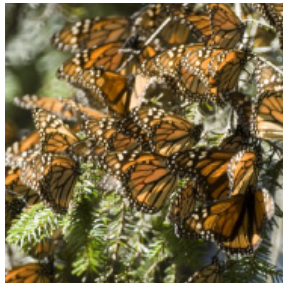


KINGDOM OF MONARCHS

A JOURNEY THROUGH MEXICO'S MONARCH MIGRATION,
THE ART + CULTURE OF OAXACA, & MEXICO CITY'S GARDENS

FEBRUARY 16 - 25, 2023

\$5,690 LAND COST* (INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC AIRFARE ESTIMATED AT \$700 - \$1,100)



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The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in conjunction with Knowmad Adventures is proud to announce an incredible Mexico experience, "Kingdom of Monarchs:

A Journey Through Mexico's Monarch Migration, the Art + Culture of Oaxaca, & Mexico City's Gardens." This 10-day trip from February 16th - 25th immerses you in the magical migration of millions of monarch butterflies to Mexico, vibrant indigenous cultures and artisan villages of Oaxaca, breathtaking pre-columbian ruins, world-renowned Mexican cuisine; as well as spectacular gardens, parks, and an ancient agricultural heritage system with floating Aztec gardens. Join Director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Peter Moe, along with excellent local naturalist guides on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Have unique cultural interactions, stand in a forest enshrouded by butterflies, explore ancient ruins, dive into the gastronomy of Mexico and much more! **Call or email Renee at Knowmad Adventures 612.315.2894 (ext. 105 for Renee or renee@knowmadadventures.com) for more information and to register. This small-group trip will likely sell out fast.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP

- Visit two different butterfly sanctuaries in the wild, home to millions of monarch butterflies each winter
- Dive into the roots of Mexico's capital in the Historic Center where the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan was located
- Visit the Chinampas floating garden islands, an agricultural heritage site, to learn about their history and preservation
- Stroll through Chapultepec, a city park twice the size of New York's Central Park: home to gardens, public art and historic Chapultepec Castle.
- Discover Oaxaca, rich in indigenous cultures, unique artisan wares, and a renowned culinary scene
- Visit the hub for the world-famous, traditional, woven, wool blankets and rugs of the state of Oaxaca
- Explore pre-columbian ruins, Monte Alban
- Travel in a small group of no more than 20 travelers plus your tour leader
- Enjoy the specialized knowledge of your trip escort and butterfly expert, Peter Moe
- \$300 tax-deductible donation to the Arboretum included. Your donation helps less fortunate public gardens around the world in their conservation efforts.

A ROUTE OVERVIEW

DAY 1-3	Arrival & Mexico City
DAY 4-6	Monarch Butterfly Sanctuaries
DAY 7-9	Oaxaca
DAY 10	Departure & Arrive Home

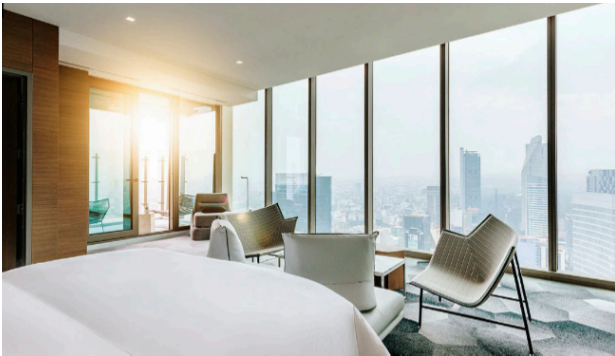
HOST: PETER MOE



Peter Moe is the Director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Alumnus of the University of Minnesota, Peter has previously been director of operations and research at the Arboretum, as well as an instructor in the Horticultural Science Department at the U of M. Enjoy his expertise in rare plant conservation, horticultural practices, scientific research, and his immense knowledge of plant collections as he escorts this trip to Mexico.

PHOTOS OF EACH REGION & ACCOMODATION

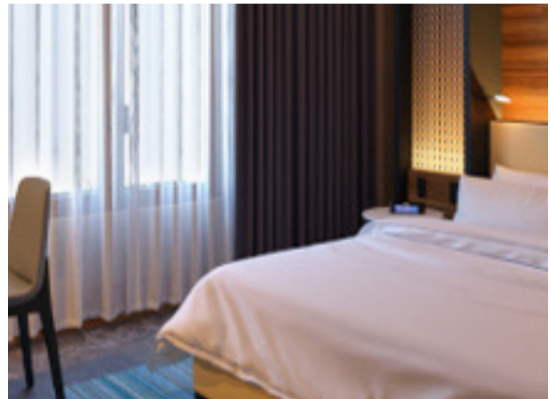
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO



ZITAGUARO, MEXICO



OAXACA, MEXICO





ITINERARY: KINGDOM OF THE MONARCHS

FEB 16 USA – Mexico City

You will fly from the USA to Mexico City, arriving most likely in the afternoon. Upon your arrival you will be met at the airport by your Knowmad Adventures guide and driver and transferred to your hotel right on Reforma Avenue with views of the iconic Angel of Independence and steps away from some of the city's main attractions as well as fantastic restaurants. Upon arrival, you will check into your rooms and get settled. The afternoon will be at your leisure to either relax and recover from your early morning start, or begin to explore independently. This evening there will be a welcome dinner which will allow you to better get to know your travelmates, and begin to dive into the amazing cuisine of Mexico.

- D – Sofitel Mexico City Reforma Hotel or similar

FEB 17 Mexico City: Historic Center & Chapultepec Park & Castle

This morning you will start your Mexico City explorations by going to Chapultepec Castle and Park. Chapultepec Park is double the size of New York's Central Park and home to a botanical garden, museums, artwork and more. Visit the park's botanical gardens, home to exotic plants from throughout the country. The new garden was inaugurated in 2006, built in a space of 5.3 hectares. It offers visitors a magnificent landscape and a valuable collection of native and introduced plants. From here, take a short walk to Chapultepec Castle. This beautiful castle is the only royal castle in North America that was actually used as the residence of a sovereign. During the Second Mexican Empire, it was the home of Mexican Emperor Maximilian and his consort, Empress Carlota.

After lunch at a local restaurant, you will continue to the city's historic center where you will discover Mexico's Mesoamerican, Colonial and Revolutionary history. Your exploration will start in the main square, known as the Zocalo, but officially named the Plaza de la Constitución. Considered one of the biggest squares in the world, you will learn that just as it was an important gathering place for the Aztecs, it remains so in modern day Mexico, often hosting book fairs, concerts and many family events. On the north side of the Zocalo is the metropolitan cathedral. The largest Cathedral in the Americas, it was constructed over the Aztec temple, the Templo Mayor, as a sign that the Spanish were now in power. You will then take a look at the Templo Mayor, the archeological site situated alongside the cathedral. Viewing it from above, you will learn about Aztec cosmology and religion while observing the Great Temple dedicated to Tlaloc, the rain god and Huitzilopochtli, the god of war. Afterwards, you will be taken back to your accommodations for an evening at leisure.

- B, L – Sofitel Mexico City Reforma Hotel or similar

FEB 18 Mexico City: Xochimilco & Chinampas

This morning you will be picked up from your hotel and discover mysteries of the ancient Aztec city of Mexico-Tenochtitlan with a morning nature experience in back channels of Xochimilco. A highlight today will be your visit to the last remnants of actual floating gardens or "chinampas". These canals and waterways once made up most of the entire Aztec city of Tenochtitlan. During this experience you'll learn the importance of these floating gardens, recognized as an Agricultural Heritage System. Learn all about the biodiversity of this incredible area, that is actually part of Mexico City, and discover a hidden oasis that brings life to the incredible flora and fauna in this amazing metropolis. You will tour the chinampa and learn about how millions of species cooperate with each other to shape its ecosystems and the various vegetables, flowers and herbs that are grown here. Enjoy a traditional lunch, made with locally produced ingredients at the chinampa. After this visit and lunch, you will be taken back to your hotel for time to relax and gear up for a special evening. We recommend having an early dinner today as you will not be returning until 9 p.m. or later.



This evening you will be picked up and taken on a once in a lifetime experience to explore The National Anthropology Museum on a private and off-hours tour. This museum showcases fascinating artifacts from various cultures that once thrived in Mesoamerica and is the most visited museum in Mexico. Designed and built by architect Pedro Ramirez Vasquez in 1964, it is very important for its architectural design as well as the vast array of artifacts that it houses. Your expert guide will lead you on an exploration of the museum, taking you on a journey through the many histories and cultures of Mesoamerica. At the conclusion of your private visit to the museum you will be driven back to your hotel.

- Box B, L – Sofitel Mexico City Reforma Hotel or similar

FEB 19 Mexico City - Zitacuaro

This morning you will board your bus for the 3.5-hour journey to Zitacuaro. En route, you will stop to enjoy a guided visit of Toluca Cosmovitral Botanical Garden. The stunning and unique Cosmovitral Botanical Garden was built in 1909 as a market. The building now houses 3500 sq. meters of lovely gardens, lit through 48 stained-glass panels by the Toucan artist Leopoldo Flores. Along with your guide, you will enjoy these beautiful art nouveau structures and the haven of peace and beauty in the midst of the bustle of Toluca City. After your visit and a light lunch, continue the rest of the way to Zitacuaro. Arriving to your accommodations in the Mexican countryside, you will get checked in and have time to relax before a lecture by a local monarch butterfly specialist. We do not recommend leaving your hotel in the evenings, and instead enjoying dinner at the hotel restaurant. *Please note that accommodations in this more remote area are more rustic, yet full of character & charm, than what you will experience in Mexico City and Oaxaca. Rooms at San Cayento will be a mix of rooms as well as stand alone casitas or house type structures. Due to the nature of this property, not all rooms can be the same.*

- B, L – Hotel Rancho San Cayetano or similar

FEB 20 El Rosario Butterfly Sanctuary

This morning you will depart and head to El Rosario Butterfly Sanctuary. Every winter, millions and perhaps more than a billion monarch butterflies arrive in the forests of Mexico. Although it is unclear how these magnificent creatures find their way to unseen, somehow favored, patches of rural Mexico, these spectacular gatherings have generated tremendous interest from ecologists, naturalists, and conservationists the world over. Upon arrival at El Rosario, you will leave the vehicle behind for a walk along a groomed but, at times, steep trail into the fir tree forest favored by the butterflies, reaching 9,000 to 10,000 ft above sea level. The walk is approximately 2.5 to 3 hours round trip. Please note that depending on where the butterflies are, the walk can be longer or shorter. For those who may struggle with the hike, there are horses available for assistance for additional cost (approximately \$10-\$15 usd). The sun warms and lights their wings to reward visitors with a unique and remarkable display of light and color. Your expert guide will discuss ecology, natural history, and conservation issues in the sanctuary. To maximize your time with the butterflies, you will have a box lunch today to enjoy in nature.

- B, Box L - Hotel Rancho San Cayetano or similar

FEB 21 Sierra Chincua Sanctuary

This morning you will be picked up to visit another butterfly sanctuary. After El Rosario, Sierra Chincua is the second most visited butterfly sanctuary and the most accessible of all of the colonies. Most of the ascent is done in car on a road that passes through the scenic village of Angangeo. The trail leading to the butterflies is relatively level, paved in white gravel, and a 30-minute to 1-hour walk each way. The trees here are almost all oyamel fir trees, making for uniformly dark green vistas. You will again have a box lunch today to maximize your time at the sanctuary.

- B, Box L - Hotel Rancho San Cayetano or similar



FEB 22 Zitacuaro - Mexico City - Oaxaca

Today you will depart early and be driven to the Mexico City airport, for your short flight onward to Oaxaca. Upon arrival in Oaxaca you will meet your guide and be taken to your accommodation in the historical center of Oaxaca. You will have time to leave your luggage at the hotel, check in and use restrooms before heading out on a short tour of Oaxaca's historic city center. You'll learn about the city's cultural and historical heritage, while visiting chocolate makers and seeing the sites around the Zocalo center. Afterwards, you will discover a special place that locals prefer for dinner and enjoy one of Oaxaca's most famous night delicacies': a great grilled Tlayuda!

- B, D – Grand Fiesta Americana Oaxaca or similar

FEB 23 Oaxaca: Monte Alban, Tule & Teotitlan

This morning you will be met at your hotel by your guide and head just outside of the city on a drive to the fascinating archaeological site, Monte Alban. Located in the center of the Oaxacan Valley on a hilltop, Monte Alban is an impressive site with remarkable panoramas of the valley. It was the capital city of the Zapotec nation, and one of the first and most populated Meso-American cities during its peak, exerting control over the communities in the valley and surrounding mountains. Explore the site alongside your expert guide, and discover what is known about Monte Alban, and what still remains a mystery. After this visit, you will head further outside of town for a visit to the small artisan villages outside of Oaxaca City. You arrive to Teotitlan Del Valle, where Zapotec traditions live on in contemporary form within woven handmade crafts. Visit a Zapotec family home to see the process of how traditional woven rugs are made. Many still use the traditional techniques of carding and spinning their own wool, then dyeing it with natural colors and finally weaving on solid-wood looms. Enjoy a typical lunch as a special guest at one of the village's restaurants while learning the secrets of authentic Oaxacan cuisine. Both Gourmet Magazine and The New York Times have praised Oaxacan Cuisine as the most authentic food in Mexico. Heading back towards the city after your visit, you will stop en route to see Santa Maria del Tule, a small town made famous by the *Arbol del Tule*. This ancient tree is between 2,000-3,000 years old and has a diameter of 40 feet, making it one of the world's largest trees and one of the oldest living species on earth. Afterwards, head back to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

- B, L – Grand Fiesta Americana Oaxaca or similar

FEB 24 Oaxaca: Mezcal Production and Tasting

During this full-day experience you will journey through the valley of Oaxaca to the small pueblos which make premium Mezcal at simple yet authentic distilleries. Far from the tourist track, the mezcalerias produce quality mezcal using varied distillation methods. Visiting local producers, you will learn how donkey-power is still used in the fermentation process and learn about the differences between distillation using the traditional copper still and the pre-Columbian clay still. Upon tasting a variety of mezcal, you will appreciate the wide-ranging and distinct tastes of the spirit that can depend so much on the agave used and how it is distilled. Lunch will be included at a local restaurant and to conclude your visit to the valleys you will explore San Bartolo Coyotepec, home of the famous black Oaxacan pottery. There are over 100 families that are dedicated to the making of this wonderful ceramic. Also, in the town square you can find the new Museum of Folk Art that exhibits work from many different villages in an effort to encourage the continuity of production and honoring the makers while still alive. After your full day, head back to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

- B, L – Grand Fiesta Americana Oaxaca or similar

FEB 25 Oaxaca - USA

This morning you will be picked up and taken to the airport for your onward flight home.

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **FITNESS LEVEL REQUIRED FOR TRIP:** *The butterfly reserve altitudes vary from 8,000 to 10,500 ft above sea level and these encounters require the ability to walk for more than an hour along a steep incline that can be considered strenuous. Distances between the parking spaces to the first butterflies may vary from 30 minutes to 2 hours; this will depend on where the butterflies are located. There will be horses or mules available if necessary for those who need assistance (these cannot take you all the way up, but approximately two-thirds of the way). Travelers partaking in this trip should be prepared and able to walk over an hour (with stops to rest) at an incline, and walk for approximately three hours or more total.*
- **COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR TRIP:** *In order to best keep everyone in the group as well as guides, drivers and other staff safe, full Covid-19 vaccination will be required for this trip, and we will be requesting photos or copies of vaccination cards. Thank you for your understanding.*



COST DETAILS

\$5,690* Land cost per traveler, double occupancy

\$1,650** Single supplement

\$700 to \$1,100*** Estimated international & regional airfare costs.

*Note: As currency exchanges and fluctuations vary, this is an approximate cost, which Knowmad reserves the right to adjust. This land-cost price is based on a group size of 20 travelers. Knowmad reserves the right to adjust this price in order to accommodate fewer registrants should there be less than 20.

**Note: This trip has a limit of 8 single rooms available for guests paying a single supplement. Reserve early to guarantee a single room. Once those 8 rooms are reserved, Knowmad Adventures will do its best to try and find a roommate for those still interested in joining, or you can be put on a waitlist for a single room.

INCLUSIONS

- 9 nights hotel accommodations
- 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 2 dinners (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Professional expert English-speaking guides throughout
- Personalized pre-departure support including Trip Information Packet (contains a packing list, details about regions, weather, etc.)
- Local excursions as indicated
- Airport transfers as indicated
- Field arrangements as necessary
- Ground transportation and support vehicles
- Entrance fees and permits as indicated
- Taxes and surcharges on excursions
- Escort by Arboretum Director Peter Moe
- A \$300 tax-deductible donation to the Arboretum
- Gratuities to guides, drivers & waitstaff for included meals.

NOT INCLUDED International and domestic airfare (see estimate for airfare cost guidance), passport, and departure/arrival fees; airline fees for luggage; trip insurance (trip insurance including cancellation coverage strongly recommended); meals not indicated in the itinerary; optional tips to hotel porters and maid service; personal items; alcoholic beverages

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DUE UPON RESERVATION
75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

\$500 per traveler
Remaining balance

PLEASE REFER TO REGISTRATION FORM FOR TERMS & CONDITIONS



***AIRFARE INFORMATION

Knowmad Adventures will assist in arranging your international airfare to and from Mexico as well as your domestic airfare within Mexico, but is not responsible if available flights exceed the price estimate. Once the trip is confirmed with the minimum number of travelers, Knowmad will be in touch with instructions on purchasing your flights via expert flight consolidator, Exito Travel. We suggest waiting until that time to purchase flights. You may also purchase airfare independently, but please contact Knowmad prior to purchasing to ensure that the flight arrival and departure schedule work well with the itinerary.

Note, transfers to and from the airport will be arranged in accordance to the group flights sent by Exito & recommended by Knowmad. If you choose to purchase your flights independently, please purchase the same flights suggested. If you choose to purchase flights that have you arriving or departing on a different flight, we will put in place an additional transfer for you at an extra cost (approximately \$75 to \$130 pp depending on the number of travelers sharing that transfer).

READY FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME?

Signing up is easy. Please fill out the Registration (pg. 1) & Payment (pg. 2) Forms, read the Booking Terms & Conditions and Liability Release (pg. 3 & 4) and **sign on the bottom of pg. 2**. Mail pages 1-2 to 2038 Ford Pkwy #459, St. Paul, MN 55116 or fax to 1 612 293 3935. You can also scan and email the pages to travel@knowmadadventures.com but this is not a secure way to send credit card info - please call 1 877 616 8747 to relay it verbally. We thank you for choosing to explore with Knowmad Adventures.

REGISTRATION FORM

If you're more than 2 travelers, download additional forms at www.KnowmadAdventures.com/contact.html. **Please print clearly** in blue or black pen.

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT KNOWMAD ADVENTURES? _____

TRAVELER ONE NAME **(Important: exactly as it appears on passport)** _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

GENDER male female BIRTHDAY (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ OCCUPATION _____

PASSPORT NO. _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____ CITIZENSHIP _____

MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ALLERGIES _____ DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

ARE YOU VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19? Yes No *Vaccination is a requirement for entry into some South American countries and we need this information on file.

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

ACCOMMODATION INFO I will share accommodations with _____ We prefer 2 twin beds 1 bed

TRAVELER TWO NAME **(Important: exactly as it appears on passport)** _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

GENDER male female BIRTHDAY (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ OCCUPATION _____

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FLIGHT INFORMATION

Knowmad Adventures does not purchase nor sell airfare.* We are here to help you with the process, but ultimately it is your responsibility to purchase flights. We recommend that you purchase flights through flight provider Exito Travel to help make sure that the flights align with your itinerary and are purchased with reputable airlines. Often the best value and most efficient process is that Exito Travel quote your international and regional flights together (this also aids in reducing the risk that flight changes do not negatively impact subsequent flights).

- I would like assistance purchasing airfare through recommended flight provider Exito Travel.
- I would like assistance purchasing regional airfare through recommended flight provider Exito Travel, but will be purchasing international flights on my own and will confirm with Knowmad Adventures before purchasing that the dates and times work with my itinerary.
- I will purchase all airfare on my own and will confirm with Knowmad Adventures before purchasing that the dates and times work with my itinerary.

*It is your responsibility to make sure that all flights you purchase coincide with the trip itinerary, whether purchased on your own or through Exito Travel. Knowmad Adventures is not responsible for financial loss incurred if flights purchased do not align with the itinerary, nor for any airline penalties or fees resulting from changes or trip cancellation once airline tickets have been issued. Knowmad Adventures is not responsible for any forfeiture that results due to any inability to obtain airline tickets that allow you to participate on a reserved trip. Please note that all airfare is subject to change without notice until tickets are issued.

LIABILITY RELEASE

This Agreement (Registration Form, Payment Form, Liability Release and Booking Terms and Conditions) is important. The Agreement includes terms and conditions and releases Knowmad Adventures, Inc. ("Knowmad Adventures"), from liability.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

Knowmad Adventures is defined to include its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, representatives and agents. It does not own or operate any entity which provides goods or services for the trip described on the Registration Form ("Trip") including, for example, lodging facilities, bus, plane, train, kayak, yacht or other transportation companies or devices, food service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors ("Independent Contractors"). For myself and for all Authorized Travelers, I understand and agree that, neither Knowmad Adventures nor any Independent Contractor is liable for any act or omission arising out of or in connection with the Trip or this Agreement, including without limitation injury, loss, or damage to person or property, illness,

death, delay or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, pandemics or epidemics, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging facilities, condition of transportation, dangers incident to recreational activities such as swimming, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation or trip interruption in any way in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, pandemics, epidemics, or the threat thereof or for any other cause. For myself and for the Authorized Travelers, I release and hold harmless Knowmad Adventures and Independent Contractors from any and all claims and demands, including attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with the Trip or this Agreement and assume all risk thereof.

PHOTOGRAPHY

For myself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, I grant Knowmad Adventures permission to take photographs and/or video ("Images") of me and the Authorized Travelers and irrevocably grant permission to Knowmad Adventures, its agents and representatives to use such Images and/or narrative for promotional or commercial purposes without review, payment or any compensation to participant.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

For myself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, I am aware that adventure travel such as that I am and the Authorized Travelers are undertaking involves hazardous activities, some in remote areas of the world, with a risk of illness, injury or death which may be caused by forces of nature, the acts or omissions of Knowmad Adventures, or other persons and companies known or unknown, or by conduct of third parties; that weather conditions may be severe, adverse and/or unpleasant and that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time during the Trip. In order to participate

in this adventure travel trip, for myself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, I understand that participation in the Trip is voluntary and knowingly accept and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of illness, injury or death and release and hold harmless Knowmad Adventures, and any Independent Contractors.

ARBITRATION

I agree that in the unlikely event of any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this Agreement, the brochure, knowmadadventures.com or any other literature concerning my Trip, or the Trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Minneapolis, Minnesota according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive Minnesota law. Should any part of this Agreement be found invalid or not enforceable by a court of law, then the remaining portion shall continue to be valid and in force.

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

WHAT YOUR TRIP INCLUDES

- Pre-Trip services
- Expert leadership and guiding
- Accommodations as indicated in detailed itinerary and based on double occupancy
- Local excursions as indicated
- Airport transfers as indicated in detailed itinerary
- Backcountry field arrangements as necessary
- Some equipment for adventure excursions
- Ground transportation and support vehicles
- Additional guides and porters as needed
- Entrance fees and permits
- Alcohol as indicated on select itineraries
- All meals as indicated in detailed itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)

Each Trip varies slightly, so call 1 877 616 8747 to speak with us or refer to your Trip itinerary.

WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED

- International and domestic airfare unless otherwise indicated (our travel experts can help you arrange your flights through a third party flight provider, but airfare is a separate cost)
- Visa, passport, departure/arrival and excess baggage fees
- Trip insurance
- Medical Insurance
- Any costs incurred due to Covid-19 or other pandemic- or epidemic-related testing or required quarantine
- Activities denoted by an asterisk and listed as optional
- Personal items

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Accommodations are based on double occupancy. If you prefer single accommodations you must pay a single supplement fee, which is listed in the Trip itinerary. If you are traveling alone and wish to

share accommodations, we will try our best to find you a roommate of the same gender. Should no one be available at the time you register, the Single Supplement is payable and you will be invoiced accordingly. If a roommate is found prior to departure, this fee will be refunded.

BOOKING & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A 30% deposit, along with the signed and completed Registration Forms will reserve your Trip.

Payment Schedule as Follows:

Time of reservation.....30% Deposit
45 days prior to departure.....Balance

Deposit amounts and payment schedules may vary because of additional requirements of local lodges, cruises, etc. Specific deposit amounts and payment schedule outlined on your Trip proposal documents, sometimes called itinerary or detailed itinerary, supersede all other general information. Payment can be

made in the form of credit card, cash, check, money order or bank transfer. If your Trip departure is within 45 days of booking, full payment is due to confirm. If your Trip departs within 15 days of booking, full payment is required by credit card.

CHANGES BY TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Knowmad Adventures does its best to accommodate all post-confirmation itinerary changes requested by the Trip Participants, however, due to the limited availability of accommodations and other itinerary constraints we cannot promise to fulfill every request. Itinerary changes requested by the Trip Participants post-confirmation are subject to a non-refundable administration fee of up to \$250. We cannot accept changes requested by Trip Participants within 14 days of the trip start date. This includes, without limitation, booking additional accommodations, transfers, or excursions.

ADDITIONAL BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

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CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon receipt of written notice that you must cancel your Trip, the following fees will apply based on the Knowmad Adventures Trip Cost per person/per Trip (all dates are from departure date):

Days Prior to Departure..... Processing Fee
From time of reservation until final payment due date.....Deposit
After final payment due date.....100% of Knowmad Adventures Trip Cost

Please note that some trips carry a different cancellation schedule which will be included in your Trip proposal documents, in which case, that cancellation policy supersedes the information above. You are strongly advised to purchase cancellation insurance at the time of booking, which may cover cancellation charges in certain circumstances. Payments due at the time of cancellation remain your responsibility. Knowmad Adventures cancellation policy supersedes that of its Independent Contractors.

UNUSED SERVICES

No refunds (full or partial) will be made for unused services, including hotel rooms, air or land transport, trekking or excursion days, or other sight-seeing excursions. Unused services also includes if you are unable to take your trip entirely; participate in any or all excursions and/or services if trip has already begun; or are required by government regulations (from either local country or country of residence) to extend, alter, or quarantine during your trip if trip has already begun due to epidemics, pandemics, or other illnesses or injuries as stated in the above Release from Liability section.

PRICES, SURCHARGES & BROCHURE VALIDITY

As we publish our prices more than a year in advance, we may occasionally be faced with cost increases due to factors over which we have no control. As such, Knowmad Adventures reserves the right to impose surcharges or price increases, for reasons including unfavorable exchange rates, increases in transport costs, taxes, increases in the cost of services, or if government action

should require. If any surcharge results in an increase of more than 10% of the Trip cost excluding insurance premiums, you may cancel the Trip booking within 14 days of notification of the surcharge and obtain a full refund. Prices and dates on the website are only indicative. Trip proposal documents will control.

MEDICAL & HEALTH

Good physical and mental health is essential for the enjoyment of Trips. By forwarding the deposit, you certify that you and the Authorized Travelers do not have any physical or other conditions that would create a hazard for you, the Authorized Travelers or other persons. Medical conditions will not be considered as exceptions to the cancellation policy.

FLEXIBILITY

Trip itineraries as stated for each tour are simply an indication of each Trip's events and what the group may realize, and are not a contractual obligation. For yourself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, you acknowledge that the nature of this type of travel requires significant flexibility and should allow for changes and agree that the amenities, type of transport, route, schedule, and itinerary may change without prior notice due to events or local circumstances, which may include but are not limited to mechanical breakdown, flight cancellations, illness, pandemics, epidemics, strikes, political disputes, weather, border crossing issues and other unforeseeable events.

CHANGES BY KNOWMAD ADVENTURES

Knowmad Adventures does its best to operate all Trips as advertised, however reasonable changes may be made to itineraries where considered necessary. Knowmad Adventures reserves the right to change any of the services and facilities described in the Trip descriptions before a booking is made. If such a change is made, you will be informed at the time of booking. If Knowmad Adventures makes a major change (a major change is defined as one that affects one or more days in a five day itinerary) after you have booked, we will notify you as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before the departure. If the major change is due to force majeure or unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to pandemics, epidemics,

natural disasters, or civil unrest, no refund or compensation is payable.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Trip participants have certain responsibilities to Knowmad Adventures and other Trip participants. You and the Authorized Travelers must at all times comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of the countries visited. At all times the decision of the local guide or local supplier is final on all matters that may threaten the safety or interfere with the well being of the group or individual travelers. Should you or any Authorized Traveler fail to comply with the above or jeopardize the well being of others or the group, then the local guide or local supplier may order you or Authorized Travelers to leave the Trip without recourse to any refund.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

You are responsible for obtaining and possession of a valid passport and all visas, permits, vaccination certificates, and proof of required medical tests (such as covid-19), and other documents or immunizations required for the entire Trip. Any information or advice given by Knowmad Adventures on visas, vaccinations, climate, clothing, baggage, special equipment, etc. is given in good faith but without responsibility or liability on the part of Knowmad Adventures.

CLAIMS & COMPLAINTS

If you or an Authorized Traveler has a complaint against Knowmad Adventures or any service provided, you must first inform the local guide/supplier while on the Trip so that the guide/supplier can attempt to rectify the issue.

INSURANCE

It is your responsibility and that of your Authorized Travelers to obtain insurance that covers you and the Authorized Travelers. Insurance must cover at a minimum, personal accident, medical expenses, air ambulance, evacuation, loss of effects, repatriation costs and all other expenses which may arise as a result of loss, damage, injury, delay, or inconvenience to you or the Authorized Travelers. All Trip participants must have travel related medical insurance. When travel insurance is arranged by Knowmad Adventures, you and you're authorized

Travelers acknowledge satisfaction with the levels of insurance arranged by us. The price of the Trip does not include any insurance.

When obtaining travel insurance from a source other than that recommended by Knowmad Adventures, you should make certain that the insurer is aware of the type of travel that the Trip includes. Cancellation insurance is also highly recommended but not required (ask us about supplemental insurance). If you choose to decline this protection, you are assuming any financial loss with your travel arrangements.

AIRLINES & FLIGHTS

All arrangements with Independent Contractors, including airline carriers, whether made by you, or by or with assistance from Knowmad Adventures for your convenience, are at your risk. Knowmad Adventures disclaims all liability for loss or damage of every kind and nature, including without limitation financial loss incurred for flights that do not align with the Trip itinerary, cancelled flights or seats or changed flight itineraries. You cannot cancel the Trip without penalty due to a change of airline, aircraft type or destination. Knowmad Adventure is not responsible for any airline penalties or fees resulting from changes or Trip cancellation. If due to unforeseen circumstances your Trip should be delayed or cancelled, please bear in mind that many airfares have major restrictions and in many cases are nonrefundable; may only be valid on the carrier listed (i.e., non-endorsable); may require advance purchase; may only be valid for specific travel dates or times; and/or may involve traveling by an inconvenient route.

CONTRACT

To book the Trip, you must complete and sign the Agreement (either on behalf of all Authorized Travelers if you are authorized to do so, or each Authorized Traveler must individually sign the Agreement), and pay the required fees. You and all Authorized Travelers will be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement. All bookings are made with Knowmad Adventures, Inc., for the trips described in the Knowmad Adventures brochure and website. Only an officer of Knowmad Adventures, Inc. may vary the terms of the Agreement.