



## 23 day Exploration of Central and Eastern Europe

Countries visited - Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary

### DAILY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - DEPART HOME/ DUBAI  
 DAY 2 - DUBAI/HELSINKI (FINLAND)  
 DAY 3 - HELSINKI  
 DAY 4 - HELSINKI/TALLINN (ESTONIA)  
 DAY 5 - TALLINN  
 DAY 6—TALLINN  
 DAY 7 - TALLINN/PARNU/RIGA  
 DAY 8 - RIGA/SIGULDA/RIGA  
 DAY 9 - RIGA/SIAULIAI/VILNIUS (LITHUANIA)  
 DAY 10 - VILNIUS/TRAKAI/VILNIUS  
 DAY 11 -VILNIUS/AUGUSTOW/WARSAW (POLAND)  
 DAY 12 -WARSAW  
 DAY 13 –WARSAW/KRAKOW  
 DAY 14 –KRAKOW  
 DAY 15 -KRAKOW/OLOMOUC/PRAGUE  
 (CZECH REPUBLIC)  
 DAY 16 -PRAGUE  
 DAY 17 -PRAGUE/CESKY KRUMLOV  
 DAY 18 -CESTKY KRUMLOV/VIENNA (AUSTRIA)  
 DAY 19 -VIENNA  
 DAY 20 -VIENNA/BUDAPEST (HUNGARY)  
 DAY 21 -BUDAPEST  
 DAY 22 -BUDAPEST/DUBAI  
 DAY 23 –DUBAI/ ARRIVE HOME

### INCLUSIONS / EXCLUSIONS / OPTIONS

Minimum / Maximum tour participants	Minimum 20 / Maximum 30 participants
Accommodation	Hotel - 4 star accommodation as per itinerary
Flights	International economy flights with Emirates (Airline selection may change if scheduling is affected)
Gratuities	All included
Meals	Daily breakfast including meals as mentioned. 2 bottle of drinking water provided daily
Transfers	Private and public transfers as specified in itinerary
Admission	As mentioned in itinerary
Guides / Tour leader	English speaking tour manager, local guides and 1 tour leader escort
Visas	Europe Electronic Travel Authorisation - \$20AUD Friendly Travel will assist with application, price subject to change
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

Dep	Ret	Normal price	Early Bird Price	Early Bird Expiry
24 April 2027	16 May 2027	\$14,380	\$13,880	30 Sep 2026

#### Important —

Once tour has confirmed numbers we will request a secondary deposit of \$4000 per person

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

Single supplement price \$2300 on top of package price

### 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 :

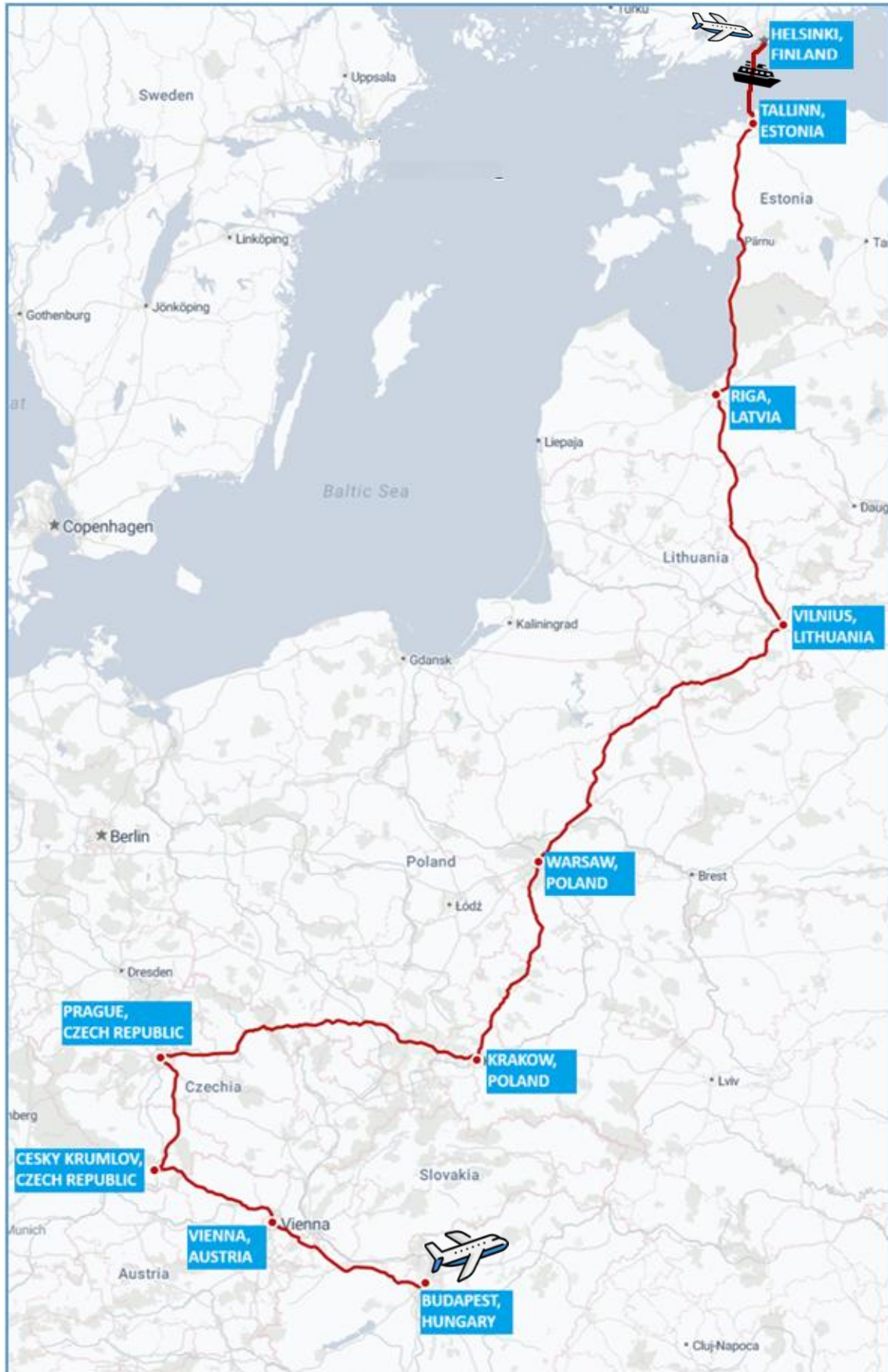
1. Register for any future Friendly Travel organised tour by paying the initial deposit
2. We will then apply a further discount based on the number of tours you have completed in the last 36 months (from the date you registered)
3. The discount table is calculated as follows (capped at a maximum \$200 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 Itinerary



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# Daily Itinerary

DAY	ITINERARY	ACCOMMODATION	INCLUDED MEALS
1	<p>DEPART HOME/DUBAI</p> <p>This afternoon, we will depart with Emirates for our first flight to Dubai.</p>	N/A	As per flight
2	<p>DUBAI/HELSINKI (FINLAND)</p> <p>Our overnight flight arrives into Dubai this morning. There will be a short transit before we reboard our flight bound for Helsinki.</p> <p>Welcome to Finland! Your trusty tour manager will be waiting to greet us. We will then head to our hotel for check in and rest. After settling into our room, we will head out for our first dinner at the hotel.</p>	<i>Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel or similar</i>	As per flight Dinner
3	<p>HELSINKI</p> <p>This morning after some much needed rest, we will go on a city sights bus tour of Helsinki which includes Sibelius Monument, Helsinki Cathedral, Senate Square and also drive past views of Uspenski Cathedral, Olympic Stadium and Market Square. We then drive to the area of Suomenlinna for a guided tour which includes entry to Tempeliukio Rock Church. Back to Helsinki in the evening.</p>	<i>Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
4	<p>HELSINKI/ TALLINN (ESTONIA)</p> <p>After breakfast and a relaxing morning, we make our way for a bit of free time at the Hakaniemi Market Hall—a vibrant, two-story indoor market loved by locals. It features around 70 vendors and here you can look for last minute Finnish souvenirs. After lunch, we take a two hour ferry crossing over to Tallinn. Upon arrival, we head to dinner and then check in at our hotel.</p>	<i>Original Sokos Hotel Viru or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
5	<p>TALLINN</p> <p>This morning after breakfast, embark on a guided tour to discover the city's rich heritage. Visit and photograph landmarks such as the Gothic St. Nicolaus Church, the historic Toompea Castle perched on a limestone hill offering stunning viewpoints, the Onion-domed Alexander Nevskij Cathedral which reflects Russian influence, and the medieval Old Town Hall in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed old town. This immersive day is designed to reveal Tallinn's blend of medieval charm and modern vibrancy.</p>	<i>Original Sokos Hotel Viru or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner



**Tempeliukio Rock Church**



**Tallinn, Estonia**



**Estonian Open Air Museum**

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6	<p>TALLINN</p> <p>Today, we dive deeper into Estonia’s rural history with a visit to the Estonian Open Air Museum, an extensive outdoor collection of traditional farm buildings, windmills, and village houses that bring the country’s past to life. This museum illustrates rural life and folk culture, set in a natural forest environment just outside Tallinn. In the afternoon, you will be given some free time in the local area to explore or relax at your own pace before regrouping back for dinner.</p>	<p><i>Original Sokos Hotel Viru or similar</i></p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Dinner</p>
7	<p>TALLINN/PARNU/RIGA</p> <p>Today, we travel southwest to Parnu, Estonia’s summer capital known for its sandy beaches and elegant wooden villas. A guided walking tour introduces you to the charming Old Town area featuring the historical Town Hall, medieval gates, local churches and also the Mary Magdalena Guild, which showcases traditional Latvian craftsmanship. After enjoying Parnu’s relaxed atmosphere, the journey continues onward to Riga, the Latvian capital famed for an extensive collection of Art Nouveau architecture and a lively old town with cobblestone streets.</p>	<p>Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija Riga or similar</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Dinner</p>
8	<p>RIGA/SIGULDA/RIGA</p> <p>Experience the scenic beauty and legendary history of Sigulda on a full-day excursion. Known as the “Switzerland of Latvia,” Sigulda’s rolling hills and forested valleys provide a breathtaking backdrop. Explore the medieval Turaida Castle, a well-preserved fortress offering panoramic views of the Gauja River Valley. Enjoy a unique cable car ride over the Gauja Valley, providing spectacular vistas and photo opportunities. Back in Riga, marvel at landmarks such as the towering Dome Cathedral—the largest medieval church in the Baltics—historic Riga Castle, and the Swedish Gate, a remnant of old city fortifications. Admire the distinctive Jugendstil (Art Nouveau) architecture, which marks Riga as one of Europe’s top cities for this style.</p>	<p>Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija Riga or similar</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Dinner</p>
9	<p>RIGA/SIAULIAI/VILNIUS (LITHUANIA)</p> <p>Depart Riga and head south to Lithuania, stopping in Siauliai to see the Hill of Crosses, a deeply symbolic pilgrimage site covered with thousands of crosses representing faith, hope, and national identity. Although no formal entrance or guide is provided here, the sight evokes a powerful spiritual and historical atmosphere. Continue to Vilnius, Lithuania’s capital, a city renowned for its Baroque architecture, winding medieval streets, and vibrant cultural life.</p>	<p>Best Western Vilnius Hotel or similar</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Dinner</p>



Siauliai—Hill of Crosses



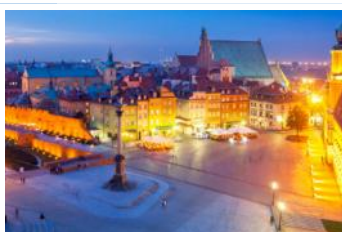
Riga City, Latvia



Trakai Castle

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10	<p>VILNIUS/TRAKAI/VILNIUS</p> <p>After breakfast, we journey to nearby Trakai, famous for its scenic setting on an island in a lake and home to Trakai Castle, a striking brick fortress with a rich Lithuanian history. Entrance is included, allowing you to explore the castle grounds and museum exhibits. Back in Vilnius, photograph key landmarks such as the Three Crosses Monument, Vilnius University, one of the oldest universities in Eastern Europe, Ausros Vartai (the Gate of Dawn) and then a drive by view of St Peter and Paul's Church.</p>	Best Western Vilnius Hotel or similar	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
11	<p>VILNIUS/AUGUSTOW/WARSAW (POLAND)</p> <p>Travel towards Poland, stopping in Augustow, a picturesque town surrounded by forests and lakes in the northeastern part of the country, known for its quiet charm and natural landscapes. The journey then continues to Warsaw, Poland's dynamic capital that remarkably blends post-war reconstruction with modern development. The city's rich history, from royal palaces to resilient wartime stories, forms a compelling backdrop for your overnight stay.</p>	<i>Mercure Warszawa Centrum or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
12	<p>WARSAW</p> <p>Explore Warsaw on a full-day guided tour with entrance to the Chopin Museum, dedicated to the life and works of Poland's famous composer Frédéric Chopin. The walking and photo stops include the reconstructed Old Town with its colourful market square, the Old Royal Palace which houses royal chambers and art collections, Lazienki Park with its Chopin monument and elegant palaces, and the defensive Barbakan fortress from medieval times. This comprehensive tour blends cultural, historical, and artistic insights into Poland's capital.</p>	<i>Mercure Warszawa Centrum or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
13	<p>WARSAW/KRAKOW</p> <p>Depart Warsaw for Krakow, Poland's former royal capital celebrated for its well-preserved medieval core. En route, visit Auschwitz Concentration Camp at Oswiecim, a UNESCO World Heritage site and powerful memorial symbolizing the horrors of the Holocaust. A guided tour provides context and reflection on this significant historical site. Upon arrival in Krakow, check into your hotel for your overnight stay.</p>	<i>Q Hotel Plus Krakow or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
14	<p>KRAKOW</p> <p>This morning, we discover the underground wonders of the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO-listed site famous for its labyrinth of tunnels, chapels, and salt sculptures carved over centuries. Later, a guided city tour covers Krakow's highlights including a drive by of the imposing Wawel Castle overlooking the Vistula River followed by photo stops the bustling Central Market Square—the largest medieval square in Europe—the Renaissance Cloth Hall, the outpost of Barbakan and the historic Old Town with its charming streets and churches.</p>	<i>Q Hotel Plus Krakow or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner



**Warsaw, Poland**



**Auschwitz Concentration**



**Chopin Monument**



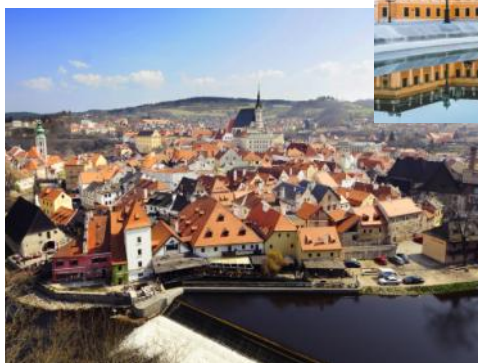
**Wieliczka Salt Mine**

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15	<p>KRAKOW/OLOMOUC/PRAGUE (CZECH REPUBLIC)</p> <p>Travel from Krakow to Olomouc, a historic Moravian city with a beautiful old town featuring Baroque architecture and vibrant cultural life. Following a lunch break, continue on to Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, renowned for its stunning skyline dominated by Gothic spires and baroque domes.</p>	<i>K+K Central hotel or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
16	<p>PRAGUE</p> <p>Spend the day exploring Prague's historic grandeur with your local guide. Visit the Prague Castle complex—the largest ancient castle in the world with its impressive St. Vitus Cathedral and royal palaces. Our guests will be treated to a unique 40 minute Classic car tour (usually 5 passengers per car) which will cover the iconic Charles Bridge, adorned with Baroque statues and providing stunning views of the Vltava River, and admire the bustling Old Town Square, home to the medieval Astronomical Clock. A classic car tour offers a unique way to see Prague's charming streets. This day encapsulates the city's architectural beauty and rich history.</p>	<i>K+K Central hotel or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
17	<p>PRAGUE/CESKY KRUMLOV</p> <p>This morning we drive to Cesky Krumlov, a fairy-tale medieval town nestled along the bend of the Vltava River, known for its UNESCO World Heritage-listed castle complex. A guided walking tour covers the castle grounds with its Renaissance and Baroque elements, the old town's narrow cobbled streets, colourful facades, and lively squares. The town's timeless charm and historical ambiance make it one of Central Europe's most picturesque destinations.</p>	<i>Bellevue Hotel or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
18	<p>CESTKY KRUMLOV/VIENNA (AUSTRIA)</p> <p>Journey to Vienna, Austria's imperial capital famous for its grand palaces, classical music heritage, and elegant coffeehouses. Spend free time in Rathausplatz, a central square dominated by the neo-Gothic City Hall, often hosting markets and events.</p>	<i>Mercure Wien Westbahnhof or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner



Prague Castle



Cesky Krumlov



Vienna

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19	<p><b>VIENNA</b></p> <p>Discover Vienna's cultural gems today by starting off with a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, the opulent former summer residence of the Habsburg emperors surrounded by exquisite gardens. Photo stops include Stadtpark, famed for its Johann Strauss monument; Hofburg Palace, the former imperial winter residence; the Austrian Parliament building; and the ornate State Opera House. Also visit the Belvedere Palace gardens and the iconic St. Stephen's Cathedral in the heart of the city, showcasing Vienna's artistic and architectural heritage. Finally we drop into Grinzing, a quaint village on Vienna's outskirts known for its traditional Heurigen wine taverns and colourful streets.</p>	<i>Mercure Wien Westbahnhof or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
20	<p><b>VIENNA/BUDAPEST (HUNGARY)</b></p> <p>A few hours of driving today will take us to Budapest, Hungary's vibrant and scenic capital split by the Danube River. Upon arrival, join a guided visit to the Central Market Hall, where you can explore traditional Hungarian foods, crafts, and produce. The evening features a folk show with a dinner showcasing Hungary's culinary traditions and lively cultural performances, providing an entertaining introduction to Hungarian customs.</p>	<i>Novotel Budapest City or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
21	<p><b>BUDAPEST</b></p> <p>Explore Budapest's landmark sites with a full day tour with photo stops including Matthias Church, known for its colourful tiled roof and Gothic interior; the Fisherman's Bastion, offering panoramic views of the city skyline; Heroes' Square, a monumental site commemorating Hungarian history; and Gellert Hill, providing sweeping vistas of the Danube and cityscape. Additional highlights include St. Stephen's Cathedral and exterior views of the Parliament building and Chain Bridge. A leisurely one-hour cruise on the Danube complements the day's sightseeing, followed by a special farewell dinner, marking the end of the long-distance coach service.</p>	<i>Novotel Budapest City or similar</i>	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
22	<p><b>BUDAPEST/DUBAI</b></p> <p>Our journey officially comes to an end as we make our way to Budapest airport for our flight for Dubai</p>	N/A	Breakfast As per flight
23	<p><b>DUBAI/ARRIVE HOME</b></p> <p>We arrive into Dubai and after a short transit, we reboard our flight bound for home. From all of us at Friendly Travel, we hope you had an enjoyable time!</p>	N/A	As per flight



Schonbrunn Palace



Budapest View from the Danube river

# 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 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 before 31 May 2023— You agree to provide us with evidence of vaccination at the time of initial booking. If you fail to provide evidence of vaccination, we have the right to refuse participation of the tour.

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).

# Booking Terms and Conditions

Also located at - <https://www.friendlytravel.com.au/booking-terms-and-conditions/>

## 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](http://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 (ie. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**To make a booking please fill out our booking form at**

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