**Every traveler must read and e-sign this Participation Agreement before check-out.** By signing, you confirm your understanding that failure to comply with its terms may result in removal from the trip without reimbursement, refund, or further assistance.

Our priority is to ensure a safe, enjoyable, and memorable experience for all guests. If a traveler's actions compromise the well-being, safety, or enjoyment of the group, **we reserve the right to dismiss them from the trip at their own expense.** For full details, please refer to our Terms and Conditions.

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Globe Drifters' trips are designed for flexible, semi-independent travelers and our trip culture emphasizes respect and open-mindedness. To help everyone have the best experience possible, please read the sections below carefully. **By joining one of our trips, you agree to the expectations and responsibilities below.**

## SMILE POLICY

**Trip members are expected to practice considerate and respectful behavior toward one another and everyone we encounter during our travels.** This includes locals, guides, and service staff. A positive attitude, kindness, and patience go a long way in creating a trip of a lifetime!

## NO COMPLAINERS

Look forward to surprises, understanding that itineraries, like the rest of life, are subject to change. You should be able to let the small stuff go and exercise flexibility when things don't go according to plan. **If you are a traveler who finds fault with everything and complains about the little things, then our trips are not right for you.**

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Each trip has its own specific requirements so please carefully review the FAQ. In general, **all travelers must be able to do the following without assistance:**

- **Walk 1 to 2 miles each day** on uneven, cobblestone, rough, or inclined surfaces
- **Stand or walk for 3-4 hours each day** indoors or outdoors, in all weather conditions.
- **Walk up and down 1-3 flights of stairs.** Some accommodations do not have elevators.
- **Carry your own luggage from a taxi/van** to the doors of a hotel and in airports.
- **Tip luggage porters if you cannot carry your luggage** and if they bring your luggage to your room.

If you're unable to participate in a particular activity, you're free to opt out but **Globe Drifters staff, trip leaders, hosts, and fellow travelers cannot provide physical assistance.** If you require help, you must travel with someone who can assist you.

## YOUR TRAVEL DESTINATION IS NOT LIKE HOME

Part of the adventure is experiencing things that are different from what you're used to and that includes accommodations, amenities, and infrastructure. **Travelers should be prepared for, including but not limited to, the following:**

- Varying water pressure, mattress or pillow firmness, and room temperatures
- Spotty or slow Wi-Fi, or none at all in remote areas
- No elevators in some accommodations, with 1-3 flights of steep or narrow stairs
- Street noise or other local quirks depending on the location

We typically stay in boutique, locally owned hotels with character and charm — Not large chain resorts. While most are very comfortable with quality amenities, in more remote areas, options may be simpler but still clean and welcoming.

## TRIP LEADER/HOST

Your trip leader or host is there to support the group and make your trip smooth and enjoyable. They'll go above and beyond but they are not your personal assistant. **Travelers are expected to**

**be self-sufficient and respectful of group needs.** Keep in mind the following (this list is not exhaustive):

- **This is a group trip,** not a private tour.
- **Your leader/host is responsible for the entire group,** not for managing individual needs.
- **If you're repeatedly late or miss a departure,** you'll be responsible for meeting up with the group at your own expense.
- **In developing countries, infrastructure and amenities may differ** from what you're used to. These are outside the control of Globe Drifters or your trip leader/host.
- **If you fall ill, your leader/host will help you seek appropriate care** but cannot leave the group to accompany you.

**PRE-/POST-TRIP PLANS**

You're welcome to arrive before or stay after the trip dates but all arrangements outside the official itinerary — including accommodations, transportation, and activities — are your responsibility. **Globe Drifters does not provide support or coordination for plans outside the trip dates, including securing the same hotel room before or after the trip.**

**FLIGHTS**

International flights from and back to your home airport are not included and are up to you to book. **Globe Drifters does not assist with flight bookings.** If your flight is delayed or canceled, all rebooking and related arrangements are your responsibility.

**REFUNDS**

**We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance** to protect against unexpected cancellations, delays, lost luggage, or medical emergencies.

**If you cancel more than 120 days before your trip start date, $300 of your down payment is non-refundable. If you cancel within 120 days, no refunds, credits, or changes are possible.**

**IMPORTANT:** If you cancel less than 120 days before your trip start date, we cannot find someone to take your spot and refund you. We also do not issue travel credits in these cases. This policy is non-negotiable, regardless of the reason.

**For trips involving chartered boats or cruises over 3 nights, no refunds are given once the tour is confirmed.**

See our full cancellation/refund policy here: https://globe-drifters.com/cancellation-policy/.