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With Conservation
Coordinator for the Duke
Lemur Center, **Charlie Welch**

FROM THE SHORES OF KENYA TO MADAGASCAR & SOUTH AFRICA

October 27 - November 15, 2025



Ring-tailed lemur

Aboard the Expedition Cruise Ship *DIANA*

Dear Duke Travelers,

Embark on a 4,000 mile adventure from Mombasa to Cape Town, traveling through Tanzania and the Mozambique Channel. This remarkable expedition takes you to destinations that remain beyond the reach of most travelers—exploring the Swahili heritage of East Africa, the lush forests and rich wildlife of Madagascar, and the iconic wildlife reserves and scenic vineyards of South Africa.

Charlie Welch, Conservation Coordinator for the Duke Lemur Center, will share his expertise on Madagascar's unique ecosystems—insights drawn from over 35 years of dedicated work to understand and protect this precious environment. His presentations will be complemented by lectures and briefings from a cultural expert and a team of onboard naturalists, enriching your journey with a deeper understanding of the region's natural and cultural wonders.

After you cross the Mozambique Channel to mainland Africa, explore national parks and private game reserves along South Africa's stunning coastline. Near the journey's end, traverse the legendary Garden Route where visits to the Botlierskop and Fernkloof Game Reserves offer the chance to see lions, leopards, rhinos, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, and an incredible variety of birdlife. Your adventure culminates in Cape Town, South Africa's oldest city, renowned as one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

The vessel for this exceptional journey is the Swan Hellenic *Diana*, a cutting-edge, new-generation expedition cruise ship, launched in early 2023. With a guest capacity of just 192, the *Diana* offers an intimate and luxurious experience, featuring beautifully appointed staterooms and balcony suites. Onboard amenities include multiple lounges, a fine-dining restaurant, an outdoor café, a spa, a library, and a beauty salon. The ship is also equipped with the latest in safety and eco-friendly technology, ensuring a comfortable and sustainable voyage.

Please call Duke Travels at **(919) 684-6723** with questions or to reserve.

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Beth Ray-Schroeder '83
Senior Director, Duke Travels
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SPECIAL GUEST LECTURER

CHARLIE WELCH

Conservation Coordinator for the Duke Lemur Center



Charlie Welch, Conservation Coordinator for the Duke Lemur Center, has more than 35 years of experience working with the people of Madagascar to protect the island's rich, diverse, and increasingly threatened biodiversity. He brings decades of expertise

on the island's natural resources and wildlife, including lemurs, as well as knowledge of the culture and customs of the people of the island. Currently, Charlie oversees the DLC's conservation initiatives in northeastern Madagascar, known as DLC-SAVA, which rely on a community-based approach to protect natural forests and empower local people, while interweaving capacity building to achieve long term impact.

Charlie and his wife Andrea Katz, retired DLC Colony Curator, lived in Madagascar for 15 years. In collaboration with the Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group, they established the conservation center at Parc Ivoloina and the Betampona Nature Reserve. They received the high honor of being knighted by the government of Madagascar with the Chevalier de l'Ordre National.

DUKE LEMUR CENTER

Founded in 1966, the Duke Lemur Center (DLC) is a world leader in the study, care, and protection of lemurs – the planet's most threatened group of mammals. With more than 240 animals across 13 species, the DLC houses the world's largest and most diverse population of lemurs outside their native Madagascar. Our mission is to advance science, scholarship, and biological conservation through interdisciplinary non-invasive research, community-based conservation, and public outreach and education.

There is no better way to experience Madagascar, the native home of lemurs, than on a DLC/Duke Travels tour!

[Learn more about the Duke Lemur Center at lemur.duke.edu](https://lemur.duke.edu)



THE 192-GUEST EXPEDITION CRUISE SHIP *DIANA*



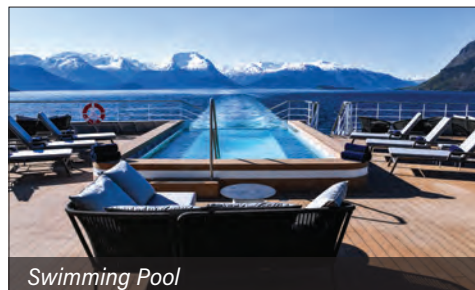
Oceanview Stateroom



Balcony Suite



Swan Restaurant



Swimming Pool



Observation Lounge

Built in Finland, and launched in April 2023, Swan Hellenic's *Diana* is a new generation expedition cruise ship. Although at 12,100 tons the ship is large enough to accommodate more than 350 passengers, *Diana* will accommodate a maximum of 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and balcony suites. The low guest density results in one of the most generous indoor and outdoor space-to-guest ratios among cruise ships.

Featuring the latest advances in technology and engineering, *Diana* is among the world's first environmentally responsible ships. Equipped with hybrid engines and a unique water filtration system, *Diana* leaves a minimal footprint. For cruising in Polar regions, the ship meets the stringent requirements of the new Polar Code with its high PC5 Category A ice strengthened hull and other advanced features. A computer-controlled Dynamic Positioning System allows the ship to maintain position without anchoring. Operated by a complement of 135 experienced European officers and international crew members, *Diana* will

carry a fleet of Zodiacs, versatile landing boats, and kayaks. Powerful stabilizers provide a smooth ride.

Diana's interior spaces exude sophisticated elegance, with most rooms opening to panoramic views of the sea. All staterooms and suites face outside and are equipped with private facilities, climate control, TV, Wi-Fi and USB connections and other amenities. Of the ship's 96 staterooms, 76 have balconies. Public areas include a spacious observation lounge equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for lectures and presentations; a club lounge; a restaurant that accommodates all guests at one seating; an outdoor café/bar that surrounds the heated swimming pool; a wellness area with gym, spa, and sauna with an adjoining outdoor jacuzzi; library; beauty salon; and an infirmary that is attended by a full-time doctor and nurse. The ship also features expansive open-deck areas. Two elevators connect all decks. Attentive service is provided on a 24-hour basis. The outstanding cuisine is complemented by fine wines at lunch and dinner.

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ITINERARY



Monday, October 27, 2025
DEPART THE UNITED STATES.

Tuesday, October 28
MOMBASA, Kenya

Arrive in Mombasa and transfer to the *Serena Beach Hotel* (or similar). Enjoy a welcome dinner with Charlie Welch and fellow travelers this evening. (D)

Wednesday, October 29
MOMBASA/EMBARK

After breakfast at the hotel, join an excursion to the 16th-century Fort Jesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit the bustling spice market where Indian, Arab, and African vendors compete for your attention. Following lunch, transfer to the port to board *Diana*, and set sail for Zanzibar in the late afternoon. (B,L,D)



Thursday, October 30

ZANZIBAR, Tanzania

Cosmopolitan Zanzibar Island offers a captivating mix of architecture and culture spanning several centuries. Join a walking tour of the city's old quarter, Stone Town, a warren of narrow winding streets dotted with 18th- and 19th-century buildings. Highlights include the Arab Fort, built by Omanis when they drove out the Portuguese on 1698, and the House of Wonders, an impressive palace overlooking the waterfront and housing a museum of history with interesting exhibits on Swahili civilization and the peoples of the Indian Ocean. (B,L,D)

Friday, October 31

KILWA KIVINJE/KILWA KISWANI

From the 13th to the 16th centuries, Swahili cities along the East African coast dominated the trade in gold, silver, pearls, Persian ceramics, and Chinese porcelain throughout the Indian Ocean, and Kilwa Kiswani, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was perhaps the greatest of them. Explore the site, including the Husuni Kubwa palace and the Great Mosque, as well as the ruins of a 16th-century Portuguese fort symbolizing the decline of the city as the center of Indian Ocean trade moved to Goa. (B,L,D)

Saturday, November 1

AT SEA

During a day at sea heading toward Madagascar, treat yourself to the amenities aboard ship and attend informative lectures from Charlie Welch and briefings from the expedition staff. You may also want simply to enjoy being in the middle of the ocean, looking over vast horizons under open skies, with the sun and wind and a few adventurous seabirds to keep you company. (B,L,D)

Sunday, November 2

NOSY BE, Madagascar

The Nosy Be Archipelago is a collection of small islands with magnificent white sand beaches and an exceptional diversity of marine and terrestrial life. From the village of Ambatozavavy, take pirogue canoes through the mangrove to Lokobe Nature Reserve, a primal forest that serves as habitat for more than 370 species of wildlife. On a guided walk through the forest, look for the birds, reptiles, and primates that abound—especially the endangered Black Lemur. (B,L,D)

Monday, November 3

MAHAJANGA/KATSEPY

Separated from Mahajanga by the Betsiboka River, the village of Katsepy is in a region of remarkable biodiversity. Board local boats to explore the mangrove forest of the Betsiboka Delta before enjoying lunch at the Andafiroi Lodge on the coast just north of Katsepy. After lunch, visit the Katsepy Lighthouse and the remarkable Cirque Blu, a canyon formed by erosion that displays sedimentary layers of more than 15 different colors. Before returning to *Diana*, enjoy a nature walk in the Katsepy Forest Reserve, home to five species of lemurs, 153 endemic plant species, and 42 varieties of endemic birds. (B,L,D)



Distinctive Baobab trees at the Avenue of the Baobabs, Morondava, Madagascar

Tuesday, November 4

NOSY VAO

Spend this afternoon relaxing on the tiny islet, little more than a mile long. Enjoy the sun and sand on the lovely beach that surrounds the island, or explore on foot. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, November 5

MORONDAVA

Visit the Avenue of the Baobabs, a grove of 25 Grandidier's Baobab lining the red-dirt road just outside of Morondava. In 2007, the government granted protected status to the park and named it Madagascar's first Natural Monument. Continue to Zazamalala Private Reserve, established in 2000, the reserve protects 350 acres of restored dry forest and freshwater ponds that provide habitat for some of Madagascar's rarest species, including the Madame Berthe Mouse Lemur (the world's smallest primate), and the Red-fronted Lemur. In addition to the lemurs, Zazamalala conserves more than 100 rare and endemic trees, birds, and reptiles. (B,L,D)

Thursday, November 6

TOLIARA/IFATY

Toliara, surrounded by mangroves and an offshore coral reef, provides easy access to the Arboretum d'Ansokay, established by a Swiss botanist in 1980 in the middle of a spiny forest. Guided tours lead past more than 900 mostly endemic plant species, some identified only in the past 40 years, and you might spy birds, butterflies, or lemurs living among the branches. In the afternoon

drive to the small village of Ifaty to explore the Reniala Spiny Forest. Explore the trails among more than 2,000 plants and trees including the Octopus tree, several species of Baobab, and other endemic species such as Red-capped Coua and Blue Vanga. (B,L,D)

Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8

AT SEA

During these two days, as *Diana* crosses the Mozambique Channel on the way to South Africa, treat yourself to the amenities aboard and attend informative lectures and briefings aboard. (B,L,D)

Sunday, November 9

RICHARDS BAY, South Africa

From the port city of Richards Bay, drive to the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park, the oldest national park in South Africa. Covering a staggering 370 square miles in the KwaZulu Natal Region, open savannah, acacia, and riverine forests provide habitat for an exceptionally diverse range of species including lions, cheetahs, leopards, giraffes, hippos and the largest population of white rhinos in the world. (B,L,D)

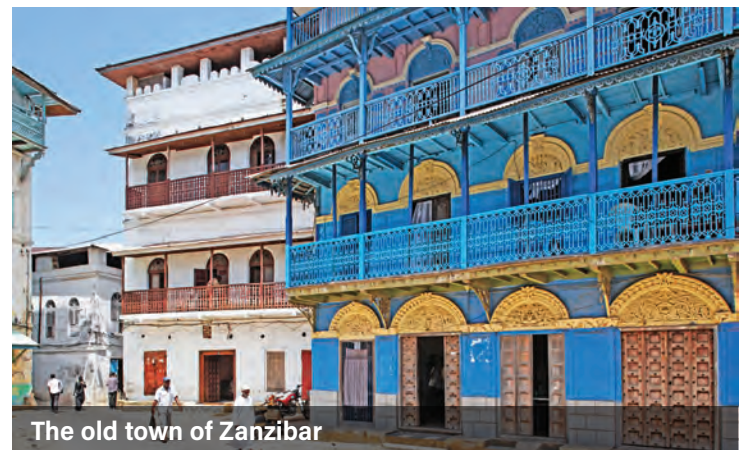
Monday, November 10

DURBAN, South Africa

Durban is home to the busiest container port in Sub-Saharan Africa, handling about 32 million tons of cargo each year, and as the largest coastal city in KwaZulu-Natal province, it brings together African, Indian, and colonial influences. Begin the day with a panoramic



Family of lion (*Panthera Leo*) and cubs, Kariega Game Reserve, South Africa



The old town of Zanzibar

tour of the city, including Durban's beautiful waterfront. Visit the Markets at Warwick Triangle and the Durban Botanical Gardens. Travel outside the city to the historic Valley of a Thousand Hills, where you will enjoy lunch before embarking on a game drive in the PheZulu Safari Park, home to bushbuck, impala, blesbok, zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, and more than 300 bird species. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, November 11

EAST LONDON

Arrive in the port city of East London just after lunch for an excursion to the East London Museum. The exhibits here cover both cultural history—including one of the world's best collections of beadwork from the Xhosa-speaking peoples of the Eastern Cape—and natural history. In addition to discovering and identifying fossil footprints in the nearby coastal rockface dating to about 120,000 years ago (the earliest evidence of homo sapiens in Africa), the Museum also played an important role in the discovery of the Coelacanth and proudly displays a specimen of this fish once thought to have become extinct some 80 million years ago. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, November 12

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa

This morning, we arrive in Port Elizabeth, now officially known as Gqeberha. Founded in 1820 by British settlers, it became and remains a prosperous port and trading center. From Gqeberha we will travel to the Kariega Game Reserve, a family-owned Big 5 safari reserve. In addition to the big five—lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo, and leopard—we will be on the lookout for multitudes of other South African wildlife from our open 4x4 vehicles. (B,L,D)

Thursday, November 13

MOSSEL BAY

From Mossel Bay on South Africa's famed Garden Route we travel to Botlierskop Private Game Reserve, where we meet a field ranger who will lead a walk through the lush coastal vegetation that serves as habitat for giraffe, eland, antelope (including the rare Black Impala), zebra, elephant, and more than 200 species of birds. (B,L,D)

Friday, November 14

HERMANUS

On the final day of our journey, travel to the Fernkloof Nature Reserve. This small slice of the Cape Floral Kingdom has the highest concentration of plants found anywhere in the world. Explore the network of trails to view some of the 1,200 endemic species of fynbos along with a surprising variety of antelope including rhebok, grysbok, klipspringer, and more than 100 species of birds. Follow the trails that hug the coastline and offer dramatic views over Walker's Bay where migrating whales are resident from June through November to mate and calve their young. (B,L,D)

Saturday, November 15

CAPE TOWN/DISEMBARK

After breakfast aboard, transfer to the airport for flights homeward. (B)



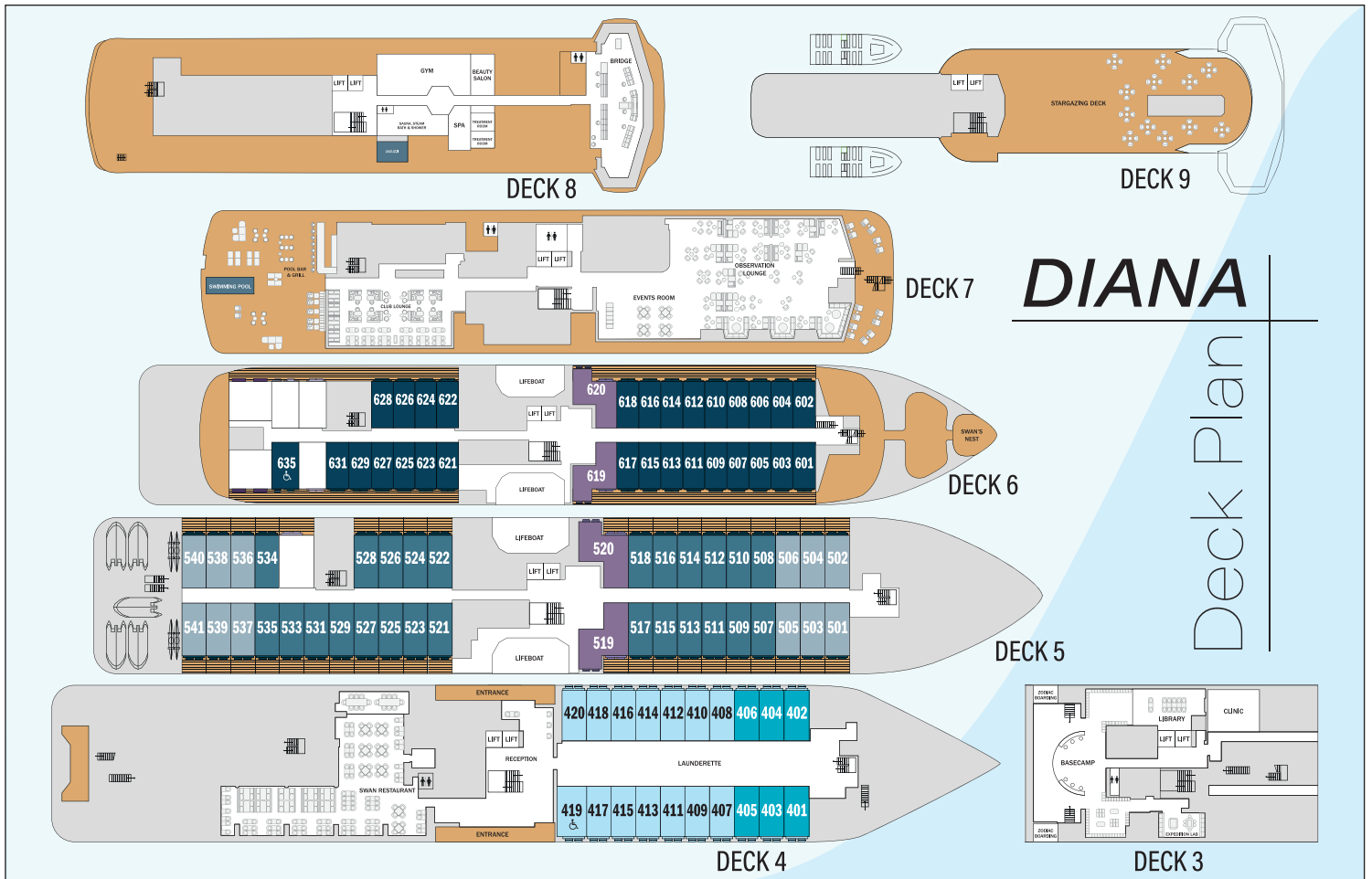
Malagasy woman with traditional mask on the face, Madagascar

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

The rates are all-inclusive. There are no hidden costs and no additional charges such as shore excursions or embarkation and port charges. Other than the international airfare and expenses of a personal nature, all else is included. Specifically, the rates include:

- Cruise aboard the *Diana*, as described in the itinerary.
- Group airport/hotel/pier transfers at designated times, and handling of luggage on arrival and departure dates.
- Program of lectures and discussions with Charlie Welch.
- Complete program of tours and excursions as mentioned in the itinerary with professional English-speaking guides.
- All meals aboard the ship, with a selection of wines, beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard the ship hosted by the captain.
- Open bar with select alcoholic beverages.
- Coffee, including espresso and cappuccino, tea and soft drinks throughout the day and night.
- 24-hour room service.
- Gratuities to the ship's crew, guides, porters and drivers.
- Basic Wi-Fi aboard the ship.
- The services of an experienced Thalassa Journeys Trip Director.
- All local taxes and service charges, including port and embarkation taxes.
- Complete pre-departure material.

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; any items not mentioned in the itinerary or the above inclusions.



All accommodations aboard *Diana* are spacious staterooms and balcony suites. They are elegantly decorated, face outside, affording sea views, and include a queen-size bed that can be arranged as two twin beds, a spacious bathroom, mini-refrigerator, safe, ample closet space, climate control, telephone, TV, Wi-Fi, and USB connections, as well as other amenities.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATES PER PERSON / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
E	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval windows. 206 sq. ft. Deck 4. Staterooms 401–406.	\$ 11,590
D	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval windows. 206 sq. ft. Deck 4. Staterooms 407–420.	\$ 12,190
C	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 501–506, 536–541.	\$ 14,690
B	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 507–518, 521–529, 531–535.	\$ 15,290
A	Suites with balcony and living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 6. Suites 601–618, 621–635.	\$ 16,090
AA	Suites with large balcony, separate bedroom & living room. 474 sq. ft. Decks 5 & 6. Suites 519, 520, 619 & 620.	\$ 20,980

FOR SOLO TRAVELERS | A limited number of cabins are available for single occupants in Category D at 120% of the per-person, double occupancy rate, and in Categories C, B, and A at 150% of the per-person, double occupancy rate.

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River through rainforest in the Garden
Route, Mossel Bay, South Africa

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REGISTRATION

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To reserve your place, please contact **Duke Travels at (919) 684-6723 or duketravels@duke.edu**, or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,500 per person by mail with credit card or a check payable to **Thalassa Journeys** and mail with this registration form to:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$1,500 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 71-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 70 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the traveler and Thalassa Journeys. Thalassa Journeys acts solely as agents for the traveler with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the traveler's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the traveler or in affecting these tours. We are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the traveler, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler 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 us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the traveler's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the traveler beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, transportation methods, or lecturers if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the traveler certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other travelers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other travelers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the traveler's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be affected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in Florida, pursuant to applicable Florida law.

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