Flavors of Catalonia

A Relaxing Exploration of the Culture, History, Art, and Cuisine of Spain’s Tranquil Coast
OCTOBER 01, 2022 – OCTOBER 09, 2022
POST-TOUR: OCTOBER 09, 2022 — OCTOBER 12, 2022

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Catalonia is home to some of Spain’s most delicious treasures. During this unforgettable journey, tour artisanal shops, enjoy wine tastings at award-winning wineries including Masia Serra and La Vinyeta, and discover local fishing, farming, and culinary techniques that have been used over generations. Dive deep into the diverse flavors of this unique region as you learn about the history and culture that shaped these Mediterranean seaside villages and their friendly people.

Dear Duke Travelers,

Savor an intimate journey to Catalonia—on Spain’s colorful Mediterranean coast—where natural beauty and distinctive art and architecture abound, historical ruins dot the countryside, and gracious Catalans employ traditional ingredients fresh from farm and sea to create exceptional cuisine. Duke Travels is pleased to have engaged Orbridge LLC to operate this educational and culinary experience.

Enjoy your stay at a beautiful boutique property outside of Girona, ideally located for exploring the region. Find modern comforts and Old World charm blended in a medieval village setting nestled among lush gardens. The spacious common areas are a wonderful place to relax after an exciting day of exploration.

Each day is highlighted by exclusive and authentic experiences with chefs, winemakers, artisan producers, and extraordinary historic sights. Learn about and savor the delicious food and robust wines for which Spain is
famous—in cooking classes, tastings, and guided tours. Revel in Spain’s celebrated art, architecture, and history with visits to world-famous sites and cultural monuments.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

As the Duke group grows in size, a Duke representative will be engaged to join you to bring a uniquely Duke perspective and augment the educational value of this program.

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder ’83
Director, Duke Travels

PS: Orbridge and Duke Alumni take your health and wellness seriously. Visit orbridge.com/wellness to learn about our enhanced COVID-19 protocols.

Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 3/31/2021
Program Highlights:

- With your small group (maximum 26 guests), enjoy seven nights accommodations at our enchanting boutique hotel located in the village of Madremanya.
- Visit the charming town of Girona, where you’ll see the impressive Cathedral of Saint Mary. Explore the Jewish Quarter—one of the best preserved in the world.
- Meet the owner of Masia Serra winery, an esteemed enologist, then delight in a wine tasting paired with typical Catalan delicacies for a memorable meal.
- Admire the panoramic views around El Port de la Selva during a visit to the 10th century Benedictine monastery, Sant Pere de Rodes.
- Visit Púbol Castle for a glimpse of the home where Dalí’s wife, Gala, resided. Afterward, visit the Dalí Theatre-Museum in Figueres, which was Dalí’s final residence, and learn about his impact on the surrealism art movement.
- Take a guided tour of the Greco-Roman ruins site in Empúries—the gateway of the romanization of the Iberian Peninsula.
- Visit Museu de la Pesca—a fishery museum—to experience a live fish auction. Then stroll a market to peruse ingredients you’ll use later during a cooking demonstration.
- Discover La Vinyeta winery. Become acquainted with the owner and vintner, stroll the grounds between the vineyards and olive trees, then enjoy a wine and olive oil tasting before dining either in the wine cellar or al fresco in the vineyard (weather depending).

**What’s included:** 7 nights luxury accommodations; 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine; full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides; all lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary; private motor coach transportation; luggage porterage; gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
Cantallops
Figuers
Girona
Cadaqués
Empúries
Peratallada
Madremanya
Palamós
Barcelona
Itinerary:

Day 1: En route from U.S.
Saturday, October 1, 2022

Day 2: Arrive in Barcelona, Spain / Madremanya
Sunday, October 2, 2022
Bienvenido a España! Settle in at the superb boutique hotel that will be home base for the week. Delight in the charm and impressive style of this tranquil hideaway set in a medieval village built of stone. Unpack and refresh with a light lunch provided in your room. Later, meet your travel companions for a welcome cocktail before dinner, and learn about the exciting adventures to come.

Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya (D)

Day 3: Girona
Monday, October 3, 2022
After breakfast, begin exploring with a walking tour of Girona, northern Catalonia’s largest city. The town boasts Gothic spires, Romanesque towers, and cultural highlights encompassing more than 2,000 years of history. Aged cobblestone streets and medieval walls cascade around a collection of contemporary museums, galleries, churches, bars, and restaurants. Amble through the old Jewish Quarter, or the Call, one of the best preserved in the world, with its narrow streets and fascinating squares. This Jewish Quarter was home to 1,000 Jews prior to their expulsion in 1492.

After free time for lunch on your own, indulge in a delectable treat at Rocambolesc Gelateria, an ice cream shop playfully and artfully bursting with flavor and color. Even the pipes are painted with stripes! Savor a variety of seasonal sorbet and ice cream creations with inventive toppings. The shop owners, the Roca brothers, are also the culinary magic behind El Celler de Can Roca—a three-Michelin-starred restaurant, which has been twice voted “World’s Best Restaurant” by The World’s 50 Best Restaurants list sponsored by prestigious San Pellegrino.

Later this afternoon, return to El Racó de Madremanya where you will learn the art of making paella—one of the region’s most famous dishes.

Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya (B,D)

Day 4: El Port de la Selva / Cadaqués / Cantallops
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Begin your day with a drive to the traditional fishing village and seaside resort of El Port de la
Selva, located approximately 47 miles from Girona. Situated in a bay sheltered by surrounding mountains, it’s the location of perhaps the most important Roman-era monument in Catalonia—Sant Pere de Rodes, a 10th-century Benedictine monastery. Perched on the highest point of El Port de la Selva—with commanding panoramic views of the Pyrenees, the Empordà plain, Cap de Creus Natural Park, and the Bay of Roses—the monastery’s architecture of space and height wows guests with historical and artistic legacy. Legends through the years shroud the monastery’s origin and have given the place an air of mystery.

Afterward, visit Cadaqués, a sleepy seaside village Salvador Dalí once called home. This area, tucked away at the tip of the Costa Brava (meaning “wild” or “rough” coast), has been fondly described as “bohemian-chic,” where artists and visitors alike find inspiration in the sparkling sea views, whitewashed facades, Mediterranean-style roofs, flower-filled streets, fragrant olive trees, and picturesque beaches.

Afterward, visit a local butcher to learn about the making of traditional Catalan sausage, followed by a tasting and light lunch featuring his specialties.

This afternoon, venture to the town of Cantallops in the wine region of Empordà to meet the esteemed owners of Masia Serra Winery. In an idyllic setting of olive trees and old oaks within the nature reserve of the Albera, this vineyard continues a family tradition of wine production dating back to 1961 when indigenous vines were planted by the grandfather.

In 1996, the boutique business officially founded a bodega and entered the commercial wine industry. An interesting selection of the collection is a medium amber-colored dessert wine called INO. Crafted using the solera type aging process, INO combines different harvests with five percent from the mother barrel of 1860. This solera system of wine aging requires time, patience, and self-control and was developed by the Spanish and Portuguese as a way to provide wines of a constant average age, as well as to ensure a certain sameness of product over different vintages. The gem INO has been described as having characteristics of sherry followed by caramelized apples and baked peaches with honey and smoked nuts. The finish goes on and on!

Embrace the passion and pride exuded by your hospitable and knowledgeable hosts for their generations-old traditions, and treat your palate to Empordà wines during a tasting paired with typical Catalan delicacies for a most memorable meal.

*Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya (B,L,D)*

**Day 5: Púbol / Figueres / Peratallada / Ullastret**
Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Today, prepare for a wild visual ride during a discovery of the life and works of Salvador Dalí, one of the most celebrated artists of all time. His technical, yet highly unusual, paintings, sculptures, and visionary explorations of subconscious imagery began a new generation of imaginative expression. Dalí created pieces with commonplace objects metamorphosed in bizarre fashion and placed within landscapes reminiscent of his Catalanian homeland. Perhaps the most famous of these images is *The Persistence of Memory* from 1931, depicting limp, melting watches.

After breakfast, drive to Púbol to tour Dalí Castle—an estate he gave to his beloved wife, Gala, as a quiet and secluded refuge. It was offered with a unique agreement that he would not visit the property without her expressed permission. The castle’s antique exterior contrasts with the photographs, exhibits, and art within. In addition to a display of Gala’s dresses, there is a coffee table situated above a hole in the floor leading to an actual stuffed horse on the floor below. Dalí cleverly put the castle’s radiators behind steel screens only to then paint radiators over the screens. It’s a home tour like no other!

Gala spent her final days here and is buried in a crypt in the courtyard. After her death in 1982, Dalí took up residence at the castle for two years before moving to his final residence—and your next stop—the Dalí Theatre-Museum in Dalí’s birthplace of Figueres.

Dalí oversaw the transformation of the Dalí Theatre-Museum, building it from the remains of the Municipal Theatre that was destroyed by fire at the end of the Spanish Civil War. The museum, considered his last great work, opened in 1974 and features a broad spectrum of Dalí’s art in paintings, sculptures, installations, and photography. A few feature pieces are *Self-Portrait with "L’Humanité"* (1923), *The Basket of Bread* (1945), and the *Mae West Lips Sofa* (1937). With unconventional rows of bread-like medallions, golden statues and giant eggs, this artistic venue is unparalleled for creating equal measures of admiration and intrigue. One of the most spectacular images by Dalí is entitled, *Gala Nude Looking at the Sea Which at 18 Metres Appears the President Lincoln* (1975). It makes use of double images to recreate the distinctive face of the 16th American president.

Next, soak up the beguiling historic and atmospheric village of Peratallada during a guided walking tour. Considered one of the finest examples of medieval architecture in Catalonia, Peratallada was built using the stone that remained after carving the moat that still encircles it. The name derives from pedra tallada, meaning “carved stone.” Cobbled streets of this monochromatic walled town have been well preserved since feudal times and wind like a maze with several landmarks dating back hundreds of years. Photo opportunities abound of
doors, arches, and buildings, while lovely restaurants and terraces add to the lively ambiance.

This evening, attend a wine presentation and dinner at Restaurant Iberic in Ullastret, located a few miles from the coast. Offering local Empordà Mediterranean cuisine, Restaurant Iberic uses local ingredients cooked in a traditional way.

Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya (B,L,D)

Day 6: La Bisbal / Llafranc / Palamós
Thursday, October 6, 2022

Begin the morning with a visit to La Bisbal d’Emporda, one of the traditional centers of the Sardana, the Catalan folk dance, and the undisputed capital of Catalan pottery, with numerous artisan studios. Potters have worked the local clay for centuries, thanks to copiousness deposits in the hills along the northwestern Spanish coast. The fertile material has developed this renowned center for handicrafts, and slender silhouettes of old industrial chimneys still dot the skyline. Attend a pottery workshop to learn about the highly rated "Ceràmica de la Bisbal" and its trademark of authenticity and quality. Genuine La Bisbal pottery, both utilitarian and decorative, can be recognized by their predominant colors of red, earthy golds and greens, creams and blues. Brightly painted terra cotta tiles, plates, pitchers, flowerpots and more adorn this small town of lemon trees and a centuries-old stone bridge.

Later, stroll by the sea between the towns of Llafranc and Calella de Palafrugell—two of three coastal areas belonging to the municipality of Palafrugell, in the province of Girona. After, a short drive takes you to the lighthouse of Sant Sebastià, situated on a tiny cape surrounded by wild cliffs. Built in 1857, it’s one of the most powerful lighthouses in Spain with a light reaching 32 nautical miles. Admire the magnificent views and enjoy a delightful lunch followed by a visit to the ruins of Sant Sebastià de la Guarda, an Iberian town dating back to the 6th century B.C.

Your next excursion is in Palamós, where you visit the jewel Museu de la Pesca to learn about the fishing industry's history and importance to the region and culture. Unique to the Mediterranean, the past, present, and future of fishing comes to life with interesting and informative displays and exhibits, including a short film, fishing equipment, models, photos, and paintings. Next, observe a live local fish auction. Peruse the market and familiarize yourself with the wonderful variety of ingredients you will use in an engaging cooking class that teaches the group how to create dishes for dinner.

Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya (B,L,D)

Day 7: Empúries
Friday, October 7, 2022
Today, discover the ruins of Empúries in the heart of the Costa Brava and admire part of the legacy left behind by Greek and Roman civilizations. This unique archaeological site, surrounded by beaches, coves, and breathtaking views of the Mediterranean, served as an important trading center for more than eight centuries—and as the gateway to the romanization of the Iberian Peninsula. Abandoned and buried by years of sand blowing in from the coast, this area showcases ruins of excavated temples and sanctuaries, plus remnants of artifacts, including pottery and mosaics. Digging began in 1908 and continues to this day. Visit the village of Sant Martí d’Empúries, a section of which dates back to the 9th century B.C.

This evening, relax and dine at Bo.Tic, a two-star Michelin-rated restaurant imparting feeling and passion in each dish by serving creative adaptations of traditional recipes from the Empordà region. Revel in this gastronomic opportunity of high-quality ingredients artistically presented. Raise a glass and share a toast to the day’s events with your fellow travelers. With a cellar of more than 400 local and imported wines at Bo.Tic, there is a wine for every taste. 
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya (B,D)

Day 8: Empordà
Saturday, October 8, 2022
Following a leisurely morning at the property, delight in a picnic lunch surrounded by lush palms and cypress trees that grow among the gardens.

This afternoon, set out for La Vinyeta, a family-run winery with striking views of surrounding mountains. Meet the owner and vintner, and explore the grounds of verdant vineyards and olive trees. Not only does La Vinyeta produce fantastic wines, olive oil, and fresh eggs, but it has an uplifting story of beating the odds to succeed. In 2009, La Vinyeta became one of the first wineries to adopt Integrated Production, an environmentally friendly cultivation system. They don’t use any pesticides and herbicides—relying instead on natural methods. Within the space of a few relative years, La Vinyeta has earned enthusiastic approval of their guests and was voted “Best Winery in 2018” by the Catalan Sommeliers’ Association.

Partake in an olive oil and wine tasting experience before dinner—savoring rich and green olive oil sopped up with farmhouse bread while sipping red wine, full of ripe fruit and a hint of oak. Names of wines at La Vinyeta relate to their personal story, with the white Heus denoting “once upon a time,” Llavors meaning “and then,” and Puntiapart signifying “happily ever after.” Aged for twelve months in French, Romanian, and Hungarian casks, Puntiapart is the winery’s most complex.
Tonight concludes with an intimate and exciting Flamenco dance performance to celebrate your memorable time in Catalonia.

*Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya (B,L,D)*

**Day 9: Madremanya / Barcelona / Depart for U.S.**

Sunday, October 9, 2022

After breakfast, guests departing at the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to Barcelona El Prat Airport for flights home. *(B)*

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

(Itinerary subject to change.)

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**Activity Level:**

**Moderate**

Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle, and sometimes it is not possible for your motor coach to drop you off at the entrances of hotels and sites. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for people with disabilities may be limited. Also, dexterity to use kitchen tools and participate in cooking lessons is not necessary but adds to the enjoyment of this program. NOTE: El Racó de Madremanya does not have an elevator, so guests with limited mobility should request a ground floor room.

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**What’s Included:**

- 7 nights luxury accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Private motor coach transportation
• Luggage handling
• Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Your Guide(s):

**Dolça Lafarque — Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host**

Dolça Lafarque feels like a true ambassador of Catalonia, having lived and enjoyed the pleasures of the region's good weather, excellent food, and of course—the sparkling expanse of the Mediterranean Sea.

With a passion for learning, travel, and forging meaningful connections, Dolça has followed a path hiking through the Pyrenees, bicycling through Barcelona, studying and exploring much of Europe, and working as a guide.

As a certified guide in English, Italian, Spanish, and Catalan, she holds a Bachelor’s degree in Art History and a Master’s degree in Theatre studies, being fascinated by art, theatre, history, and architecture.

Join Dolça for an immersive, locally minded, memorable adventure in her beloved Spain!
Program Accommodations:

El Racó de Madremanya

October 2 - October 8

Originally a 17th-century farmhouse set in a medieval stone village, El Racó de Madremanya is a gorgeously restored property that features an enchanting and embracing warmth and sophistication. The boutique hotel’s on-site proprietor, Ivan, departed the corporate world to refocus his energy towards the hospitality industry—his true passion. Welcoming guests as he would close friends, Ivan’s engaging personality sweetens the already congenial atmosphere.

Located in The Golden Triangle of Catalonia, you’ll be near a variety of local attractions, glorious beaches, and quaint villages.

Property amenities include lush gardens, freshwater pool, saltwater pool, sitting room with library, complimentary Wi-Fi, and fireplace.

Room Amenities: All rooms have been carefully detailed with custom color themes and matching optional aromatherapy for a unique personality. Each includes individual climate control, TV with local Spanish channels, phone, bathrobes and slippers, minibar, and en suite bathroom with a shower, shampoo/conditioner, and hair dryer.

Standard I (172 sq. ft.): Charming and cozy room featuring stone floors and walls throughout and a European queen bed (59 inches x 78.5 inches).

Standard II (215 sq. ft.): Romantic room featuring stone walls throughout, a terrace with garden and pool views, and a European queen bed (59 inches x 78.5 inches).

Superior (301-355 sq. ft.): Larger rooms located in the farmhouse, featuring stone walls, lounge area with sofa, views of the garden or medieval village corridors, and either a European queen bed (59 inches x 78.5 inches) or European king bed (70.5 inches x 78.5 inches).

Junior Suite (333-645 sq. ft.): Bright, spacious rooms located in the contemporary buildings with outdoor garden terraces, a variety of distinct features, and either a European queen bed (59 inches x 78.5 inches) or European king bed (70.5 inches x 78.5 inches).

Suite (441-645 sq. ft.): Large, desirable rooms with numerous unique amenities, including a separate living room (some with a fireplace), full bathroom with hydro-massage tub and shower, terrace with easy pool and garden access, and a European king bed (70.5 inches x 78.5 inches).

Grand Suite (753 sq. ft.): Spectacular two-story suite, featuring a ground-floor bedroom, second-floor living room with fireplace and TV, roomy bathroom with hydro-massage tub, access to the terrace, private garden,
private pool, and a European king bed (70.5 inches x 78.5 inches).

*NOTE: This property does not have elevators.*

(Accommodations subject to change.)
Optional Post-Tour:

BARCELONA

Discover one of the oldest cities in Europe, one that boasts a marriage of contrasts—historic streets and buildings that have survived more than 2,000 years alongside unique architecture designed by Gaudí as recently as the early 1900s.

Itinerary:

Day 9: Madremanya / Barcelona
Sunday, October 9, 2022
After arriving in Barcelona, set out on a panoramic visit of the city, first passing by Paseo de Gracia and La Pedrera. As you absorb the lively atmosphere, explore the interesting examples of magnificent architecture, from 14th-century Gothic style to early 20th-century Modernism. Enjoy views from Montjuïc before arriving at today's featured highlight, an inside visit to La Sagrada Familia—Barcelona's most visited attraction—where you'll have a guided tour inside the crown jewel of Antoni Gaudí’s works.
Overnight: Claris Hotel & Spa

Day 10: Barcelona / Gothic Walking Tour
Monday, October 10, 2022
Today enjoy a walking tour through the narrow streets of medieval Barcelona, the core of the city, to where it all started 2,000 years ago. Discover the elegant and inspiring Catalan Gothic architecture—its charming corners and squares hidden away down ancient narrow
streets. From here, travel back to the Middle Ages visiting the Jewish Quarter and the El Born district. See popular locales, such as Placa Reial (Royal Square) and its Fountain of the Three Graces, Carrer Ferran, Plaça del Pi, Carrer Petritxol, Plaça Sant Jaume, Plaça del Rei (King’s Square), and Plaça Sant Felip Neri.

Also visit inside the Gothic Cathedral, with its resident flock of geese, and make a stop at the Santa Caterina Market. Finish with a walk through Moncada Street, passing the Picasso Museum toward the magnificent Santa Maria del Mar Church, one of the most beautiful in Barcelona. It is a magnificent example of Catalan Gothic architecture with soaring arches and stunning glass windows.

Overnight: Claris Hotel & Spa (B)

**Day 11: Barcelona**
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
The day is yours to enjoy Barcelona at your leisure. Perhaps visit the Picasso Museum to view some of the artist's early sketches and lesser-known works or take a pleasant stroll down Las Ramblas, Barcelona’s most famous pedestrian boulevard. Venture to Parc Güell, an area originally designed by Count Eusebi Güell and Gaudi that was intended as a luxury residential community, but was instead turned into a public park and municipal garden.

Overnight: Claris Hotel & Spa (B)

**Day 12: Barcelona / Depart for U.S.**
Wednesday, October 12, 2022
After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to Barcelona–El Prat Airport for flights home. (B)

B = Breakfast

This post-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Travel Director. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Space is limited, so it's recommended to reserve early for best availability.

(Itinerary subject to change.)

**Activity Level:**
Moderate
It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to walk a mile at a moderate pace, get in and out of a motor coach, and walk up a flight of stairs without assistance.
Accommodations:

**Claris Hotel & Spa**

October 9 - October 11

Located in the heart of Barcelona, Hotel Claris provides the sublime combination of luxury, comfort, and elegance. Each room is decorated with original works of art dating back to Roman, Hindu and Egyptian periods. The property amenities include a swimming pool, sauna, business center, fitness center, and bar.

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, LCD TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, minibar, safe, and en suite bathroom with a hair dryer.*

(Accommodations subject to change.)

What's Included:

- Private group transfer from Madremanya to Barcelona
- 3 nights accommodations at Claris Hotel & Spa (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- A guided, intimate visit of La Sagrada Familia and a panoramic tour of Barcelona's highlights
- A guided walking tour of the Gothic Quarter
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times
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To reserve, please call Duke Travels at (919) 684-2988.

Deposits can be made by check or credit card.

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: __________________
Address: ______________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: ____________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: __________________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House) ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: ___________________________ Exp. Date: _______ CVV: ______
Name (as printed on card): ______________________________________
Billing Address (if different from above): __________________________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: ____________

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:
Category Preference: ___________________________ 1st choice ___________________________ 2nd choice ___________________________
# _________ guests joining program ($950/person) *
# _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: ___________

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Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________

*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single is in the Standard II category; availability limited. Airfare not included.

***Post-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited.

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Limitation of Responsibility. Orbridge LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, “Orbridge”), does not own or operate any entity that provides goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service or entertainment providers, etc., even if they use the “Orbridge LLC” or “Orbridge” name. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Orbridge is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Orbridge is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience (collectively, “injuries”) in connection with the operation of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging or vessel facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with or bites from animals, pests or insects, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics, pandemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

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Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: (1) $850 per person per program and $550 per person pre-tour and/or post-tour except for programs noted in (2) and (3), (2) $2,500 per person for Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway and $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour, and (3) $1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Wildlife Safaris’ Rwanda pre-tour. Deposits are payable by check, automated clearing house (“ACH”), wire transfer or major credit card.

Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursions/fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer, and is due for: (1) all programs except Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 90 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date; (2) Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 150 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date.

All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be processed as follows:

(a) For all programs except those noted in (b) and (c), if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 90 calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 29 and 14 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(b) For Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 180 calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 119 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(c) All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safaris’ Rwanda pre-tour are non-refundable at all times.

In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, in the event of unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover emergency medical evacuation insurance and cancel for any reason insurance. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

Travel Insurance. Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover emergency medical evacuation insurance and cancel for any reason insurance. Orbridge observes the terms, conditions and limitations of your travel insurance policies and dates by which policies must be purchased vary by provider/insurer, maximum coverage (including cancel for any reason) is generally only available for purchase within 14 days of your reservation being confirmed. It is advised to determine your insurance needs and make necessary arrangements soon after reserving on tour. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us.

Program Cancellations or Postponements. All programs are subject to cancellation or postponement by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for reasons such as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge’s sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation or postponement by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join the same tour on a different date or a different tour. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference within 30 days of the alternative program’s departure date. If it is higher than your original booking price, Orbridge will invoice you the difference and you will be responsible therefor. Transferred guests are subject to the terms of the original tour. Except for force majeure, if a program is cancelled or postponed by Orbridge, Orbridge will refund all payments made within 30 calendar days of notice of program cancellation or postponement if an alternative arrangement is not
Itineraries. Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, lecturers, hosts, faculty or organization representative, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge’s control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, however adjustments, substitutions and changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw a program or any part of it, make such alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures or additional costs caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

Not Included. Unless otherwise specifically noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares except as indicated in program inclusions; transfers and luggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or other taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authorities; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship’s crew not specified; meals and beverages not those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary, personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities which are subject to availability; ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable; any items not on the “included” list of the tour documents.

Health and Fitness to Travel. Through your participation in your tour, you assume responsibility for your own health, safety, and welfare and acknowledge that Orbridge cannot absolutely guarantee your safety or health. Your physician can provide guidance on your personal health risk and precautions to take while traveling. Some programs include physical, actively elemental activities. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required and Orbridge will require all guests to follow local, state, national and/or World Health Organization health and safety mandates. Accordingly, it must be in good physical or mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will cause or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit from participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant’s sole expense, remove the guest from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may or is likely to cause a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your situation if possible.

Accessibility. Orbridge cannot guarantee that the transportation, lodging, and entertainment/sightseeing accommodations will be accessible to all persons regardless of their physical and mental condition. In addition, many of the activities involved in each program include walking or the like for some distance on uneven ground or pavement or moving water as well as the ability to walk up and down stairs without assistance. Should any individuals seeking to participate in a travel opportunity need special accommodations to ensure their enjoyment of the trip, kindly provide notice at the time the reservation is submitted, and we will see if your participation is feasible. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside the United States.

At the time of reservation, Orbridge needs to be notified to determine if the special needs of an individual traveler can be met through special arrangements. It is possible that minor modifications to the services can be provided, but only if Orbridge is made specifically aware of anticipated needs. This notification should be made in writing no less than two weeks prior to the planned travel. Neither Orbridge nor any of the providers of transportation, lodging, or other services can provide special accommodations without this advance notice.

Where an individual with certain specific needs will be traveling with a group, it is necessary for other members of that person’s group to be available to assist as necessary. Neither employees of Orbridge nor any suppliers of services can allow any of their employees to provide physical assistance to any guests.

Travel Advisories. The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue statements and advisories regarding to travelers. These statements are country specific and contain important information. The State Department information can be found at www.travel.state.gov, and the CDC statements can be found at http://www.cdc.gov. Orbridge highly recommends everyone to review these sites.

Children. Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian (“Dependents”) in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is possible or suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

Baggage. Program rates include the price of one piece of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land, cruise or rail portion of the program only unless specified in the itinerary. Air carriers and motor coaches often impose significant other restrictions or limitations on the number of pieces, size and weight of luggage and may reject or impose additional fees on luggage exceeding such limitations or restrictions. All such fees are your sole cost and responsibility. In addition and regardless of location or transportation method, your baggage and personal effects are and shall at all times be at your sole risk throughout the entire program. Please check with your air carrier for other applicable baggage restrictions and limitations.

Travel Documents. All guests are responsible for possessing and maintaining necessary travel documents. These documents shall be valid under state and federal law and as required by foreign countries being visited. Orbridge is not responsible for invalid travel documents and repercussions thereof.

For U.S. citizens, valid passports are required for travel to foreign destinations and some countries require specific visas prior to entry. Please direct any questions in respect to visa requirements to Orbridge, which shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide answers as a courtesy, provided that it shall remain your sole responsibility and obligation to obtain and verify that you have all required travel documents, including visas, necessary and appropriate for the program location(s) and sufficient blank pages in your passport for visas and immigration stamps. In addition, some countries require your passport to have an expiry date of not less than six months after your anticipated return to the United States. Orbridge disclaims all liability for any expenses or costs you may incur due to your prohibition or restriction from entering a country on the program itinerary or re-entering the U.S. Without the conclusion of the program. If travel documents fail to meet these requirements, boarding of aircraft or ship to any international destination may be denied and entry into such countries may be denied.

Photos and Videos. Orbridge may take photographs and/or video of its trips and participant grants Orbridge permission to do so and for it to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant. In addition, Orbridge may use, without compensation, any photographs or video taken by tour participants and submitted to Orbridge or to SmugMug without payment of any compensation. In submitting any such photographs or videos to Orbridge or SmugMug, participant warrants that he or she took the image and that the dissemination of same does not violate the copyright rights of any person.

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Other. Dates, program details and costs are based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time. While we do not anticipate material revisions of the itinerary or its included features, we do reserve the right to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary Orbridge, in its sole discretion, deems necessary and in that case any additional expense or cost will be paid by the individual guest. Your baggage and
personal effects are your sole responsibility at all times. It is prohibited by federal law and Orbridge policy to bring illegal drugs, firearms, or other contraband (including marijuana for medical or recreational purposes) on any program.

Orbridge may at any time and without notice modify these terms and conditions, and any modification so made will be effective for all reservations made from and after the posted Effective Date.

In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties’ intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

**Binding Arbitration.** I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, either according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association 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. 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. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, both parties are waiving their right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Orbridge must be on behalf of only the individual(s) to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members travelling with them, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

**Acceptance of Contract.** ANY PAYMENT TO ORBRIDGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEPOSITS OR FULL PAYMENTS, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TOUR DOCUMENTS.

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