

READ CAREFULLY: RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT AND LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

The Smithsonian Institution directly manages the tours offered by the Local Tours department, acting as an agent for suppliers in making arrangements for transportation, accommodations, and other services. In so doing the Smithsonian Institution shall not be held liable for personal injury, death, property damage or accident, delay or irregularity arising out of any act or omission of these suppliers.

In addition, there are many risks and uncertainties inherent in any travel tour, including but not limited to the hazards of various modes of transportation, forces of nature, terrorism, war or insurrection, theft, illness, and damage to person or property due to the negligent acts or omissions of tour staff or others. The Smithsonian Institution shall not be held liable for personal injury, death, property damage or loss suffered by a tour participant in connection with this tour, whether due to the negligence of tour staff or others.

The Smithsonian Institution reserves the right, without penalty, to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of tour participants. The Smithsonian Institution also reserves the right, without penalty, to withdraw the tour announced, to decline to accept any person as a participant in a tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by tour staff to be in the best interests of the health, safety or general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant, subject only to the requirement that the recoverable portion of the total amount paid that corresponds to the cost of unused services and accommodations be refunded, if any.

Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participants.

Dates, schedules, program details, and costs, although provided in good faith based on information available at the time of publication of the ASSOCIATE catalogue, are subject to change and revision.

AS A CONDITION TO ACCEPTANCE OF ANY APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT MUST AGREE TO AND SIGN THE STATEMENT SET FORTH BELOW:

The undersigned has read carefully the Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer set forth above, the schedule of activities for this tour, as well as the terms and conditions of application and participation as set forth in the ASSOCIATE catalogue, and recognizes and accepts any risk associated with the tour, and the conditions, including the refund policy, set forth in the ASSOCIATE catalogue. In consideration of, and as part payment for, the right to participate in the tour, the undersigned, on behalf of himself, his dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, agrees to release the Smithsonian Institution, its Regents, officers, employees, representatives or agents, and the United States from any and all liability for any loss, death, or injury to person or property suffered by any person in connection with this tour.

In addition, by registering for this tour, the applicant certifies that he or she is mentally and physically capable of full participation in this tour.

Signature

Date

If the applicant is under 21 years of age, the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required. (Note that the minimum age is 14.)

Parent or legal guardian (print name or names)

Signature

Date