

# Beadventures

## Conditions and Responsibilities

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*Please review the following conditions and responsibilities associated with travel on a Beadventure before registering for a trip with Beadventures.*

### **Trip Cost**

The posted trip cost generally includes lodging, workshop tuition, transportation during the trip, guided tours, site fees, and meals as noted. Not included in the posted price is airfare to and from the destination, medical insurance, alcoholic beverages, project supplies, meals as noted, and travel protection

Prices quoted are in US dollars or destination country's denomination and are based on current tariffs, rates and exchange, taxes, levies, and costs. Payment is made in US dollars at the currency exchange rate at the time of invoicing. Should any of the costs substantially change, such as a significant hike in the foreign currency conversion rate, fuel costs, or other matters, there may be an adjustment to the price of the trip. Conversely, if prices are better than expected, Beadventures will cover additional meals or make other accommodations.

### **Trip Deposit / Final Payment**

A \$1,000 deposit (unless different amount is otherwise noted) is required to reserve a space on a trip. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Payments made by credit card are subject to a 4% fee to cover credit card processing charges and can be made via our secure website.

### **Travel Protection**

In today's changing travel environment, it's important to protect your trip investment so you can relax and enjoy your trip. Unforeseen events such as flight delays, baggage loss, or an unexpected sickness or injury could impact your travel plans. Beadventures *strongly encourages* you to purchase travel insurance.

### **Cancellation/Refunds**

The following trip cancellation fees apply to all travelers and all trips:

- If Beadventures cancels a trip for any reason, a full refund will be made;
- If you cancel after paying the deposit, 25% of your deposit will be refunded;
- No refund if you cancel after making final payment.

### **Medical Insurance Coverage Overseas**

You should make certain your personal medical insurance is valid overseas and/or your travel protection includes this coverage.

### **COVID Vaccination Requirements**

While Beadventures appreciates the excitement and rewards that our trips offer, our number one priority is the health and safety of our travelers. To ensure your safety and peace of mind,

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Beadventures will adhere to the COVID-related requirements of the countries to which we are travelling.

### **Air Travel**

Beadventures does not book airline travel to and from the start and ending destinations.

### **Group Size**

Beadventure tours usually are small, around 8 to 12. There may be some exceptions depending on logistics and student interest.

### **Spouse/Partner Travel**

A spouse or partner is welcome for the entire trip but must be prepared to do something on their own while others are in a class/workshop.

### **Single Supplement**

The trip cost for nearly all trips is based on sharing a room. Single rooms may be available at an additional cost and on a first come, first-reserved basis. Please make it known if you have difficulty or special requests in this regard.

### **Itinerary Changes**

In developing each trip's itinerary, our tour leaders put a lot of thought into what will make a memorable trip. Before taking a group to a destination, each tour leader "road tests" the itinerary to minimize surprises. If we discover improvements to the initially planned itinerary—or if unforeseen circumstances beyond our control require changes—we reserve the option to make such changes.

### **Activity Level**

Some trips involve a lot of walking, often on uneven surfaces and/or up hills. In selecting a trip, make certain you are comfortable in meeting any noted activity level.

### **Luggage**

You will need to be prepared to handle your own luggage, so consider packing light! Your hotel may not have an elevator or bellman, which means you need to be prepared to carry your luggage up stairs if necessary.

### **Workshop Project**

Many trips feature their own special bead project. The teacher will send out a supply list and advise of any pre-requisites. Some Beadventures are discovery trips and as such, do not involve a beading workshop or project.

### **Passport**

A valid passport is required for all international travel. In most countries it is mandatory to have a passport valid for more than six months after departure for the trip. Be certain to renew your passport if this is your case so you are not refused entry. You will be notified if any visas, shots, or special requirements are necessary. The name on the passport must match the name on your airline ticket.

## **Special Needs**

Each traveler is responsible for informing Beadventures of any special needs—mobility issues, dietary needs, etc. and every effort is made to accommodate them. Note that some itineraries require a great deal of walking so a certain level of fitness or mobility is necessary in order to participate.

## **Assumption of Risk and Responsibility**

**Your participation in a trip is voluntary and with knowledge that it involves some inherent risks and danger including, but not limited to, forces of nature, terrorism, civil unrest, strikes, wild animals, theft, cancellation or changes in itinerary, negligent action of others or their agencies, or means of conveyance or accommodation which may not be operated nor maintained to standards common in the United States. This includes health-related issues and you are aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during all or part of a trip. This includes emergency medical care, presence of physicians, and adequate medication.**

**It is the traveler's responsibility to judge the appropriateness of the travel activities to their own physical capabilities. By forwarding a deposit, you are certifying that you agree with these terms and conditions and that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for you or other passengers. Beadventures and its suppliers take no responsibility for special arrangements or problems incurred by passengers unable to participate in the planned activities. Beadventures reserves the right to decline any person as a member of the trip or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time.**

**Beadventures has no special knowledge of unsafe conditions, safety problems, health, or weather hazards that may be encountered on our trip. Beadventures assists in making the necessary arrangements and in no way represent or acts as an agent for transportation carriers, accommodations, and other services connected with the tour. Therefore, Beadventures and its respective employees or representatives accept no responsibility and liability for any injury, loss, damage, delay, accident, or irregularity of any company or person engaged in carrying out services involved.**

**Therefore, in partial consideration of being allowed to participate in any way with Beadventures and related events and activities, you hereby release, forever discharge, agree to hold harmless, and covenant not to sue Beadventures, its organizers, teachers, volunteers, officers, agents or employees, from all liability claims, demands, and all possible causes of action whatsoever arising out of, or related to, any loss, damage, or injury (including death) that may be sustained from any cause whatsoever.**

**This waiver extends to any and all of your heirs and should any of them file suit, you will then personally, along with your estate, indemnify the above referenced entities and individuals from any and all claims.**

***On the registration form, your affirmation of these terms and conditions, including cancellation policies, is required before processing/completing your registration.***