



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR TOURS TO TIBET, YUNNAN, QINGHAI AND HIGH ALTITUDE AREAS

Dear travelers,

According to studies and research, higher altitudes may not be suitable for travelers who experienced: high blood pressure, heart diseases, respiratory challenges and/or suffer from other physical challenges due to age. Tibet, Yunnan, Qinghai, Jiuzhaigou, Huang Long, and Zhang Jia Jie are located at high altitudes with extraordinary surroundings. Travelers, who wish to enroll, please consult with your doctor prior joining tours to Tibet, Yunnan, Qinghai and other high altitude areas.

- 1) If you suffered from: high blood pressures, heart diseases, and or respiratory challenges, please consult with your doctor prior joining tours to Tibet, Yunnan, Qinghai and other high altitude areas.
- 2) In the event that any tour participants suffer from influenza and/or have not fully recovered, you should volunteer to stop. High altitudes will deteriorate patient's condition due to atmospheric pressure to decreases, the air is thinner and less oxygen is available.
- 3) If you are above 70 years of age, you must consult with your doctor prior joining any high altitudes tours,
- 4) Tour participants should take more physical exercises for body fitness. Sufficient exercises can help prepare easy adjustment for high altitudes environment(s).

重要須知:

親愛的神州假期貴賓：

根據專業醫師之研究顯示: 高原旅遊, 對某些疾病, 如高血壓、心臟或呼吸系統疾病及高齡的旅遊者可能有不良影響。基于西藏、雲南、青海、九寨溝、黃龍和張家界等地的地理環境特殊, 屬於高原地帶, 因此本公司慎重建議:

- 1) 凡曾有或已有心血管或呼吸系統疾病者, 必須徵求專業醫師的意見, 再決定是否參加旅行團。
- 2) 凡旅途中感染感冒或原患未痊愈者, 應自願中止繼續旅行, 以免因海拔高, 氣壓低, 而使病情加劇。
- 3) 凡年過 70 歲長者, 須經專業醫師鑒定個人健康狀況是否適合參團旅遊, 並由親屬陪同參加。
- 4) 已報名參加者, 可依醫師指導, 增加登山、爬高運動, 以鍛煉體能並提高身體適應高山環境的能力。

I have read, understand, and accept all the above health advice given. I have decided to join the tour(s) after deliberation..

本人已獲通知, 了解以上有關身體健康的參團建議, 並已慎重考慮決定參加旅行。

Invoice No: _____	Tour Code(團號): _____
Name(姓名): _____ Sex(性別) _____	Name(姓名): _____ Sex(性別) _____
Signature(簽名): _____ Date(日期) _____	Signature(簽名): _____ Date(日期) _____
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****Please sign and return this acknowledgement along with your application to your travel agent.**

****請將此通知與您的報名表一同寄回給您的 TRAVEL AGENT.**

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INFORMATION AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

BOOKING AND PAYMENT

Booking a China tour requires a deposit of USD \$300.00 (of which \$150.00 is non-refundable) per person. In the event that the deposit does not reach us within ten (10) days after the booking is made, we will assume that you no longer wish to travel with us and we will release any arrangements reserved for you. The booking becomes a contract once our written confirmation of receiving your deposit is dispatched to you. Full payment must be paid to us no later than 60 days prior to departure from U.S.A. If the booking is made less than 60 days before the departure date, full payment is required at the time of reservation.

Grand American Travels Inc. guarantees the land tour price only (not including Federal airport tax, US Ticket tax, fuel tax, insurance tax, flight tax, and China Government airport tax — all subject to change) if you sign up the tour 60 days prior to the departure date, but it reserves the right to change the tour price if you sign up the tour less than 60 days prior to the departure date.

TOUR INSURANCE PLAN

Depending on the length and cost of your tour, we provide different travel insurance plans.

- If you take the whole trip with the group, we provide both the travel accident insurance and the international flight insurance.
- If you join the land tour with the group, we provide the travel accident insurance only.
- Please see the insurance brochure for more details.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION

A minimum of \$150 non-refundable deposit per tour per person is required for us to hold seats for you. Cancellations are very costly. Please see our cancellation fee schedule:

Days prior to full or land package	Cancellation fee
59 to 30 days prior to departure	US\$300.00
29 to 15 days prior to departure	US\$500.00
14 days to 72 hours prior to departure	50% of total charge for tour price of \$1,000 and up 75% of total charge for tour price of \$999 and less
Less than 72 hours or nonappearance	100% of total charge

Any refund owed to you will be made directly to your travel agent and you will receive your refund there. If you have purchased the air ticket, the refund will be held until the air ticket is returned to Grand American Travels, Inc.

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION PLAN

Grand American Travels, Inc. offers "trip cancellation protection plans" that will protect you against charges if you have to cancel your tour. The "trip cancellation plan" fee schedule is:

12 days or less	USD\$150
13 days or more	USD\$250

The fee for the "trip cancellation protection plan" is due within 10 days after the reservation is made. Purchasing the "trip cancellation protection plan" assures you a full refund if you cancel your tour up to 72 hours prior to the departure. **THE REFUND WILL COVER ANY MONEY PAID FOR THE LAND TOUR, AND THE UNUSED TICKET FARE AFTER AIRLINE CHARGES. IT WILL NOT COVER ANY USED SERVICE FEES SUCH AS VISA FEES, OR ANY ADDITIONAL PERSONAL TRAVEL SERVICES FEES. THIS PROTECTION APPLIES ONLY TO CANCELLATION BEFORE YOUR TRIP COMMENCES.**

COST OF THE TOUR INCLUDES

- Airport transfers — if Grand American Travels Inc. issues the scheduled international air ticket.
- Transportation inside China — air, train and bus.
- Hotel accommodations.
- Meals specified in the itinerary (Only one soft drink or beer is served per person at dinner).
- Sightseeing (including admission fees).
- Transport of luggage: one suitcase per person.
- Service by a professional tour guide in China.
- Travel insurance: please see tour insurance plan.

COST OF TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE

- All personal expenses such as but not limit to: phone calls, laundry, beverages, postage, and excess luggage charges.
- Fees for extended stay.
- Federal airport tax, US ticket tax, fuel tax, insurance tax, flight tax and China Government Airport Tax.
- Tips for tour guides and drivers.
- Extra air ticket charges for stopover in Hong Kong or other cities in Asia.
- Single room charges: please see detail in itinerary.
- Insurance policies for personal accident, luggage, health, trip cancellation or trip interruption may be purchased separately for an additional charge.

AMENDMENTS

A \$25 handling fee for each change per person will be charged after the booking is confirmed with a written confirmation/invoice. A change of traveler name, tour date, and tour itineraries within 60 days before the departure date is considered as a cancellation and new reservation, and standard cancellation fees will apply.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

China Visa:

USA Passport — 1 photo, and the passport has to be valid for six months beyond the return date.
For other Travel Documents — please check with your travel agent.

Hong Kong Visa:

USA Passport—not required if your stay in Hong Kong is no more than one month;
Other travel documents—please check with your travel agent.
Please confirm all relevant information and visa fees with your travel agent.
Please submit travel documents to your booking agents no later than 30 days prior to the departure date if you need to apply for a visa. Tour participants who submit their travel documents late will have to pay additional charges.

FLIGHT CONFIRMATIONS AND SPECIAL REQUESTS

Grand American Travels, Inc. confirms preliminary flight schedule 60 days prior to departure. A final schedule will be included with our travel documentation. Because flight schedule changes are possible, it is recommended that you reconfirm your flight numbers and times with the airlines directly at least 72 hours before departure. For seat assignment and special meal request and the addition of frequent flyer numbers to records, you must contact the airlines personally or through your travel agent.
If you depart individually, it is strongly recommended that you reconfirm international and domestic flights at least 72 hours prior to departure.

If you do not follow the group schedule when you return to the U.S., it is strongly recommended that you reconfirm you departure time and flight number at least 72 hours prior to departure.

PURCHASED AIR

Grand American Travels, Inc. sells air transportation from various independent airline carriers that are not subject

to its control. Participants understand and agree that Grand American Travels, Inc. shall not be held liable for, is not responsible for, and will not accept claims with regards to flight changes; flight cancellations; losses; damages; or tour cancellations due to insufficient members, strikes, political events, natural disasters, and/or acts of God.

YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Yangtze River Cruises is operated by a cruise line independent of Grand American Travels, Inc. Itinerary arrangements may change with the ongoing Three Gorges Dam Project and the river's flood season. The Three Gorges Dam Authority dictates changes in the itinerary and Grand American Travels, Inc. has no control over nor authority to overrule these changes. Participants understand and agree not to hold Grand American Travels, Inc. liable for any changes to the itinerary made by the Three Gorges Dam Authority or the independent cruise lines.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The itineraries offered in this brochure have been orchestrated by Grand American Travels, Inc.; but, the implementation of the itineraries is handled by China licensed travel agencies. These agencies are the ones responsible to you for making arrangements for transportation, sightseeing, and accommodation.
2. Due to unforeseen political events or other travel safety concerns, tour participants agree that Grand American Travels, Inc. reserves the rights to make changes in the itinerary or to cancel a tour at any time whenever Grand American Travels, Inc. deems necessary for the comfort, convenience, and safety of the tour participants.
3. The carriers, hotels and other suppliers providing tour services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees, or servants of, or joint ventures with Grand American Travels or its affiliates. All certificates, and travel documents are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and to the laws of the countries in which the services are supplied. These suppliers are directly responsible for any transportation management and luggage handling issues.
4. Tour participants may not alter the schedule or itinerary for personal reasons; otherwise the participants agree that he or she will bear the additional charges incurred;
5. Grand American Travels, Inc. reserves the right to reject any person as tour participant and to expel any tour participant from the tour for the greater benefits of the tour participants. Grand American Travels, Inc. will refund any unused portion of the funds to any tour participants who is rejected or expelled from the tour.
6. If the services included in the tour cannot be supplied or there are changes in an itinerary for reasons beyond the control of Grand American Travels (such as, but not limited to: strikes, political events, weather conditions, or other natural disasters); all additional expense will be paid by the tour participants.
7. Grand American Travels, Inc. is not responsible for the rejection of any tour participant by a country's immigration office or customs house, even if the tour participant holds a valid passport along with a proper visa.
8. Grand American Travels, Inc. reserves the right to cancel a tour due to insufficient members. Liability is limited to the full refund of money received by Grand American Travels, Inc.
9. All travel insurance claims must be reported and handled within 24 hours on the spot where the accident occurred.
10. All tour participants must be physically and mentally fit for traveling. High altitude areas may not be suitable for travelers who experience the following: high blood pressure; heart diseases; respiratory challenges; and/or suffer from other physical challenges due to age. Tibet, Yunnan, Qinghai, Jiuzhaigou, Huanglong and Zhangjiajie are located at high altitudes with extraordinary surroundings. All travelers, who wish to enroll in a tour should consult with their doctor prior to joining. Tour participants agree that Grand American Travels, Inc. is not liable or responsible for any injuries or sickness on the tour.
11. Grand American Travels recommends travelers to explore all attractions prior shopping for souvenirs. Tour participants have the right to refuse merchants and to complain aggressive salespersons. All purchases (especially valuable items) should be carefully examined to minimize defects, imperfections, and/or misrepresentations. Grand American Travels, Inc. is not affiliated with any merchants or ships. Tour participants acknowledge that Grand American Travels, Inc. is not liable or responsible for any and all purchases made while on tour.
12. Please take caution and rely on your own judgment when purchasing goods in China. While there are many reputable and trustworthy merchants overseas, there are also many deceptive merchants who may misrepresent their goods. Additionally, the importation of imitation goods into the United States may infringe upon U.S. patent and trademark registration. It may also be a violation of U.S. customs laws. **TOUR PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN PURCHASES IN CHINA.**

Please understand the issues of responsibilities before you sign the tour invoice

- All participants of tours organized by Grand American Travels Inc. hereby accept the Booking Conditions listed above. These conditions become part of the tour agreement.
- This agreement is governed by the laws of the State of California. Parties agree that the Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles shall have exclusive jurisdiction for any and all actions relating to the tour.



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