

# ULTIMATE ICELAND:

## Land of Fire & Ice

June 26 - July 12, 2021 (17 days)

with Carleton Professors Mary Savina '72 and Linda Rossi

*"The group, including the tour leaders, was really fun. I learned a lot more on this trip than I would have if I went alone."*

Winifred, Connecticut



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- = Itinerary stops
- Ⓜ = Overnight stays
- ✈ = Flights
- ⚓ = Ferry



Cover: Iceland's scenic landscape.  
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*"We appreciated the great variety of experiences, the meshing of geology, history and culture in the many stops."*

- George-Anne, Minnesota





## Carleton College Faculty Leaders



**Mary Savina '72** is Charles L. Denison Professor of Geology Emerita at Carleton College, where she earned undergraduate degrees in history and geology. Her specialties—geoarchaeology, landscape history, and environmental geology—combine these interests nicely. Mary received the 2013 Undergraduate Research Mentor award, presented by the Geosciences division of the Council on Undergraduate Research,

and the 1995 Outstanding Educator award from the Association of Women Geoscientists. When she first visited Iceland several years ago, she was enchanted by the combination of active geologic landscapes (volcanoes and glaciers!) and the deep historical roots of Iceland culture. Three return trips cemented her fascination with the country. Mary has taken Carleton students (and, in some cases, alums) to other active geological landscapes in Greece, Tasmania (Australia), New Zealand, and the Mojave and Sonoran deserts of the American Southwest, among other places. She has also found good excuses to travel to Australia, Europe, and central Alaska, generally finding opera performances wherever she goes, in addition to fascinating building stones, landscapes, and people. In her spare time, Mary sings in a choir and is active in explaining geology to groups in the local community.



**Linda Rossi**, Professor of Art, teaches analog and digital photography courses at Carleton College. She has received numerous Jerome, McKnight, and Minnesota State Arts grants. Linda's work has been exhibited nationally and internationally, including the Russian Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, and the

Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art in Iran. Her work can be viewed in the permanent collection of the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Primarily working in large-scale photo installations, Linda includes both video and sculpture to illuminate historical and current issues pertaining to the natural environment. She has taken students and alumni to Hawaii, Yellowstone, and Ireland. In September of 2019, Linda traveled to Iceland and fell madly in love with the history and geology of this place. She looks forward to exploring the diverse landscape of Iceland with each of you. Through demonstrations and discussions, she will help you create a "photographic travelogue" of this provocative journey. Travelers who wish to participate can do so with any camera, whether an iPhone, a compact "point-and-shoot," or a DSLR; however, you should be already familiar with the camera, as we will be concentrating our time on composition and storytelling.



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Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

Sitting astride the mid-Atlantic ridge, Iceland is one of the world's most geologically active and, therefore, spectacular places. I invite you to explore it with two Carleton professors, geologist Mary Savina '72, who has led our Iceland tour twice before, and Linda Rossi, who will share her perspectives on how an artist looks at, sees, and interprets the natural and cultural worlds.

This is a new itinerary that is a complete circumnavigation (by land) of the island, visiting additional areas along the east and west coasts that were not part of our previous itineraries. Travel and learn with Mary about how Iceland's astonishing landscapes were formed: waterfalls, glaciers, geysers, hot springs, and volcanoes. See vast bird colonies, quaint fishing towns, and farms. Linda will incorporate some photography coaching along the way, so those who are interested should come prepared with their cameras and a sense of adventure. You will also be accompanied by Mary's favorite Icelandic guide, and learn about connections between Icelandic history, culture, wildlife, and the landscape.

This exclusive Carleton adventure is limited to 26 participants, so I encourage you to reserve your space soon!

Sincerely,

Derek Fried '93  
President, Carleton College Alumni Association

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# ITINERARY

B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner

## Saturday, June 26, 2021: Depart home

Depart the U.S. on flights to Keflavík International Airport (KEF).

## Sunday, June 27: Arrive Keflavík, Iceland | Reykjanes Peninsula | Blue Lagoon | Reykjavík | Welcome dinner

Guests arriving at Keflavík on the suggested flight will be met and transferred as a group to Reykjavík. En route we stop for breakfast and then visit the Reykjanes Peninsula to see old lava flows, volcanic mountains, hot springs, solfataras, and bird life. Continue on to the famous Blue Lagoon, a "natural" geothermal pool in the middle of a lava field, where you might choose to take a refreshing dip in the

warm, mineral-rich water. An indoor pool and geothermal sauna are also on-site. Drive the rest of the way to Reykjavík, where we check-in to our hotel. Our local guide will be available to suggest independent lunch options. The afternoon is free to relax before we gather this evening for a welcome dinner. *Overnight at the 3-star [Hótel Klettur](#) for two nights.* (B,D)

## Monday, June 28: Reykjavík city tour | PM at leisure

This morning take a half-day tour of Reykjavík, the world's most northerly capital. This is a comprehensive introduction to Reykjavík's past and present by foot as well as by motorcoach. Enjoy viewing the maze of narrow alleys framed with old timber houses, the church of Hallgrímskirkja, the university district, the new Harpa Concert Hall, and City Hall. For a good introduction to the natural wonders of Iceland we will also visit the Perlan Museum, which features a real indoor ice cave, an exhibit on glaciers, and more. Lunch and dinner are on your own. The balance of the day is at leisure. (B)

## Tuesday, June 29: Golden Circle tour: Thingvellir National Park, Geysir Geothermal Field, Gullfoss waterfall | Hella

Check out of our Reykjavík hotel this morning and set out for Thingvellir, the old parliament site where the national assembly was founded in A.D. 930 (and continued until the late 1800s, when it moved indoors to Reykjavík). Thingvellir is also a place of geological interest, where the continental plates of North America and Europe come to the surface. Continue on to Skálholt Church, built on the site where southern Iceland's first bishopric was founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Visit a greenhouse called Friðheimar, located in Reykholt, where tomatoes are grown year-round despite Iceland's long, dark winters. After a light lunch, featuring a taste of the crop, we continue our drive to the geothermal field of Geysir for a walk around the hot springs. Nearby is Gullfoss waterfall, which travels 18 miles from the glacier Langjökull in the north to fall more than 100 feet into the canyon of Hvítá. Drive to the town of Hella, where we check-in to our hotel and have dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Strætta Hotel](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

## Wednesday, June 30: Ferry to/from Heimaey | Hella

Today we take a ferry to Heimaey, one of the Westman Islands (Vestmannaeyjar), where we hope to see the puffins at Stórhöfði. Walk up to the crater of nearby Eldfell volcano, which erupted in 1973, nearly filling the harbor (see John McPhee's *Control of Nature*), and visit the old fort Skansinn. Tour the Eldheimar Museum to gain insight into how over 5,000 inhabitants fled in the middle of the night due to the eruption, and view one of the buildings that was excavated from the ash. Enjoy an independent lunch and free time this afternoon to explore Heimaey before we return by ferry to the mainland. Gather this evening for dinner in Hella. (B,D)



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Photos: (from top) Westman Islands, Reykjavík, Gullfoss waterfall, Icelandic pony, (right) Blue Lagoon



#### Thursday, July 1: Thjórsárdalur Valley | Hvolsvöllur | Hella

In the valley of Thjórsárdalur we follow an easy hiking path upriver to Gjáin, a beautiful, green oasis. Its waterfall is one of several along the river Rauðá, and at the bottom and on its walls are beautiful lava formations. Not far away is Hjalparfoss, a two-stepped waterfall dropping into a round pool near the confluence of the rivers Thjórsá and Fossá. Along the way enjoy a packed lunch and then continue on to the Viking farm Stöng, a reconstructed period homestead roofed with turf. The valley of Thjórsárdalur is dominated by Hekla, Iceland's second most active volcano, which buried Stöng and other farms in A.D. 1104. En route to our hotel we stop in Hvolsvöllur to visit The Lava Centre, a high-tech educational exhibition depicting volcanic activity, earthquakes, and the creation of Iceland over millions of years. Return to our hotel in Hella and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)



#### Friday, July 2: South Shore | Vík í Mýrdal | Hnappavellir

Explore Iceland's south shore today, stopping first to visit Seljalandsfoss waterfall, a narrow ribbon of water that can be viewed from all sides, and drive through the area most affected by the 2010 eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano. Visit Skógafoss, the last in a series of 20 waterfalls on the Skógaá River, and the Skógar Folk Museum. Drive to Reynisfjara, a beach of black volcanic rock. Just offshore are the sea stacks of Reynisdrangar ("night trolls"), and in the headlands above is a huge, stratified bird colony with kittiwakes on the lower level, puffins nesting in the middle slopes (in summer), and fulmar near the top. Continue driving to Vík í Mýrdal, a pleasant coastal village with a population of 300, where we have lunch independently and the opportunity to visit the Vík Wool Shop. Also in Vík, we attend the Icelandic Lava show, a new geological exhibition that recreates a volcanic eruption in a controlled environment. From Vík, we drive across the Laki Lava, produced during the devastating eruption of 1783, as well as over huge fields of glacial sands (Sandür) on the margins of the large icecap Vatnajökull. End the day in Hnappavellir, where we check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at 4-star [Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon](#) for two nights.* (B,D)



#### Saturday, July 3: Vatnajökull National Park | Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon | Hnappavellir

Today we visit Skaftafell, in Vatnajökull National Park (Europe's largest national park), which has Iceland's highest mountain, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier, covering about 8% of Iceland. After an independent lunch we continue on to Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon that is one of Iceland's deepest lakes and flows through a short waterway into the Atlantic Ocean. We



will take a Zodiac inflatable boat tour among its icebergs. Return to our hotel in Hnappavellir, and gather for dinner this evening. (B,D)

#### Sunday, July 4: Eastfjords | Petra's Stone & Mineral Collection | Fáskrúðsfjörður

Today we set out for a scenic drive through the dramatic fjord landscape and tiny fishing villages in the Eastfjords, pausing along the way (weather permitting) for landscape photo opportunities. En route we will stop for an independent lunch and also visit Petra's Stone & Mineral Collection, a small museum housing a stunning private collection that was started in 1946 by Ljósbjörg Petra María Sveinsdóttir. Continue on to Fáskrúðsfjörður, where we check-in to our hotel and have dinner. *Overnight at the 3-star [Fosshotel Eastfjords](#).* (B,D)



#### Monday, July 5: Dimmuborgir | Mývatn

Take a morning drive to Dimmuborgir to admire its amazing rock formations, and onward to Lake Mývatn, famous for its volcanic caves, lava formations, pseudo-craters, and tephra cone. Along the way we will stop for an independent lunch, and to see the colorful geothermal fields at Námaskarh, the caldera Krafla, and the Crater Lake Víti ("Hell"). End the day relaxing in the Mývatn Nature Baths, with a fantastic view over the whole area. These hot springs are 97 to 104 degrees Fahrenheit and packed with minerals, particularly sulphur. Check-in to our hotel in Mývatn and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 4-star [Icelandair Hotel Mývatn](#) for two nights.* (B,D)





*"Our guide, driver and leaders  
were great and it was a joy  
spending time in Iceland again."*

Anne, Minnesota

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## **Tuesday, July 6: Dettifoss | Ásbyrgi | Mývatn**

Today we travel to Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall, in the northern part of Vatnajökull National Park. The round-trip walk takes about 40-60 minutes. We will stop for an independent lunch and also visit Ásbyrgi Canyon, a spectacular horseshoe-shaped depression with an 82-foot-high rock called the "island hat." The canyon's steep sides are formed by cliffs up to 330 feet in height. Return to our hotel in Mývatn and gather for dinner this evening. (B,D)

## **Wednesday, July 7: Skútustaðir | Goðafoss waterfall | Akureyri**

This morning, at Skútustaðir, we walk around some of the region's numerous pseudo-craters. Return to the Lake Mývatn area, whose unique features are shaped by nature—strange lava formations, volcanic craters, and attractive bays filled with vast numbers of breeding waterfowl, including tufted duck, greater scaup, Barrow's goldeneye, red-breasted merganser, wigeon, gadwall, mallard, common scoter, long-tailed duck, Eurasian teal, harlequin, and

eiders. We will stop for an independent lunch as well as a visit to Goðafoss, a beautiful waterfall that holds a prominent spot in Iceland's history. Continue driving to Akureyri, where the balance of the day is at leisure. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel Kea](#) for two nights.* (B)

## **Thursday, July 8: Whale watch | Tröllaskagi Peninsula | Siglufjörður | Kaldi Brewery | Akureyri**

Set out this morning from the small town of Hauganes on a whale watching tour. Those who are interested may try their hands at sea angling while onboard. After an independent lunch we explore the mountainous Tröllaskagi Peninsula, which has the highest peaks outside the central highlands. Drive along scenic Eyjafjörður fjord and through the fishing villages of Dalvík and Ólafsfjörður, with superb views (and perhaps some bird watching) along the way. A new tunnel takes us to Siglufjörður, an idyllic fishing village barely 24 miles from the Arctic Circle. From 1900 to 1970, Siglufjörður was the herring capital of the North Atlantic, but today is a quiet home to 1,500 people. We will visit its herring museum, and those who are interested will have the option (at additional cost) to visit its Folk Music Centre. End the day with a beer tasting at Kaldi, a local microbrewery, before returning to our hotel in Akureyri. (B,D)

## **Friday, July 9: Icelandic horse farm | Stykkishólmur**

Today we drive from Akureyri to Stykkishólmur (approximately five hours), stopping along the way to visit an Icelandic horse farm. We will learn about the traits and history of the Icelandic horse, and enjoy a brief horse show and a light lunch. Continue on to Stykkishólmur, on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, surrounded by wonderful views of innumerable islands, where we check-in to our hotel. Gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 3-star [Fosshotel Stykkishólmur](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

## **Saturday, July 10: Snæfellsnes Peninsula | Arnarstapi & Hellnar villages | Stykkishólmur**

Take a day trip on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, visiting The Volcano Museum in Stykkishólmur and a shark curing farm in Bjarnarhöfn, and encountering spectacular scenery and wildlife, including seals and myriad sea birds. Along the way we stop for an independent lunch and also visit the idyllic fishing village of Arnarstapi, Berserkjahraun lava field (which has Saga significance), and the nearby village of Hellnar, where place names are inspired by an Icelandic saga relating the story of Bárður, a half-human, half-ogre. Return to our hotel in Stykkishólmur, and gather for dinner this evening. (B,D)

## **Sunday, July 11: Deildartunguhver | Hraunfossar | Barnafoss | Reykjavík | Farewell dinner**

Return to Reykjavík via Borgarfjörður, stopping for an independent lunch at an opportune location. Along the way we will marvel at Deildartunguhver, one of the world's most powerful hot springs, which produces 52 gallons of hot water per second; and at Hraunfossar, where crystal-clear water seems to appear from nowhere beneath the 1,000-year-old lava field and fall into the muddy glacial river. A 10-minute walk up the river takes us to Barnafoss, where the glacial river has carved strange rock formations. End the day in Reykjavík, where we check-in to our hotel and gather this evening for a farewell dinner. *Overnight at the 3-star [Hotel Klettur](#).* (B,D)

## **Monday, July 12: Fly home**

Those departing on the suggested flight will be transferred as a group from Reykjavík to Keflavík International Airport (KEF) for flights homeward. (B)

Photos: (from top) Kirkjufell on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Carls pose in front of a rainbow, lighthouse on the western coast, Siglufjörður



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(From left) Viking Ship sculpture in Reykjavík, Hjalparfoss two-step waterfall, Stykkishólmur

## Tour Prices Per Person (15 nights)

Double Occupancy (25 to 26 participants) .....	\$7,795
Double Occupancy (20 to 24 participants) .....	\$8,145
Double Occupancy (15 to 19 participants) .....	\$8,745
Single Supplement.....	\$1,785

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).*

*With fewer than 15 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

## Prices Include:

- **Faculty leaders Mary Savina '72 and Linda Rossi** plus an expert, English-speaking **Local Guide/Tour Manager**
- **Fifteen nights' accommodations** (nine in 4-star and six in 3-star hotels)
- Group **arrival and departure transfers** on tour dates, based upon the suggested flights (TBA)
- Surface transportation by **air-conditioned motor coach**, with bottled water provided
- **Ferry transportation** as indicated in the itinerary
- **Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 13 dinners** (including welcome and farewell dinners with wine/beer). Lunches and dinners include water, tea, and coffee; dinners also include one beer or glass of wine per person
- All excursions and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Local taxes and service charges
- Baggage handling at hotels where available
- Comprehensive pre-departure information, including a suggested reading guide, travel guide, and packing list.

## Air Arrangements & Transfers:

Airfare to/from Keflavík International Airport (KEF) is not included. Group airport transfers upon arrival on June 27<sup>th</sup> and departure on July 12<sup>th</sup> are included based on the suggested flights (TBA). Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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*"Thoroughly enjoyed the detailed stories and histories behind the Icelandic landscape features... The group was fun to be with, meaningful conversations, and cheerful. The...lectures were stimulating...A great trip!"*

- Mary, Vermont

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## ACCOMMODATIONS



Three nights total at the 3-star  
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Two nights at the 4-star  
[Hotel Kea](#) in Akureyri



Two nights at the 3-star  
[Fosshotel](#) in Stykkishólmur

*"Wonderful journey."*

- Joel, California

## What to Expect

There will be daily walks of approximately 1-3 miles total per day, as much as one mile at a time. All walks can be done at an easy pace and, aside from walking up (and down) a few small cinder cones, there is not much elevation gain/loss. You must be able to walk, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps that may be steep and without handrails. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you.

We ask travelers to be flexible, as the itinerary is set well ahead of time and may need to be adapted on the fly for changes in weather, ease of access, transportation, or other factors. In late June and early July, we can expect temperatures in the mid 50s to 60s F, a monthly rainfall average of about 1" in Reykjavík, and 20 hours of daylight (plus an hour or so of "dawn and dusk"). Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort, and included meals are of a very high quality. Gratuities are not a tradition in Iceland and are neither expected nor encouraged.



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Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_

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(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

☐ Double (one bed) ☐ Twin (two beds) ☐ Single

☐ I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)  
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Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to substitute hotels or attractions of a similar category for those listed in this brochure. **LUGGAGE:** Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. **PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:** All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Participants must be able to embark or disembark transportation vehicles, stand for extended periods, climb stairs, and step over raised thresholds all without assistance. **REFUNDS:** Prices quoted are based on group participation. No refunds will be made for any part of the program in which a participant chooses not to participate. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for any reason, nor to participants whose entry into any country or aboard any transportation vehicle, including airplanes and cruise ships, is delayed or denied. **TOUR CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part unless trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, in which case the participant shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by Sponsors/Operator, or else receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as Sponsors/Operator are able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Sponsors/Operator, however, shall not have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing. **TRIP INSURANCE:** Sponsors/Operator strongly recommend that participants purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **RATES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. **FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to binding arbitration in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:** Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> and <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. **APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Photos from Alumni Adventures' trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future Alumni Adventures promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.