

# BEHIND THE SCENES ADVENTURES ARTS AND FESTIVAL TOURS

## TRIP CONTRACT

(Please print two; keep one copy at home and return one signed copy to BTSA.)

You are joining BEHIND THE SCENES ADVENTURES for the trip named: \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_ on these inclusive dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Your total payment for the BTSA trip is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, including the \$200 non-refundable deposit.  
Single supplement is \$350. If you travel alone, we will find you a roommate among the other participants.

Please note: Your final payment of \_\_\_\_\_ is due by \_\_\_\_\_ (60 days before departure.)

### CANCELLATION POLICY

Our trip prices are based on group rates reserved in advance, thus a cancellation affects all the trip expenses.

If the trip is cancelled by BTSA for any reason, refund is 100%, including your deposit.

**If you need to cancel, your \$200 deposit may be applied to another adventure at a later date.** Unused deposits are donated to community projects in the countries where BTSA operates.

Your cancellation 45 days or more before departure, refund is 75%, minus \$200 non-refundable deposit.

Your cancellation 30-44 days before departure, refund is 50%, minus \$200 non-refundable deposit.

No refund for cancellation less than 30 days before departure, unless a replacement participant is found.

NOTE: We reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person whose health or general conduct impedes the operation of services to the detriment of other trip participants or the local population.

### IMPORTANT:

Trips to the Andes involve high altitudes. Cuzco is situated at 3500 meters or about 10,500 feet; Machu Picchu is 3000 feet lower. La Paz sits at about 12,000 feet. We plan the Andean trips so that we ascend gradually to LaPaz overland on the altiplano, from the lower Cuzco. Consequently trip participants rarely have any problems upon reaching LaPaz.

However, it is imperative that all trip participants take into consideration the rigors of high altitude. We request that everyone who signs up to join an Andean trip talk to his or her health practitioner about the risks and reactions to high altitude; ask about a low dosage of Diamox for altitude. (There is NO malaria risk in the highlands during any of our trips.) See Altitude Information on general information sheets for further suggestions.

### RESPONSIBILITY

While we at Behind the Scenes Adventures take the utmost care to assure the trip participants' safety and well-being, the responsibility of Behind the Scenes Adventures and operators Cynthia LeCount Samaké and others directly employed (hereafter known collectively as BTSA), is limited. They act only as agents for the trip participant in regard to all travel of all varieties, whether by bus, van, train, taxi, boat, aircraft, pirogue, camel or other conveyance. They assume no liability for property damage, bodily injury or death, loss, accident, delay or other problems which may be caused either through acts of nature/God, fire, breakdown of machinery or equipment, or acts of government or other authorities (de jure or de facto), wars, declared or undeclared; hostilities, riots, civil unrest or disturbances, strikes, theft, acts of terrorism, epidemics, rabid animals, Customs regulations, changes in public transportation schedules, or from any other causes beyond the control BTSA.

### RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I hereby release Behind the Scenes Adventures (BTSA), Cynthia LeCount Samaké, Nancy J. Thomas, Pam Allen, Daniel Joyce, Nilda Callañaupa, Cheick O. Samaké and/or any other employees/agents of BTSA from any liability arising from my participation in the above listed trip.

I understand that the nature of foreign travel may involve numerous risks and dangers including but not limited to those listed above and I hereby agree to be responsible for my own welfare and to accept any and all risks. I have carefully read and fully understand the contents and legal ramifications of this legally binding contract.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_