

BEHIND THE SCENES ADVENTURES

ARTS AND FESTIVAL TOURS

TRIP CONTRACT

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 \$500 non-refundable deposit.

Single supplement is \$ _____. If you travel alone, but are willing to share a twin double room, we will find you a roommate among the other participants. If there is no roommate available for you, you will need to pay a single supplement fee to offset the extra cost of your single room: \$ _____. This amount varies by destination; contact BTSA for fee amount.

Please note: Your final payment is due 60 days before departure: by _____.

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 \$500 deposit may be applied to another adventure at a later date. Designated unused deposits are donated to community projects in the countries where BTSA operates.

Your cancellation 59 days or more before departure, refund is 50%, minus \$500 non-refundable deposit.

Your cancellation 30-58 days before departure, refund is 25%, minus \$500 non-refundable deposit.

No refund for cancellation less than 30 days before departure, unless a replacement participant is found. We recommend trip cancellation insurance and we can offer names of several reliable companies.

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. (Most Andean trips except Carnival adventures are planned to ascend gradually to LaPaz over the altiplano, from the lower Cuzco, thus overland trip participants rarely have problems upon reaching LaPaz.)

However, it is imperative that all Andean 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. See Altitude Information on general information packet.)

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), TrailBlazers India, Ltd.; Cheick O. Samaké, Cynthia LeCount Samaké, Nancy J. Thomas, Pam Allen, Daniel Joyce, Nilda Callañaupa, Loretta Pinto, and/or any other employees/agents of BTSA from any liability arising from my participation in any segment of 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 _____