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***GREAT RIVERS OF THE AMAZON III:  
MAMIRAUÁ, AMANÁ & TEFÉ, BRAZIL***

*July 29 – August 11, 2026*



*The White Uakari is a strange monkey restricted to the flooded forests of Mamirauá. They form large troops that move actively through the forest giving bird-like chirps. Photograph by guide Micah Riegner.*

*We include here information for those interested in the 2026 Field Guides Great Rivers of the Amazon III 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

*Those who register for the tour will be sent this additional material:*

- 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

**E**ver heard of the Rio Japurá? How about the Rio Tefé? There's a good chance you've not heard of these rivers, yet they are two of the largest in the central Amazon basin. *Great Rivers of the Amazon III* is an exploratory voyage of the lower sections of both watercourses, which happen to be opposite-bank, blackwater tributaries of the Rio Solimões (the Portuguese name for the Amazon River west of Manaus). And both are extraordinarily poorly known ornithologically.

From the city of Manaus, capital of the huge state of Amazonas, we'll fly west along the Rio Solimões to arrive in Tefe. Here, we'll board a speed boat to cross the mighty Rio Solimões to reach Mamirauá Ecological Reserve, the most extensive varzea forest in the Amazon Basin, where we'll be based out of the floating Uakari Lodge, featuring

comfortable cabins and good Brazilian cooking. During our time at Mamiraua, we'll search for Wattled Curassow and other varzea specialties like Plumbeous Antbird, Zimmer's Woodcreeper, Scarlet-crowned Barbet and White-eared Jacamar. A visit to Mamiraua is not complete without an encounter with the White Uakari, a strange and spectacular monkey with a bald red face. After three days at Mamiraua, we'll get picked up by the *DORINHA*, the luxury river boat you might be familiar with from the Manaus tours, to venture into rarified waters, ascending the Japurá to reach Amanã Sustainable Development Reserve. Amanã offers access to undisturbed *terra firme* forest in that "mysterious" sector of the Amazon between the Negro and the Colombian border wherein numerous species appear to turn over east-west, replaced by (mostly) close relatives -- or by nothing closely related. Here are a few targets to whet your appetite: Chestnut-headed Nunlet, Lanceolated Monklet, Yellow-crowned Manakin, Chestnut-crested Antbird, Reddish-winged Bare-eye, Tawny-tufted Toucanet, Pavonine Quetzal and Nocturnal Curassow. We'll keep an eye out too for Black Uakari in the flooded forest, and Mottle-faced Tamarin in the terra firme.



*Uakari Lodge is one of Brazil's top eco lodges, offering visitors the chance to immerse in the flooded forests of Mamiraua. Photograph by guide Micah Riegner.*

From Amana, we'll cross south to the Rio Tefe, on the south bank of the Solimoes to bird a totally new avifauna in the Tefe National Forest. A series of *terra firme* trails have been opened recently, providing access for researchers and responsible tourists to observe and document the abundance of wildlife that has evolved in this special place. Some of the species that will be on our radar include Bonaparte's Parakeet, Ocellated Woodcreeper (perplexus subspecies of flooded forests), Predicted Antwren, Hairy-crested Antbird, Chestnut-belted Gnateater and several interesting primates including the rarely seen Buffy Saki Monkey, Red-capped Mustached Tamarin and Avila Pires' Saddleback Tamarin.

This will be a truly adventurous birding tour, and we'll expect to see a wonderful variety of birds and mammals as we learn more about the areas we will explore, and exactly what occurs in them.

*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 level of difficulty, please contact us 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.*



## About the Physical Requirements & Pace:

- **TRAILS & WALKING:** Trails everywhere are mostly level, with just a few steeper, hilly sections. We'll be on our feet much of each day, walking at a slow birder's pace and stopping frequently to call things out. At Mamirauá, we will probably spend at least a couple of hours each day birding from small, uncovered boats. The trail system there is likely to be reasonably dry by August, so we'll do a fair amount of birding on foot as well. Rubber boots are recommended especially for the river islands what could be quite muddy at this time of year.
- **POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** We'll spend time standing and waiting for birds to come in; this can be tiring, so a small stool might be worth having along. We'll use small boats to cruise along the rivers; you will need to be able to get in and out of these boats.
- **PACE:** Please see "Additional Information", below.
- **ELEVATION:** Elevations are low on this tour.
- **WEATHER:** Climate in Amazonia is warm and humid; mid-day highs can reach the low or mid-90's F in the sun. Evenings and early mornings will be cooler (mid-70s is typical), and you might feel chilly on early morning boat rides. Rain is a possibility at any time.
- **BATHROOM BREAKS:** There are no indoor restrooms on most of our excursions, so participants must be prepared to make comfort stops in nature.
- **OPTING OUT:** Participants can easily opt to sit out a half-day or full day. The boat is a comfortable place to relax during the day, and the top deck is especially nice, with almost no insect pests to bother you.

**Additional information:** On every day of the tour, we will be up quite early, having breakfast before dawn and getting into the field around first light. We will usually have 1-2 hours for a post-lunch siesta followed by more birding in the afternoon. We will offer multiple post-dinner nocturnal forays in search of owls, potoos, and nightjars, and who-knows-what our spotlights and thermal scopes may turn up in the mammal and herpetological cadres!

We will do a lot of walking on forest trails on almost every day. Trail walks are generally easy, and almost all are essentially level, and even the steepest sections are not unduly challenging for anyone in reasonably good shape. Boat crew members will accompany us on the birding trails, and will carry a cooler with snacks and extra water.

Laundry can be done every day on the boat, and is dried on breezy, open-air lines on the top deck.

If you are uncertain about whether this tour is a good match for your abilities, please don't hesitate to contact our office; if they cannot directly answer your queries, they will put you in touch with Micah.



*We'll see a variety of puffbirds and jacamars on this tour including the White-eared Jacamar, which is common at Mamirauá. Photograph by guide Micah Riegner.*



Our tour area encompasses a vast region of the central-western Amazon basin, including both banks of the Rio Solimões (= the Amazon River), and forest reserves on the lower sections of the Japurá and Tefé rivers.  
Landsat satellite image from Google Earth.

## About the Birding Areas

**Mamirauá Reserve**—This vast, wilderness reserve encompasses the most extensive *várzea*, or seasonally flooded, whitewater forest in South America (“whitewater” here refers to the heavy load of silt and other particulate matter in the river system). Each year between about April and August, the mighty Amazon floods hundreds of thousands of acres of forest in this region. Mamirauá is a beautiful place to bird, where endless, tall forest rises out of dark, still waters, and tree crowns are festooned with bromeliads and other epiphytes. The riotous honking of Horned Screammers and the roars of troops of Red Howler Monkeys are heard all day. Hoatzins are simply all over the place. Although there are numerous small communities within the reserve, residents have been educated on the importance of preservation of the ecosystem, critical to their own survival. Many species of birds and mammals have evolved in seasonally flooded forest habitats in South America and, owing to very light human pressure from hunting, two of the most special creatures of these habitats maintain healthy populations at Mamirauá, and essentially *only* here: Wattled Curassow and White Uakari monkey. The Vanzolini Squirrel Monkey is another endemic of Mamiraua.

**Amanã Sustainable Development Reserve** links the Mamirauá Ecological Reserve on the lower Rio Japurá with Jaú National Park bordering the Rio Negro, thus forming the world’s second-largest protected area, the whole of which is north of the Amazon River. We will visit one or two small communities in Amanã immediately after our three days at Mamirauá. The **Tefé National Forest**, entirely south of the Amazon River, encompasses another vast, ornithologically poorly known region. We will be visiting communities within the reserve to walk the trails they have established for us. *Our visits contribute important resources to these subsistence-level economies (non-commercial fishing, apiaries of stingless bees, small-scale agriculture) and carry the message that preservation of the environment is the best way forward for all of us, working together.* Field Guides is delighted and proud to support these communities, and we thank you very much for participating in this initiative with us!





*Chestnut-headed Nunlet will be one of our primary targets at Amana Sustainable Development Reserve. It's a scarce little puffbird that lives in blackwater flooded forests in the region between the Rio Solimões and the Rio Negro.*  
*Photograph by guide Bret Whitney.*

## Itinerary for Mamirauá Ecological Reserve, Brazil

**Days 1-2, Wed-Thu, July 29-30. Arrivals to Manaus.** Plan to arrive by 5:00 pm on Day 2. A driver will meet you outside customs for hotel transfer. We will meet for dinner at 7:00 pm in the hotel restaurant. Night in Manaus.

**Day 3, Fri, July 31. Flight from Manaus to Tefé, Boat Transfer to Uakari Lodge.** We'll have breakfast this morning at our hotel in Manaus, and get over to the airport to catch the flight to the little town of Tefé, about an hour west of Manaus, on the south bank of the Rio Solimões. Upon arrival in Tefé, we will get picked up in a speedboat and shuttled across the mighty Solimões to Uakari Lodge, a crossing that takes roughly an hour. You might want to use earplugs during this crossing as the engine noise is quite loud. As we cross the river, be sure to keep an eye out for both species of river dolphins: Amazonian (Pink, or "Boto"), and Tucuxi (Gray, much smaller)! Having made it to the north side of the Solimões, we'll continue a short distance up the Rio Japurá to our hotel, the Pousada Uakari, in Lago Mamirauá. The region is flooded for so much of the year that the Pousada Uakari has been built in the middle of a lake, floating on huge logs! The lake is literally three feet below the floor of your room, which affords the unique audio experience of enormous (nearly ten feet long) *Pirarucu* (*Arapaima gigas*; the largest fish in Amazonia), lunging and slapping as they feed on lesser fish near the surface. That's a little bit scary, at first, but the pousada really is a comfortable place to stay and meals are excellent, so it makes an ideal base-of-operations for our three days of birding. Night at Pousada Uakari.

**Days 4-5, Sat-Sun, August 1-2. Mamirauá Ecological Reserve.** Established in the early 90's to protect nearly 2.5 million acres of pristine rainforest, Mamirauá forms the southern section of the world's second-largest protected area (the other is also in Brazil), extending through Amanã and Jaú National Park all the way to the Rio Negro. It is designated a "sustainable development" reserve, and is widely acclaimed for its innovative measures to educate and incorporate local people in the wise use and protection of the rivers and forests. Mamirauá has been visited by many researchers, mostly anthropologists and mammalogists, but darned few birders. We'll spend three days birding at Mamirauá, one of the ornithologically least-known north-bank regions of the Amazon.

Among many birds and beasts to look for, there are two that are truly outstanding: the rare and stately Wattled Curassow and the bizarre White Uakari monkey. Mamirauá is *the best place* to see both, and being there in the fairly dry early August period will help us cover the most productive birding areas efficiently. The curassow has suffered massive decline virtually throughout its range because it inhabits only *várzea* forest and is easily approached by hunters (almost all of whom live along rivers) in canoes in the high-water season and on foot the rest of the year. It may well take us the

whole time to locate a Wattled Curassow, but we will be seeing a wonderful variety of other birds during our quest, perhaps including Horned Screamer, lots of herons (including Agami and maybe even Zigzag) and other waders, several species of raptors (Harpy Eagle is seen with some regularity!), Sungrebe, Blue-and-yellow and Scarlet macaws, all five Neotropical kingfishers, White-eared and White-chinned jacamars, Scarlet-crowned Barbet, Cuvier's and Yellow-ridged toucans (Toco is a rare possibility), Spot-breasted, Ringed, and Cream-colored woodpeckers, Long-billed and the enigmatic Zimmer's woodcreepers, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, and Amazonian Umbrellabird. Among the mammals, we'll make a special effort to locate a troop of the rare White Uakari monkeys. With its woolly white body, short, stubby tail (it waves it around like a little dog), and naked, brilliant red head, the White Uakari is surely the most bizarre-looking New World primate—it's just incredible! And its world stronghold is Mamirauá. Brown Capuchins, Red Howlers and the endemic Vanzolini Squirrel Monkey are also regularly seen in the reserve. Nights at Pousada Uakari.



*Mamiraua Ecological Reserve is one of the best places in the world to see Wattled Curassow, a species that's been overhunted throughout much of its range. Photograph by guide Micah Riegner.*

**Days 6-9, Mon-Thu, August 3-6. Amanã Sustainable Development Reserve.** *DORINHA* will have arrived from Manaus the night before, and this morning we'll transfer to "the Mothership", settle into our rooms for the next several days (yay!), and meet the crew. We'll then man the top deck, our mobile "canopy tower", for the exhilarating ascent of the lower Japurá, toward Amanã, watching the treetops, especially, for Harpy and Crested eagles, Plum-throated Cotingas, toucans and aracaris, and a wide variety of macaws and other parrots.

The Amanã Sustainable Development Reserve was established in 1998 to protect about *5.8 million acres* of rivers and rainforests in the remote region linking Mamirauá and Jaú National Park. There are about 3800 people living in the reserve, in small, scattered villages and individual plots of land. We will learn of trails into the forest from these locals, and have one or more of them accompany us on birding walks, benefitting from their intimate knowledge of the land. We'll especially hope to encounter some army ant swarms, accompanied by Chestnut-crested Antbird and Reddish-winged Bare-eye, two spectacular obligate ant-followers inhabiting this sector of the Amazon basin. Two puffbirds we'll be looking and listening for are White-chested Puffbird, and Lanceolated Monklet – and the little-known Chestnut-headed Nunlet graced our scope on our most recent (2024) tour -- we'll certainly be searching diligently for it this time! There is a huge number of species possible in these forests including Pavonine Quetzal, which we've seen on previous tours.

The *terra firme* forests of Amanã are home to a different suite of primates and other mammals as well. For example, the White Uakaris of neighboring Mamirauá are here replaced by Black Uakaris, which often move in enormous troops (the challenge is to find a troop at all!), and we'll also hope to encounter Black Titi Monkeys and perhaps the enigmatic Mottle-cheeked Tamarin. And all along these watercourses and lake edges we will be watching carefully for Amazonian



Manatees. The Mamirauá/Amanã region holds one of the largest populations of this little-known animal, and finding one would be a mega-highlight of this tour! Nights on the Dorinha.

**Day 10, Fri, August 7. River Islands on the Solimoes, Transfer to Tefe National Forest.** We will dedicate this morning to birding the rich river islands on the Rio Solimoes, our primary targets being Varzea Thrush, Castelnau's Antshrike, Orange-fronted Plushcrown and a long list of other spinetails. This is a morning you might want your rubber boots to get through the mud! We'll have lunch back on the boat as we motor our way south to the Rio Tefe. Night on the Dorinha.



*The Orange-fronted Plushcrown is an acrobatic little furnariid that we'll look for along the Solimoes.  
Photograph by guide Richard Webster.*

**Days 11-12, Sat-Sun, August 8-9. Birding the Tefe National Forest.** The Floresta Nacional de Tefé (FLONA Tefé, or Tefé National Forest) was established in 1989 to protect some 2.2 million acres of mostly *terra firme* forest near the old fishing town of Tefé. Here the blackwater Rio Tefé hits the silt-laden Solimões, creating a remarkably well-demarcated "meeting of the waters", as dramatic as the much larger confluence of the rios Negro and Solimões, some 400 miles below. The river is extraordinarily wide near its mouth, a condition known as a "ria lake", supposedly resulting from the erosion of a wide, relatively shallow area during paleohistoric, low-water epochs. We will spend these days birding trails behind a couple different communities sifting through canopy flocks for Predicted Antwren and searching for ant swarms with Hairy-crested Antbirds. Buffy Saki Monkey and Red-capped Tamarin are possible in this area. Nights on the Dorinha.

**Day 13, Mon, August 10. Arrive to Tefe for flight to Manaus.** We will have one more morning to "clean up" on any species we have yet to see. This might involve taking some taxis to a nearby road outside Tefe or boating to one of the river islands. We'll have a final lunch on the boat, then make our way to the airport for the afternoon flight to Manaus. We'll arrive in Manaus, get checked into the hotel, and have a final group dinner. Feel free to depart this evening after 10 pm or the following day.

**Day 14, Tue, August 11. Flights Home.** You may depart any time, we will arrange your airport transfer. Boa viagem!

*SPECIAL NOTE: The Brazilian air schedules change fairly frequently, which means that we sometimes have to make alterations to the published tour itinerary. It is unlikely that such alterations would affect the tour price. Should we need to change the itinerary, we'll send you a revised one as soon as we are able.*

## 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 started him birding at a young age. After graduating from high school, he made annual pilgrimages to Amazonia where he worked as a bird guide and participated in expeditions, mostly in Brazil, and he served as a field assistant following mixed-species flocks in Peru. He studied ecology and scientific illustration (some of his bird art has been published in ornithological journals, and he regularly sketches birds in the field) at Prescott College and recently completed his master's degree on the foraging ecology of Amazonian woodcreepers.

Micah has accompanied a number of Field Guides tours with Bret Whitney, John Coons, Tom Johnson and other FG guides over the past few years, and became a permanent member of the Field Guides roster of full-time guides in June 2019. Micah is a generous guide with an easy laugh and is eager to share his love of birds and nature. We know you will have a great time traveling with him, too!

*"Kudos to **Micah Riegner**, who was an excellent guide. He has a calm demeanor and seemed unflappable. He was patient with all of us birders and always made sure everyone got on the bird. His enthusiasm was contagious." G.H. Arizona's Second Spring*

**Bret Whitney** must be *at least* half Brazilian by now. It all began when he was born, birding in the Wild Midwest, mostly in Indiana, where he was narrowly overlooked by his high school baseball team and did, in fact, graduate from Earlham College. He is known for his ability to identify birds by their calls and songs, which has led to his stumbling onto multiple species new to science. Bret is one of the founders of Field Guides, a Research Associate of the Museum of Natural Science at Louisiana State University, an Associate of the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell, 2004 recipient of the ABA's Ludlow Griscom award, and an eternal optimist about everything except Ivory-billed Woodpeckers. Bret guides most of our Brazil tours and, with Brazilian colleagues, he is supposed to be producing a series of regional field guides to the birds of Brazil. When not on tour, "the Kite" attempts to stay in shape with irregular bike rides, by leaning over pool tables, and by hefting kegs of Live Oak Pilz and dumping 35-lb sacks of spicy crawfish, corn, and potatoes onto old doors covered with newspapers so his family and friends can pig out at his crawfish boils. Oh yes, and by stirring cauldrons of Brazilian *moqueca* at the Field Guides annual business meeting. meeting.

*"**Bret Whitney** is a superb guide who knows the birds at a level I have not experienced in any other tour. His scientific expertise was a huge plus for serious birders." P.P., Brazil's Rio Roosevelt.*

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

## Financial Information

**FEE: \$9595 from Manaus** (includes flights Manaus to Tefe and return)

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (Optional):** \$400 (singles aboard the boat cannot be guaranteed but will likely be available)

**DEPOSIT:** \$950 per person

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE:** January 30, 2026

**LIMIT:** 10

## 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!

**DOCUMENTS:** Be sure to verify the latest entry requirements for each country you will visit or transit.

**Passport:** A current passport is required for international travel. It should be in good condition, valid for at least 6 months beyond your return date, and have at least one blank page for each country on your itinerary.



**Visa:** U.S. and Canadian citizens must obtain an **e-Visa** to enter Brazil. Citizens of other countries should check with the consulates of each destination for current entry requirements.

**VACCINATIONS:** Yellow Fever is widespread in many parts of Brazil, and vaccination is recommended. Please check <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/contentYellowFeverBrazil.aspx> for the current CDC information and consult with your physician about whether the vaccine is appropriate for you (there are contraindications for some individuals).

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** This tour begins and ends in Manaus, Brazil (Eduardo Gomes International Airport, MAO).

**Arrival:** Manaus on **July 30 by 5:00 p.m.**

**Departure:** Manaus on **August 10 after 10:00 p.m., or August 11 at any time.**

Please wait to purchase airline tickets until we notify you that the tour is confirmed to operate. At that time, we'll be glad to assist with your flight arrangements at no service fee.

**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.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS:** **The tour fee is \$9595 for one person in double occupancy from Manaus.**

It includes all lodging from Day 2 through Day 13, all meals from dinner on Day 2 through dinner on Day 13, all ground transportation, entrance fees, tips for baggage handling and meal service, and the guide services of the tour 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 is \$400 for those requesting a single room;** singles aboard the boat cannot be guaranteed. 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 us at [fieldguides.com/contact-us/](https://fieldguides.com/contact-us/). Our office will be in touch with you by email by the next business day (Mon-Fri) with instructions on how to complete our electronic registration form and medical questionnaire. (We are no longer accepting the paper version.)

**Please send your deposit of \$950 per person,** 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 30, 2026.** 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. 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.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Refund of deposit and full 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 full tour fee is non-refundable, which would include the full deposit if the final payment has not yet been paid. 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 purchasing trip cancellation (including medical emergency) insurance to protect your investment in case of injury or illness to you or an immediate family member before or during a trip. Because we must remit early and substantial deposits to our suppliers, we cannot

offer refunds for cancellations outside of our Cancellation Policy. If a participant is unable to join or continue a tour due to illness, all related expenses will be their responsibility, and no refunds can be issued for missed days. Please wait to purchase insurance until we notify you that the tour is confirmed to operate, as most policies are non-refundable.

For full details, visit our Trip Cancellation Insurance page at <https://fieldguides.com/trip-cancellation-insurance/>.

**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 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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