



13 day Japan Autumn Hokkaido Experience

Visiting : Japan

DAILY SUMMARY

Day 1 : Home / Taipei
 Day 2 : Taipei / Sapporo
 Day 3 : Sapporo / Biei / Furano
 Day 4 : Furano / Sounkyo Onsen
 Day 5 : Sounkyo Onsen / Shiretoko
 Day 6 : Shiretoko / Lake Akan
 Day 7 : Lake Akan / Tokachigawa
 Day 8 : Tokachigawa / Noboribetsu
 Day 9 : Noboribetsu / Hakodate
 Day 10 : Hakodate / Lake Toya
 Day 11 : Lake Toya / Sapporo
 Day 12 : Sapporo / Taipei / Home
 Day 13 : Arrive Home

INCLUSIONS / EXCLUSIONS

Minimum / Maximum tour participants	Minimum 15 / Maximum 30
Accommodation	Based on specified hotel in itinerary or similar class
Flights	International economy flights with China Airways
Gratuities	Included
Meals	Daily breakfast including meals as mentioned. 1 bottle of drinking water provided daily (during touring days only).
Transfers	Private and public transfers as specified in itinerary
Admission Fees	As mentioned in itinerary
Guides / Tour leader	English speaking guides throughout tour and 1 tour leader escort for the group
Travel Insurance	Not included. We strongly recommend taking out insurance cover which includes adequate cover for medical COVID-19

ALL IN PRICING

Based on per person, twin share (Mel/Syd)

Dep	Ret	Normal price	Early Bird Price	Early Bird Expiry
25 Sep 2026	7 Oct 2026	\$7,280	\$6,780	28 February 2026

Important –

Once tour has confirmed numbers we will request a secondary deposit of \$2000 per person

Based on departure from Melbourne and Sydney, for other cities please enquire

For single supplement pricing please contact our friendly staff

FIRST 10 PROMOTION IS BACK!

First ten people to join an escorted tour departing in 2026 is entitled to a further \$200 discount!

*Terms and conditions apply. Please visit our website for full details

save up to \$200 off your next tour with our
[welcome back program]

This is our way of saying Thank You and rewarding customers who have been on multiple tours with Friendly Travel. The program works as follows :

1. Register for any future Friendly Travel organised tour by paying the initial deposit
2. We will then apply a further discount based on the number of tours you have completed in the last 36 months (from the date you registered)
3. The discount table is calculated as follows (capped at a maximum \$200 per person)
4. Other conditions apply with full details on our website friendlytravel.com.au.

Number of tours join in the last 36 months

1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (or more)
\$50	\$75	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200

Discount applied for each tour

Map of Journey



Daily Itinerary

DAY	ITINERARY	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
1	HOME/TAIPEI This evening, we board our flight for Sapporo (Japan) via Taiwanese Airline, China Airways - this will involve a brief stopover in Taipei.	N/A	As per flight
2	TAIPEI/SAPPORO (JAPAN) Once we land into Taipei, there will be a bit of time to stretch out your legs before reboarding our flight for Chitose Airport in Sapporo, Japan. After arriving in Sapporo in the afternoon, our local guide will be hand to greet us and hopefully we can check into our hotel for rest (subject to hotel availability). If check in is not possible, we will have some time to explore nearby areas such as the local shops, or simply wander the streets to take in the local culture. Tonight, we will enjoy our first dinner together.	<i>Sapporo Excel Hotel Tokyu or similar</i>	As per flight Dinner
3	SAPPORO/BIEI/FURANO Begin your exploration with a drive through the picturesque regions of Biei and Furano, cruising along Patchwork Road and Panorama Road. Experience stunning landscapes as you stop at Hokusei no Oka for expansive views of colourful rolling hills framed by the Taietsu mountain range. Continue to Shikisai no Oka, where you can stroll through 7 hectares of blooming flowers, including sunflowers, lavenders, and cosmos—perfect for photo opportunities during Autumn and enjoying the natural beauty.	<i>Shin-Furano Prince Hotel or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner



Welcome to Sapporo!



Biei Flower Garden

Daily Itinerary

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4	FURANO/SOUNKYO GORGE/SOUNKYO ONSEN On this day, you'll embark on a journey from Furano to Sounkyo Gorge, a breathtaking destination known for its dramatic landscapes and stunning waterfalls. Begin your adventure with a ride on the Kurodake Ropeway, ascending the mountain to reveal panoramic views of the Daisetsuzan Mountain Range, a striking backdrop of rugged peaks and emerald alpine forests. Once at the top, take time to soak in the beauty surrounding you. Afterward, venture down to view the famous Ryusei No Taki (Shooting Star Falls) and Ginga No Taki (Milky Way Falls), two of the most spectacular waterfalls in the area, renowned for their picturesque cascades. Stop by the Obako rock formation, a striking natural feature that provides another opportunity for memorable photographs. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at a leisurely pace, with free time to explore the gorge further and take in the stunning Koyo, or autumn leaves, which are particularly impressive during this season.	<i>Sounkyo Kanko Hotel or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
5	SOUNKYO ONSEN/ABASHIRI/SHIRETOKO REGION Depart Sounkyo Onsen toward the Shiretoko region. At the Okhotsk Ryu-Hyo Museum, engage interactively with drift ice in a -15°C simulated room and learn about unique sea creatures like Clione, known as the sea angel. Then, head to Tentozan Observatory for panoramic views of Lake Abashiri and the stunning Shiretoko Peninsula. A visit to the Shiretoko World Heritage Conservation Centre wraps up the day as you view a film showcasing the region's natural splendours throughout the seasons.	<i>Shiretoko Daiichi Hotel or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
6	SHIRETOKO TOUR/LAKE AKAN This day begins with an exciting boat tour from Shiretoko Utoro Port, where you'll have the chance to witness stunning cliffs and unique rock formations along the Shiretoko Peninsula. As you cruise through the waters, keep an eye out for local wildlife, adding a sense of adventure to your journey. After the boat tour, you will explore the Shiretoko Five Lakes, which offers two tailored walking routes designed to highlight the area's remarkable beauty. You can choose to take the Elevated Wooden Path, a one-mile path that leads to the first lake and provides panoramic views of the surrounding scenery, including the breathtaking Sea of Okhotsk. After your exploration, you'll drive to Teshikaga, where Lake Mashu awaits. Here, visit the observation deck to view one of the clearest lakes in the world, with its striking blue waters often referred to as a "mystical mirror." This natural wonder is renowned for its visibility and ethereal beauty. As the day winds down, you'll arrive at Lake Akan, settling in and preparing for the experiences ahead, wrapped in the tranquillity of this picturesque lakeside setting.	<i>New Akan Hotel or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner



Sounkyo Gorge



Kurodake Ropeway



Shiretoko Peninsula

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7	LAKE AKAN/TOKACHIGAWA <p>Enjoy a leisurely morning at Lake Akan, a tranquil location known for its stunning natural beauty. You can take your time enjoying the serene surroundings before embarking on a scenic cruise along the lake, where you'll have the unique opportunity to see rare green Marimo algae, a type of aquatic moss that forms into spherical shapes. After your relaxing cruise, head to Washo Ichiba Market, a bustling hub where you can indulge in Kushiro's culinary delights. Following this culinary adventure, you'll travel to Tokachigawa Onsen. This renowned hot spring resort is famous for its Moor hot springs, often referred to as "hot springs for beauty." These hot springs contain rich organic plant-derived compounds that are believed to have excellent skin moisturizing and smoothing effects, providing a rejuvenating experience after a day of exploration.</p>	<i>Tokachigawa Daiheigen Hotel or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
8	TOKACHIGAWA/NOBORIBETSU <p>After breakfast, we depart from Tokachigawa Onsen, traveling towards Noboribetsu, with a scenic few hour journey that allows you to enjoy the beautiful landscapes of Hokkaido. Along the way, you'll stop for lunch we continue our drive to Noboribetsu and upon arrival, we will make a visit to the Shiraoi Ainu Village, where you'll gain valuable insights into the Ainu culture. Through engaging displays of heirlooms, household utensils, and traditional embroidery, you can appreciate the rich heritage and lifestyle of the Ainu people. After exploring the village, you'll return to your accommodations for the night, allowing time to relax and reflect on the experiences of the day.</p>	<i>Noboribetsu Mahoroba Hotel or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
9	NOBORIBETSU/HAKODATE <p>This day begins with breakfast before traveling from Noboribetsu to Hakodate. You'll first stop at Goryokaku Tower, where you can ascend to enjoy panoramic views of Goryokaku Fort Park, a historic star-shaped fortification surrounded by beautiful gardens and autumn foliage. Afterward, you can take a leisurely stroll to Goryokaku Fort itself, experiencing its picturesque surroundings up close. The afternoon is yours to explore, with free time at the Motomachi shopping arcade, where you can shop for souvenirs or taste local snacks. In the evening, you'll take the ropeway to Mt. Hakodate, where the breathtaking views of the city lights at night are renowned for their beauty. After an incredible day, you'll return to your hotel to unwind.</p>	<i>Hakodate Kokusai Hotel or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner



Lake Akan



Shiraoi Ainu Village



Goryokaku Fort Park

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10	HAKODATE/LAKE TOYA Start your morning in Hakodate with a visit to the bustling morning market, where explore the fresh seafood and local delicacies that can be found here. After exploring the market, you'll depart for Lake Toya, taking in the scenic views during the journey. Upon arrival, we visit Mt. Showa Shinzan, an active volcano, and take the Mt. Usu Ropeway to enjoy breathtaking vistas of both the mountain and the lake below. The area is also home to Bear Ranch, where you'll learn about local wildlife. As the day comes to a close, you'll settle into your accommodation at Lake Toya, where the natural beauty of the area sets the perfect backdrop for relaxation.	<i>Toyako Kohantei or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
11	LAKE TOYA/SAPPORO After a hearty breakfast, depart from Lake Toya for Sapporo. This bus journey offers captivating views of the picturesque landscapes of Hokkaido, setting the stage for your day in the vibrant capital city. Upon arrival, embark on a guided city tour highlighting Sapporo's main attractions, including the historic clock tower and Odori Park. After taking in the sights, you'll have free time for shopping, allowing you to explore local boutiques and perhaps pick up unique souvenirs.	<i>Sapporo Excel Hotel Tokyu or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
12	SAPPORO/TAIPEI/HOME On your final day, enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel before preparing for departure. You'll have the morning free to soak in the last moments in Sapporo. As lunch approaches, you'll check out and head to the airport for your flight back home with China Airways (via Taipei). This marks the end of your memorable journey through Hokkaido, filled with stunning landscapes, rich culture, and delicious food, as you head home with cherished memories.	N/A	Breakfast As per flight
13	ARRIVE HOME Your flight arrives back home today and we hope you had a great holiday!	N/A	As per flight



Lake Toya



Sapporo City

Booking Terms and Conditions

Can also be found at - <https://www.friendlytravel.com.au/booking-terms-and-conditions/>

Friendly Travel Service Terms and Conditions

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These Booking Conditions set out the terms on which you contract with us for the arrangement and delivery of travel arrangements for your trip. By making a booking with us, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions. We reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you making a booking request.

"You" and "Your" means all persons named in a booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date). **"We", "us", "our"** and **"Friendly Travel"** means Friendly Travel Pty Ltd.

YOUR HOLIDAY CONTRACT

The first named person on a booking request ("Lead Traveller") promises that s/he is authorised to request a booking subject to these Booking Conditions by all persons named in the booking request and by the parents or guardians for any party member who is under 18 when the booking request is made. The Lead Traveller is responsible for making all payments due under a booking by all party members. The Lead Traveller must be at least 18 when the booking is requested. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see "Payments" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the 'Lead Traveller' or the travel agent through whom the booking was requested. We reserve the right to decline any booking at our discretion.

OUR SERVICES

The services we provide to you are limited to (a) the arrangement and coordination of your travel arrangements; and (b) the delivery of travel arrangements which we directly control (if any). This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements.

YOUR DETAILS

Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking. A copy of your passport is required at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing. If you do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then you will be responsible for any fees charged (such as airline cancellation charges or re-issue fees) in addition to our own reasonable administration fees.

YOUR OBLIGATION TO CHECK DETAILS

Please check your invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the invoice or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits, but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later, you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See "Amendments by You" & "Cancellations by You" below).

PRICES

Prices and services are subject to availability of tour, airline, and specific economy airfare. Prices may differ once a preferred booking class is sold out. Prices stated are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and are current at the time of publication. The most up to date pricing is available on our website. The price includes international flights and taxes (where tour specifies it is flight inclusive), accommodation, transportation and other inclusions as per the published itinerary. We reserve the right to correct any obvious errors in rates quoted or calculated, or any omissions made at any time during your booking. Any verbal quote given is an indication only of the final price and is subject to confirmation in writing. Costs associated with passports, vaccinations, insurance, meals (other than those stipulated), emergency evacuation costs, gratuities (outside of our tour package price), and all items of a personal nature are not included.

AMENDMENTS BY YOU

Our tour package prices indicated in our brochures and/or website are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation, etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost and are not covered by the Amendment Fee. Please consult our staff with regards to the fees.

PRICE SURCHARGES

We reserve the right to surcharge the cost of your booked travel arrangements prior to final balance of payment for circumstances beyond our control such as currency devaluation, fuel or air fare surcharges, airline schedule changes, minimum passengers requirements or the imposition of new or amended Government charges.

We will not surcharge for currency fluctuations once full payment has been received by us.

PAYMENTS

You are required to pay a deposit of \$400 per person (or full payment if booking within 60 days of commencement of your travel arrangements) to Friendly Travel or your travel agent within three days of you making your booking request. Please note that we may not hold any services for you until we receive payment of your deposit, meaning that services may become unavailable or prices may increase, in which case you will be responsible for paying the increased price, and we will not be responsible if services become unavailable. Friendly Travel reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 60 days prior to departure (eg. airfare portion/cruise payment) in the event that tickets need to be issued by our office or by our operators overseas due to ticketing time limits. Normally a partial payment of the final balance will be stipulated by our staff or in the tour brochure/website.

The final balance of the travel arrangements is due no later than 60 days prior to the confirmed tour commencement date. If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you have cancelled your booking, and cancellation fees will apply (See "Cancellations by You" below).

Early payment offer: We require full payment (per person) at the time of booking and before the final date of the offer which is specified on the website/brochure. Our "WELCOME BACK" offer can also be applied in addition to this discount. Friendly Travel will also honour any further advertised offers after payment and will refund to you the difference within 60 days of departure. Full cancellation penalties will apply if you decide to cancel after making full payment (See "Cancellations by You").

Card Processing Fees: Please note that any pay-

ments made by credit or debit card are subject to the following processing fees (this is subject to variance and our staff will advise at time of payment):

Visa/Mastercard Credit card - 1.2%,
Visa/Mastercard Debit card - 1.2%
American Express - 2.3%
International Credit card - 3.3%

AMENDMENTS BY US

Prior to travel: Occasionally, we may need to make amendments or modifications to the itinerary and its' inclusions and you acknowledge our right to do this. If we become aware of a significant change to your itinerary or its' inclusions prior to the commencement of your trip (where the trip can still proceed), then we will notify you within a reasonable time and any price variations if applicable.

During travel: You acknowledge that the itinerary, modes of transport, accommodation and/or the trip's inclusions may need to change during your trip due to local circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including road conditions, poor weather, changes in transport schedules, and/or vehicle breakdowns. You agree that we have the right to pass on any costs we incur for alternative arrangements we put in place for your benefit in these circumstances.

General: To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any omissions or modifications to the itinerary or the inclusions due to Force Majeure or other circumstances beyond our control happening after we have accepted your booking. This includes any loss of enjoyment or distress caused by omissions or modifications. If you are entitled to any compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept. We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its' inclusions.

CANCELLATIONS BY YOU

Cancellations must be made in writing to Friendly Travel and are subject to the following cancellation charges (cancellations are also dependent upon other additional charges imposed for air/rail/cruise tickets as referred to below) from the date the written cancellation is received:

- * More than 60 days prior to departure - loss of initial deposit and cancellation fees associated with applicable partial payments
- * Between 59 and 31 days prior to departure - 50% of total cost
- * Within 30 days prior to departure or 'no show' - 100% of total cost

Following the commencement of your tour, no refunds will be made for any services which you choose not to use or which you cannot use for any reason other than a reason within our control. If you are not fully and validly vaccinated against Covid-19 in the destination(s) where services are to be provided, and particular suppliers refuse to provide you with travel arrangements, then you agree you will not be entitled to any refund for those arrangements. We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses you incur (including loss of enjoyment or the costs of alternative arrangements) if you are denied services in these circumstances.

Regrettably, cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. Please note that employees of any overseas or local companies outside of Friendly Travel are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in respect of refunds or any other matters.

Please note special groups, extensions & custom tours may have differing cancellation fees, these will be communicated in writing at time of booking.

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ILLNESS (COVID-19) OR VACCINATION STATUS PREVENTING TRAVEL

If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests (such as a PCR or rapid antigen test in relation to Covid-19 or vaccination requirements):

- * an airline or other common carrier refuses you carriage; or
- * a hotel or vessel refuses to accommodate you; or
- * we or our suppliers (acting reasonably) exclude you from the trip and you are consequently prevented from commencing or continuing your trip, then:

- if you have already commenced your trip, we will provide you with reasonable assistance to arrange alternative travel arrangements or to continue the trip. This will be at your cost.

- if you have not commenced your trip then we regret we will not be in a position to provide such assistance.

In either of the above scenarios we will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) because we would have already paid (or committed to pay) suppliers and we would have already performed significant work preparing for the delivery of your trip and servicing your booking. We will not be responsible for any loss or other costs you incur in connection with your booking (for example, airfares and visa expenses) if you are prevented from commencing or continuing your trip in these circumstances.

We highly recommend you take out travel insurance which covers you in such situations.

CANCELLATIONS OR RESCHEDULING BY US

In these Booking Conditions, the term Force Majeure means an event or events beyond our control and which we could not have reasonably prevented, and includes but is not limited to, (a) natural disasters (including not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide, volcanic eruption), adverse weather conditions (including hurricane or cyclone), high or low water levels; (b) war, armed conflict, industrial dispute, civil strife, terrorist activity or the threat of such acts; (c) epidemic, pandemic; (d) any new or change in law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (including travel advisories and restrictions).

Force Majeure - Prior to travel: If in our reasonable opinion we (either directly or through our employees, contractors, suppliers, or agents) consider that your travel arrangements cannot safely or lawfully proceed due to a Force Majeure Event then we at our discretion may elect to:

* reschedule your travel arrangements (in whole or in part); and/or

* cancel your travel arrangements (in whole or in part), in which case our contract with you will terminate (in whole or in part).

If we cancel any of your travel arrangements, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other for the cancelled arrangements. However, we will refund payments attributable to the cancelled travel arrangements less: (a) unrecoverable third-party costs and other expenses incurred by us for the cancelled travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of the cancelled travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to the cancelled travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

Force Majeure - During travel: If due to Force Majeure we cancel travel arrangements after your trip has commenced, we will provide you with a refund of recoverable third-party costs for cancelled travel arrangements only.

Force Majeure - General: If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel

arrangements are cancelled or rescheduled due to Force Majeure, then you agree the amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and assistance.

You acknowledge that the terms in this section are reasonably necessary to protect our legitimate business interests. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance that adequately responds to cancellation and rescheduling risks associated with Force Majeure events.

Other cancellations

Minimum Numbers: Friendly Travel reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. We will advise you no less than 60 days prior to your tour commencement if minimum numbers have not been achieved.

If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure, you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid, or the offer of a trip of substantially equal quality if appropriate. We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur if your travel arrangements are rescheduled or cancelled whether or not due to Force Majeure.

If we cancel your travel arrangements, neither party will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third-party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund.

CANCELLATION DUE TO GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY

If you are ordered into a period of quarantine by a government or public health authority as a mandatory directive for any reason and this requires you to cancel or amend your travel arrangements with us within 75 days of your departure date, Friendly Travel will not be liable for any third-party costs, cancellation fees or prepaid arrangements such as (but not limited to) airfares and cruise ship bookings.

We will not be responsible for any additional cost incurred to you while on tour if you are instructed by a government or public health authority to enter into a period of quarantine or to return home early, this includes any extra accommodation costs or amendments to your onward travel arrangements.

Friendly Travel will endeavour to recover as much of your funds as we can on your behalf, or negotiate a credit for future use, should a disruption to your tour arrangements occur due to a government or public health authority directive.

Friendly Travel highly recommends you investigate and secure travel insurance options that best suit your individual circumstances, including any applicable to pre-existing medical conditions and world events.

JOINING YOUR TOUR

Airline schedules from different cities vary so travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en-route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation (including but not limited to airport transfers) or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services. If you have booked a land only option, please email a copy of your flight schedule before time of full payment to allow us time to organise with our tour leader and local company.

REFUSAL OF CARRIAGE

Friendly Travel retains the right to remove customers from our group tours for reasons that impact on the enjoyment or safety of other tour members, such as, but not limited to, the physical, medical or mental inability of customers to undertake the

arrangements of the tour, unsocial or unruly behaviour, or the carriage of prohibited substances and materials. You will not be entitled to any refund for unused services and you will be responsible for any additional costs you incur.

HOTELS

Hotel descriptions featured on our website are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers. Any facilities described are subject to change at any time. Maps and photographs are included for general information only and may not necessarily reflect actual routings, location or services. Friendly Travel has made reasonable enquiries to verify that the descriptions and details are accurate but does not warrant that they are. We reserve the right to substitute hotels, vessels and other forms of accommodation with properties or vessels of a comparable or higher standard.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is strongly encouraged that you are adequately insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the trip of your choice. If you suffer from a medical condition which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention, or which may affect the normal conduct of the trip, then you must advise us at the time you make your booking request.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you will require special assistance from personnel which we cannot reasonably provide, then we may cancel your booking. Provided you notified us of your medical condition at the time you made your booking request, we will provide you with a full of refund of payments made. If you fail to notify us at that time or if you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time of our request, then this will be considered a cancellation by you.

We reserve the right to cancel your booking if any changed or non-disclosed medical conditions mean that you will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide. We strongly suggest that your travel insurance policy includes comprehensive cancellation coverage.

VACCINATIONS

For tours departing after 1 June 2023—Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters are highly recommended, but no longer requested by Friendly Travel unless it is a requirement by local authorities and/or suppliers (including but not limited to airlines, cruise ships and buses).

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING

A passport with a minimum of six months validity and at least 2 blank pages upon return to Australia is required for customers travelling to all countries on our tours. If a visa fee is required for Australian passport holders we will advise you of the additional cost and assist you with obtaining the visa. For Non-Australian passport holders, we suggest that you contact the relevant Embassy/Consulate with regards to obtaining the visa. Friendly Travel cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and accepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability. We recommend that you review information provided by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade prior to making your booking by calling 1300 555 135 or by visiting their website www.dfat.gov.au for the latest information. We strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with the latest Government Consular advice and information.

Late Bookings: If a booking is made within 60 days prior to departure it is considered a late booking. Late bookings may incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Friendly Travel does not process visa applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

ROOM SHARING

In the situation of two independent travellers who agree to travel with each other on tour, we request that both make communication before paying the tour deposit and advise us in writing of willingness to travel together.

There may be a situation in which you will need to pay a single supplement if your partner(s) decide to cancel.

Outside 60 days of departure date

If a partner decides to cancel, then the cancellation policy applies to the cancelling partner plus fees. The person who did not cancel has a choice of either paying any additional single passenger supplement (if applicable) to continue travelling or if they decide to cancel, they will have their initial deposit refunded.

Within 60 days of departure date

If a partner decides to cancel, then the full cancellation policy applies to them. The remaining passenger can continue to travel at no penalty however if they decide to cancel as well, the cancellation policy will also apply.

Decision to split whilst on tour

In the circumstance where both room sharing participants agree to seek their own room whilst on tour, responsibility for any additional fees will be divided equally between participants and is also subject to hotel availability.

Single Room

If, by choice or circumstance, a single room is required, then a single room surcharge will apply. While all endeavours will be made to provide you with a single room, if for whatever reason your single room is not available, then you will be provided with a refund for the applicable dates.

SEATBELTS

Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in certain parts of the world and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason local operators may or may not have seatbelts in vehicles or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. As such, customers acknowledge that seatbelts may not be available and therefore travel at their own risk. Customers warrant that they shall not make any claim howsoever arising for injury or damage in respect of, arising from or

contributed to by the absence of seatbelts and hereby release Friendly Travel from all such claims.

INDEPENDENT SERVICES

We are not responsible for any additional activities or excursions which are not included in the booked itinerary or which we sell as agent for the principal operator. Any advice or recommendation made by a guide or local representative does not make us responsible.

SHOPPING

Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets. However, Friendly Travel, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion. Leisure activities and services undertaken during free time is at the customer's own discretion.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

You acknowledge that travel involves personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be as a result of the adventurous nature of your trip or the visiting of destinations which present geographical, political or cultural risks and dangers. You should consult guidance issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) applicable to the destinations within your itinerary. You acknowledge that your choice to travel is made having had the benefit of DFAT guidance, and you accept any additional personal risks associated with your travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we disclaim any liability for these risks.

RESPONSIBILITY

Services supplied by independent suppliers: Where a third party over whom we have no direct control (Independent Supplier) is the supplier of travel arrangements that form part of your trip, you acknowledge that our obligations to you are limited to taking reasonable steps to select a reputable Independent Supplier and arranging for them to provide those travel arrangements to you. Independent Suppliers over whom we have no direct control include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators, hoteliers, independent transport companies (i.e. vehicles not operated by us) and common carriers. We act as an intermediary only and you will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Independent Supplier. Any disputes between you and the Independent Supplier are to be resolved between you and them. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any loss, damage, personal injury or delay attributable to the actions or omissions of an Independent Supplier.

Services we directly supply: To the extent only that we are the principal supplier to you of travel arrangements or other services which we control, then we will provide those travel arrangements and services with reasonable skill and care. We will only be responsible for our employees in the course of their employment, and for our agents and suppliers (where we are not the supplier's agent or an intermediary for an Independent Supplier) if they were carrying out the work we had asked them to do. We will not be responsible for any loss, damage, claim or expense caused by the acts or omissions of yourself, of any other third party not connected with the provision of the travel arrangements or services, or due to an event of Force Majeure. While we endeavour to meet scheduled arrival and departure times, we cannot guarantee this. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/services attributable to delays.

General liability limitation: You acknowledge that travel arrangements or services which comply with local laws and regulations will be deemed to have been properly performed, even if this would not be

considered the case in Australia. Australian Consumer Law and corresponding legislation in State jurisdictions in certain circumstances imply mandatory conditions and warranties into consumer contracts ("Consumer Warranties"). These Booking Conditions do not exclude or limit the application of the Consumer Warranties. Other than the Consumer Warranties, we disclaim all warranties. To the fullest extent permitted by law, our maximum liability to you under these Booking Conditions, in tort (including negligence) or at law is limited to arranging for the travel arrangements to be resupplied or payment of the cost of having the travel arrangements resupplied.

COMPLAINTS

At Friendly Travel we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints and/or feedback effectively and efficiently. Should the customer not be satisfied with any aspect of their arrangements they must immediately inform the Tour escort or local guide who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If you wish to lodge a complaint or submit feedback to our customer relations team you can also email Friendly Travel (sales@friendlytravel.com.au).

AIRLINES

Airlines featured in this brochure do not by virtue of their endorsement represent themselves either as contracting with any purchaser of a holiday from Friendly Travel, or as having any legal relationship with such a purchaser. Frequent flyer miles may not be accrued on some packaged fares. Pre-flight seat allocation may not be available. If seat allocation, additional baggage, airport assist services or medical clearance is required and is permitted by the airline, this is to be booked by the traveller directly with the airline and additional fees incurred at the time of arranging these services is payable by the traveller. For details, contact our office. Schedule changes or flight cancellations are subject to the airlines policy and are outside Friendly Travel control.

PRIVACY

We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Friendly Travel offers and product information that may be of interest to you if you have consented to this. You can opt out of receiving information at any time if you choose to do so. You understand that Friendly Travel may post images or photos taken during tours via our company website and social media outlets and also may use comments for future advertising and publicity material. By signing our booking form you consent for us to use your photographic/video likeness in our advertising material and acknowledge you will not be entitled to any payment or other compensation. If you do not consent to the use of your image or likeness, please advise us in writing or email (sales@friendlytravel.com.au) prior to the commencement of your tour

AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the travel agents' responsibility to ensure that all invoice and itinerary details and documentation issued by Friendly Travel are correct and that the customer is aware of amendment and cancellation conditions and other provisions of these Booking Conditions. It is also the agent's responsibility to provide copies of valid passports at time of deposit. If the agent fails to satisfy these obligations, you must make any claims against the agent and you hereby release Friendly Travel from all such claims.

LAW OF CONTRACT

This contract is governed by the laws of the state of Victoria and any legal action arising therefrom shall be litigated only in the appropriate court in that state having jurisdiction in that claim.

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