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Roraima Adventure: Birding the Sky Islands of the Amazon

April 22 – May 3, 2020



*The Rio Branco Antbird is almost restricted to the Rio Branco region in the state of Roraima, Brazil. We had a wonderful encounter with a pair of these near-endemics on our 2018 tour, and we'll be looking to repeat the experience in 2020!
Photograph by guide Bret Whitney.*

We include here information for those interested in the 2020 Roraima: Birding the Sky Islands of the Amazon 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 reference list
- 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

This new adventure takes us to Roraima, the northernmost state in Brazil, nestled between Venezuela, Guyana, and the state of Amazonas. From pristine Amazonian lowlands to cloudforest-cloaked Tepuis, and from Mauritia Palm swamps, savannas, and gallery forests to vast marshlands and isolated *campinas*, the state boasts a fabulous diversity of habitats that ultimately translates into a staggering number of birds -- species such as the endangered Hoary-throated Spinetail, Yapacana Antbird, Tepui Swift, Crestless Curassow, outlandish cotingas, and noisy macaws.

Serra do Tepequem juts out of the *cerrado* (open woodland) north of the city of Boa Vista and supports an unusual mix of Tepui and Amazonian avifauna. It's the best place in Brazil to see Tepui Swift, Green-bellied Hummingbird, and Sooty-capped Hermit at their southern outpost, not to mention Guianan Cock-of-the-rock and the tough-to-see Scarlet-

shouldered Parrotlet. The views from Tepequem are tremendous: picture endless miles of forested mountains as far as the eye can see. From Tepequem we'll drive south to Virua National park, crossing expansive stretches of pristine grassland that are home to the bizarre Sharp-tailed Ibis, Bearded Tachuri (a diminutive tyrannid of ungrazed grassland), and Giant Anteater (last year we saw seven of these great animals!).

Virua contains a complex assortment of habitats from white-sand campinas to tall, majestic hardwood forests. We'll bird the Estrada Perdida (the "Lost Highway") an abandoned roadway that cuts through some gorgeous white-sand communities. It is perhaps the best place in Brazil to see rarities such as Crestless Curassow, Yapacana Antbird, Cayenne Jay, White-naped Seedeater, and Large-billed Seed Finch. The forest trails at Virua are productive, too. We may run into Gray-winged Trumpeters and numerous primates, such as Guianan Bearded Sakis and Red-faced Spider Monkeys, that are difficult to see outside the reserve. Nightbirding in Virua is always exciting. At dusk, Least Nighthawks take flight over the campinas, accompanied by White-tailed Nightjars doing their explosive wing-popping display -- you just have to see it to believe it. The forest trails also come alive at night with owls, potoos, and elusive mammals.

To wrap up the tour we'll board a comfortable live-aboard river boat and explore (truly explore!) the mighty Rio Branco, the most important biogeographic barrier in this part of Brazil. The forest along the river is home to the aptly named (and critically endangered) Rio Branco Antbird (a striking member of the Thamnophilidae), White-bellied Piculet, and other varzea specialties such as the hulking Amazonian Umbrellabird. Amazon River Dolphins, otters, and manatees are also possibilities in the silt-laden waters. We'll be on remote creeks and side-channels where no other birders have ever been, so who knows what else we'll find. And with an assortment of freshly caught fish, *farofa* (a traditional manioc flour), and delightful tropical fruits as part of our fare, the food will just add to a great experience.

Harpy Eagle Nest! We have recently received word that a pair of Harpy Eagles have been constructing a nest outside of Boa Vista! By late April, if all goes well, they will have a well-grown chick in the nest. Micah will be getting updates from the local guides in Boa Vista to ensure the birds will be around by the time we visit. Harpy Eagles are perhaps the most iconic birds of the Neotropics. They tend to nest every other year, so don't miss out on this rare opportunity!



Fresh fish and delicious breakfasts will be the norm on this tour. Photo by local guide Paulo Gois.

About the Physical Requirements & Pace: We expect tour participants to be in physically good condition, and able to handle a variety of terrain and temperature conditions. Roraima is one of the more mountainous regions in Brazil, therefore, expect some steep ups and downs and uneven surfaces. Most of the birding will be along roadsides and dirt roads, but we'll also explore narrow forest trails, some of which will require stepping over fallen logs, branches and buttresses. Roraima sits just above the equator, so expect hot, sunny days in the lowlands (in the upper 80s) and brisk, sweatshirt weather up in the mountains. April is generally the "dry season," but it would be wise to come prepared for the unexpected rainstorm.

It is important that we make maximum use of the cool mornings, so prepare for 5 am breakfasts. We will also do a few night outings, in search of owls, nightjars and other night critters, which may keep us in the field until after 10 pm (optional of course!). Some of the days will require 4+ hours of van time; we will break that up with birding, bathroom and lunch breaks. We have scheduled a night on a live-aboard river boat on the Rio Branco. This is a rare opportunity to explore this poorly-known river system, however we will have to make do with bunk beds just for that night.

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 one of the guides for the tour.

About the Birding Areas



Boa Vista, the capital of Roraima, is quite birdy as far as cities go. We'll bird the outskirts of the city in some gallery woodland the first day of the tour. The BR-174 is the main road leading north out of Boa Vista. It goes through some fabulous grasslands where we might encounter Bearded Tachuri and Crested Doradito, two scarce inhabitants of Northern South America.

Serra do Tepequem is one of the southernmost tepuis (flat-topped mountains, remnants of a widespread sandstone uplift) jutting majestically out of the savannas of northern Roraima. Located only 220 km north of Boa Vista, it is one of the most convenient access points for some of the tepui avifauna. Its highest point is 1100 meters, and its foothills are cloaked in submontane forests with goodies such as Tepui Swift, Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, Green-bellied Hummingbird, and Tufted Coquette. And the views from atop the plateau are just spectacular!

The **Rio Branco** is a fascinating river biogeographically. It is the only "whitewater" river that does not originate in the Andes, and harbors disjunct populations of several whitewater birds such as Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant and White-bellied Spinetail that are mostly associated with the main channel of the Amazon. It is also home to the Rio Branco Antbird and White-bellied Piculet. The Branco is also an incredibly important barrier separating sister-species of terra firme (never-flooded forest) birds, such as Dwarf and Tiny Tyrant-Manakins, Guianan and Tawny-tufted Toucanets, and Black-spotted and Gilded Barbets. It even limits (or, has limited) Titi Monkeys (genus *Callicebus*) from colonizing the Guianas. We'll have a live-aboard boat to explore some of the islands and side channels of this poorly-known river system.

The **Rio Uraricoera** is a tributary of the Branco. It's a great place to see the Hoary-throated Spinetail, Slate-headed Tody-tyrant and other riverine species. We'll stop here on our way up to Tepequem.

Virua National Park is a 227,000-hectare reserve encompassing a massive swath of southern Roraima. The park is a heterogeneous mixture of campina (open shrubby vegetation on nutrient-poor white sand), campinarana (stunted forests on white sand that usually ring campinas), tall terra firme forest, and seasonally flooded varzea in the floodplain of the Rio Branco. There are several good trails at the park headquarters, and some roadways, that we will bird over the course of our stay. The "Estrada Perdida" ("Lost Road") was the original path of the BR-174 that was constructed to connect Boa Vista to Manaus. After 50 km of the road were constructed, the project was abandoned because equipment was lost in impenetrable campinas! How nice is that?! The elevated causeway is now a fabulous, elevated birding road that runs through campina and campinarana vegetation types. Birds like Crestless Curassow, Yapacana Antbird, Cayenne Jay, White-naped Seedeater and Large-billed Seed Finch can be seen along the road. Gray-legged Tinamou is found here too, but it is certainly more easily heard than seen. The park also contains a grid system of forest trails, where it's possible to see Gray-winged Trumpeter, Black Curassow, Black-headed Parrot, and primates large and small.

Outside the park near the town of **Caracarai** there are numerous good birding trails in both white-sand campinas and tall terra firme forest where we'll look for Pale-bellied Mourner, Cherrie's Antbird and Swainson's Flycatcher. We'll also check a trail to see if the Capuchinbirds are around. They often come in to eat the wild Açai fruit.

Itinerary for Brazil: *Roraima Adventure*

Day 1, Wed, 22 Apr. Arrival in Manaus, Brazil. The generally most convenient flights from the US (and most other places) to Manaus are on American Airlines from Miami. Whenever you plan to arrive in Manaus (if we don't book your flights, be sure to let us know), our driver will meet you outside customs and take you to the hotel. Night in Manaus.

Day 2, Thu, 23 Apr. Fly from Manaus to Boa Vista. We'll take the 11:45 am flight from Manaus (Azul Airlines), arriving in Boa Vista at 1:10 pm (flight schedule subject to change). We'll drop our luggage at our hotel, and, let the birding begin! We'll bird the outskirts of Boa Vista and have our first shots at seeing Bicolored Wren, Yellow Oriole, Lesser Hornero and Pale-tipped Tyrannulet. Night in Boa Vista.

Day 3, Fri, 24 Apr. Boa Vista to Serra do Tepequem. We'll get up early and drive north to Serra do Tepequem on the BR-174, a drive that takes 3 hours non-stop, but we'll take our time to bird some savannas and wetlands along the way. We'll pull over to bird the open savannas in search of Bearded Tachuri and Crested Doradito, and gallery forests along the Rio Uraricoeira where we'll search for the Hoary-throated Spinetail. Lunch will be at a Brazilian "por kilo" restaurant on the way to Tepequem. We'll arrive at our lodging in time for some late-afternoon birding and maybe some owling after dinner. Night near Serra do Tepequem.

Day 4, Sat, 25 Apr. Birding around Tepequem. We'll spend the day birding trails around Serra do Tepequem, visiting some fabulous viewpoints where we can see Tepui Swifts circling overhead and several kinds of Macaws flying below. We'll also check out a lek of Guianan Cock-of-the-rock along one of the side trails. There's a restaurant we'll eat at where Sooty-capped Hermits and Brown Jacamars can be seen right outside the dining area. Night near Serra do Tepequem.



*Red-shouldered Macaws are easy to see at Serra do Tepequem when they come down to feed on fruits.
Photo by guide Micah Riegner*

Day 5, Sun, 26 Apr. Tepequem to Boa Vista. We'll bird around Tepequem in the morning, then make our way down to Boa Vista stopping for Sharp-tailed Ibis and Giant Anteaters on the way. Night in Boa Vista.

Day 6, Mon, 27 Apr. Boa Vista Harpy Nest to Caracarai. We'll have an early breakfast and out to check on a Harpy Eagle nest outside of Boa Vista. If all goes well (fingers crossed!), there will be a well-grown chick in the nest by the end of April. Micah will be getting updates from the local guides in Boa Vista to ensure the birds will be around. After that, we'll have lunch in Boa Vista and then continue Caracarai in the late afternoon. We'll check into our hotel in Caracarai, and drive some of the roads outside of town at dusk in hopes of seeing Least Nighthawk flying through campinas. Night in Caracarai.

Day 7, Tue, 28 Apr. Virua National Park: “Estrada Perdida.” We’ll spend the day birding along the “Estrada Perdida,” which goes through some nice, stunted white sand forest, in search of the little-known Yapacana Antbird (might be the only chance to see this bird on any Field Guides tour!), Black Manakin, White-naped Seedeater and other white sand forest birds. Night in Caracarai.



Guianan Bearded Sakis are fairly common at Virua National Park. Photo by guide Micah Riegner

Day 8, Wed, 29 Apr. Boat trip on the Branco! We will bird around Caracarai in the early morning before boarding our live-aboard boat (similar to those used on the Manaus Tour) to head downstream on the Rio Branco, stopping to bird river islands along the way. There are a number of “white water” birds we’ll look for including Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant, White-bellied Spinetail and White-bellied Piculet. We will spend the afternoon/evening birding a remote side creeks that feed into the Branco in search of curassows and large mammals (this is a spot where our local guide, Paulo, sees jaguars on occasion!). This will be the first time we do this on the tour, so who knows what we’ll see! Depending on weather, we may do some night birding in search of potoos, owls and other night things. Night on the boat.

Day 9, Thu, 30 Apr. Boat trip on the Rio Branco. We’ll have the full day to explore (truly explore!) the Rio Branco and its tributaries before heading back to Caracarai. Night in Caracarai.

Day 10, Fri, 1 May. Virua: terra firme trails. We’ll bird the trails around the park headquarters in tall, terra firme forest where we could stumble upon any number of good birds such as Black Curassow, Gray-winged Trumpeter, and Black-headed Parrot. In the evening we may return to the park for some night birding. The Estrada Perdida is particularly good for nightjars--Least Nighthawk, Band-tailed Nighthawk and White-tailed Nightjars are the most common species. Night in Caracarai.

Day 11, Sat, 2 May. Caracarai to Boa Vista to Manaus. We’ll have one more morning of birding around Caracarai (there’s a spot we’ll check for Capuchinbird), before we drive back to Boa Vista for the afternoon flight back to Manaus, and, after dinner, the evening flight to Miami. We will have a day room in Manaus for folks to shower and repack for the flight home.

Day 12, Sun, 3 May. Arrival in Miami.

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. Since graduating 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) at Prescott College and is currently working toward a master’s degree on the foraging ecology of Amazonian woodcreepers. He is a strong proponent of natural history and regularly sketches birds in the field. His Field Guides training has taken him to various corners of Amazonian Brazil, Bolivia and throughout the US. He designed this tour along with Bret Whitney last year and is eager to return and learn more about this part of Brazil.

"Micah Riegner was a delightful addition to the tour with Bret Whitney and Tom Johnson, and he added tremendous value. He was attentive to everyone and performed as though he'd worked together with Bret and Tom for years.... terrific!"
D. R.; *Great Rivers of the Amazon II*

Tom Johnson grew up watching birds in central Pennsylvania. Interested in science and the outdoors, he became involved in a variety of field projects, including banding migrant landbirds and conducting point counts for the 2nd Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas. He was fortunate to pursue undergraduate studies in biology at Cornell University, where he learned about systematics and migration while surrounded by the amazing ornithologists and birders of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. After college, Tom spent much of his time studying seabirds off the East Coast, conducting line transect surveys from NOAA ships between Nova Scotia and the Bahamas. He is a regional editor for *North American Birds*, a regular contributor to *Birding*, and a member of the ABA Checklist Committee. Now living in Cape May, New Jersey, Tom devotes time to watching bird migration, photography, and searching for vagrants and hybrid birds. He loves helping others pursue their passion for birding and the outdoors and is pleased to be able to do this while guiding for Field Guides.

Tom Johnson was a delight every day. Cheerful, supportive and as accomplished at spotting and putting folks on the birds as one could hope for." B.W.; SE Brazil: North of the Tropic

Your Field Guides leaders will be accompanied by an experienced **local guide**.

Financial Information

FEE: \$4475 from Manaus

DEPOSIT: \$450 per person

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: December 24, 2019

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (Optional): \$395 (*Depending on group composition, singles may not be available for our night on the boat (Day 8).*)

LIMIT: 10

Other Things You Need to Know

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

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. 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.

VACCINATIONS: It is quite possible (albeit unlikely) to contract malaria in the area that this tour will visit. Please consult <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2020/preparing-international-travelers/yellow-fever-vaccine-and-malaria-prophylaxis-information-by-country/brazil#seldyfm879> and other sources of information, 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. Please check <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/yellow-fever-brazil> 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: 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 \$4475 for one person in double occupancy from Manaus. It includes all lodging from Day 1 through Day 10, all meals from breakfast on Day 2 through dinner on Day 11, 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 \$395 (*singles may not be available for our night on the boat*). 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 LIMITS: Our limits are firm and we don't exceed the limit by one to accommodate a couple when only one space remains open. However, on occasion, we will send along a guide in training on a tour. In these cases, the guide in training will be taking a seat in the van or bus. Our guides will have a rotation system within the vehicle so that clients share the inconvenience equally. We hope this minor inconvenience will be more than offset by the advantages of having another guide along.

TOUR REGISTRATION: To register for this tour, complete the Registration/Release and Indemnity form and return it with a **deposit of \$450** per person. If registering by phone, a deposit must be received within fourteen days, or the space will be released. **Full payment** of the tour fee is due 120 days prior to departure, or **by December 24, 2019. We will bill you for the final payment at either 120 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.

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 120 days before departure. If cancellation occurs between 119 and 70 days before the departure date, 50% of the tour fee is refundable. Thereafter, all deposits and payments are not refundable.

This policy only applies to payments made to Field Guides for tour fees (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 the 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 airlines restrictions.

The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case full refund will constitute full settlement to the passenger. The right is reserved to substitute another guide for the original one. Where this is necessary, notification will be given to tour members, and they will have the right to cancel their participation and receive a full refund.

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. Because we must remit early (and substantial) tour deposits to our suppliers, we cannot offer any refund when cancellation occurs within 70 days of departure, and only a partial refund from 70 to 119 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 from us a brochure 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, 24-hour accident protection, and emergency medical transportation. If you purchase the insurance when making final payment for the tour, and cover all non-refundable parts of the trip (including any non-refundable flights), pre-existing conditions are covered. The CSA brochure includes a contact number; you may also purchase your CSA policy on-line by visiting our website at <https://fieldguides.com/travelinsurance.html> and clicking the link to CSA. **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 with InsureMyTrip (www.insuremytrip.com) in the past, and would suggest that company as an alternative. 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. Field Guides Incorporated accepts no responsibility 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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