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# DARWIN'S GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

## THE FLORA & FAUNA OF ECUADOR

**APRIL 26TH - MAY 06TH, 2025**

**\$8,530 LAND COST\***

**PRESENTED BY**



**LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM**

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

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The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in conjunction with Knowmad Adventures is proud to announce an incredible Ecuador & Galapagos experience: "Darwin's Galapagos Islands and Flora and Fauna of Ecuador." This 11-day trip from April 26th to May 6th will highlight the spectacular gardens and diverse ecosystems of mainland Ecuador and includes a luxurious 5-day cruise around Darwin's Galapagos Islands, which are full of fascinating endemic species and beautiful volcanic

landscapes. Join Executive Director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Andrew Gapinski, along with excellent local and naturalist guides on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Have unique cultural interactions, explore the cloud forest's plants, orchids and over 132 hummingbird species, stand amongst giant tortoises, colonies of iguanas, blue-footed boobies and much more! **Call Knowmad Adventures at 612.315.2894 (ext. 104 for Krista) for more information and to register.**

**This trip will likely sell out and space is limited.**

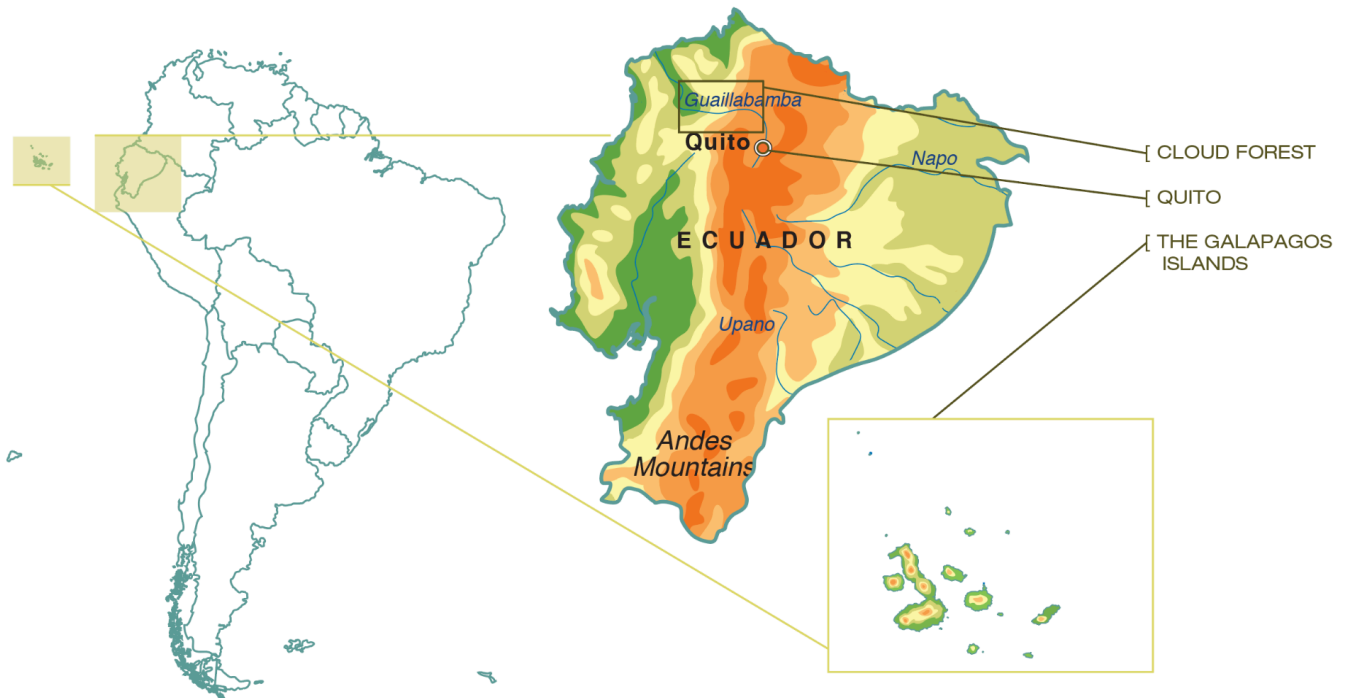
### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP

- Cruise the Galapagos Islands aboard a luxury class boat with less than 100 passengers.
- Enjoy expert naturalist-led excursions to discover a myriad of endemic species, spectacular wildlife with no fear of humans, and unique landscapes.
- Walk through palo santo forests full of iguanas; explore the world's biggest breeding site of the endangered Waved albatrosses at Española; walk amongst giant Galapagos tortoises; swim, snorkel or enjoy a glass bottom boat in one of the best sites for marine wildlife in the archipelago.
- See the sites and gardens of Quito; Ecuador's capital and a UNESCO World Heritage site for colonial architecture.
- Visit the Quito Botanical Garden, to discover more about Ecuador's native habitats, including Quito's high altitude Andean grasslands.
- Stay in a private reserve in the Mindo Cloud Forest, home to 400 bird species and countless endemic butterfly species.
- Learn about the production of cacao as you visit a chocolate factory and see (and taste!) every step of the chocolate making process.
- This adventure highlights carefully selected accommodations in spectacular and varied settings, from the seas of the Galapagos to a cloud forest lodge and an historic colonial home turned boutique hotel in Quito.
- Travel in a small group of no more than 22 travelers.
- Enjoy the specialized knowledge of your trip escort, Executive Director Andrew Gapinski.
- \$300 tax-deductible donation to the Arboretum included. Your donation helps less fortunate public gardens around the world in their conservation efforts.

## ITINERARY: DARWIN'S GALAPAGOS ISLANDS AND FLORA AND FAUNA OF ECUADOR

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- DAY 1-2** Arrival & Quito
- DAY 3-7** Cloud Forest & Departure
- DAY 8-10** Galapagos Islands
- DAY 11** Arrive home



## HOST: ANDREW GAPINSKI



Andrew is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Selected as the Arboretum's director in 2023, he works collaboratively to create and implement a long-term vision and strategic plan for the Arboretum. Building on the strong foundation of the organization's first 65 years, Andrew is working to make the Arboretum a garden for all Minnesotans for generations to come, and is excited to escort everyone on this journey to one of the world's biological hotspots.

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### QUITO • CLOUD FOREST • GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

#### APR 26 USA – Quito

Fly to Quito, where you'll transfer with your Knowmad guide to your accommodations.

- No meals – Patio Andaluz, Duplex Rooms (double basis) & Standard Rooms (single basis)

#### APR 27 Quito

In the morning you will visit the Quito Botanical Garden, where you will find a collection of orchids, bromeliads and many other flowers and plants representative of Ecuador and South America. Walk through the gardens and learn about the flora from your guide. After a fun and interactive cooking class at the Botanical Garden for lunch, you'll begin exploring Quito, visiting the Plaza de la Independencia, La Catedral de Quito and the Presidential Palace. Visit important churches, including the monastery of San Francisco. Afterwards, explore a small chocolate shop for a tasting of different varieties of Ecuadorian chocolate.

- B, L – Patio Andaluz, Duplex Rooms (double basis) & Standard Rooms (single basis)

#### APR 28 Quito – Mashpi

Take a ~3-hour guided private transfer to Mashpi Nature Reserve, a haven for wildlife. Upon arrival, enjoy a briefing about the reserve and activities. While at Mashpi, choose from a range of shared-group excursions exploring the cloud forest, and delicious food, as part of your program.

- B, L, D – Mashpi Lodge, Wayra Rooms

#### APR 29 Mashpi

Continue enjoying your adventures throughout the region and your stay at Mashpi Lodge.

- B, L, D – Mashpi Lodge, Wayra Rooms

#### APR 30 Mashpi – Quito

Enjoy a morning activity before departing to your airport hotel accommodations, enjoying a box lunch en route.

- B, Box L – Wyndham Airport Hotel, Deluxe Rooms

#### MAY 1 Quito – San Cristobal Island

Transfer with your Knowmad guide to the airport. Meet a cruise representative at the ticket counter to check in and receive your ticket and INGALA card (INGALA card & Galapagos National Park fee are pre-paid). To ensure that no plants/animals are brought to the islands, your luggage will be inspected. The plane will stop in Guayaquil before continuing to the Galapagos (stay onboard).

In the Galapagos, pass through inspection to stamp your Transit Control Card (keep with passport, needed when leaving Galapagos). Meet your Galapagos guide to board your cruise.

PM: Visit the Interpretation Center, which offers an extensive history of the Galapagos, viewing the giant tortoises that roam here. Make the 1 hour high-intensity walk up Frigatebird Hill to enjoy a magnificent view at the foot of a frigate bird nesting colony.

- B, L, D – Legend Yacht, Balcony Suites (double occupancy) & Junior Suites (single occupancy)

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#### MAY 2 Española Island

AM: Disembark on the white sandy beach of Gardner Bay, home to a large colony of sea lions and incredibly blue and turquoise waters. Observe three different finches as well as the Española mockingbird. Snorkel in the bay to witness the incredible marine life.

PM: Admire Suarez Point and many of Española Island's endemic animal species. Hike past the only Waved Albatross breeding site in all of Galapagos. Spot other species such as marine iguanas, Galapagos doves, Nazca boobies, blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, red-billed tropic birds, and Darwin finches.

- B, L, D – Legend Yacht, Balcony Suites (double occupancy) & Junior Suites (single occupancy)

#### MAY 3 Floreana Island

AM: Learn about Floreana Island's Post Office Bay. Leave a letter in the barrel used by pirates and sailors. While you're there, see if there are any other postcards you can take home with you to send for fellow travelers who have already left their messages!

PM: Continue your exploration of Floreana at Cormorant Point. Visit two beaches and a brackish lagoon with flamingos. Continue walking along powdery white sand, made from fine, pulverized coral. Watch your feet in the water, as stingrays also love to hang out here.

Devil's Crown boasts one of the finest snorkeling opportunities. Below the surface are amazing volcanic structures that have submerged over time. Hundreds of colorful fish species can be seen along the reef, along with sharks, rays, sea turtles, sea lions, and rays. It's a beautiful underwater spectacle that cannot be missed.

- B, L, D – Legend Yacht, Balcony Suites (double occupancy) & Junior Suites (single occupancy)

#### MAY 4 Santa Cruz Island

AM: Visit Dragon Hill, located in the north-western part of Santa Cruz island, named for the large population of Galapagos land iguanas that have made their home here. Walk through the forest of cacti and palo santo trees while possibly observing land iguanas, flamingos, pintail ducks and other endemic birds.

PM: Explore the hidden waters at Punta Bowditch. Hike beside salt pools and dried white corals, snorkel in turquoise water, or just relax on the powdery beach.

- B, L, D – Legend Yacht, Balcony Suites (double occupancy) & Junior Suites (single occupancy)

#### MAY 5 Santa Cruz Island – Baltra – Quito – USA

This morning, head up to the highlands to visit a Giant Tortoise reserve. Spend time in the giant tortoises' natural habitat, surrounded by abundant bird life. After this last visit, transfer to Baltra airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador. Once back in Quito, visit the nearby Hacienda Jimenita nature reserve for a short walk and delicious farewell dinner. Afterwards, you will be picked back up to depart for the Quito airport for an onward, overnight flight home

- B, D

#### MAY 6 USA

Arrive home.

## ACCOMMODATION HIGHLIGHTS

### PATIO ANDALUZ: QUITO



### MASHPI LODGE: CLOUD FOREST



### GALAPAGOS LEGEND: GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



The 100 guest M/V Galapagos Legend provides comfort, luxury and style, making exploring the enchanted archipelago something you'll never forget!

### SHIP FACILITIES

- Bar & Lounge
- Restaurant
- Outdoor terrace for dining and BBQ
- Pool and outdoor bar
- Library
- Auditorium and science center
- Jacuzzis (2)
- Kids corner
- Gift shop
- Air conditioning
- Medical station
- Wellness center and gym
- 24/7 coffee & tea station
- Glass-bottom boat
- Snorkeling equipment
- Wetsuit rental
- Coastal exploration boats (pangas)
- Sea kayaks
- Wi-Fi hotspot (intermittent/low bandwidth)
- Safe deposit box (in cabin)

## COST DETAILS & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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**\$8,530\*** Land cost per traveler, double occupancy (Round trip Galapagos flight costs, as well as required \$200 Galapagos National Park permit & \$20 Migratory Card will be booked by the cruise & are already included in your trip cost)

**\$3,080\*\*** Single supplement

**\$900 TO \$1,200\*\*\*** Estimated international airfare costs

\*Note: As currency exchanges and fluctuations vary, this is an approximate cost, which Knowmad Adventures reserves the right to adjust. This land-cost price is based on a minimum of 16 travelers. Knowmad reserves the right to adjust this price in order to accommodate fewer registrants should there be less than 16. Trip size is capped at 22.

\*\*Note: This trip has a limit of 4 single cabins available for guests paying a single supplement. Reserve early to guarantee a single cabin. Once those 4 cabins are reserved, Knowmad Adventures will do its best to try and find a roommate for those still interested in joining.

### \*\*\*AIRFARE INFORMATION

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

Note, if you choose to purchase your flights independently, please purchase the same flights that are recommended to the group. These flights will have group transfers arranged in accordance to those flights. If you choose to purchase flights that have you arriving in Quito on a different flight than that recommended to the group, we will have to put in place an additional transfer for you at an extra cost (approximately \$50 - \$70 per person depending on the number of travelers sharing that transfer).

Regional flights will be purchased by the cruise and are already included in your trip cost.

### INCLUSIONS

- 9 nights hotel and/or cruise accommodations
- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 7 dinners (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Professional expert English-speaking guides throughout
- Local excursions as indicated
- Airport transfers as indicated
- Ground transportation and support vehicles
- Field arrangements as necessary
- Entrance fees and permits as indicated
- Personalized pre-departure support including Trip Information Packet (contains a packing list, details about regions, weather, etc.)
- Additional guides as needed
- Taxes and surcharges on excursions
- Escort by Arboretum Executive Director Andrew Gapinski
- A \$300 tax-deductible donation to the Arboretum
- Gratuities to guides, drivers & waitstaff for included meals

### NOT INCLUDED

International airfare (see estimate for airfare cost guidance); visa, 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 local guides and drivers; personal items; alcoholic beverages; wetsuit & kayak rental on board cruise (\$25 per person for wetsuits, \$40 per person for kayak, available for rent on board); internet plan on Galapagos cruise.

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DUE UPON RESERVATION PER TRAVELER	\$2,559 deposit (double basis)/\$3,484 deposit (single basis)
100 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE	Remaining balance

### ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Please remember that the exact route and itinerary of the cruise may vary according to weather and ocean conditions and the wildlife encountered.
- Galapagos cruise itineraries are also subject to change without previous notice due mainly to readjustment of the National Park policies and regulations, weather conditions, seasonal changes or safety reasons.
- Dry landing: step from the panga onto rocks or a dock.
- Wet landing: as the panga edges onto a sandy beach, step into knee-deep water and walk ashore.

PLEASE REFER TO REGISTRATION FORM FOR TERMS & CONDITIONS



## 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 email the pages to [travel@knowmadadventures.com](mailto:travel@knowmadadventures.com) but this is not a secure way to send credit card info - please call 1 612 315 2894 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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

PASSPORT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CITIZENSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_ DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
60 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 60 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

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### CONTRACT

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