

Confirmation of Receipt of the Insurance Information

We strongly advise that you contact Travelex (or another provider) and take out travel insurance. This will cover you for the many unexpected occurrences, both before and during the trip, that could cost you thousands of dollars.

Please, confirm with your signature, the receipt of contact information for Travelex Insurance Services and indicate whether you will be purchasing insurance or declining such coverage.

Travelex

Phone: 800-228-9792 (M-F 8am to 7pm CST)

Location Number: 07-6073

(Give the location number to Travelex to assure you association with the trip).

Tour Name: _____

First Traveler's Name (print): _____

Check One:

- ◇ I will be contacting an insurance provider.
- ◇ I am declining insurance coverage and understand all consequences of such action.

First Traveler's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Second Traveler's Name (print): _____

Check One:

- ◇ I will be contacting an insurance provider.
- ◇ I am declining insurance coverage and understand all consequences of such action.

Second Traveler's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please, Complete and Return to:
Connecticut Audubon Society EcoTravel
PO Box 903
Essex, CT 06426
860-767-0660



GENERAL CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form and send it to **Connecticut Audubon Society EcoTravel, PO Box 903, Essex, CT 06426**, together with a **deposit check**. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on the tour. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due not later than 90 days prior to departure unless noted otherwise in the tour itinerary. Final documents will be sent to you approximately three weeks prior to departure.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: We are willing to help with your flight arrangements. Please let us know if you have any preferences as to seating, class of service, or meals. If making your own flight arrangements, you must check with us first to coordinate flight times and to be sure the trip has enough subscribers.

DEPARTURE TAXES: Please note the amount of departure tax reflected in itineraries is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: It should be possible for you to obtain frequent flyer mileage. Present your frequent flyer card at all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

BAGGAGE: International flights from the U.S. allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 lbs. However we recommend you travel as light as you can manage. For safety and because space is restricted, baggage on charter aircraft is restricted to a maximum of 20 kilos (44 lbs.) **The baggage limit on domestic flights is one piece at 44 lbs. per person (including carry-on bag and camera equipment.)** Also, the size and the structure of the bag is limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal. Large suitcases are impossible to stow on smaller aircraft and should not be used. Should you arrive with excess baggage without prior warning your baggage could be delayed, as your baggage may fly into camps at a later stage at considerable extra cost to you. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN A TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY.**

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout our tours; the best in each of the areas we visit. We make all efforts to reserve rooms with private facilities, and rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are queen or twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in the itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions can change for similar lodging.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see individual itineraries for cost.) The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. On occasion, in smaller lodges and camps, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms are not available. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement.

MEALS: Please, check the itinerary carefully for a description of the meals included and not included. If you have any question, please give us a call for clarification.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip transfers of passengers between airports and hotels are usually included in the tour.

TIPS AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, lodges and camps, and entrance fees to all parks are as outlined in the itinerary. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are not included. Tips to driver/guides and specialist-guide are not included and are at the discretion of the tour members. If you have any questions about appropriate tipping practices, please give us a call.

INOCULATIONS: We strongly suggest you contact your personal physician or the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) for their recommendations as to inoculations. However, **it is a sensible precaution for visitors to take one of the preventive pills that are in common use against malaria in places where this is a problem.** Please, check to see if it is safe to drink throughout your tour. It is always advisable to drink bottled water when away from home, which will be provided for you free of charge in the vehicles and during your tour.

RATES: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of the printing of the itinerary and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of passengers traveling together. The right is reserved to levy a surcharge (small group supplement) if the minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to add a surcharge.

ESCORT: The group will be accompanied by an organization escort when the minimum number of passengers is met. Otherwise, the tour may be sent with only guides from the host destination. All travel details will be clearly described so travelers will have as smooth a time as possible in transit.

TRIP INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

INVOICING: Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately 120 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure or as outlined in the tour itinerary.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately three weeks prior to departure. No documents can be released if final payments are not received.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit for each person must be submitted with each application. Deposits may be paid by check or money order. Final balance is payable by check or money order and is due no later than 90 days prior to departure or as outlined in the tour itinerary.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. Look at the individual itinerary details for cancellation fees. These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

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DEVIATIONS: Should additional reservations be required, including extensions, we will happy to make all the arrangements. However, there will be an extra charge for such deviations.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

LATE BOOKING FEE: Connecticut Audubon Society reserves the right to impose a late booking fee to offset additional administrative costs incurred for any reservations received 60 days (or closer) to the program's departure date.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by air lines; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; gratuities to driver/guides and specialist-guide, and other conveyance attendants; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; U.S. and foreign airport taxes; cost for anything not specifically included in the itinerary.

WILD ANIMALS: Please be aware that while in nature, one may come into close contact with wild animals. Attacks by wild animals are rare, but no expedition into the wilderness can guarantee that this will not occur. Neither the Connecticut Audubon Society, nor their employees, nor agents can be held responsible for any injury or incident on the tour.

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. The company, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor the cost of visas.

RESPONSIBILITY: Neither Connecticut Audubon Society (CAS) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of CAS shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochures or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition, CAS shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any tour or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any tour being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. CAS may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

If you should arrive to the host destination and at any point the leaders deem your health or fitness level not to be sufficient for the expected conditions (including altitude), they will advise you of such. They may ask you to sign an additional waiver releasing them and CAS of any liability and stating that you have been advised not to participate. At the full discretion of the leaders, they may refuse your participation in all or part of the trip. At this point, YOU WILL NOT BE REFUNDED ANY MONIES and any additional expense relative to your departure from the trip will be solely your responsibility. We strongly advise you to take out a Travel Insurance Policy that covers you for trip interruption situations. You need to be certain of your abilities, health, and fitness. If you have any doubt as to your ability to participate in this trip, please consult your physician and be in touch with us. High altitudes can cause severe sickness and even death. Much of this trip takes place where medical attention is many hours away.

PHOTOGRAPHY: CAS reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the trip by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that CAS reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and accommodations as dictated by changing conditions. Such conditions may be brought about by seasonal rainfall, airline, or other booking problems, etc.

REFUNDS: While CAS uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against CAS for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, no refunds are due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The passenger's reservation when booked shall constitute a sole contract between the airlines and the passenger.

OTHER: CAS cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of but not limited to airlines not running to schedule, weather, illness, or any other reason.

If one of our guides is unable to make the tour due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the tour takes place.

CAS acts merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit or any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this document whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this tour, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of CAS.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. This insurance should include coverage in respect to, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Connecticut Audubon Society, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. **If insurance is purchased within 30 days of the initial trip payment, the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion will be waived by our provider, Travelex. Travelex's Phone: 800-228-9792. Location Number: 07-6073 (give this number to Travelex).**

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