



AIR JOURNEY

JOURNEY TO THE
GALAPAGOS
ISLANDS

FEBRUARY 16-26, 2023

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10 NIGHTS

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CONTINENT

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NAUTICAL MILES

1000+

UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES



DEPARTURE DATE 2023

▶ JANUARY 16 - 26, 2023

(11 DAYS | 10 NIGHTS)

\$ COST

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON	\$12,450
PLANE REGISTRATION FEE	\$3,295
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	Available upon request

SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover the Panama Canal & the Miraflores Locks and enjoy the new navigation simulator.
- ▶ Cruise for four nights in the Galapagos Islands aboard the Endemic Luxury Yacht, a stylish, 16-guest expedition vessel.
- ▶ Experience some of the most intimate and up-close wildlife encounters in the world, both on land and in the water.
- ▶ Explore the Galapagos on shore excursions that include guided nature walks, and choose from activities such as kayaking and snorkeling.
- ▶ Enjoy a guided walking tour of Cartagena's Walled City and see its colorful streets, its restored mansions and its charming colonial architecture.



LUXURY GALAPAGOS CRUISE



WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS



UPSCALE HOTELS



PRIVATE TOURS



FINE DINING



FULLY-GUIDED EXPERIENCE



FLIGHT PLANNING



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY & ACCOMMODATIONS

DAY 1-2

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA
HOTEL DEL PARQUE

DAY 3

GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR
HOTEL DEL PARQUE

DAY 4-7

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS
ENDEMIC LUXURY YATCH

DAY 8

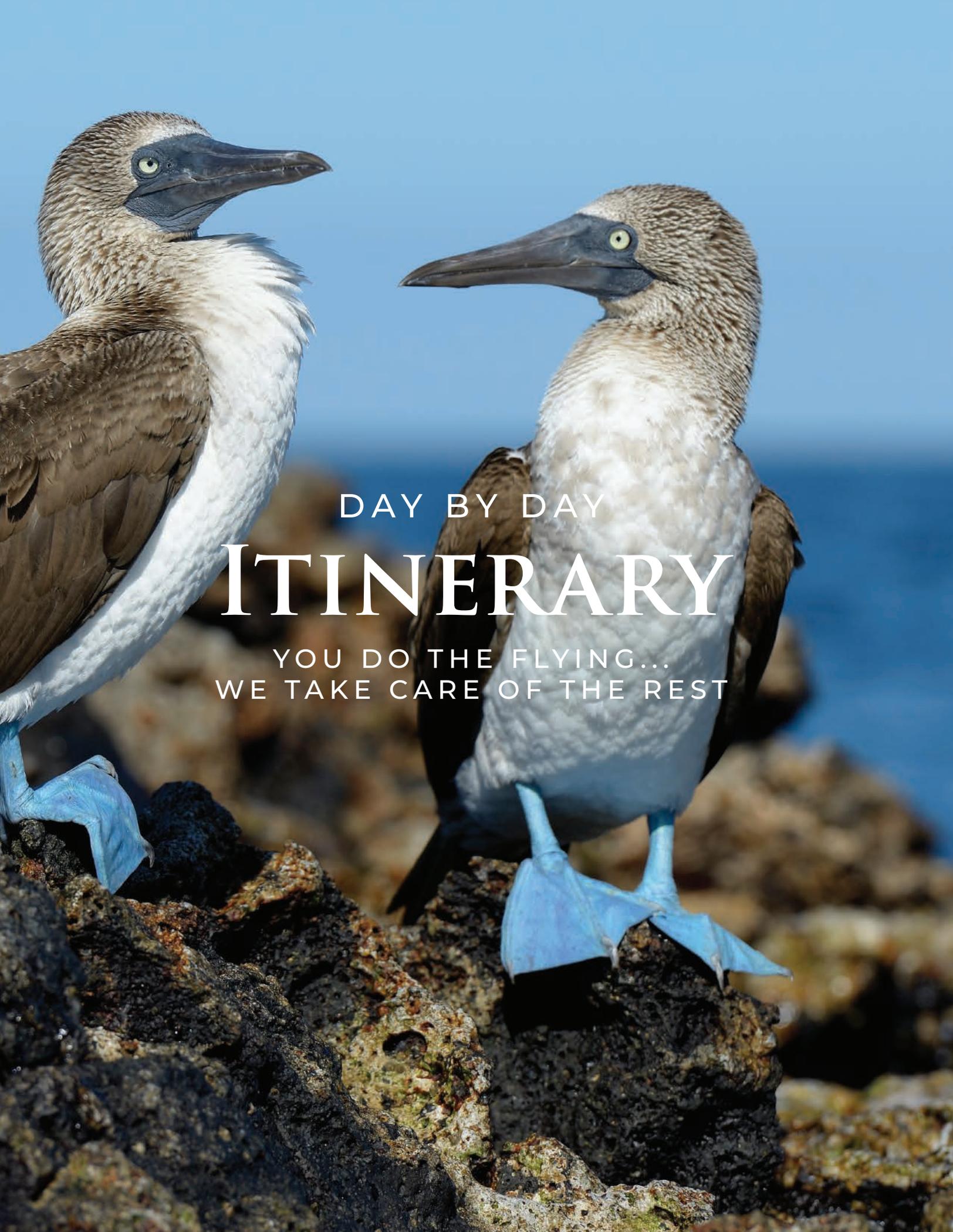
GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR
HOTEL DEL PARQUE

DAY 9-10

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA
HOTEL DEL PARQUE

DAY 11

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL. - HOME



DAY BY DAY

ITINERARY

YOU DO THE FLYING...
WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST



DAY 1 - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | ✈️ 548 + 720 NM

Stuart, Fl. (KSUA) → Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (MWCR) → Panama City, Panama (MPMG)

Air Journey along with your Journey Director will greet you at Atlantic Aviation FBO at Palm Beach International Airport this morning for a briefing about our forthcoming flight.

Our flight today will bring us to Grand Cayman (Cayman Islands) to refuel. Then, we will continue on to Panama City. Enjoy a scenic approach to Panama City including a beautiful view of the Panama Canal.

This evening we will gather for a welcome cocktail and dinner.

 Sofitel Casco Viejo
 Welcome cocktail and Dinner included

DAY 2 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Panama City, Panama

After breakfast we will depart for our full-day sightseeing tour including a one-hour tour on the Panama Canal with the pleasure to enjoy the vegetation and wildlife.

We will continue to the Miraflores Lock where you will be able to watch ships entering the lock and discover the new museum where you will have the opportunity to enter the Lock on a simulator.

A buffet lunch will be served at the Miraflores Restaurant offering a great view of the canal. In the afternoon, we will continue our tour including the Old City with the most important sites.

This evening before dinner we will meet for a pilot's briefing for tomorrow's flight

 Sofitel Casco Viejo
 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



DAY 3 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 | ✈️ 795 NM

Panama City, Panama (MPMG) → Guayaquil, Ecuador (SPQT)

Fly to Guayaquil, Ecuador – gateway to the Galapagos Islands. Guayaquil is Ecuador’s largest city and an important trade center. Upon arrival, we will transfer to Hotel del Parque, located just 10 minutes from the airport.

The hotel provides easy access to area attractions such as the colourful Las Peñas neighbourhood, Catedral Metropolitana de Guayaquil, Isla Santay, and the Museo Antropológico y de Arte Contemporáneo.

After we have settled in, we will go for a short city tour exploring these nearby places. Ecuador’s “four worlds” of attractions and experiences such as The colonial city of Cuenca, the stunning “Avenue of the Volcanoes,” rides aboard the historic railroad, or the pristine beaches along the Pacific Coast’s “Ruta del Sol” are also within easy reach, visited by only a very few.

 Hotel del Parque
 Breakfast and Dinner included

DAY 4 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Guayaquil, Ecuador → Baltra, Galapagos → Santa Cruz Island: Dragon Hill

Today we will fly commercial airline (ticket not included) to Baltra in the Galapagos.

Upon arrival, transfer to Dragon Hill which is located in the north-western part of Santa Cruz island. Here you will have the opportunity to walk into the island and view the land of iguana.

Be among these magnificent reptiles, that just a few decades ago were on the brink of extinction. Moreover, at Dragon Hill you will see a flamingos’ lagoon, pintail ducks and other endemic birds including flycatchers and warblers.

After a short trek, an amazing view awaits us up the hill. At the end of the tour we will board the luxury yacht Endemic - our home for the next few days as we explore the Galapagos Islands.

 Endemic Luxury Yacht
 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

ENDEMIC LUXURY YACHT

Galapagos Cruise

The Galapagos Endemic is a sleek 16 passengers twin-hulled yacht, designed and built to cruise the cerulean waters of the Galapagos Islands.

With spacious cabins, sophisticated public areas, professional staff and unforgettable food, the Endemic is the ultimate way to see the Enchanted Islands in style and comfort, enjoying the tranquility of the Amazon basin.

Includes all meals while onboard, all excursions and all beverages (alcoholic & non-alcoholic except premium brands).



Galapagos Islands: Cruise Kicker Rock → San Cristobal Island

In the morning, the first spot to be visited is Kicker Rock, an impressive geological formation due to erosion. This is a nesting place of sea birds and a nice spot to take pictures while the vessels circumnavigate around the rock.

The next attraction to see is Witch Hill, a tuff cone hill located south west from San Cristobal. This name comes from the Spanish name of the bird known in English as Vermilion Flycatcher.

A zodiac ride will take passengers into amazing rock formations along the island shore. A white sand beach and crystal – clear waters are part of this enchanted location. Fantastic opportunity for snorkeling.

In the afternoon, you will be taken to Lobos Island, where a small population of blue – footed boobies, frigates, marine iguanas, and great frigate birds nesting can be observed. Snorkeling with sea lions in this calm bay is also part of the excursion.

 Endemic Luxury Yacht
 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



Galapagos Islands: Osborn and Gardner Islets → Española Island

Gardner Bay is a pristine white sandy beach (one of the longest in the Galapagos), that is home to colonies of sea lions and inquisitive mockingbirds. It is also one of the world's most important breeding sites for the waved albatross.

A short dinghy ride will take you to the Osborn and Gardner Islets, which are superb locations for snorkeling with young sea lions and a greater variety of tropical fish and corals.

Suarez Point, Española Island

Suarez Point is an area with an outstanding variety of wildlife. The walking trail will take you past nesting sites of Nazca and blue-footed boobies, whilst Galapagos doves, mockingbirds and finches can be seen foraging nearby.

You will also pass a geyser which can spray water up to 25m into the air; a spectacular feat of nature. Finally, when you reach the top of the breath taking cliffs, you can enjoy watching waved albatrosses launching themselves out across the ocean.

 Endemic Luxury Yacht
 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

DAY 7 - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Galapagos Islands: Santa Fe Island

This island was formed as a result of a volcanic uplift millions of years ago and is inhabited by the endemic yellow-green Santa Fe iguana, Galapagos snake and rice rat. There are two main trails on the island, one that leads to a beach through a forest of tall Opuntia (prickly pear) trees; another that takes you into the highlands and culminates in a stunning cliff top viewpoint where Galapagos hawks can be sighted.

The Darwin research center is instrumental in carrying out important scientific research into the preservation of the archipelago's ecosystems and initiated a significant breeding program in 1970 for giant tortoises. Here you will have the chance to see tortoises at all stages of their development. Having been raised in captivity, they are very accustomed to humans, so don't miss out on getting a photo with one of these remarkable animals.

 Endemic Luxury Yacht
 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



DAY 8 - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

South Plaza Island, Galapagos → Baltra Airport, Ecuador (commercial flight, not included) → Guayaquil, Ecuador

One of two small islets, South Plaza island houses a rich diversity of wildlife and vegetation. After passing a large colony of sea lions and ascending the slopes, you may catch a glimpse of swallow-tailed gulls, Nazca boobies, red-billed tropic birds, frigates or the rare lava gull.

The ground is carpeted in Sesuvium, which transforms from bright red in the dry season to a vibrant green in the wet season, and land iguanas crowd around towering prickly pear cacti, waiting patiently for their juicy fruits to fall. At the end of our tour, we will disembark and head to the airport for our commercial flight to Guayaquil.

 Hotel Del Parque
 Breakfast and Dinner included



DAY 9 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

 797 NM

Guayaquil, Ecuador (SEGU) → Cartagena, Colombia (SKGC)

We will retrieve our planes and fly to Cartagena. Undeniably one of Latin America's most beautiful cities, Cartagena is lost somewhere in time between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries, with the Caribbean sea as a sparkling backdrop.

 Casa San Agustin
 Breakfast and Dinner included





DAY 10 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Cartagena, Colombia

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Cartagena is a city with a wealth of character and well-preserved colonial architecture. With restored mansions, horse-drawn carriages and Old World- style plazas, it is a perfect walking city.

With our local guide we'll enjoy a walking tour of the historic walled old town as we discover the hidden history of this colonial city. We will see Puerta Del Reloj (Clock tower entrance), a symbol of Cartagena, the Plaza San Pedro Claver with its stunning Church, and Plaza Bolivar.

After lunch our tour continues with a drive to visit the impressive Castillo San Felipe. Built in the 17th century to protect the city from marauding invaders, it is the largest Spanish fortification in the Americas.

Next, see the 17th century Convent of La Popa, a beautiful convent building that sits atop the highest point in the city, commanding spectacular views of the bay, old town and Caribbean Sea beyond.

 Casa San Agustin
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

DAY 11 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 |  556 + 565 NM

Cartagena, Colombia (SKCG) → Borinquen, Puerto Rico (MKBS) → Fort Lauderdale, Florida (KFLL)

We will transfer to the airport and fly to Fort Lauderdale, Fl. to clear US Customs. There will be an optional technical stop in Grand Cayman to refuel.

 Breakfast included

JOURNEY PRICE		
PRICE PER PERSON (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)	PLANE REGISTRATION FEE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$12,450	\$3,295	Available upon request

LANDING POINTS, IDENTIFIER AND RUNWAY LENGTHS

CITY	COUNTRY	ICAO CODE	RUNWAY LENGTH
PANAMA CITY	PANAMA	MPMG	5,906'
GRAND CAYMAN	CAYMAN ISLANDS	MWCR	7,021'
GUAYAQUIL	ECUADOR	SEGU	9,154'
BALTRA	ECUADOR	Commercial Ticket not included.	
CARTAGENA	COLOMBIA	SKGC	8,530'
FT. LAUDERDALE	USA	KFLL	9,000'

NOTE:

Because of the numerous climate zones, we will be crossing and the complex logistics required for this journey, all participants should be ready for some last minute changes.

There is no tour on the schedule of each day of arrival so you can relax at your beautiful hotels. Our half-day city tours are normally scheduled for the morning after our arrival at a destination.

All dinners while on this tour are "a la carte".

A Pilots Meeting will be scheduled the evening prior to the next day's flight for each destination.

Hotels may change within same category until two weeks before departure or during the tour if a delay makes the hotels no longer available.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Our land program includes:

- Presence of an Air Journey tour leader who will facilitate clearances, Immigration, refueling, flight planning, and provide help with any difficulty that might arise
- Full-time services of a professional Air Journey guide and local experts
- Lodging: for 11 days, 10 nights
- Meals as described in the program
- Wine selected by Air journey is included with dinner. All other beverages are not included.
- Tours and admission to all planned group sightseeing
- All service charges and taxes
- Round trip transfers between airport and hotel
- Customs and Immigration forms (filled by Air Journey when possible)

Our land program does not include:

- Airport departure taxes
- Cost of obtaining passport or visas and or inoculations
- Beverages except as noted above
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals.
- Round trip ticket Guayaquil - Baltra

Please note that hotel accommodations and sightseeing are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Air Journey reserves the right to amend the order of sightseeing as necessary. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

Our quoted prices include planning, handling and operational charges; they are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of **March 2022**. Air Journey reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.

Passports are mandatory for the Journey.

Air Journey has quoted this itinerary with a minimum of participation of 5 airplanes.

The Registration fee includes:

- Extensive Navigation log (airports, route, frequencies, information of airspace, nav-aids, reporting points, international flight plan) tailored for each aircraft;
- Flight plans and eAPIS manifest (departure and arrival) filed on your behalf;
- Pilot briefing prior to each day's flight;
- Weather website with constant updates showing TAF, METAR, Wind Aloft, prognostic forecast and review;
- Flight bag, a fleece lined jacket, and a collared, cotton shirt for the pilot with his name and aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front. Additional jackets and shirts are included for each passenger.

Cancellation, refunds:

a) **Cancellation by the client:** Is always required in writing and is subject to the following schedule of dates, whereby some or all moneys paid will be retained:

- Given outside of 90 days of departure: AJ retains deposit per person and plane registration fee
- Between 90 and 60 days of departure: AJ retains 50% of tour cost and plane registration fee
- Between 60 and 45 days of departure: AJ retains 75% of tour cost and plane registration fee
- Less than 45 days or no show of departure: AJ retains 100% of tour cost and plane registration fee

b) **Cancellation by AJ:** Should AJ cancel the tour after deposits have been received due to fewer than the minimum participants required, the full deposit will be refunded. Should AJ cancel the tour at any time due to factors beyond their control (including war, flood, force of nature, riot, civil action, disease) they will refund the client whatever portion of moneys are reimbursed by ground operators and accommodation suppliers.

Survival equipment is available for rental on a daily basis and will be waiting for you at our departure point. Life vests for each passenger on board are mandatory. A life raft is recommended but is not mandatory. Contact us for more details.

Travel and Cancellation Insurance

Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended and not included in the package but it can be purchased from Air Journey. Contact Anais (561 841-1551 ext. 3) at Air Journey for more details.



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