

ANDEAN TREKS Inc. BOOKING INFORMATION

RESERVING YOUR TOUR

These tours are operated by Andean Treks Inc. of Watertown, Mass. USA, hereafter known as ATI. Purchase our tours either through your professional travel agent or directly with ATI. ATI or your travel agent can provide valuable assistance in choosing appropriate travel insurance and the best international airfare.

HOW TO BOOK

Contact your travel agent or ATI to confirm space availability. We will normally hold a provisional place for one week with no deposit payment.

Read the booking information carefully. By paying your deposit you acknowledge that you understand and agree to the following terms and conditions.

Complete the Trip Application, sign the Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability, and forward this document along with your non-refundable deposit of **US\$350** per applicant. If you are making the booking directly, send to **Andean Treks Inc.** at 118 Waltham Street, Watertown MA 02472-4808 USA. Checks payable to Andean Treks Inc. must be in US\$ funds drawn on a U.S. or Canadian bank. You may also charge your deposit on Visa or Master Card.

For trips involving Galapagos cruises, international air and/or other services requiring additional deposits, we will advise you of the amount required for your initial deposit. Since your deposit is non-refundable, we suggest you purchase travel insurance at the time you book.

Once we have received your deposit and trip application, we'll confirm your place on the tour, send you the most current detailed itinerary listing all meals and other inclusions, plus a packing list and other information to help you prepare for your adventure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

The cost of our tours includes no travel insurance. We strongly recommend that our passengers obtain travel insurance that provides a minimum of \$50,000 coverage for medical/dental expense and emergency medical transportation. A policy with these provisions commonly provides financial compensation, refunds and/or other benefits in case of trip cancellation, trip interruption, travel delay, and baggage loss or delay. We can assist you with arranging the travel insurance or you may purchase it through outside sources. Certain programs require that you show proof of insurance coverage prior to commencing the trip; we note this in the trip detailed itinerary. For these trips, we must receive documentation of valid coverage prior to issuing your travel confirmation.

Carry your travel insurance policy along with your valuable travel documents.

In emergency situations, neither ATI nor our local agents will be liable to meet any expenses should your insurance coverage be inadequate in any respect.

When obtaining travel insurance, the passenger must make the insurance provider aware of the type of travel for which you are buying insurance.

FINAL PAYMENT

Full payment is due by cheque or money order 8 weeks prior to commencement of your services (PCS). If you book your trip within 8 weeks PCS, full payment is due when we confirm your participation. For bookings within two weeks of departure, we add a \$50 late-processing fee. For payment of balance other than by cheque, you are responsible for bank fees incurred (bank fees for credit card charges are currently 3%).

If we do not receive payment by the due date, ATI reserves the right to treat the reservation as canceled. Your deposit is forfeited under such circumstances.

To guarantee services for custom itineraries or add-ons to our group itineraries, we may require that you pay additional deposits prior to final balance.

CHANGES AND TRANSFERS

After we have confirmed your tour services, each time you request a change requiring us to rework reservations, we reserve the right to levy a US\$25 administrative service charge plus the cost of international communications, express mail, and any non-recoverable supplier charges. If you transfer to another trip, cancellation fees apply as detailed below.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

We must receive written notification of your decision to cancel a trip. Based upon date of receipt, the following charges apply: If you cancel your trip up to 45 days PCS, we retain non-recoverable supplier expenses (such as air tickets, hotel and boat charter pre-payments) **plus** your deposit payment. Note: we prepay Galapagos boat balances 8 weeks prior to sailing date, so non-recoverable expenses are high within 8 weeks PCS. From 44 days to 22 days PCS we retain non-recoverable supplier costs plus 50% of the balance of invoiced services. Within 22 days PCS we retain 100% of your trip payments.

CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS BY ATI

We publish our tour programs many months prior to your trip. We do all in our power to avoid increasing trip prices. In exceptional circumstances, we reserve the right to amend prices without prior notice. An increase in trip price shall not be sufficient grounds for cancellation of the tour.

Certain situations may arise during the tour which are beyond the control of the guides or passengers. ATI reserves the right to modify or withdraw any tour arrangements when deemed necessary in the interest of safety and security of passengers. In such instances of *force majeure*, ATI, at its sole discretion, may offer either an optional or alternative activity for any portion that has been canceled, or a pro rata refund. If changes due to *force majeure* entail additional costs, such costs are the responsibility of the passenger.

While we rarely cancel our departures, we reserve the right to do so up to 30 days PCS. In such a case, we will offer you alternative arrangements. If you do not accept these, we will refund all payments you made to ATI. In the event that we are forced to cancel a departure, we are not responsible for your trip preparation expenses such as non-refundable air tickets, doctor's fees, inoculations and medications, passports and visas, and personal equipment.

Airlines typically charge a fee for date changes, ticket re-issues and cancellations on most excursion fares. In the event that you are forced to make changes, your travel insurance policy may or may not cover these charges.

No partial refunds will be given for unused hotel rooms, meals, or other pre-arranged tour services.

TIER-PRICED TRIPS

If a trip is tier-priced, your tour cost depends on the number of full-revenue participants traveling. If a group roster grows or shrinks, your final cost may change from your original invoiced amount, according to our published rate. If the land cost of a tier-priced trip decreases after you have paid your balance, we will refund the difference.

FLIGHT ITINERARIES

You must send us your international flight routing. You must reconfirm your international flight res-

ervation at least 72 hours prior to your departure, and advise us of any changes in the prior detail.

SINGLE ACCOMMODATION

On our fixed departures, accommodation is based on double occupancy for hotels, tents, and yachts. We reserve the right to substitute hotels of comparable quality for those listed in itineraries.

Single accommodation is available on most departures for supplemental cost. If you are traveling alone and wish single accommodation, please indicate this on your trip application. We will add the single hotel supplement to your final bill. If you indicate you are willing to share accommodation, we will attempt to match you with a room-mate of the same gender. If none is available, we do not charge for "forced" single accommodation on our fixed departure programs. For add-ons and custom services, we bill for all single hotel accommodation.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Our published itineraries include complete details of exclusions for that tour. ATI is not responsible for additional hotel nights, transfers, and meals which may be required by individual travel arrangements at variance with our published itineraries. Individual expenses which may be forced by airline scheduling changes, canceled flights, missed connections or by other factors beyond our control are the responsibility of the passenger.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Being physically fit prior to your departure will greatly enhance your travel experience. We strongly recommend that you visit your doctor and dentist before your holiday. Ask your doctor about current inoculation requirements.

If you are in doubt about your physical capacity to complete the tour, review the itinerary with your physician. Details of pre-existing medical conditions must be forwarded to ATI. Although your trip leader will carry a first-aid kit, medical facilities and personnel capable of attending to serious problems are rarely available in the remote areas we visit. Evacuation can be prolonged, difficult, and expensive. While your health and safety during your trip are our primary concern, ATI is not a medical facility. We assume no responsibility or liability regarding provision of medical care.

The trip leader has the right to disqualify anyone at any time for being physically or mentally incapable, or for endangering group safety. Refunds are not given under such circumstances.

INHERENT DANGERS

You understand and accept that participating in your tour may expose you to inherent dangers, among these being the hazards of traveling in remote and/or mountainous terrain, emotional trauma, accident or illness in remote places without medical facilities, forces of nature, the hazards of war and civil insurrection, and hazards of traveling by air, water, or land by various conveyances, and other hazards of such trip or vacation including but not limited to food, lodging and transportation.

CLAIMS AND COMPLAINTS

If you are dissatisfied with the services or some other aspect of your tour, you must first inform the tour leader and/or our local representative in order that the tour leader and/or local representative may attempt to correct the situation. Any further complaint must be put in writing to your travel agent or to ATI within 30 days of the end of the tour.

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Please print all information, and read and sign the Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability. Send the completed booking form together with your deposit payment to your Travel Agent or to ANDEAN TREKS INC, 118 Waltham Street, Watertown MA 02472-4808, USA. Each trip participant must sign a separate booking form (you may photocopy and/or reprint this form). If you renew your passport prior to travel, you MUST advise us of the new passport number.

Last Name <i>(as it appears on your passport)</i> :		Given Names		Date of Birth mm/dd/yy	
Nationality:		Passport Number:		Passport Expires mm/dd/yy	
Important: we use the passport number you provide here when purchasing trail permits, train tickets and other important elements of your tour. If you travel with a passport other than that indicated here, you may be denied service. You must advise us of any change in passport detail from that provided here.					
Mailing Address: (street & number) (city, zip, country)					
Phone: (day)		Phone: (cellular)		Fax:	E-mail:
Occupation:		Gender:	Willing to share a double room and/or tent? Yes No		
Tour Name		Tour Start Date		Departure Date from Home	
Will you rent a sleeping bag from us? Yes No					
If you're joining one of our treks, you will need a winter-weight sleeping bag, rated to 0°F (-18°C). Our mummy-style rental bags include sheet liners, and are field-tested to be suitable for high-altitude camping. These bags must be reserved in advance of your trek.					
Dietary Restrictions:					
Allergies I suffer:					
Medicines I am taking now:					
I do not have any existing medical condition(s) except the following:			In case of emergency please notify (name, address, phone):		

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY: I understand and accept that ANDEAN TREKS, Inc. (hereinafter ATI) acts as an operator of trips which may expose me to hazards and elements of danger, and that participating in trips such as the one I am undertaking entails risk of illness, danger to property, personal injury and loss of life. I acknowledge that the enjoyment and excitement of adventure travel derives in part from the inherent risks involved in travel and activities beyond the normal and expected safety standards of life in my customary place of residence, that such additional and/or inherent risks contribute to such enjoyment and excitement, and are one of the reasons for my desire to participate in this tour.

I FULLY REALIZE THE HAZARDS OF PARTICIPATING IN A TOUR OF THIS TYPE AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH PARTICIPATION. I understand the risks include, by way of example and not limitation, the hazards of traveling in remote and/or mountainous

terrain, accident or illness in remote places without readily available medical facilities, emotional trauma, the forces of nature, civil disturbances, street crime, traffic accidents, high altitude disorders, and other hazards of such a tour, including but not limited to problems associated with food, water, lodging, transportation, public health, and sanitation. I understand that neither ATI nor any of its providers undertake to provide any medical care or assistance to me in the event of illness or injury to me, except to make reasonable efforts to direct or transport me at my expense to medical assistance.

The suppliers of tour services are independent contractors to ATI, not its employees. For example, we use independent ground operators, tour guides, hotels, transportation companies, drivers, airlines, and other suppliers. Because we do not own, operate, manage, control, or supervise these entities, we cannot be liable for any acts or omissions, including any negligence, gross negligence, or reckless or willful acts, on their part. ATI, its

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owners, agents, and employees assume no responsibility for any injury, loss, damage, delay, or death to person or property arising from the negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person providing goods or services for this trip, or for the action or inaction of any other third party. Without limitation, ATI is not responsible for acts of God, equipment failures, vehicle accidents, illness from food or otherwise, detention, assaults, theft or criminal activity, annoyance, delays, quarantine, strikes, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, terrorism, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or changes in transit or hotel services over which it has no control.

I agree that it is my sole responsibility to be familiar with and capable of handling the physical and/or mental demands associated with the tour I have chosen. With these demands in mind, I declare that I have no physical, mental or psychological condition that would endanger myself or others if I participate in this tour, or that would interfere with my ability to participate. I agree to abide by any rules established by the Tour Leader while I am participating, and understand and agree that failure or refusal on my part to do so shall entitle ATI at its option to deny me further participation in the tour. No such refusal by ATI shall be grounds for refund to me of any funds or portion thereof paid for the tour or any services associated with it.

* A typed signature is acceptable.

Participant's Signature

Dated (month/day/year)

If the Participant is younger than 18 years of age at time of booking:

I, as a parent or guardian of the below named minor (under 18 years of age), hereby give my permission for my child or ward to participate in the trip and further agree, individually and on behalf of my child or ward, to the terms of the above Agreement.

Name of minor

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Dated (month/day/year)

Testimonials...

"We have returned from a wonderful trip to Peru. Thank you for your help, counsel, and reassurances. We had no rain, no coup d'etat...only a delightful trip with excellent people to assist us along the way. The trekking guide, Arturo, was exceptional. Previous 'worst experiences' with packaged tours for which we were braced, just never occurred. No forced visits to the souvenir factories. No inflexibility on itinerary. Each of the people seemed genuinely motivated to provide an enjoyable, exciting experience." M. Brimm, Fontainebleau, France

"We're back from Peru and Bolivia, and had a great time. I want to thank you for the arrangements, which were terrific. We may never travel without a guide again. The trip to Bolivia was a lot of traveling, but we were forewarned. It was very interesting to see it, especially in contrast with Peru, where they are very used to tourists. It was rather refreshing to be in a place where there are so few tourists." J. Benedict, Providence, Rhode Island, USA.

"What a Trip!! I still haven't come down from the trip and don't expect to for quite some time. The Galapagos Islands are indeed magical and unique. Whether it was the gorgeous beach where we saw dozens of baby rays, or being in the middle of a feeding frenzy of several hundred blue-footed boobies, or seeing the spout of a sperm whale, we were totally dazzled and left speechless... likewise for the many snorkeling adventures... swimming up close with penguins, sea lions, and enormous, gentle sea turtles. There is no other place like the Galapagos Islands. A cruise through these amazing islands is certainly the trip of a lifetime. S. Chaves, Holliston, MA USA

Force majeure: I understand that situations beyond the control of ATI, its providers or the participants may arise during the tour. In case of changes to or cancellations of portions of an itinerary caused by ~~force majeure~~, ATI in its sole discretion may, but shall be under no obligation to, offer an optional or alternate activity. If extra costs are incurred because of any such changes, I agree to promptly pay my ~~share~~ share thereof.

Medical proxy: Passenger hereby gives Andean Treks Inc. and their contractors permission to arrange emergency medical treatment for Passenger if necessary, and Passenger agrees to hold Andean Treks Inc. harmless for the provision or non-provision of such services.

I hereby agree that neither I, nor any of my heirs, personal or legal representatives, or family members will bring suit or make a claim for illness, injury, loss or damage to property, or loss of life resulting from the negligence (but not the willful or fraudulent conduct) of ATI, its employees, directors, owners, officers, agents, contractors or affiliated organizations as a result of my participation in this trip.

I have carefully read this Agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and ATI and/or its affiliated organizations, and I sign it of my own free will.

"This is just a short note to say thank you for organizing our trip. It all went like clockwork and we had a wonderful time. We were all very impressed with the efficiency of the arrangements and quality of your staff." M. Rogerson, Northbridge, Australia

"Our guide Nery was exceptional. We felt like we had a protective big sister with us at all times. In a very pleasant way, she always reminded us to drink water, wash our hands, and dress appropriately. We always had total confidence that she knew exactly what she was doing. She took extra time to teach us about the Incas, local customs, plants and animals. I cannot imagine a better guide. She is a credit to your company.." M Cron, Pacific Palisades, CA USA

"We were very pleased with all aspects of the tour itself - the guides were great, food & lodging were good, activities well-planned. Our group was great fun, half 30-something and half baby boomers. We, at 50-something, had no trouble with the physical demands of the trip -- challenging but not too demanding. A. Jones, Boise, Idaho USA

"We went to Egypt and we said that there would never be a trip to top that one. Then we went to Greece and said that had to be the ultimate trip. Well let me tell you, there will never be a trip to top this one. The scenery, the incredible ruins, the magnificent culture and the remarkable people. Extraordinary is not an exaggeration." T. Merkel, Winchester Virginia USA