sheet insert but are subject to change if there is a substantial increase in airfares or hotel/transport prices before departure.

**Group size, Tour Escorts or locally hosted:** For maximum personal experience groups are kept small usually 8 to 16 passengers. Most of the escorted tour programs are guaranteed to operate with minimum of 8 passengers. If number of passengers is below 8, Worldview Tours will provide locally hosted arrangements. Instead of an accompanied Tour Escort you will be expertly guided by local guides and our staff in each city. Logistics may be modified to accommodate a smaller group. All extension and privately guided programs are locally hosted.

**\*\*Gratuities:** On Escorted Programs, gratuities are included for included features such as meals, baggage handling, local guides/drivers, shoe-keepers at monuments etc. Gratuities are not included for the Worldview Tour Escorts. This is left at traveler's discretion. Gratuities are not included on any Worldview privately guided tours but can be pre-paid with advance arrangements.

**Not included in any tour programs:** Travel insurance, passport and visa fee, airport departure taxes if any, any immigration/security charges levied by airport authorities, any service at US airports, excess baggage charges, meals other than specified in the itinerary, beverages, personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities, personal tips/gratuities to room service/housekeeping staff/chamber maids, non-included meals, extension trips, independent programs or non-group transfers.

**Hotels:** Hotels used are in First Class, First Class Superior or Deluxe/best available category. Choice of selecting your hotels from the list of First Class/Deluxe category or Premier Luxury category is available on most tours. In some programs which visit Pushkar or Osian Camel Camp a night or two are provided in Deluxe tented camps as indicated. It is a standard policy of hotels that rooms may not be available for check in before 2pm. Checkouts are generally before 12 noon.

**Meals:** Meals are included as indicated by symbols: (B) American breakfast, (L) lunch and (D) dinner. American or buffet breakfasts are sumptuous and filling. Lunches and Dinners are on 'table d'hote' or buffet basis. Only Full American breakfast is included on trip extensions and independent tour programs unless stated otherwise in pre-documentation.

**Immediate Check-in:** Should you wish to have your room ready for immediate check-in upon early or late night arrival, Worldview Tours can arrange this for an additional charge. Please ask for details and prices.

**Non Group transfers:** Non group transfers are included only if you are buying the international air from us or if arranged/paid for in advance.

**Sightseeing tours:** Comprehensive sightseeing in each city, as indicated in your itinerary, is included by motor coach or private automobile with driver, and English speaking local guides, entrance fees to monuments and other features in your itinerary. Camera fees at some monuments are included for only one still or moving camera but not both.

**Train travel:** First Class train or 2nd AC tickets are included when a journey includes a train ride.

**Active Elements:** Activities during the tour could include (but are not limited to) walking in bazaars, climbing stairs, off road walking and navigating uneven terrain. It is the responsibility of tour participants to select a trip suited to their abilities and interest. While none of our tours are rigorous (except the Himalayas tours), some can be physically demanding and include travel to areas where medical facilities are almost non-existent. Please ask for details at the time of booking.

**Baggage:** No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings.

**Air Transportation:** You will receive a passenger receipt, E-ticket and an itinerary but in most cases no paper tickets. Approximate round trip airfares are quoted separately. These fares are discounted and cannot be combined with any other offers. Most airlines now require passengers to purchase airline tickets within 10 days of making reservations. Discounted airfares may not earn mileage credits. These tickets are generally non-refundable, non-endorsable, non-re-routable and carry heavy change or cancellation penalties. Foreign airport departure taxes are generally included in your airline ticket cost, however in certain destinations airport taxes cannot be prepaid and are traveler's responsibility. Prices, flight schedules, routings and tour itineraries are subject to change without notice.

Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. These programs may use the services of any IATA or Non IATA carriers. The limitations of liability are available from each airline. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these travel programs and/or passage.

**Guaranteed Departures:** All departures require a minimum number of passengers to operate. Should the minimum number of passengers are not met, or in cases of force-majeure Worldview Tours will offer one of the following options: an Independent locally hosted program with a supplemental price or offer an alternative tour. Should no alternative be suitable, Worldview Tours will refund all monies paid which will constitute the limit of Worldview Tour's responsibility. In some cases it may be possible to operate the tour, with a small group surcharge to meet additional costs for non-group hotel prices, etc.

**Other facts you should know:** Accommodations (hotels) and arranged sightseeing are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Worldview Tours control. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur even after the final tour documents have been issued. Worldview Tours must reserve the right to make any modifications if they become necessary. Worldview Tours also reserves the right to withdraw a tour or any part of it to make alterations in the itinerary and to pass on to tour members any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control.

Worldview Tours reserves the right to accept or decline any tour member should the participant's health, mental condition or physical infirmity impede smooth operation of the tour or the rights, of enjoyment of other tour members. In an unlikely event of room shares not working out, single rooms may be offered at extra single supplements paid by both persons.

Worldview Tours reserves the right to photograph or film any of its tours in progress for promotion/commercial purposes.

**Change Fee:** A change fee of US\$50.00 per person will be charged for each change made after your first deposit. If any changes necessitate cancellation of confirmed travel arrangements or cruise portions, unrecoverable costs will be added to the change fee.

**Cancellation:** If canceled in writing, our cancellation policy is as follows;

90 days or more before departure.....\$ 350.00 per person

Between 89-60 days before departure.....\$ 450.00 per person

Between 59-45 days before departure....\$ 1000.00 per person

Between 44 days prior and day of departure 100% of the tour cost. No show, no refunds. No refunds, after the tour begins.

Reservation and payment policies for Palace-On-Wheels and on Deccan Odyssey.

- ☒ Additional deposit of \$450.00 per person is required at the time of booking which is non refundable.
- ☒ Cancellation policy on these train bookings apply as per tour cancellation schedule in above paragraph.

**Travel Advisories/Warnings:** It is the responsibility of The Traveler to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the U. S. State Department's travel website at [www.travel.state.gov/](http://www.travel.state.gov/). In the event of an active State Department Travel Warning against travel to the specific destination location(s) of the trip, should the traveler still choose to travel, despite the existing travel advisory or warning, the traveler assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage. Worldview Tours will require a signed release form before such tour can be finalized.

**Responsibility:** Worldview Tours, its employees, shareholders, directors, officers, Escorts, successors, agents and assigns (collectively Worldview Tours), does not own or operate any entity which is providing goods or services for your trip. It purchases transportation (by aircraft, coach, train, vessel or otherwise), hotel and other lodging accommodations, restaurant, ground handling and other services from various independent suppliers. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result Worldview Tours is not liable for any omission, negligent or willful act of any such person or entity of any third person.

In addition and without limitation, Worldview Tours is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means of transportation or for failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time. The tour participant expressly waives all rights, which he or she may have against Worldview Tours in connection with the foregoing.

Any unresolved dispute or controversy arising under or in connection with the services provided by Worldview Tours shall be settled exclusively by arbitration conducted before the American Arbitration Association, in Los Angeles, California. Each party shall be responsible for the respective fees and expenses of their legal representation and the costs of arbitration shall be shared equally. It is specially agreed that this agreement is entered in the city of Lakewood/Long Beach, county of Los Angeles, California. Any legal action against Worldview Tours concerning the interpretation, enforcement or breach of any term, conditions or obligations set forth in this brochure, the venue of such action shall lie exclusively in the city of Lakewood/Long Beach, county of Los Angeles, California.



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