

# BEHIND THE SCENES ADVENTURES

## TRIP CONTRACT

I \_\_\_\_\_ am joining BEHIND THE SCENES ADVENTURES [hereafter known as BTSA] for the trip to \_\_\_\_\_ on these inclusive dates: \_\_\_\_\_.

Full payment for the BTSA trip is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, including the \$500 non-refundable deposit.

I will \_\_\_\_\_ or will not \_\_\_\_\_ want a single room supplement at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (price varies by trip.)

**I understand that my final payment is due 75 days before departure. Anyone joining the trip after 75-day payment date needs to pay the full trip payment at signup.**

### CANCELLATION POLICY

BTSA 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 non-refundable \$500 deposit may be applied to any another adventure at any time, at a later date.** Unused deposits are donated to community projects in the countries where BTSA operates.

Cancellation 74 or more days before departure, refund is 50%, minus \$500 non-refundable deposit.

Cancellation 30-73 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 travel and trip cancellation insurance such as that offered by Alianz.com. Trips involving boats and large bodies of water require mandatory travel insurance.

BTSA reserves 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.

BTSA reserves the right to remove from a trip, at his or her own expense and without any refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who it determines detracts from the enjoyment of the trip by others.

BTSA reserves the right to make route, hotel, itinerary or leader changes, and trip modifications, as necessary or desirable to improve the trip quality and/or to accommodate the comfort and well-being of travelers.

**IMPORTANT:** Trips to the Andes involve high altitudes. Trips to West Africa, India and Asia may involve the risk of malaria, and other maladies. We request that everyone who signs up to join a Behind the Scenes Adventure talk to his or her health practitioner about these and other health issues. You should also consult the US Government website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for current health information

for your destination. Your Trip Information, to be emailed as downloadable .pdf documents once the deposit is paid, contains further suggestions for keeping healthy and safe.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

While we at Behind the Scenes Adventures take the utmost care to assure the trip participants' safety and well-being, the responsibility of BTSA and operator Cynthia LeCount Samaké and others directly employed is limited. BTSA acts only as agents for the trip participant in regard to all travel of all varieties, whether by bus, van, train, taxi, boat, aircraft, pirogue, canoe, camel or other conveyance, and as such, assumes no liability for direct or indirect or incidental damage, bodily injury, death, delay, inconvenience, or other problems which may be caused either through acts of nature, or fire, breakdown of machinery or equipment, or acts of government or other authorities, wars, declared or undeclared; hostilities, riots, civil unrest or disturbances, strikes, theft, acts of terrorism, sickness or epidemics, allergic reactions, rabid animals, Customs regulations, changes in public transportation schedules, or from any other causes beyond the control of BTSA.

Behind the Scenes Adventures shall not be liable for expenses such as additional hotel nights and meals not specified in the trip itinerary, but which may be required to get to or from a trip starting or ending point; expenses due to the delay of a trip for any reason (e.g., cancelled flights, inclement weather, landslides, flooding, sickness, etc.); expenses involved in recovering luggage lost by airlines, belongings stolen or left behind on a trip, or in shipping purchases home from abroad.

## **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I hereby release Behind the Scenes Adventures (BTSA), Lotus Destinations, India; EIT Travel LLC, Jeff Wilson, Cappadocia Tours, Suleyman Çakir, Cynthia LeCount Samaké, Cheick Oumar Samake, Claudia Avila, Odil Akhmedov, Gerardo Guzman, Nilda Callañaupa, Paulino Alvarez, Loretta Pinto, Mrinal Bengia, 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.

I hereby agree to be responsible for my own welfare and to accept any and all risks.

I agree to follow all written and verbal rules of safety or otherwise presented to me by BTSA or the trip leaders.

I have carefully read and fully understand the contents and legal ramifications of this legally binding contract.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_