



AIR JOURNEY

JOURNEY TO THE
GALAPAGOS
ISLANDS

MARCH 18-28, 2023

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10 NIGHTS

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CONTINENT

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1000+

UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES



DEPARTURE DATE 2023

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(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

- Enjoy a guided walking tour of Cartagena's Walled City and see its colorful streets, its restored mansions and its charming colonial architecture.
- Cruise for four nights in the Galapagos Islands aboard the Ocean Spray Luxury Catamaran, 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.
- Discover the Panama Canal & the Miraflores Locks and enjoy the new navigation simulator.



LUXURY GALAPAGOS CRUISE



WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS



UPSCALE HOTELS



PRIVATE TOURS



FINE DINING



FULLY-GUIDED EXPERIENCE



FLIGHT PLANNING



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY & ACCOMMODATIONS

DAY 1-2 • CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA
🏠 CASA SAN AGUSTIN

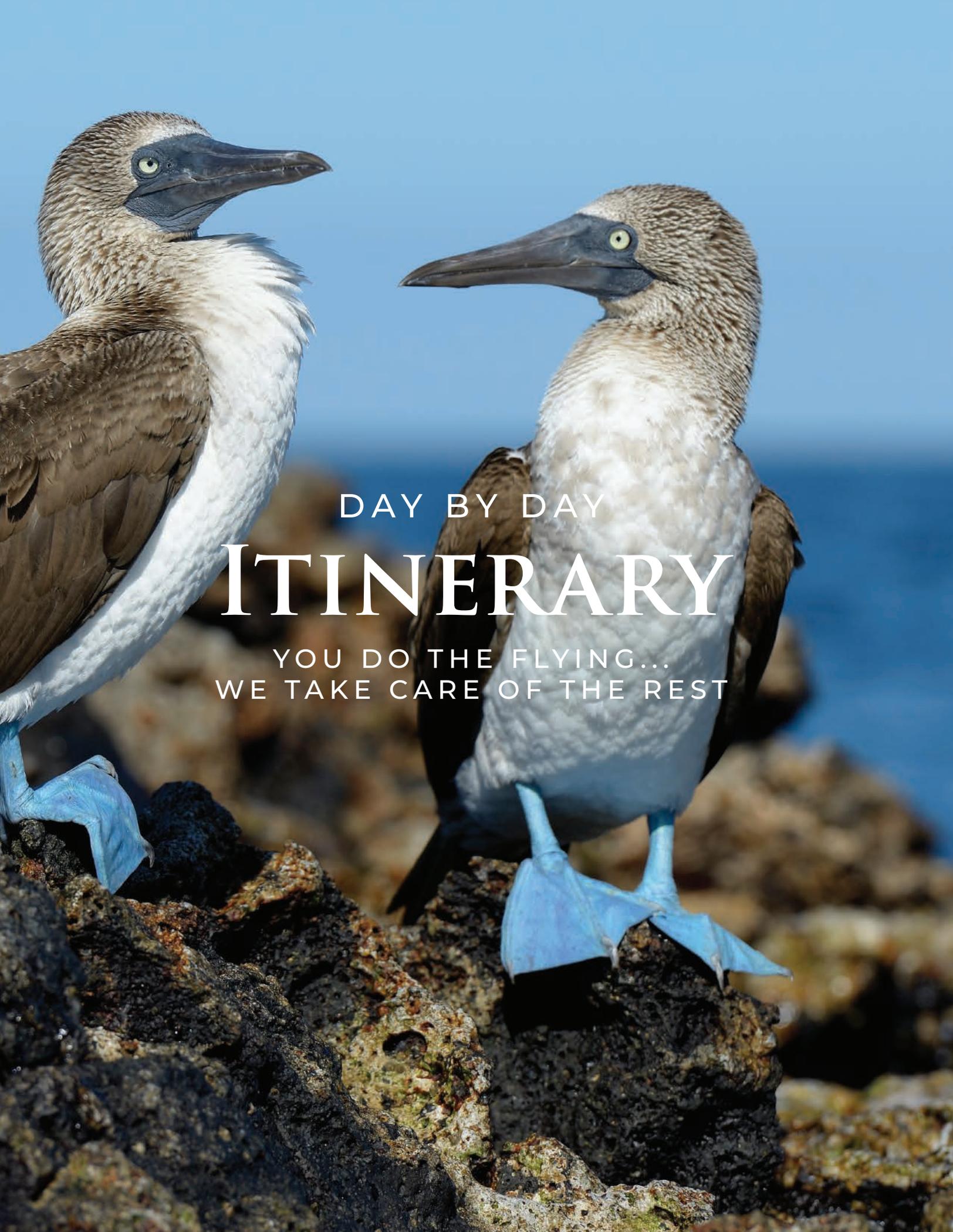
DAY 3 • GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR
🏠 HOTEL DEL PARQUE

DAY 4-7 • GALAPAGOS ISLANDS
🏠 ENDEMIC LUXURY YATCH

DAY 8 • GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR
🏠 HOTEL DEL PARQUE

DAY 9-10 • PANAMA CITY, PANAMA
🏠 SOFITEL CASCO VIEJO

DAY 11 • KEY WEST, FL. - HOME



DAY BY DAY

ITINERARY

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



DAY 1 - SATURDAY, MARCH 18

✈️ 1,035 NM

Stuart, Fl. (KSUA) → Cartagena, Colombia (SKCG)

Air Journey along with your Journey Director will greet you at Signature Flight Support FBO at Stuart International Airport this morning for a briefing about our forthcoming flight.

Our flight today will bring us over Cuba before landing in Boscobel (Jamaica) to refuel. We will then continue on to Colombia – one of the most ethnically diverse nations in South America – for our visit 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.

Sir Francis Drake laid siege to the city but the fortress walls and cannons remain, making the area within the old walled city a living museum. This evening we will gather for a welcome cocktail and dinner.

 Casa San Agustin
 Breakfast and Dinner included

DAY 2 - SUNDAY, MARCH 19

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'll 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 3 - MONDAY, MARCH 20 | ✈️ 795 NM

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

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 - TUESDAY, MARCH 21

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

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

Upon arrival, we will clear immigration and transfer from Baltra Airport and board the luxury catamaran M/C Ocean Spray, our home for the next few days as we explore the Galapagos Islands.

We sail on to Pinnacle Rock, a volcanic cone formed by magma expelled by an underwater volcano. This huge rock of many, many layers of basalt was formed by the many pieces formed together, as the sea cooled the hot lava and it exploded from contact.

The huge rock also houses a beach where a small population of green sea turtles will nest during breeding season. Galapagos penguins are known to gather here. We will have the opportunity to swim and snorkel and take in the beautiful sights of colorful schools of fish and curious sea lions.

🏠 M/C Ocean Spray Luxury Catamaran
🍴 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

OCEAN SPRAY

Galapagos Cruise

The 16-passenger Ocean Spray was conceived for comfort and stability, offering plenty of space per guest onboard with high-end facilities and amenities. It has a bright, welcoming briefing area for enriching lectures and talks given by dedicated, top-ranked Naturalist Guides.

The Ocean Spray features sweeping ocean views from all suites, and have luxurious private balconies where guests can unwind and enjoy the islands while navigating. All of our staterooms will feature premium biodegradable amenities, deluxe bed linens, and natural lighting.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served al-fresco in the upper deck lounge or in the indoor dining room.

All excursions are guided by top-ranked naturalist guides, offering unique moments with the endemic Galapagos wildlife while out on excursions.



DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Galapagos Islands: Genovesa Island, Darwin Bay / El Barranco

In the morning, we will take an excursion to Darwin Bay which used to be a shield volcano. Now you can see where one of the sides of its caldera collapsed after hundreds of years of erosion.

The island is known for the wide variety of birds that can be observed. Over 20,000 red – footed boobies are estimated to call this island home within the trees and bushes of Genovesa Island. Snorkeling in this calm bay is part of our activity today! In the afternoon, we will trail towards El Barranco. This site is also known as Prince Phillip's Steps. It leads to a rocky path up a cliff that will reward you with an incredibly remarkable view.

This is also home to Palo Santo forest, a nesting place of sea birds such as red- footed boobies, Storm Petrels, and Nazca boobies. The panga ride along the cliffs will offer many nice spots to take pictures.

 M/C Ocean Spray Luxury Catamaran
 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

DAY 6 - THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Galapagos Islands: Santiago Island, Espumilla Beach / Buccaneer Cove

This morning, we will sail to Buccaneer Cove in Espumilla Beach. As the second Island Charles Darwin discovered, it was originally named after King James of England.

A short walk on the beach will take us to Buccaneer Cove, once a refuge for passing sailors and pirates. As we take our short walk, keep an eye out for Marine iguanas and sally lightfoot crabs. This is an excellent opportunity for snorkeling. The underwater formations provide an amazing home for the many different tropical species of fish that can be found here.

In the afternoon, our excursion continues to Egas Port in Santiago. Egas Port is also known as James Bay, home to quick-footed Galapagos lava lizards, colonies of fur sea lions, oyster-catchers, and marine iguanas. This is also considered one of the best snorkeling sites in the Galapagos to be among sea turtles and a greater variety of tropical fish.

 M/C Ocean Spray Luxury Catamaran
 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



Galapagos Islands: North Seymour Island

This morning we arrive in and explore North Seymour Island, named after English nobleman, Lord Hugh Seymour. The formation of this island is due to submarine lava rich in layers of sediment, uplifted by tectonic activity.

This island is characterized by its arid vegetation zone and is home to a huge colony of about 2,500 land iguanas and large populations of sea lions, blue-footed boobies, common noddies, and frigatebirds. Along the coast, we will be able to see land and marine iguanas, as well as the biggest colony of Magnificent Frigatebirds.

After lunch, our journey continues to The Highlands of Santa Cruz. This site is very interesting due to the rich wildlife, fills, ferns, volcanoes, and lava tubes present. Exploring the lava tubes is a surreal and unique experience. Here you can see all the different agricultural zones that are present in the Galapagos in one place. The sheer variety of birds, makes this a bird watchers delight!

 M/C Ocean Spray Luxury Catamaran
 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



DAY 8 - SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Mosquera Islet - Baltra Airport → Guayaquil, Ecuador (commercial flight)

This morning we will cruise to Mosquera Islet, located between the islands of Baltra and North Seymour. It is a reef of rocks and coral, the result of an uprising, and a great white sand beach. At its most narrow width, it reaches about 160 meters and has an estimated length of 600 meters.

Throughout most of the perimeter there is a base of lava rocks, as evidence of the lava uprising, with the exception of the southwest side, where we land. This island has one of the largest populations of sea lions. You can also observe several species of shorebirds. There have been occasional reports at this site of Orcas feeding on sea lions.

At the end of our tour, we will disembark and head to Baltra airport for our commercial flight to Guayaquil. Upon arrival to Guayaquil, we transfer to the Hotel Del Parque.

 Hotel Del Parque
 Breakfast and Dinner included



DAY 9 - SUNDAY, MARCH 26

 665 NM

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

We will retrieve our planes and fly to Panama. Enjoy a scenic approach to Panama City including a beautiful view of the Panama Canal.

 Sofitel Casco Viejo
 Breakfast and Dinner included





DAY 10 - MONDAY, MARCH 27

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 we 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 11 - TUESDAY, MARCH 28 |  625 + 445 NM

Panama City, Panama (MPMG) → Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (MWCR) → Key West, Florida (KEYW)

We will transfer to the airport and fly to Key West, 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
CARTAGENA	COLOMBIA	SKCG	8,530'
GUAYAQUIL	ECUADOR	SEGU	9,154'
BALTRA	ECUADOR	Commercial Ticket not included.	
PANAMA CITY	PANAMA	MPMG	5,906'
GRAND CAYMAN	CAYMAN ISLANDS	MWCR	7,021'
KEY WEST	USA	KEYW	5,076'

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 36 days, 35 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 181 days of departure: AJ retains deposit per person and plane registration fee
- Between 180 and 121 days of departure: AJ retains 50% of tour cost and plane registration fee
- Between 120 and 90 days of departure: AJ retains 75% of tour cost and plane registration fee
- Less than 90 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 and dry suits 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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