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***Great Rivers of the Amazon II:  
Birding the Madeira-Tapajos Interfluvium***  
*July 6-20, 2023*



*Harlequin Antbird has a very small distribution in the part of the Central Amazon most easily accessible by boat.  
Photograph by participant David Smith.*

*We include here information for those interested in one of the 2023 Field Guides Great Rivers of the Amazon II tour:*

- a general introduction to the tour
- a description of the birding areas to be visited on the tour
- an abbreviated daily itinerary with some indication of the nature of each day's birding outings

*These additional materials will be made available to those who register for the tour:*

- an annotated list of the birds recorded on a previous year's Field Guides trip to the area, with comments by guide(s) on notable species or sightings (may be downloaded from our web site)
- a detailed information bulletin with important logistical information and answers to questions regarding accommodations, air arrangements, clothing, currency, customs and immigration, documents, health precautions, and personal items
- a Field Guides checklist for preparing for and keeping track of the birds we see on the tour
- after the conclusion of the tour, a list of birds seen on the tour

Folks, the next run of this boat-based, Amazonian birding tour is ready for you! It will take us up tributaries and into forests that few birders (besides Bret and colleagues, on research expeditions, and our 2 previous tours) have ever seen, and give us a chance of finding many of the poorly known birds and some primates endemic to the Madeira-Tapajos interfluvium. These are two of the longest, widest, and biogeographically most important rivers of the vast Amazon basin. Both are south-bank tributaries of the Rio Amazonas and are only about 270 miles apart at their mouths, but they could hardly be more different watercourses. The Madeira is the single longest tributary of the Amazon, born in the Andean snowfields of Bolivia; it carries an unfathomable load of rich, volcanic silt to the fertile floodplains of her lower reaches and those of the Amazon itself. She is therefore a "whitewater" river, her course winding and braided with ephemeral, mud-based islands, her banks lined with tall, seasonally inundated forests. Across the interfluvium to the east, the Tapajos

finds its headwaters on the ancient Brazilian Shield. These Precambrian uplands are heavily eroded, their fertile topsoils long-ago weathered away. Thus, the Tapajós runs relatively straight and free of particulate matter, with only a narrow band of seasonally flooded vegetation lining its banks. It is classified as a “clearwater” river, and most of its tributaries are “blackwater”, the “brewed-tea” color and relatively acid PH resulting from the leaching of tannins from vegetation decomposing through a sandy-soil filter. As might be expected from their two very distinct histories, these rivers define the ranges of numerous species and subspecies of birds.

We’ll depart from the bustling capital of Manaus to leave the Rio Negro, cross the Rio Amazonas to ascend the Madeira, and make our first stop in the Madeira-Tapajós interfluvium at the little town of Borba. We’ll have three days in *terra firme* forests and *campinas* around Borba before heading back down the Madeira to re-enter the Madeira-Tapajós interfluvium at Nova Olinda do Norte. The tiny, “whitewater” Rio Uruará provides access to the vast interior, allowing us to go a short distance up several important southern tributaries, such as the Canuma and Abacaxis, on our way eastward off the Madeira. The old town of Maués is situated at the mouth of a long, blackwater river of the same name, and has a decidedly “Tapajós” avifauna. We’ll spend more time here, birding a variety of Amazonian habitats, including the impressive interface with the complex of “Tupinambarana” whitewater islands, still quite poorly known ornithologically.

A few of the more range-restricted species we’ll be searching for on the tour include Bald Parrot, Vulturine Parrot, Golden Parakeet (three truly spectacular psittacids!!), White-crested Guan, “Blue-faced” Guan (presently a very poorly known subspecies of Rusty-margined Guan with a bright-blue face and heavy rusty scalloping through the upperparts endemic to the interfluvium), Brown-breasted Barbet, Fiery-tailed Aulbill, Hoffmann’s Woodcreeper, Ocellated Woodcreeper (the little-known, nominate form), Spot-throated Woodcreeper, the distinctive *snehtlageae* subspecies of Red-billed Scythebill, both White-breasted and Harlequin antbirds, Pale-faced Antbird, Opal-crowned Manakin, Flame-crested Manakin, and Buff-cheeked Tody-Tyrant. We’ll also get to lay eyes on the recently described Sucunduri Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sucunduri*, described by Bret and colleagues in 2013). We will hope for some exciting nightbirding at a couple of our stops.

Our live-aboard boat, the *Dorinha*, is simply fabulous! It has numerous, twin-bedded, air-conditioned rooms, each with private bathroom, a fully stocked bar (delicious, refreshing *caipirinhas* at hand!), and a wonderful cook and friendly, fun staff to take care of us all the way. Many of you have been with us on these boats over 20+ years of our “Rio Negro Paradise” tours, and you know what a dream it is to travel the Amazon in this level of comfort and safety, with your Field Guides guides calling the shots. So, we invite you to return for another run of a very different nature, or jump aboard for your first thrilling Amazon journey!



*Our boat, the Dorinha, will be a very comfortable base for our expeditions. Photograph by guide Rose Ann Rowlett.*

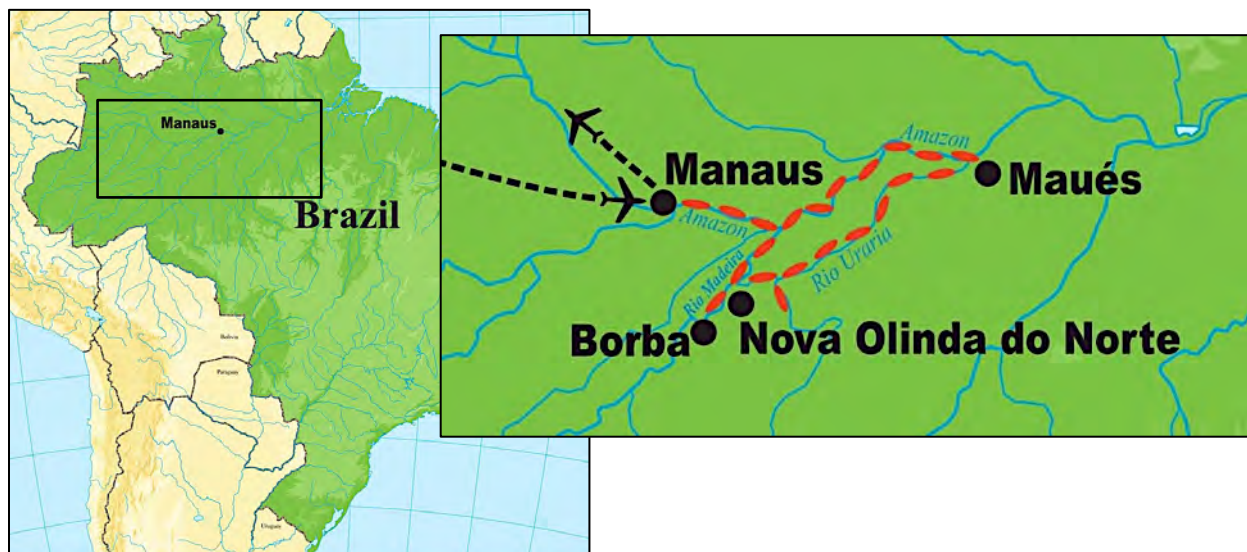
**All participants will be required to confirm they will have completed a full COVID vaccination course at least two weeks prior to the tour (which includes a booster for those eligible to have one).** Having a vaccinated group will greatly diminish but not eliminate the possibility of the group and individual participants being adversely affected by COVID-19. **We are requiring all of our staff guides to be vaccinated, including getting the booster.** Note too, that many travel destinations are or soon will be requiring proof of vaccination for entry to bypass testing delays or quarantine, and that entry requirements for a destination can change at any time. Proof of a booster shot, too, may become a requirement for some travel destinations if they choose to declare that vaccinations do not last indefinitely. And having a booster means your risk is lowered and your travel plans and those of our group are less likely to be disrupted.

*We want to be sure you are on the right tour! Below is a description of the physical requirements of the tour. If you are concerned about the difficulty, please contact us about this and be sure to fully explain your concerns. We want to make sure you have a wonderful time with us, so if you are uncomfortable with the requirements, just let us know and we can help you find a better fitting tour! Field Guides will not charge you a change or cancellation fee if you opt out within 10 days of depositing.*

### Physical requirements of this tour

- **TRAILS & WALKING:** Challenging walking (2-4 miles per day) along forest trails, some of which are on even ground, but most of which have steep, uneven, and muddy sections, with obstacles such as tree roots, buttresses, fallen trees and branches, and root masses. There may also be small streams to wade through or to cross on improvised log "bridges." These kinds of obstacles are very common on this tour. To reach terra firme terraces for birding, on some days we ascend very steep mud banks. We will have our crew cut steps into the bank to aid in going up and down, but these places can be quite tiring and difficult to negotiate.
- **POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** We use small boats for transport, and so an ability to climb into and out of the boat onto a dock or riverbank (in some cases via the bow, the front of the boat) is necessary.
- **PACE:** After predawn breakfast (usually 5:00 a.m.), we bird until lunch time. We usually return to the boat (*Dorinha*) for lunch. Normally, weather permitting, we bird again after lunch following a short siesta. On several evenings, we'll also try for nocturnal birds, perhaps staying out until about 10:00 p.m. (optional).
- **WEATHER:** Temperatures will range from the 70s at night to the 90s F during the day, and humidity will be high. Rain showers are possible.
- **BATHROOM BREAKS:** Participants should be prepared to make comfort stops in nature, as there are no other options when away from our vessel.
- **OPTING OUT:** Participants may easily opt to sit out a day or sometimes a half-day except on travel days.

If you feel that the above birding conditions are possibly too much for you -- in your own best interest and to help ensure that the rest of the group is not compromised -- please find another tour to participate on.



## About the Birding Areas

The tour opens with three days of birding *terra firme* habitats, based in a hotel in the little town of Borba, on the Rio Madeira. We'll explore both *campina* (low-stature, savanna-like bushy areas on white, sandy soils) and tall, humid forest. Unfortunately, much of the Borba area burned during the extremely dry season of mid-late 2015, so we will have to locate some new areas for birding, farther out from town than used to be the case. We will also get into good *terra firme* at the Rio Abacaxis, and later, above Maues.

We'll bird classic, successional whitewater island habitats and, toward the end of the tour, spend some time exploring the vast "Tupinambarana Island" formation, which is essentially a vast, flooded/floating forest bounded by the Rio Amazonas to the north, and the little Rio Uraria to the south. The area comprises hundreds of square miles.

Coming into the Uraria from the south are a series of blackwater rivers and streams the headwaters of which are on the Brazilian shield, within the interfluvium. They are characterized by wide "mouth lakes", which formed during paleohistorically low water levels, and that led to widening of their lower courses (see the satellite image, above). The interface of these blackwater rivers with the whitewater Uraria is dramatic, the line of demarcation being very clearly defined.



*Golden Parakeet is just one of the special birds we'll seek along the rivers. Photograph by guide Richard Webster.*

## Itinerary for Great Rivers of the Amazon II: Birding the Madeira-Tapajos Interfluvium

**Day 1, Thu, 6 Jul. Arrival in Manaus.** As of the writing of this itinerary, most flight options to Manaus route through Miami or Panama City to arrive late-night. For those who will need to leave home a day early in order to reach Miami in time for the flight to Manaus, we will be happy to help with overnight arrangements.

You will be met outside customs by your bus driver who will have a Field Guides sign. The drive to the hotel is less than half an hour. Night in Manaus.

**Day 2, Fri, 7 Jul. Manaus to Borba.** We'll depart the hotel early for our charter flight to Borba.

After settling into our rooms in Borba, we'll visit a *campina* to look for a wide variety of birds, the most important among them being Amazonian Scrub-Flycatcher and also Least Nighthawk, here represented by a form distinctly different from the nominate (it is probably named as a subspecies, but this is unsure). Night in Borba.

**Days 3-4, Sat-Sun, 8-9 Jul. Borba.** Borba is a very old settlement, and is the type locality of numerous species and subspecies of Amazonian birds, stemming mainly from the collections of Johann Natterer made in the early 1800s. Our targets around Borba will be many, including Bar-breasted Piculet, Brown-breasted Barbet, Bald Parrot, Hoffmann's Woodcreeper, Yellow-margined Flycatcher, Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant, White-breasted Antbird, Common Scale-backed Antbird, and Pale-faced Antbird. With great luck we could get all of these, and possibly also Fiery-tailed Aowlbill and even Blue-backed Tanager, here represented by a small, apparently isolated and poorly known population. Natterer was an assiduous collector, to be sure (and his beautifully prepared specimens are still in excellent condition, mostly at the Vienna Natural History Museum), but he didn't get quite everything. Thus, we'll be on the lookout for an as-yet-undescribed species of shrike-vireo that Bret Whitney discovered on the Rio Sucunduri in 2010. Nights in Borba.

**Day 5, Mon, 10 Jul. Borba to Nova Olinda do Norte and boarding the *Dorinha*.** We will have a few hours early this morning to bird around Borba before we need to get ourselves to the *Dorinha*, which will have left Manaus on Friday, and will be waiting for us. They'll serve us lunch as we head downriver. It will be great to see our beautiful boat!

That afternoon we will make our way into the Madeira-Tapajos interfluvium on the Rio Uraria, a strange little waterway that seems to be the remnant of a once-grand channel of the Rio Amazonas. There are lots of people living along the Uraria, but there is still some reasonably good habitat for birding as well, and we'll make a couple of stops, perhaps in our smaller boats, to see what birds are around. We will continue our eastward way down the Uraria through much of the night, our destination the lower Rio Abacaxis. Night on the *Dorinha*.



These Plain Softtails along the "Parana dos Ramos" were among the many whitewater specialties we saw on our 2022 tour. Photograph by participant David Smith.

**Days 6-11, Tue-Sun, 11-16 Jul. East to Maues, and beyond.** This full week on the *Dorinha* will typically see us on the trail all morning and again late in the afternoon, with a couple of hours to rest after lunch. There are no established trails or other birding amenities anywhere along the Rio Uraria and tributaries. Our general plan is to make several one- and two-day stops, to allow time for birding the Abacaxis and, especially, the Maues-acu rivers at different latitudes. We'll definitely want to do some nocturnal birding at one or more of our stops as well! However, no matter how far up we manage to go, there will be plenty of birding available, and we will have the great luxury of total flexibility in our plans.

Some of the species we hope to find during the week include Bald Parrot, Vulturine Parrot, Crimson-bellied Parakeet, Golden Parakeet, White-crested Guan, "Blue-faced" Guan, Ocellated Woodcreeper (the little-known, nominate form), Spot-throated Woodcreeper, Harlequin Antbird, Black-bellied Gnateater, Opal-crowned Manakin, Flame-crested Manakin, and Buff-cheeked Tody-Tyrant. We'll also be the second group to lay eyes on the recently described Sucunduri Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sucunduri*, described by Bret Whitney and colleagues in 2013). Nights aboard the *Dorinha*.

**Days 12-14, Mon-Wed, 17-19 Jul. Return to Manaus.** Our route will take us out to the Rio Amazonas through the Tumpinambara Archipelago, which is a vast (hundreds of square miles) region of seasonally flooded forest, much of which should be walkable in early August (if it's still underwater, we'll do it from boats). Among a host of "whitewater" island specialties, we'll hope to find Streak-throated Hermit, Varzea Piculet, Cream-colored Woodpecker, Long-billed and Zimmer's woodcreepers, the distinctive *snethlageae* subspecies of Red-billed Scythebill, Scaled Spinetail, Klages's Antwren, and several other antbirds. Day 14 will be largely devoted to cruising up the Amazonas toward Manaus, with perhaps a couple of birding stops as our schedule permits.

After our farewell dinner on 19 July, we'll head over to the airport for flights home. *Que tenham uma otima viagem!*

**Day 15, Thu, 20 Jul. Arrival in Miami.** Flights from Manaus arrive in Miami this afternoon, allowing for connections home by late evening.

## About Your Guides

**Micah Riegner** grew up exploring the Central Arizona Highlands and was fortunate to have parents who took him along on college field courses ranging from the coast of Mexico to the mountains of Costa Rica, where encounters with tinamous, barbets, and jacamars launched him into the birding world at a young age. During his time at Prescott College, he made annual pilgrimages to Amazonia, where he worked as a guide and participated in expeditions, mostly in Brazil. For his master's degree, he studied the foraging ecology of Amazonian woodcreepers. When he's not in the field, he tries to make time to paint birds and other creatures that spark his interest.

Micah guided tours with Bret Whitney, John Coons, Dan Lane, and Tom Johnson before joining Field Guides full time in 2019. Micah is a generous guide with an easy laugh and is eager to share his love of birds and nature in the years to come. We know you will have a great time traveling with him, too!

**Marcelo Barreiros** is a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who became fascinated with birds when he entered college in 2005, graduating with a degree in biology in 2009. He then moved to Manaus to work with conservation of Harpy Eagles and other large forest raptors, monitoring nests in both the Amazon and the Atlantic Forest regions. Today, Marcelo's depth of expertise in finding and identifying even the rarest species in has earned him an outstanding reputation among the leading fieldmen in Amazonia and, increasingly, all of Brazil. He and his wife have recently (2015) moved back to Sao Paulo to be closer to family and the wonderful beaches and Atlantic Forest. Marcelo is a friendly, generous guide with an even temperament and ready laugh, who truly enjoys showing birds to tour participants. His English is good and improving with study and increased experience with foreign birders.

Visit <https://fieldguides.com/our-staff/> for complete tour schedules for both Micah and Marcelo; just click on their photos.

## Financial Information

**FEE: \$7975 from Manaus**

**DEPOSIT: \$800 per person**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: January 7, 2023**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (Optional): \$325 (singles aboard the boat cannot be guaranteed but will very likely be available)**

**LIMIT: 10**

*"Micah is a real bird finder and a delightful guy. He obviously knows the country and the culture well. He provided us with some really great owling, too."  
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*"Marcelo B has great eyes and ears, and a lot of experience with the Brazilian rarities that this trip features. He is also delightful company: friendly, helpful (including getting everyone on the birds) and very cheerful! And he was very resourceful as we worked to find regional specialties. I look forward to birding with him again!" K. B. Brazil: Minas Gerais & Tocantins*

**Special Note: Tour fees may be subject to change due to the global economic effects of COVID-19.**

We have published the itinerary and price for this tour with the understanding that during these uncertain times we are likely to encounter unforeseen changes. Some of our tours may incur higher costs due to increases in currency exchange rate fluctuations or COVID-19 related fees imposed by countries and/or suppliers. Travel and hospitality companies all over the world have been adversely affected by the pandemic, and there is no guarantee that all of the lodging and transportation we have booked for this tour will still be available at the time of departure. We hope to maintain our services as indicated in our itinerary as well as our published tour fee. However, if changes are required, we will make every effort to maintain the quality of the itinerary as it is published with the most appropriate substitutions available. Should any necessary changes or other unforeseen causes result in an increase in service rates to us, we reserve the right to pass on those increases in fees to the tour participant.

## Other Things You Need to Know

**TOUR MANAGER:** The manager for this tour is Ruth Kuhl. Ruth will be happy to assist you in preparing for the tour. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call her!

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** In Manaus, we will stay in the very nice Nobile Suites hotel (or somewhere similar). Our riverboat, the *Dorinha* (10 nights), is nigh-on luxurious, featuring private (two bunks), air-conditioned cabins with private bathrooms, fully stocked bar, and great meals any time we want them.

**DOCUMENTS:** A current passport is necessary for US citizens to enter Brazil. We recommend that your passport be valid for at least 6 months beyond the dates of your visit, as regulations vary from country to country, and are subject to change. Information about consulates and entry requirements is generally available online or you can contact us and we will be happy to look this up for you. Passports should have an adequate number of blank pages for the entire journey. Some countries require a blank page for their stamp and as a precaution it is best to have one blank page per country you will visit or transit.

**All participants and your Field Guides guide(s) will be required to have completed a full course of vaccination at least two weeks prior to the tour. Be sure to share proof of such vaccination with our office and bring a physical copy of your vaccination proof on tour.**

**VACCINATIONS:** It is quite possible (albeit unlikely) to contract malaria in the area that this tour will visit. For information about malaria in Brazil, please consult the CDC webpage on [malaria in Brazil](#), and consult with your physician about the most appropriate prophylaxis for you, should you opt to take one. Likewise, Yellow Fever is widespread in many parts of Brazil, including the Amazon basin, and we recommend all travelers to Brazil be vaccinated against the disease. The link above also has the current CDC information on Yellow Fever, and you should consult with your physician about whether the vaccine is appropriate for you (there are contraindications for some individuals).

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** Field Guides is a full service travel agency and your tour manager will be happy to assist you with flights to join this tour. Field Guides does not charge a service fee for these services to clients booking a tour. However, we understand that tech-savvy clients often prefer to shop online or that you may wish to use mileage to purchase tickets. Regardless of which method you choose, your tour manager will be happy to provide assistance regarding ticket prices and schedules, along with rental cars and extra hotel nights as needed.

Please be sure to check with your tour manager prior to purchasing your ticket to make sure the flights you have chosen will work well with the tour itinerary and that the tour is sufficiently subscribed to operate. Once purchased, most airline tickets are non-refundable and carry a penalty to change. Field Guides cannot be responsible for these fees.

**Also, it is imperative that we receive a copy of your comprehensive flight itinerary—including any and all flights not covered in the tour fee—so that we may track you in the event of missed connections, delays, or other mishaps.**

**LUGGAGE:** Please be aware that many airlines have recently modified their luggage policies and are charging additional fees for checked bags. Updates could easily occur before your departure, so you may wish to contact your airline to verify the policy. Additional charges for bags on any flights, whether these are covered by the tour fee or not, will be the client's responsibility.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS:** The **tour fee** is \$7975 for one person in double occupancy from Manaus. It includes all lodging from Day 1 through Day 14, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through dinner on Day 14, all ground transportation, entrance fees, tips for baggage handling and meal service, and the guide services of the tour leader(s). Tipping at group meals and for drivers, porters, and local guides is included in your tour fee and will be handled for the group by your Field Guides leader(s). However, if you would like to recognize your Field Guides leader(s) or any local guide(s) for exceptional service, it is entirely appropriate to tip. We emphasize that such tips are optional and not expected.

The above fee does not include your airfare to and from Manaus, airport taxes, visa fees, any checked or carry-on baggage charges imposed by the airlines, any alcoholic beverages, optional tips to local drivers, phone calls, laundry, or other items of a personal nature.

The **single supplement** for the tour is \$325; singles aboard the *Dorinha* cannot be guaranteed. If you do not have a roommate but wish to share, we will try to pair you with a roommate from the tour; but if none is available, you will be billed for the single supplement. Our tour fees are based on double occupancy; one-half the cost of a double room is priced into the tour fee. The single supplement is calculated by taking the actual cost of a single room and subtracting one-half the cost of a double room (plus any applicable taxes).

**TOUR REGISTRATION:** To register for this tour, please [contact our office](#). Our office will be in touch with you by email by the next business day (Mon-Fri) with instructions on how to complete our new electronic registration form and medical questionnaire. (We are no longer accepting the paper version.)

Please mail your **deposit of \$800** per person, or see <https://fieldguides.com/payment-options/> for our Payment Options. **Full payment** of the tour fee is due 180 days prior to departure, or **by January 7, 2023**. **We will bill you for the final payment at either 180 days or when the tour has reached sufficient subscription to operate, whichever date comes later.**

Please note that if you are traveling on a tour **outside your country of domicile** (for example, outside the US for US residents), we will require **proof of travel insurance**. Since the cost of your trip insurance and airline tickets is generally non-refundable, please do not finalize these purchases until you have received final billing for the tour or have been advised that the tour is sufficiently subscribed to operate by your tour manager.

**SMOKING:** Almost all of our clients prefer a smoke-free environment. If you smoke, please be sensitive to the group and refrain from smoking at meals, in vehicles, and in proximity to the group on trails and elsewhere.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Refund of deposit and payment, less \$100 handling fee, will be made if cancellation is received up to 180 days before departure. If cancellation occurs between 179 and 90 days before the departure date, 50% of the tour fee is refundable. Thereafter, all deposits and payments are not refundable and non-transferable.

Our cancellation policy only applies to payments made to Field Guides for tour (and any services included in those fees). Airline tickets not included in the tour fee and purchased separately often carry penalties for cancellation or change, or are sometimes totally non-refundable. Additionally, if you take out trip insurance the cost of that insurance is not refundable, so it is best to purchase the policy just prior to making full payment for the tour or at the time you purchase airline tickets, depending upon the airline's restrictions.

The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure. In most such cases, full refund will constitute full settlement to the passenger. Note this exception, however: If you have been advised pre-tour that there is a non-refundable portion of your tour fee no matter the reason for Field Guides cancellation of the tour, that portion will not be refunded. The right is reserved to substitute in case of emergency another guide for the original one.

**TRIP CANCELLATION & MEDICAL EMERGENCY INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend you consider purchasing trip cancellation (including medical emergency) insurance to cover your investment in case of injury or illness to you or your family prior to or during a trip. If you are traveling on a tour **outside your country of domicile** (for example, outside the US for US residents), we will **require proof of travel insurance**. Because we must remit early (and substantial) tour deposits to our suppliers, you acknowledge and agree that we will not issue a refund when cancellation occurs within 90 days of departure, and only a partial refund from 90 to 179 days prior to departure (see CANCELLATION POLICY). In addition, the Department of State strongly urges Americans to consult with their medical insurance company prior to traveling abroad to confirm whether their policy applies overseas and if it will cover emergency expenses such as a medical evacuation. US medical insurance plans seldom cover health costs incurred outside the United States unless supplemental coverage is purchased. Furthermore, US Medicare and Medicaid programs do not provide payment for medical services outside the United States.



When making a decision regarding health insurance, Americans should consider that many foreign doctors and hospitals require payment in cash prior to providing service and that a medical evacuation to the United States may cost well in excess of \$50,000. Uninsured travelers who require medical care overseas often face extreme difficulties. When consulting with your insurer prior to your trip, please ascertain whether payment will be made to the overseas healthcare provider or whether you will be reimbursed later for expenses that you incur.

US citizens will receive information from us regarding optional tour cancellation/emergency medical insurance. Our agent, CSA, will insure for trip cancellation and interruption, medical coverage, travel delay, baggage loss and delay, and emergency medical transportation. If you purchase the insurance prior to, or within 24 hours of making final payment for the tour, and cover all non-refundable parts of the trip (including any non-refundable flights and in some cases, other arrangements), pre-existing conditions are covered. You may purchase your CSA policy on-line by visiting our website at <https://fieldguides.com/trip-cancellation-insurance/> and clicking the link to CSA. The CSA webpage also includes a contact number.

**Currently we are unable to offer CSA insurance policies to residents of New York and Hawaii.** We have had clients provide positive feedback after acquiring insurance thru InsureMyTrip (<https://www.insuremytrip.com/>) in the past, and would suggest that company as an alternative. When purchasing insurance with a company other than CSA, you will want to understand whether the timing of your purchase will affect coverage before paying your first deposit. Insurance purchase requirements can vary from company to company, and such requirements could limit your options if you do not look into this until making your final payment for your tour. Please let us know if you have any questions about this.

Please note, once the insurance is purchased it is non-refundable, so please check with your tour manager prior to making the purchase to assure the tour will operate as scheduled. Citizens of other countries are urged to consult their insurance broker.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the tour, each tour participant and each parent or legal guardian of a tour participant who is under 18 agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless Field Guides Incorporated, its agents, servants, employees, shareholders, officers, directors, attorneys, and contractors as more fully set forth in the Release and Indemnity Agreement on the reverse side of the registration form. Field Guides Incorporated acts only as an agent for the passenger in regard to travel, whether by railroad, motorcar, motorcoach, boat, airplane, or other means, and assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity caused by defect in such vehicles or for any reason whatsoever, including the acts, defaults, or bankruptcies of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. You acknowledge and agree that Field Guides Incorporated is not responsible for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. The tour participant shall bear all such losses and expenses. Field Guides Incorporated reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category for those indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air schedules. Field Guides Incorporated reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of any tour. Baggage is at owner's risk entirely.

Participants should be in good health and should consult a physician before undertaking a tour. If you have questions about the physical requirements of a tour, please contact our office for further information. Participants should prepare for the tour by reading the detailed itinerary, the information bulletin, and other pertinent matter provided by Field Guides. Each participant is responsible for bringing appropriate clothing and equipment as recommended in our bulletins.

**THE RECEIPT OF YOUR TOUR DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE CONSENT TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS. EACH TOUR PARTICIPANT AND EACH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A TOUR PARTICIPANT WHO IS UNDER 18 SHALL SIGN AND DELIVER THE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.**

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