



# Taste of Texas:

Houston, San Antonio and Austin

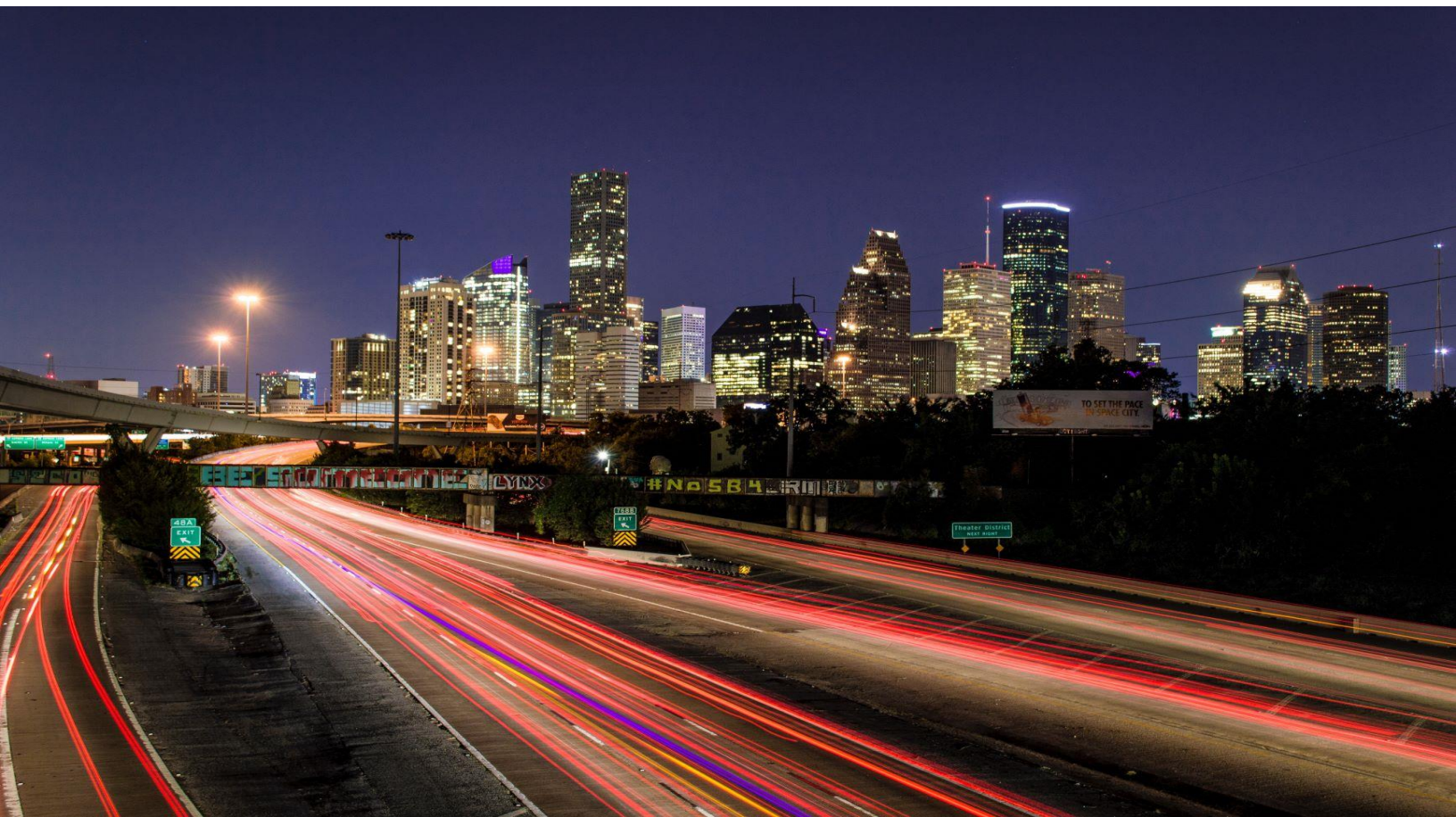
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## Welcome to Texas!

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You've heard Texas is big... but it's really BIG. More than 261,000 sq miles, in fact: that's larger than Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Belgium and the Netherlands combined. And it ain't all just tumblin' tumbleweeds. Barrier islands with windswept dunes and public beaches stretch down 367 miles of coastline. In the west, three mountain ranges top more than 7000ft, and Big Bend National Park is the state's premier trekking and primary rafting destination. And to the northeast, soaring pine forests and sinuous, cypress-lined bayous are perfect for hiking and kayaking. Big cities in Texas are fun-loving, vibrant, friendly and delightfully flashy on occasion – this is oil country, after all. Dallas and Houston boast rich arts and culture districts to explore by day, as well as active nightlife. For partying, Austin is the place, with its endless live-music concerts and an outdoorsy, alternative vibe. San Antonio has pockets of bustling activity during the day, and there's a fiesta every night on the River Walk. Beyond the cities, Texas also has countless small towns with courthouse squares, landmark cafes and eclectic antiques and boutiques to explore at a slower pace.

Houston is a laid-back, pick-up truck and boot-scooting town meets high-powered, high-cultured and high-heeled metropolis. During the day, chill out in your flip-flops, take in museums and go shopping, then hit happy hour on a leaf-shaded deck. At night, revel in culinary or cultural bliss – the restaurant and entertainment scenes are renowned across the region. Here, starched jeans are de rigueur in all but the very fanciest of restaurants. Diverse residential neighborhoods and enclaves of restaurants and shops spread far and wide. Where residents of other cities talk about the weather, Houstonians talk about parking. Wealth from oil and energy companies supports luxurious shopping areas but you can also enjoy down-home fun, although don't underestimate the sauna-like summers. Don't forget that one of the town's main attractions – NASA's Space Center Houston in Clear Lake – is outside the city limits, a 30-minute drive down I-45.

Galveston is part genteel Southern belle, part sunburned beach bunny: Galveston Island is Houston's favorite playmate. The old gal took a pretty severe beating by hurricane Ike in 2008, but she's battled back to normal since. Sitting on a barrier island near the northern end of a 600-mile-long Texas coastline, Galveston may not have the state's favorite beaches, but there's nowhere else boasting such a beautiful combination of sun-drenched historic charms.

San Antonio is the most popular tourist destination in Texas. The sprawling city is loaded with a wide variety of attractions to keep everyone entertained. In addition to its colorful, European-style River Walk lined with cafes and bars, it rewards visitors with a well-rounded menu of museums, theme parks, outdoor activities and historical sites. The Alamo is a stalwart tourist favorite, and the scene of the most famous battle in the fight for Texas' independence from Mexico. You can find four other beautifully preserved Spanish missions within the city limits. San Antonio also puts you in close proximity to the Hill Country, a naturally beautiful region known for its wildflower-lined roadways, charming small towns, gorgeous wineries and, yes, hills.

Austin is a big city with a small-town heart. It earns fanfare with great music, culinary prowess, whip-smart locals and a sociable streak impossible to resist. The city easily earns its title of 'Live Music Capital of the World.' Two music festivals, South by Southwest (SXSW) and the Austin City Limits Festival, earn international acclaim, but quality live performances go down every single night in one of the countless clubs, bars and restaurants. Country music singer-songwriters are the classic draw, but blues, rock, hip-hop and jazz bands also take the stage. Dancing is strongly encouraged. On a sunny morning in the spring, Lady Bird Lake looks like the world's most active playground. Kayakers skim across the still water, swimmers swim laps in Barton Springs pool, frisbees whirl across a lush disc golf course and joggers and cyclists burn calories on lakeside trails. Austin is home to more than 300 parks, with more than 30 miles of urban trails open to runners, walkers and cyclists. Then there's the food! The best part about the food scene is that it never takes itself too seriously. Just look at all those busted-up food trucks, some of them serving the most exquisitely flavored bites in the country. The line at what may be the best barbecue joint in the US is a communal party, with staff selling beer to the outdoor queue.



## Detailed Itinerary

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### Day 1 | Welcome to Houston!

The adventure begins today! In the afternoon, your flight will arrive at Houston's IAH Airport. A representative will meet you on arrival and guide you US Customs to the baggage carousel. After retrieving your luggage, you will be guided to the motor coach for your transfer to the hotel. You will have a few hours to rest in your room. In the evening, meet your group in the hotel lobby. You will be taken to Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant for dinner. After dinner you are free to spend the night at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Houston @ Hilton Post Oak | **Meals:** Dinner

### Day 2 | NASA Space Center & Kemah Boardwalk

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel in the morning. In the morning, your driver will pick you up from the hotel and transfer you to NASA's Johnson Space Center. Space Center Houston is a leading science and space exploration learning center. Take a behind-the-scenes look at NASA on the NASA Tram Tour. Experience sights and sounds of a real launch in the multi-screen movie Blast-Off! Theater. Touch a moon rock, see real space capsules and more than 400 things to see and do you. After the tour, you'll head to the Kemah Boardwalk for lunch at The Aquarium. Once you've finished lunch, step out on the Boardwalk and enjoy the amusements. This 35-acre carnival-like atmosphere has a 36-foot carousel, a 65-foot Ferris wheel and rides like the Aviator and the Boardwalk Tower. Don't miss the arcade and Midway games. And for thrill seekers, there's the Boardwalk Beast, an adrenaline rush of a boat ride that takes passengers four miles into Galveston Bay at speeds up to 40 mph. After a few hours on the Boardwalk, you will be transported back to the hotel for the evening. Enjoy the night at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Houston @ Hilton Post Oak | **Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch.





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### Day 3 | Full-Day Galveston Tour: Moody Gardens & Pleasure Pier

Breakfast is available at the hotel in the early morning. In the Morning, your driver will pick you up from the hotel and take you to Galveston Island. Your first stop will be at Moody Gardens. The Moody Gardens complex consists of an Aquarium, an indoor Rainforest and Discovery pyramids. The Gardens are an educational attraction focusing on nature conservation. In the afternoon, you will head to The Spot for a seafood lunch with views of the beach. After lunch, wall along the seaside to Pleasure Pier. This \$60-million project stretches approximately 1,130 feet over the Gulf of Mexico and provides the area with family-oriented attractions, including 16 rides, games and retail shops. In the evening, you will be transferred back to your hotel. You have the rest of the evening to enjoy at your leisure to explore Milan.

**Overnight:** Houston @ Hilton Post Oak | **Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch.

### Day 4 | Full-Day Houston Art Tour

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel in the morning. Your driver will meet you in the lobby to transfer you to the Houston Museum of Fine Arts. Founded in 1900, The Museum of Fine Arts showcases a collection of more than 65,000 works and embraces various art styles from antiquity to the present. At noon, your driver will transfer you to The Menil. The Menil Collection is the primary repository of John and Dominique de Menil's private art collection. One of the most significant of the twentieth century, the collection consists of nearly 15,000 works dating from the Paleolithic era to the present day. Before viewing the collection, you will enjoy a farm to table lunch at Bistro Menil. After lunch, tour the gallery at your own pace. You will be returned to the hotel for a short rest. Later, meet in the lobby to head to the Hobby Center for a night of dinner and Award-winning theatre.

**Overnight:** Houston @ Hilton Post Oak | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.



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### Day 5 | Transfer to San Antonio | Mission Concepcion & The Alamo

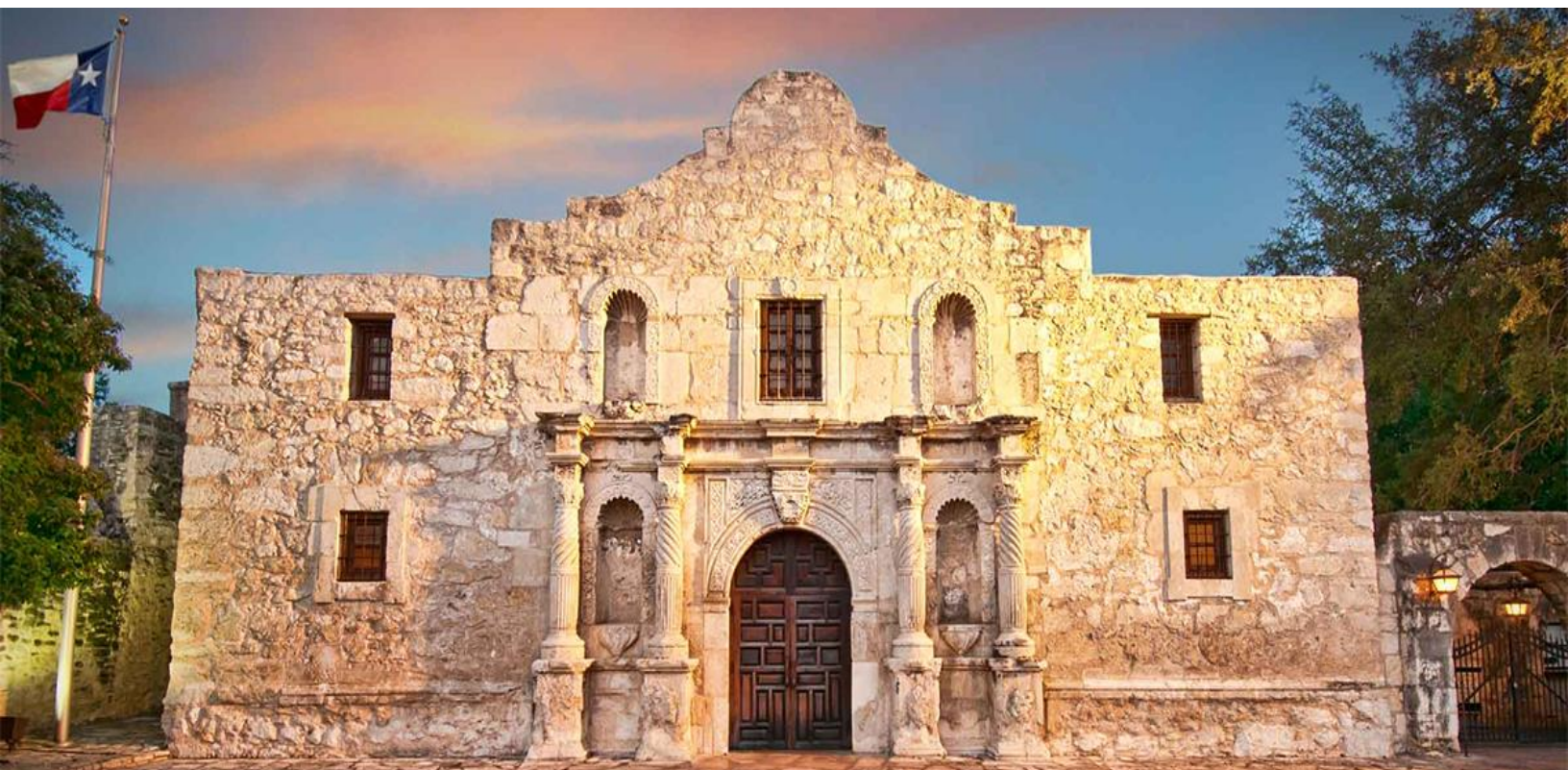
Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, your driver will meet you in the lobby to transfer you to San Antonio. Once in the city, your driver will take you to Mission Concepcion. Dedicated in 1755, the church at Mission Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña remains true to its original design, look and feel. In fact, the church stands as the oldest unrestored stone church in the United States. Exterior paintings have faded, but if you peek inside, you can still see original frescos in some of the church rooms. Enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant before continuing on to the Alamo. The Alamo, founded in 1718, was the first mission in San Antonio, serving as a way station between east Texas and Mexico. In 1836, decades after the mission had closed, the Alamo became an inspiration and a motivation for liberty during the Texas Revolution. Visitors are invited to experience interactive history lessons, guided tours, and stroll through the beautiful Alamo Gardens. In the evening, you'll enjoy dinner on the Riverwalk. After dinner, enjoy the rest of the night at your leisure.

**Overnight:** San Antonio @ The Hotel Contessa | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

### Day 6 | Natural Bridge Caverns & Hemisfair

Breakfast is available at the hotel in the morning. Today your driver will take you to Natural Bridge Caverns. One of the premier show caves in the world, discover incredible underground chambers with spectacular formations. Follow a friendly guided tour along paved, lighted walkways, then pan for gems at the Discovery Village Mining Company. Next head to Hemisfair. This iconic park is home to Tower of the Americas and the Institute of Texas Cultures. Tour the Institute and learn about Texan Culture and then enjoy a late lunch at the revolving restaurant atop the Towers of Americas. After dinner, you have the rest of the night to enjoy at your leisure.

**Overnight:** San Antonio @ The Hotel Contessa | **Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch.







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### Day 7 | Full-Day SeaWorld San Antonio

Breakfast is available at the hotel in the morning. Later in the morning, your driver will pick you up and take you to SeaWorld San Antonio. Splash (at the water park), scream (on thrilling park rides), and admire (marine life spectacles) all at one place, SeaWorld San Antonio. Family fun, thrilling rides, sensational shows and up-close animal encounters give visitors a variety of activities to fill the day. A special private lunch will be arranged for the group, otherwise you have the entire day to explore the park at your own pace. At night you will be taken back to your hotel. You will have the rest of the evening to enjoy at your leisure.

**Overnight:** San Antonio @ The Hotel Contessa | **Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch.

### Day 8 | Transfer to Austin | State Capitol, Congress Ave & 6th Street

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel in the morning. After breakfast, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to Austin. Once you reach Austin, you will be taken to the State Capitol building. The granite Texas statehouse stands as a testament to the history of the Lone Star State. The Texas Capitol is widely recognized as one of the nation's most distinguished state capitols. Next, stop for lunch at a restaurant on the popular Congress. You can tour the shops in the area before heading over to 6th Street to have some drinks and listen to live music. This walking tour will stop at a few local hot spots. After a few hours your driver will take you back to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Austin @ JW Marriott | **Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch.



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### Day 9 | Zilker Park, Lake Travis Cruise & Sunset @ The Oasis

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel in the morning. After breakfast, your driver will take you to Zilker Park. Zilker Park is a 361-acre park nestled in the heart of downtown, right off Lady Bird Lake. The park was founded in 1917 and is home to picnic facilities, bike/canoe rentals, a disc golf course, a large playground for children, the Zilker Zephyr train and Barton Springs Pool, an urban oasis where swimmers plunge into 68-degree, spring-fed waters. In the afternoon, your driver will take you to Lake Travis. At the lake you will embark on a private group cruise including snacks and drinks. In the evening, you'll head over to The Oasis to watch the sunset over the lake. The Oasis is the largest outdoor restaurant in the country and features incredible views over the lake. Enjoy dinner before heading back to the hotel for the evening.

**Overnight:** Austin @ JW Marriott Austin | **Meals:** Breakfast, Light Lunch (Snacks) and Dinner.

### Day 10 | Transfer to Houston | Outlet Mall Shopping

After having breakfast at the hotel In the morning, your driver will pick you up and head back to Houston. En-route we have allotted time for a shopping tip at one of the either the San Marcos Premium Outlets or Houston Premium Outlets. Premium Outlet Malls are outdoor shopping meccas featuring 145 luxury and name brand stores to include designer fashions for men, women and children, sportswear, shoes, jewelry, housewares and others. San Marcos features outlet stores from exclusive brands such as Gucci, Prada, Victoria's Secret, Diane Von Furstenberg, Lululemon Athletica and more! Houston Premium Outlets feature name-brands stores including Armani Outlet, Burberry, Nike, Kate Spade New York and Tory Burch. After the shopping stop, your driver will take you the rest of the way back to Houston. You will have the evening in Houston to spend at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Houston @ Hilton Post Oak | **Meals:** Breakfast.





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### Day 11 | Say Goodbye to Houston!

Today your trek through Texas ends. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel in the morning. Later in the morning, proceed to checkout and meet in the lobby. Your driver will transfer you to IAH Airport for your flight home.

**Overnight Flight | Meals:** Breakfast.

## End of Services



## Inclusions

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### What Is Included

- VIP Meet & Greet on Arrival in Houston
- Private Group Transportation throughout itinerary
- Private Guides throughout Itinerary
- Luxury Vehicle with English speaking chauffer
- 5 nights in Houston @ Hilton Post Oak
- NASA Space Center Tour
- Full-Day Galveston Tour: Moody Gardens & Pleasure Pier
- Full-Day Houston Art Tour: Fine Arts Museum and Menil
- Tour of Mission Concepcion
- Tour of Alamo
- Natural Bridge Caverns Tour
- Hemisfair Tour: Institute of Texas Cultures & Tower of Americas
- 3 nights In San Antonio @ The Hotel Contessa
- 1-Day Admission to SeaWorld
- Austin City Tour: State Capitol, Congress Ave & 6th Street
- 2 nights in Austin @ JW Marriott Austin
- Zilker Park Experience
- Private Lake Travis Cruise
- Sunset Dinner @ The Oasis
- All meals listed on the itinerary
- Entrance fees to most experiences

### What Is Not Included

- Meals not listed on the itinerary
- Drinks not listed on the itinerary
- Additional city taxes provided by hotels
- Items of a personal nature + souvenirs
- Tips & gratuities for guides / staff
- Any additional expenses not listed above

**Price:** \$5,195 per person

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**Deposit:** 30% is due immediately to secure spot.

**Remaining balance:** Must be paid 90 days prior to Initial travel date.

**Expiration:** This proposal and all pricing is valid for booking through March 01, 2019 or until all the group spots have been sold. After that date or in the event of a sellout, we are happy to re-price this proposal for you. Due to high demand on the hotels and services included in this proposal, it is possible that the price of the trip may increase and/or that the hotels listed will no longer be available if the trip is not booked by the date listed above.

**Travel Insurance:** Travel insurance is not included but is **strongly recommended**. Please contact us to learn more about why you should consider purchasing travel insurance.



## Legal Information

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### Cancellations by You & Refunds

Cancellation penalties imposed by TRAVEL AT WILL's suppliers are per person for land tour arrangements. To cancel your booking, you must send written notice to us by email at: [contactus@travelatwill.com](mailto:contactus@travelatwill.com). The following cancellation terms apply effective as of the date TRAVEL AT WILL receives written notice of cancellation:

Days Prior to Departure: Penalty

- More than 90 days prior to departure date: 25% of trip price
- 90—61 days prior to departure date: 50% of trip price
- 60 days or fewer prior to departure date: 100% of trip price

No refunds will be provided for any unused portion of a tour once the tour begins, including if you leave a tour for any reason or are removed from a tour. There are no exceptions to this cancellation and refund policy, including for reasons related to weather, terrorism, civil strife, personal, family or medical emergencies or any other circumstances beyond our control. You will not be reimbursed for any personal expenses such as airfare, hotel, or other travel expenses due to changes in itineraries or tour cancellations. For this reason, we strongly encourage you to purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance.

### Cancellations or Changes by Us & Flexibility

We reserve the right to cancel, change, or modify any tour without prior notice for the safety and/or comfort of clients. You acknowledge that any aspect of your trip and itinerary may change without prior notice due to local circumstances or events, which may include mechanical breakdown, flight cancellations, illness, strikes, political disputes, weather, and other unforeseeable factors. If, prior to departure, we make a significant change because of a problem with a supplier, we will notify you of available alternatives as soon as reasonably possible. Any changes may require a supplemental payment from you or result in a refund less any cancellation fees and nonrefundable deposits. If we cancel, which is rare, a refund check will be issued to you less any airline ticket cancellation fees and nonrefundable deposits paid to local suppliers. This refund will constitute full settlement of claims you may have arising out of our cancellation. No refunds under this paragraph will be provided due to cancellations or changes due to Force Majeure. You will not be reimbursed for any personal expenses such as airfare, hotel, or other travel expenses due to changes in itineraries or trip cancellations.

### Force Majeure

TRAVEL AT WILL will not be deemed in breach of this agreement or otherwise liable to you, by reason of delay in performance or nonperformance of any of its obligations under this agreement to the extent that any such delay or nonperformance is due to any Force Majeure. "Force Majeure" means any circumstances beyond the reasonable control of TRAVEL AT WILL, including without limitation acts of God, terrorist activities, insurrection, explosion, flood, tempest, forceful wind, fire or accident, war or threat of war declared or undeclared, sabotage, civil disturbance, labor strikes, requisition, sickness, quarantine, government intervention, weather conditions, and unforeseen circumstances. If TRAVEL AT WILL and/or any of its suppliers are affected by Force Majeure, they shall be entitled to, and may in their sole discretion, vary or cancel any itinerary or arrangement in relation to the tour. Regarding civil unrest, once TRAVEL AT WILL has investigated the prevailing situation, as it deems fit, it shall remain in TRAVEL AT WILL's sole and absolute discretion whether to proceed with the tour.

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