

# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL TO GREECE & TURKEY WITH OPTIONAL CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION

21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL –  
06<sup>TH</sup> / 08<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

ESCORTED BY  
**FR JUSTEL CALLOS**



**16**

OR

**19**

DAYS

**MAIN PACKAGE PRICE:**  
PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

**\$8,190\***

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM  
SUPPLEMENT:

**\$1,495**

**OPTIONAL CAPPADOCIA  
EXTENSION:**  
PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

**\$1,395\***

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM  
SUPPLEMENT:

**\$295**

**FULLY  
ESCORTED**

\*Main Package Price based on group of 25 pilgrims. Cappadocia Extension based on minimum of 10 pilgrims. Conditions apply. Subject to change.

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*I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to all of you as we embark on an extraordinary pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece, following in the footsteps of St. Paul. This journey is a unique opportunity to deepen our faith, explore the rich history of early Christianity, and experience the beauty and spirituality of these ancient lands.*

*In 2023, our planned pilgrimage to the Holy Land was sadly disrupted due to unforeseen conflicts. However, in 2025, we have the incredible chance to walk where St. Paul preached, taught, and spread the Gospel. Our itinerary will take us to key historical sites, including Ephesus, Corinth, and Athens, allowing us to connect with the profound heritage of our Christian faith.*

*This pilgrimage promises to be a time of spiritual renewal, inspiration, and growth for each of us.*

## MAIN PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy class airfares to/from Melbourne - Dubai – Athens & Istanbul - Dubai - Melbourne.
- All airport & departure taxes
- Porterage, tips & gratuities throughout
- 7 nights hotel accommodation in Greece, 6 nights hotel accommodation in Turkey in shared twin rooms
- Breakfasts and dinners daily. All meals at hotels unless otherwise specified
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- All guiding and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Whisperer Headsets

## CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION INCLUSIONS:

- 2 nights hotel accommodation in unique cave hotel in Cappadocia
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily, all meals at hotels unless otherwise specified
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Domestic Flights round trip from Istanbul to Kayseri and Kayseri to Istanbul
- All guiding and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Headsets

## PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Drinks with meals
- Personal payments
- The services that are not mentioned in "Inclusions"
- Travel insurance
- Lunches
- Turkey e visa (Australian passport holders require – currently USD\$60 per person)

## NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Fr Justel, Natalie, Olive Tree Travel or by [CLICKING HERE](#)
2. To secure your place, a deposit of \$500 per person is required by 30th August 2024
3. If you were due to travel to the Holy Land with Fr Justel's group in October 2023, your \$500 deposit will be transferred across to the St Paul's 2025 Pilgrimage upon your instruction
4. Final payment balance will be due by late February 2025.





## DAY 1 MONDAY 21ST APRIL

## DEPART AUSTRALIA

Depart Melbourne this evening on your Emirates flight to Dubai. On arrival, transfer to your connecting flight to Athens.

## DAY 2 TUESDAY 22ND APRIL

## ARRIVE ATHENS

Arrive in Athens today. Athens is the thriving capital of Greece but more importantly, we have entered into the world of the New Testament where St Paul and his companions established the first Christian communities throughout his four missionary journeys. On arrival in **Athens** we will be met and transferred to our centrally located hotel for the remainder of the day at leisure. Athens overnight (D)

## DAY 3 WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL

## ATHENS - CORINTH - ATHENS

Journey out to Ancient Corinth where the Apostle Paul lived for almost two years, teaching the people the Word of God and converting many. We visit the ancient ruins and see the site where he preached the Gospel from the **Rostrum**. Also visit the **Peirene fountain**, and the 6th century BC **Temple of Apollo** before an outdoor Mass in this stunning pilgrimage setting. Finally we come to **Cenchreae**, the ancient port from where Paul said farewell to the believers and departed for Ephesus (Acts 18:18). Return to Athens in the late afternoon for dinner and overnight. (BD)

## DAY 4 THURSDAY 24TH APRIL

## ATHENS

When St Paul first came to Athens it was predominantly a city that worshipped pagan gods. St Paul was taken before the city council at the Areopagus Hill, a rough outcrop of limestone rock from which he preached the Gospel message to the Athenian philosophers (Acts 17:16-21). We begin our day with a tour of **Christian Athens** including the **Acropolis**, the **Areopagus** where St Paul delivered his famous sermon about the identity of "the Unknown God" (Acts 17:15-34) and the **Parthenon**. Continue for a visit the **Ancient Agora** and a bus tour to see the highlights of the city including the Kallimarmaro Stadium, dating back to 330 B.C. and restored for the first modern Olympic Games held here in 1896. Visit to the New Acropolis museum. Enjoy dinner and overnight in Athens. (BD)

## DAY 5 FRIDAY 25TH APRIL

## ATHENS - METEORA - KALAMBAKA (ANZAC DAY)

Depart this morning and travel north to the small town of **Kalambaka** built at the foot of the majestic grey rocks of Meteora. Marvel at this unique phenomenon of nature – 24 perpendicular rocks where 600 years ago Byzantine monks chose to worship God and build their Monastic community of Meteora. We visit two of the Byzantine Meteora monasteries. Among striking scenery and perched on top of huge rocks, the ageless monasteries of Meteora seem to be suspended in mid-air. The monasteries contain beautiful Byzantine art and offer an insight to the mystic world of the monks still residing there. Mass this evening, will be held in a private room at the hotel before dinner and overnight in Kalambaka (BD)

## DAY 6 SATURDAY 26TH APRIL

## KALAMBAKA - VERGINA - VERIA - THESSALONIKI

Depart this morning to **Vergina**, the first capital of the Macedonian Kingdom. Here we visit the "Vergina findings", treasures of Ancient Macedonia and the tomb of King Philip II of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great. A few minutes away is Veria, located on the ruins of **Ancient Beroea**, is one of Apostle Paul's stops. Here we see the Byzantine mosaic in the monument commemorating his preaching. Continue our drive to Thessaloniki. Dinner & overnight in Thessaloniki. (BD)

## DAY 7 SUNDAY 27TH APRIL

## THESSALONIKI

Today is for Thessaloniki exploration. Welcome to Greece's second city, founded in 315 BC, and where St Paul preached during the winters of 49-50AD and wrote the two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. See the ramparts of the city, the triumphal Arch of Galerius and the Roman Agora where St Paul once preached. We shall visit St Demetrios' Church with its valuable mosaics and frescoes and will drive up to the upper town, which offers a marvellous view of the city. Dinner & overnight in Thessaloniki. (BD)

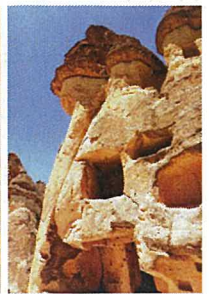
## DAY 8 MONDAY 28TH APRIL

## PHILIPPI – KAVALA

Arise and journey along the ancient route of the Apostle Paul to nearby Philippi, named after Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. It was here that St Paul won his first European convert, a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira (Acts 16:12-40). Visit the Baptistry of Lydia for a beautiful outdoor Mass on the River Zygaktis, and renew our Baptismal vows. Visit the market place (where St Paul and St Silas were brought before the rulers) and the cistern which tradition identifies as the place where St Paul was imprisoned. We will also see the famous Acropolis, Basilica and the theatre. It was here that he established the first Christian Church in Europe. Visit the Octagonal church, an early Christian monument thought to be built on the site where St. Paul had established a house of prayer. Finally, we drive to the port in Kavala (Neapolis in New Testament times), where Paul landed with Timothy, Silas, and Luke. Check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Kavala. (BD)

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## OPTIONAL CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION

5<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

### DAY 16 MONDAY 05TH MAY

### ISTANBUL – KAYSERI, CAPPADOCIA

After bidding farewell to the group returning home, you'll transfer to the domestic terminal for your Turkish Airlines flight to Cappadocia. Upon arrival into Kayseri Airport, you will proceed to your hotel for check-in before dinner (BD)

### DAY 17 TUESDAY 06TH MAY

### CAPPADOCIA

It is said that St. Paul was looking for a secure place after he was expelled from Jerusalem. He came to this region and established its first Christian colony with his followers. Furthermore St Gregory of Nyssa, one of the Cappadocian Fathers who lived in the area said, on his return from Palestine in 380 AD, that the Holy Spirit was not confined to Jerusalem, arguing 'One might more justly consider that He dwelt in the Cappadocian nation more than anywhere else; for how many altars there are there – one could hardly count so many in all the rest of the world'. We begin our day with a very special Mass at a Chapel built into the mountain by the early Christians at Avanos. After Mass, continue on to view pottery production using ancient and traditional techniques. See the extraordinary mushroom-shaped "Fairy Chimneys" in the **Devrent Valley** that are pieces of volcanic rocks that have been beaten and spectacularly shaped by the wind and rain. Onwards to the old **Christian village of Cavusin**. Visit **Goreme**, an "open-air" museum holding the earliest churches and carved chapels presenting the finest examples of Byzantine frescoes. Highlights here will be the **Dark Church, St Barbara Church, Buckle Church** and the **Nunnery**. This afternoon travel to the marvellous construction of the **Kaymakli Underground City** which hid Christians from Arab invaders and view the **Ortahisar Natural Rock Castle**. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Cappadocia. (BD)

### DAY 18 WEDNESDAY 07TH MAY

### MORNING AT LEISURE – DEPARTURE

Enjoy the morning at leisure for shopping or independent sightseeing, before being transferred to Kayseri airport for your return flight to Istanbul. On arrival, transfer to your connecting Emirates flight back to Dubai. (B)

### DAY 19 THURSDAY 08TH MAY

### ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Arrive back to Melbourne this evening with wonderful memories from your pilgrimage!

**\*\* Itinerary subject to change \*\***

## CONFIRMED HOTELS (or similar):

3 nights	Hotel Titania	Athens
1 night	Hotel Amalia	Kalambaka
2 nights	Hotel Imperial Plus	Thessalonika
1 night	Hotel Lucy	Kavala
1 night	Hotel Tusan Troia	Canakkale
1 night	Hotel Whyndham Ramada	Soma
2 nights	Hotel Korumara	Kusadasi
2 nights	Hotel Port Bosphorous	Istanbul
<i>Optional Extension:</i>		
2 nights	MDC Cave Hotel	Cappadocia

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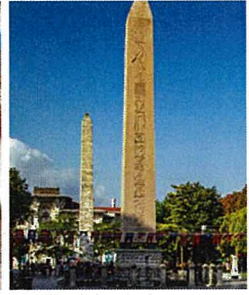
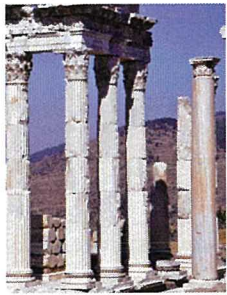
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### DAY 9 TUESDAY 29TH APRIL

### KAVALA / GALLIPOLI / CANAKKALE

This morning we depart Kavala and cross the nearby border into Turkey at Ipsala, where we will be met and greeted by our waiting Turkish guide and driver. We drive south along the Aegean coastline to Gallipoli, historically famous for being the site of many battles during World War One. We will visit Anzac Cove, the memorial site for the Dawn Service, Lone Pine, the Nek, the New Zealand and Turkish Memorials, and Kirkpatrick's grave. Finally, we cross the Dardanelles by ferry and check into our hotel in Canakkale for dinner and overnight. (BD)

### DAY 10 WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL

### CANAKKALE / TROY / ASSOS / SOMA

Our first stop today is Troy, referred to in Homer's "Iliad" and "Odyssey". Troy has nine cities built on top of each other. Troy VI is the city of the famous Trojan War of Homer where the legendary heroes included Agamemnon, Achilles, Ulysses, and Nestor on the Greek side, and Priam, Hector, and Paris on the Trojan side. We then continue to Assos, perched high on a cliff and offering breathtaking views overlooking the Aegean Sea and the island of Lesbos. The Acropolis here carries the impressive Temple of Athena. Arriving in Assos on foot from Troas, the apostle Paul preached here and went down to the little port on the shore to board the boat for his return journey to Jerusalem. At the end of the day, we will proceed to Soma for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (BD)

### DAY 11 THURSDAY 01ST MAY

### SOMA / PERGAMUM / KUSADASI

We will visit Pergamum. The highlight of the day will be an extended visit to the hauntingly beautiful town of Pergamum, founded in 399 BC. We will ride the cable car to the upper city and there see the Temple of Trajan (Trajaneum), the Altar of Zeus, the Temple of Dionysus, the ancient theatre, and the 200,000-volume library which was surpassed only by that found in Alexandria at the time. Later we descend to the lower city and visit the Asclepium, which was a famous health centre where methods of treatment included blood transfusions, music therapy and meditation. We will finish the day by travelling to the port city of Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. (BD)

### DAY 12 FRIDAY 02ND MAY

### EPHESUS PILGRIMAGE

Today we visit the famous city of Ephesus. Ephesus, as we will see, is in a very good state of preservation and the overall existing view of this ancient city will make it evident that she was a wealthy, cultural, and commercial centre in the 1st century. Paul's preaching in the area resulted with the uproar of the Guild of Silversmiths and the evangelisation of the whole province of Asia. Highlights include the ancient temple to the Roman Emperor, the 'slope' houses, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, the Fountain of Trajan, the brothel, and the large theatre in which the riot of Acts 19 took place. Not far from the theatre, we visit the Church of St Mary, where it is said that Mary spent the later years of her life. Celebrate Mass. Finally you will visit the restored remains of the 6th century Basilica of St John at Celcuk where a small church was originally built over the tomb of St John the Evangelist. Return to your hotel in Kusadasi for dinner and overnight (BD)

### DAY 13 SATURDAY 03RD MAY

### MILETUS / DIDYMA / IZMIR / ISTANBUL

Journey to Miletus, where St Paul gave his farewell speech in the theatre to the Ephesians before his last trip to Rome. We will also visit Didyma and its famous Temple. We will drive through the port city of Izmir (ancient Smyrna) on our way to Izmir Airport to fly to Istanbul. On arrival, we'll be met and transferred by our waiting coach to check into our Istanbul hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

### DAY 14 SUNDAY 04TH MAY

### ISTANBUL DAY

Your day begins with a visit to the 6th century **Basilica Cistern**, the largest of several hundred ancient cisterns that lie beneath the city. We'll also get to see one of the Eastern Orthodox Churches. This afternoon visit the **Byzantine Hippodrome**, the **Blue Mosque** and nearby **Hagia Sophia** (meaning 'Holy Wisdom'). Built in 548 AD, Hagia Sophia was the greatest Church in Christendom until 1453 when Constantinople fell to the Ottoman Empire. Onwards then to the **Grand Bazaar**, with over 4000 exotic tiny shops. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight (BD)

### DAY 15 MONDAY 05TH MAY

### DEPART ISTANBUL

Commence the day with a special morning cruise along the **Bosphorus River**, where you will sail past the **Ottoman Palaces**, **Byzantine fortresses**, **Beylerbeyi Palace** and **Suleiman's Mosque**. Enjoy a brief visit to **Topkapi Palace**. End your pilgrimage with a transfer to Istanbul Airport for your departure flight to Dubai. Transfer to your connecting flight back to Melbourne. (B)

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REGISTRATION FORM**

TITLE	FULL NAME IN PASSPORT	DATE OF BIRTH

Please include a photocopy of the inside of your passport (the photo page) with this registration form. If you are unable to provide a copy, please advise when you will be able to: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY (NON-TRAVELLING) CONTACT PERSON:  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL MEAL REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED ACCOMMODATION: (please circle)  
SINGLE                  DOUBLE                  2 BEDDED                  SHARING WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

FREQUENT FLYER MEMBERSHIP: AIRLINE: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please note: not all airfare types are eligible to accrue points)

RETURN TO AUSTRALIA WITH THE GROUP? YES / NO  
If not, please specify preferred date of return and any side trip requests: \_\_\_\_\_

WILL YOU BE JOINING THE CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION?

HEALTH INFORMATION: PLEASE NOTE, THIS TOUR REQUIRES A REASONABLE LEVEL OF FITNESS  
If you and/or a member in your party suffer from a disability (mental or physical) or medical condition, please state name and details:  
(Use extra space if needed). \_\_\_\_\_

**Travel Insurance is compulsory**  
Olive Tree Travel recommends the purchase of a Travel Insurance Policy prior to departure. This can be purchased at the same time as your deposit is processed or when the final balance is due (this should cover you prior to departure for unforeseen cancellations).

Would you like Olive Tree Travel to provide you with a Travel Insurance Quote? YES / NO

**AUD\$500 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT PAYMENT DUE: 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**I AUTHORISE PAYMENT THROUGH MY MASTERCARD / VISA CREDIT CARD**

**PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD WILL INCUR A 1.4% MERCHANT FEE**

DEPOSIT	\$500.00	PER PERSON X .....PERSON(S) TOTALS	\$ _____
MERCHANT FEE	\$7.00	PER PERSON X .....PERSON(S) TOTALS	\$ _____
TOTAL REMITTANCE		I AUTHORISE:	\$ _____

MASTERCARD / VISA (please circle)  
FULL NAME APPEARING ON CARD: \_\_\_\_\_  
CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRY DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OR  
IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO DIRECT DEPOSIT THE FUNDS PLEASE CONTACT OLIVE TREE TRAVEL FOR THE DETAILS

**THE BALANCE OF THE TOUR PACKAGE PRICE WILL BE DUE IN LATE FEBRUARY 2025.**

**I declare that all the information provided by me is true, complete and correct in every detail. I am the person and/or am authorised to book the tour on behalf of the above persons and I agree to the Tour Conditions (attached to this form) on my own behalf and on behalf of the above persons.**  
Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### TOUR CONDITIONS

**PLEASE READ THESE TERMS CAREFULLY. ENROLMENT AND PAYMENT OF A DEPOSIT FOR THE TOUR CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS.** Upon payment of the Deposit, the Registration Form forms part of the Terms and the agreement between the passengers and Olive Tree Travel.

#### **MINIMUM NUMBERS:**

- Your booking and the tour are not confirmed until Olive Tree Travel provides written confirmation that the minimum number requirements have been met. The Price of the main tour will be based on minimum number requirements of paying passengers (as set out on the Tour Flyer) for the relevant tour (unless Olive Tree Travel advises otherwise in writing), air and hotel rates and currency exchange rate effective at the time of final invoicing by Olive tree Travel. If any changes downwards of more than 3%, the price may change accordingly. If minimum numbers are not met, and we cancel (or not proceed with) your booking, we will refund the deposit paid. Olive Tree Travel is not responsible for expenses incurred by passengers for other travel arrangements affected by a cancellation.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF BOOKING:**

**Please note: Tickets and documentation will be despatched approximately 2-3 weeks prior to your group's departure.**

#### **GROUP PACKAGE PRICE:**

- HOTELS:** All hotels offer twin or double bedded rooms with private facilities. Single or 3 bedded room, if requested, are at an additional cost. The cost of the ground arrangements as offered is based upon each busload of passengers pursuant to the minimum number of passengers required set out in the Tour Flyer. Failure to reach this number may result in a price increase, which Olive Tree Travel may impose. Where possible, Olive Tree Travel may assist in consolidating to fill the bus. Olive Tree Travel will endeavour to match single travellers in a twin share room of the same gender if passengers have indicated that as a preference. If it is not possible to do so, Olive Tree Travel reserves the right to ask twin share passengers of the same gender to revert to triple share OR to request the single supplement payment, which the single traveller must pay.
- MEALS:** Meals consisting of service provider standard supplied breakfasts and dinners are included on the tour as indicated as per your itinerary.
- SIGHTSEEING:** Local transportation by air-conditioned coach, the services of an English speaking guide and the entrance fees to places visited on sightseeing tours described in the itinerary are included in the tour price.
- TRANSFERS:** Transfers of one passenger and one suitcase (size and weight limitations apply) per passenger between overseas airports, hotels, piers, stations, etc. are included throughout the tour in both directions. Transfers to airport of departure (subject to the below) are included provided passengers travel on the selected group departure flight only. Passengers extending their stays, deviating from the group itinerary or missing their transfers (through no fault of Olive Tree Travel) must arrange their own airport transfers independently and will not be entitled to or receive a refund from the group package price.
- Land only costs may be arranged but do NOT include return airport departures unless individual flights coincide with those of the group. Private transfers and extra nights' accommodation can be arranged for you at additional costs.
- SERVICE CHARGES and TAXES:** Service charges and taxes imposed by foreign facilities in connection with the services provided as part of the tour are included (i.e. prepaid taxes in connection with flights).
- NOT INCLUDED:** Excess baggage and forwarding of baggage, items of a personal nature such as, but not limited to, laundry, beverages, meals other than included in your itinerary, transportation from your hometown to the airport of departure and vice versa, travel insurance, personal expense money, medical fees, phone calls, tips (outside of the programme), , and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not shown in these Terms as being included.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Economy class airfares are based on **\*NON-REFUNDABLE** restricted fares as applicable for groups flying together for the entire itinerary. Olive Tree Travel reserves the right to cancel, withdraw or change the tour in whole or in part at any time. In the event of such a change deemed necessary by Olive Tree Travel, the sole and exclusive obligation of Olive Tree Travel is to refund pro-rata any payment received in connection therewith. If you choose to deviate from group flights and purchase a non-group airfare from Olive Tree Travel, you may need to pay for these flights before the final balance date. Any seating requests cannot be guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of the airlines.

**PASSPORTS, VISAS AND INSURANCE:** It is the passenger's sole responsibility to ensure that they have a valid passport (and is valid for at least 6 months beyond the end of the tour) and all visas and permits (if any) for the tour.

Travel Insurance is compulsory, and passengers must obtain appropriate travel insurance to cover them from unforeseen cancellations or events. Insurance may be purchased from Olive Tree Travel prior to departure or passengers may obtain insurance from their own travel insurance provider. Once purchased, insurance premiums are not refundable. Contact Olive Tree Travel or your travel insurance provider for further information.



## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All Olive Tree Travel tours require a moderate level of fitness. Please make sure this tour is suitable for you before returning your registration form.

- At the time of booking you must report any mental or physical disabilities which may require special attention while on tour. Olive Tree Travel will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so; nor is Olive Tree Travel responsible for any denial of services by air carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Olive Tree Travel does not provide personal services (such as pushing a wheelchair, assisting with walking etc.), or provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches, cruise ships and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance and must assume full responsibility for their wellbeing.
- Some locations and sightseeing activities may not accommodate wheelchairs or walkers and may require extensive standing, sitting or walking. Olive Tree Travel will not refund or cover any cost or expense incurred for any missed activities due to a participants' inability to fully participate on the group tour. Olive Tree Travel is not responsible for any missed activity due to the traveller's inability to participate with the group.
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## CANCELLATION OF TRIP BY OLIVE TREE TRAVEL:

- Olive Tree Travel reserves the right to cancel any booking:
  - (a) in accordance with operating requirements;
  - (b) due to a Force Majeure Event; or
  - (c) if minimum numbers are not met.
- In the event that Olive Tree Travel cancels your booking as a result of a Force Majeure Event (see Definitions below) prior to the departure date, Olive Tree Travel will refund the balance of the group package price less any unrecoverable Third Party costs (evidence of Third Party costs may be provided to you upon request) and other expenses incurred by Olive Tree Travel for the cancelled travel arrangements and less any overhead charges incurred by Olive Tree Travel specific to the cancelled travel arrangements and the sum of fair compensation for work undertaken by Olive Tree Travel in relation to the cancelled travel arrangements until the time of cancellation (including in connection with the processing of any refunds).
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- In the event that Olive Tree Travel cancels your travel arrangements for reasons other than a Force Majeure Event (including a cancellation pursuant to operating requirements), you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all monies paid or a trip of substantially equal quality (if appropriate). In the event that a trip of substantially equal quality costs more than the cancelled tour, you will be responsible for the additional costs. Olive Tree Travel will not be liable for any cancellation or change in cost or for any penalties incurred on other travel arrangements, including air travel, that may be affected as a result of a cancellation made by Olive Tree Travel (whether or not due to a Force Majeure Event).
- If minimum numbers are not met, and we cancel (or not proceed with) your booking, we will refund the deposit paid.

## CANCELLATION OF BOOKING AND CANCELLATION CHARGES:

- In the event that you cancel your booking in writing prior to 60 days before the departure date (and the passengers have not paid the balance of the group package price) each passenger shall forfeit the deposit per person to Olive Tree Travel and Olive Tree Travel agrees to refund all other monies paid by the passengers towards the group package price. If a booking is cancelled by a passenger/s due to adhering to specific DFAT advice that states 'Do Not Travel', Olive Tree Travel agrees to transfer any deposits paid in respect of such passenger/s to any other Olive Tree Travel organised tour departing within 12 months of the scheduled departure date of the original tour and in the event that you do not agree to transfer the deposit to a tour departing within 12 months of the scheduled departure date, your deposit will be forfeited.
- In the event that you cancel your booking in writing between 7 days and 60 days of the departure date (and the balance of the group package price has been received by Olive Tree Travel) or you fail to pay the balance of the group package price by the Due Date (whereby your booking will be deemed to be cancelled), then each affected passenger shall forfeit the deposit paid per person to Olive Tree Travel and shall also be liable to pay an additional \$500.00 cancellation fee to Olive Tree Travel together with all penalty cancellation charges imposed by airlines, hotels, wholesalers or other service providers. Olive Tree Travel shall deduct such cancellation charges and fees from any amounts held by Olive Tree Travel on the passenger's behalf and any shortfall must be paid by the relevant passengers within 7 days of cancellation and notification of the amount due and payable. Any remaining group package price funds held by Olive Tree Travel after deducting the cancellation fee and any penalty cancellation charges will be refunded by Olive Tree Travel to you.
- In the event that you cancel your booking in writing within 7 days of the departure date or in the event that there are any unutilised bookings, each cancelled passenger shall forfeit the deposit along with any other monies paid towards the group package price and may be liable to pay an additional \$500.00 cancellation fee (at the sole discretion of Olive Tree Travel) together with all penalty cancellation charges imposed by airlines, hotels, wholesalers or other service providers. There will be no refund made by Olive Tree Travel in this instance.

**REFUNDS:** All cancellations and claims for refunds (which are allowed under these Terms) must be made prior to departure in writing directly to Olive Tree Travel. No refund shall be provided to passengers who do not use services or items included in the tour on or after the departure date.

## ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND VARIATIONS

Olive Tree Travel agrees to arrange for the trip outlined in the itinerary provided by Olive Tree Travel and subject to these terms and this represents the entire agreement between the passenger and Olive Tree Travel. No changes or deviations are effective unless authorised by Olive Tree Travel in writing or are required to be made by Olive Tree Travel due to operational requirements of service providers for circumstances beyond Olive Tree Travel's reasonable control. No other person is authorised to adjust, modify, cancel or change this program, to make any representation or warranty concerning the tour. The Tour Leader/s in conjunction with Olive Tree Travel reserves the right to decline any registration.

## SERVICE PROVIDERS AND AGENCY

Transport service providers are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board the aircraft, vehicle or conveyance.

The passenger contracts directly with each service provider in respect to each service obtained (when such service is not directly provided by Olive Tree Travel) as agent for the passenger. Olive Tree Travel agrees to use due skill and care in making such bookings. When tickets

or confirmation of services are issued by service providers to the passenger, such ticket or confirmation constitutes the sole and entire contract between the service provider and the passenger, and Olive Tree Travel assumes no liability or any responsibility in connection to such booking. Olive Tree Travel is not a carrier and does not own any hotels, aircrafts, bus' or other vehicles used in the tour . All bookings with service providers are subject to the service provider's terms and conditions of sale and any limitation of liability imposed by such service providers. Service providers may limit, restrict or exclude liability in respect to personal injury, death, delays and loss or damage to baggage and belongings.

#### **LIABILITY OF OPERATOR**

To the extent permitted by law, Olive Tree Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss (including consequential or special loss), accidents, schedule changes, irregularity, incidental damages, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused directly or indirectly by the acts, omissions or default, whether negligent or otherwise, of service providers over whom we have no direct control, force majeure or any other event which is beyond our reasonable control. Under circumstances where liability cannot be excluded and where liability may be lawfully limited, such liability is limited to the value of the purchased travel arrangements or the costs of re-supplying the goods and services whichever is the lesser. Olive Tree Travel assumes no responsibility for acts or omissions on the part of the tour guides used in the tour. Nothing in these terms is intended to limit any rights you may have under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) or the Australian Consumer Law.

#### **INVALIDITY**

The provisions of the Terms are severable, and if any provision of the Terms is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such provision may be removed and the remaining provisions shall be enforced.

#### **JURISDICTION**

This agreement shall be deemed to have been made in the state of Victoria and shall be governed by the law of that state and the parties further submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that state. Notwithstanding this clause, Olive Tree Travel relies on and receives the benefits of international conventions, national and international law in respect to air travel and transportation which may apply to the services provided by service providers and Olive Tree Travel.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Force Majeure Event means any event beyond Olive Tree Travel or Olive Tree Travel suppliers' control, the consequence of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures have been taken. This includes, but is not limited to, warfare and acts of terrorism (and threat thereof), civil strife, significant risk to human health such as the outbreak of serious or infectious disease, epidemic, pandemic or natural disaster such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which makes it is impossible to travel safely to the travel destination or remain at the travel destination, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial disputes, labour strikes, blocks, closures, nuclear disasters, fire, chemical or biological disasters, unavoidable technical problems with transport or a change in the law.

If you would not like to receive further communication from Olive Tree Travel after the conclusion of your tour, please tick this box