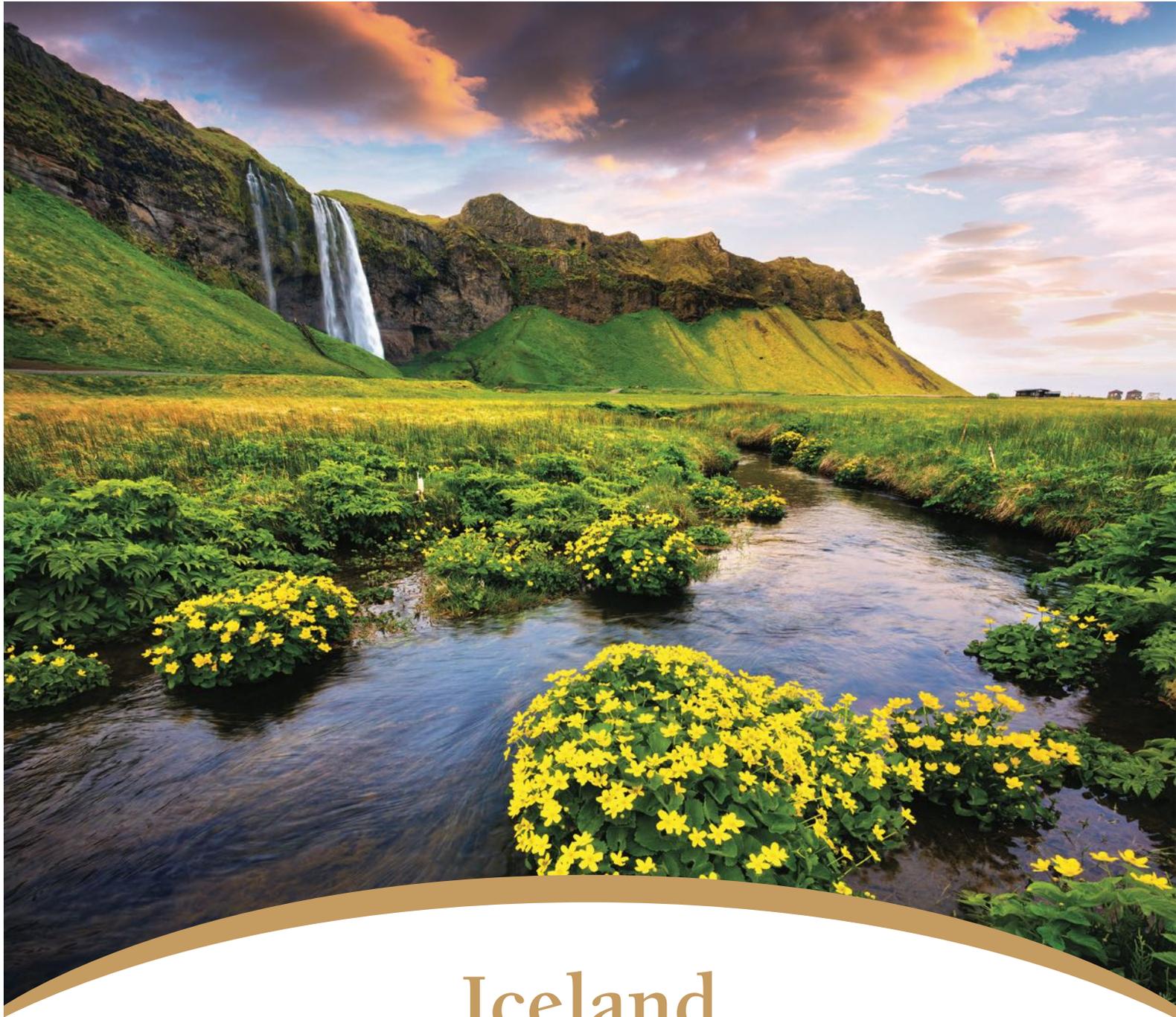


UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION



Iceland Land of Fire and Ice

Departure Date: March 15, 2023*

*Special 'Northern Lights' Departure



Iceland – Land of Fire and Ice



DAY 1 Depart the USA: Today you'll depart the USA on your overnight flight to Keflavik, Iceland.

DAY 2 Keflavik, Iceland: Iceland is full of surprises – for one, it isn't covered in ice! It's a stunning mix of green plains, wild volcanic scenery, beautiful coasts and lakes, spouting geysers, hot springs, mud pools and sophisticated cities. Topped off by clean, fresh air, you'll find yourself in a trance surrounded by unique natural beauty throughout the country. Upon arrival, you'll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and transferred to your hotel in the town of Hveragerdi or Selfoss. Rooms will be available for check-in upon arrival. All flights should arrive by 3:30 pm. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. **Meal: D**

DAY 3 Iceland's South Shore: After breakfast, your adventure to the South Shore begins with a journey through small villages and farmlands to the majestic mountains with views including Mt. Hekla, the most active volcano in Iceland, and the towering, ice-capped strato volcano Eyjafjallajokull, which last erupted in 2010. Iceland is also famous for its waterfalls and you'll see two of the most magnificent—the Seljalandsfoss which tumbles over high rock escarpments allowing you to walk behind the waterfall, and Skogafoss. Learn about the preservation of the Southern Iceland cultural heritage on the visit to Skogar Folk Museum. Exploration continues to Dyrholaey, a magnificent rocky headland with sheer cliffs, en route to the village of Vik. Head to the seashore, flanked by steep bird cliffs rising high above the beautiful black sand beach. In the sea, just outside of Vik, see the Reynisdrangar Rocks which stand 216 feet above sea level at their highest point. **Meal: B**

DAY 4 Reykjanes Peninsula / Blue Lagoon: This morning, head for the rough tracks of Reykjanes, one of the most active volcanic areas in Iceland. Visit the geothermal area of Krysuvik

and Lake Kleifarvatn with its hot springs and solfatares. The moonlike surroundings of the lake never fail to leave a strong impression on visitors!

A remarkable life enriching experience is a visit to the Blue Lagoon – a lake of warm, mineral-rich geothermal water, internationally renowned for its healing prowess. Located in the middle of a lava field in the pure and beautiful Icelandic wilderness, water is heated by underground volcanic activity at a depth of 5,400 feet and is pumped to the surface to form this man-made wonder. The Blue Lagoon is known for its special properties and its beneficial effect on the skin. Visitors from all over the world come here in search of health, relaxation and an exotic experience. You'll have an opportunity to soak in the pleasantly warm mineral-rich water. **Meal: B**

DAY 5 Reykjavik: Reykjavik, Iceland's capital city of 100,000 people, is unique in many ways. This capital is a modern city with a variety of restaurants, museums, galleries and theaters. Heated entirely by geothermal water, it is home to the "smoking bay", so named for the rising steam that greeted the city's Viking founder, Angolfr Arnarsson, as he sailed into the bay here in 874 AD. The city center is the heart of Reykjavik and home to many charming historic buildings of stone and timber contrasting with imaginative modern architecture. It has the features of a modern society complemented by a close connection to natural wonders right on the city's doorstep. Hot springs, glaciers, lava fields, midnight sun, waterfalls, northern lights, volcanoes and bizarre landscapes – the city has them all!

On the included panoramic city tour of the world's most northerly capital, see the old town center, Parliament, cathedral, harbor, National Museum, "Pearl" and Hofoi House (site of the Iceland summit of 1986), and Hallgrímskirkja Church whose steeple is a landmark of the city.



'Strokkur' – one of the most active geysers in Iceland

Enjoy free time for lunch on your own and shopping, then prepare to “take off” as you visit FlyOver Iceland. During this virtual flight, experience waterfalls, geysers, scenic landscapes, and the spectacular natural wonders of Iceland like never before. With the special effects of motion, wind, sound and scents, this unique “flying” experience is sure to be a highlight of your day! Return to the hotel late afternoon for an evening at leisure. **Meal: B**

DAY 6 The Golden Circle: On the full-day tour of the Golden Circle, enjoy scenic drives along with the geological and historic sites of the island. Your excursion includes a drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Thingvellir National Park. A remarkable geological site, it is one of the few spots in the world where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge is seen above water. The amazing canyon that runs through the park is a meeting point of two of the earth’s tectonic plates. The park is situated by Lake Thingvallavatn, the largest lake on the island. The park is also the most historic site on the island as the world’s oldest democratic parliament was founded here in 930 AD.

You’ll see outstanding natural wonders when you visit Geysir, Iceland’s most famous area for thermal activity. View “Strokkur”, one of the most active geysers, and “Gullfoss” (Golden Waterfall), Iceland’s most famous waterfall. Before returning to the hotel, a visit to a local farm gives you the chance to meet some of the native Icelandic horses, as well as learn about the growing of healthy tomatoes using green energy, pure water and organic pest controls. This evening, join your travel companions for the farewell dinner. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 7 Iceland / USA: Following breakfast, transfer to Keflavik Airport and bid a fond farewell to amazing Iceland, as you return home with memorable life enriching experiences to cherish. **Meal: B**



Tour Highlights

- 7 Meals: 5 breakfasts and 2 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Included city tour of Reykjavik with a local guide
- Experience a full-day adventure of volcanoes, waterfalls, geothermal activity and nature, with a local guide, on the included South Shore excursion
- Discover the Reykjanes Peninsula* and its geothermal activities with a local guide on this included full-day excursion
- Relax in the Blue Lagoon (entrance included)
- Enjoy a virtual flight as you ‘Fly Over Iceland’
- On a full-day included Golden Circle tour with a local guide, see the Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, visit the “Geysir” and more natural wonders
- \$35 in Mayflower Money

*weather permitting during ‘Northern Lights’ departures

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 through 6 – Hotel Ork, Hveragerdi, Iceland
or Hotel Selfoss, Selfoss, Iceland

Iceland – Land of Fire and Ice



Hear the thunderous roar of Gullfoss, the Golden Waterfall

2023 Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
*March 15	\$3,199	+ \$539

Pricing includes roundtrip airfare from Austin or San Antonio when booked by 2/28/22, after this time rate increases.

- \$250 per person deposit due at time of reservation without Travelers Protection Plan
- \$549 per person deposit due at time of reservation with Travelers Protection Plan.

Travelers Protection Plan must be purchased with initial deposit.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

UPGRADE YOUR FLIGHTS TO BUSINESS CLASS FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$4,600 PER PERSON**

**Upgrades must be purchased at least 120 days prior to departure and are subject to availability. Some domestic flights within the United States and Europe may require travel in Economy class. If our contracted levels of business class are sold out, we will advise of the price of published fares, if available, at time of confirmation and before purchase. Business Class must be ticketed immediately and is non-refundable.



*Special 'Northern Lights' Departure

Join Mayflower Cruises & Tours for a special departure to see the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). During the tour, there will be a special excursion to a location selected by your guide that will offer optimal viewing of this amazing natural phenomenon. If the "lights" are not seen, there will be one more opportunity offered during the tour. Please note: sightings are not guaranteed.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$299 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

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| • 91 days or more | Deposit Amount |
| • 90 to 45 days prior | 20% of tour cost |
| • 44 to 15 day prior | 30% of tour cost |
| • 14 to 1 day prior | 40% of tour cost |
| • Day 1 of departure | 100% of tour cost |
| • or early departure from tour | |
| • No refund on unused portions of the tour | |



Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.



FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE WHEN COMPLETING REGISTRATION

Additional Requirements:

Include a photocopy of each traveler's passport with your registration forms. The expiration date must be at least 6 months past the March 21, 2023.

All travelers will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 no less than 14 days prior to departure on ALL Mayflower Cruises & Tours holidays, and boosted as appropriate. Travelers must also adhere to entry testing requirements for traveling to Iceland, as well as the return trip to the USA.

Travelers with Physical Limitations

This active program requires you to be in reasonably good health, free from infectious disease, to be able to load and unload from buses and other modes of transportation independently, and to travel without preventing delay or requiring the assistance of fellow travelers or tour director.

The tour requires a considerable amount of walking over longer distances, unpaved and uneven surfaces or cobblestones, and potentially up steep inclines and stairs. You must have the ability to tolerate potentially varying climates. If you require mobility and/or health assistance, you must be accompanied by a companion who is capable of, and totally responsible for providing assistance to you at your own expense. Our tour operator will make reasonable efforts to serve travelers with mobility limitations but is not responsible for any denial of services by suppliers or venues we may visit.

While portage service is provided for one (1) checked bag during the tour, you are responsible for retrieving your bag at the airport baggage claim and getting it out to the motor coach waiting for us at the airport. In addition, you will be responsible for handling your own carryon bag throughout the tour.

Payments:

Deposits and payments may be made by either credit card or via check. There is no service fee added to credit card payments. If you choose to pay by check, please make the check out to "Mayflower Cruises and Tours"

Please mail all registration materials to:

Relaxed Escapes
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Leander, TX 78641

Tour: Iceland - Land of Fire & Ice
Group Name: University of Texas Retired Faculty & Staff

Departure Date: March 15, 2023
Group Number: 1217580



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PAYMENT INFORMATION

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Mail Final Payment To: Relaxed Escapes
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Leander, TX 78641
Credit Card #: _____
Security Code: _____ Exp. Date: _____
Cardholder Name & Billing Address:

Single Twin Guaranteed Share
 One Bed Two Beds

Deposit Amount: \$ 250 per person
Travel Protection Plan: \$ 299 pp (Optl)
Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
Final Payment Due By: November 30, 2022

IMPORTANT: Please print your name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport. We require a copy of your passport within two (2) weeks of making your reservation. Name corrections, after final payment due date or after tickets have been issued, will result in additional fees being assessed. Please note that Mayflower requires proof of vaccination against COVID-19, travelers must be fully vaccinated a minimum of 14 days prior to departure.

YOUR INFORMATION

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email Address: _____
Passport Number: _____ Date of Issue: _____ Date of Expiration: _____
Issue City, State, Country: _____ Citizenship: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female
Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

ROOMING WITH

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Passport Number: _____ Date of Issue: _____ Date of Expiration: _____
Issue City, State, Country: _____ Citizenship: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female
Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Please advise your departure airport for this tour: Austin, TX or San Antonio, TX (circle one) Mayflower Air Writing Own Air

Liability Waiver

In consideration of my participation in this tour, I hereby accept all risk to my health and any injury that may result from such participation, and I hereby release Relaxed Escapes Travel Consultants, LLC and Travel Quest/World Via from any and all liability to me, my personal representatives, estate, heirs, next of kin, and assigns for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to my property and for any and all illness or injury to my person, including my death, that may result from,--- or occur during my participation in the tour. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Relaxed Escapes Travel Consultants, LLC from liability for the injury or death of any person(s) and damage to property that may result from my negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in the tour.

Agent for Suppliers: Relaxed Escapes Travel Consultants, LLC. ("Relaxed Escapes") acts as a sales agent for any airline, hotel, car-rental company, tour operator, cruise line, or other service provider named in your itinerary or confirmation ("Suppliers"). We are not responsible for the acts or omissions of the Suppliers or their failure to adhere to their own schedules, provide services or refunds, financial default, or failure to honor future trip credits. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of the Suppliers and no liability for recommending a trip credit in lieu of a refund.

Risks of Travel and Release: We assume no responsibility for and shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of any party not under our control, or any acts of God, unsafe conditions, terrorism, health hazards including pandemics, illnesses, weather hazards, or the suitability for a disabled person of any portion of any trip. We have no special knowledge of dangers during travel or at destinations. For information related to such dangers, we recommend going to the State Department travel website at www.travel.state.gov, click on "Find International travel Information" then click on "Country Information", and fill in the name of the destination country. For medical and health information, we recommend going to the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov/travel, then click on "Destinations" and scroll to the name of the destination country. ***It is your personal decision to travel, and you are doing so with full knowledge of current travel recommendations and travel restrictions with regards to the risks of COVID-19.*** YOU HEREBY EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL OF THESE RISKS AND DANGERS, AND YOU HEREBY EXPRESSLY AGREE TO FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD US, AND OUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATES, AFFILIATED COMPANIES, GUIDES, GROUP LEADERS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS HARMLESS AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTIONS, SUITS, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF ANY AND EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER WHICH YOU NOW HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THESE RISKS AND DANGERS.

Rules of Travel Suppliers and Governments: We have no responsibility for COVID-19-related requirements that travel suppliers and governments may impose from time to time, such as health affidavit forms, testing and health screenings prior to departure or upon arrival, face coverings, or quarantines. For the latest COVID-19 government travel regulations, we recommend going to IATA's website at <https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-document-news/1580226297.htm> and for up-to-date domestic information and travel guidance domestically, check the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>, [state](#), [territorial](#), [tribal](#) and local health department where you are, along your route, and where you are going. Prepare to be flexible during your trip as restrictions and policies may change during your travel. **For the latest travel supplier requirements, check the supplier's home page.**

TSA and Foreign Entry Rules: You assume full and complete responsibility for checking and verifying any and all passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of your destination and your connecting points, and all conditions regarding health, safety, security, political stability, and labor or civil unrest at such destination. Many countries require your passport to be valid for six months or more after your date of entry. **Upon registration you agree to provide a photocopy of your passport showing that it will not expire before Sept 22, 2022.** Some

countries will not admit persons convicted of a crime. Some countries require both parents' consent for minors to travel. Beginning May 3, 2023, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, state-issued enhanced driver's license, or another acceptable form of ID (e.g. valid passport) to fly within the United States.

Fees and Price Drops: You agree to pay the travel planning, change, and cancellation fees, if applicable, provided in the registration form. All of our fees are non-refundable. If a Supplier drops the price of a trip after booking, we will try to assist you with rebooking if the Supplier allows it, and a fee may apply. We do not guarantee any refunds or successful rebooking.

Price Increases: Travel arrangements involving airline and cruise components are subject to Suppliers' supplemental price increases that may be imposed by the supplier and/or government, even after you have completed your purchase. You hereby consent to any such price increases and authorize your credit or debit card to be used for them. Suppliers have their own contracts covering cancellation penalties and other terms and conditions, and you may be bound by those contracts regardless of whether you receive notice of their terms.

Travel Protection (aka Trip Insurance): For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. Please note that, unless you buy a cancel-for-any-reason policy, most policies have a specific clause stating they do not cover epidemics and pandemics, especially when travel warnings are in place. No representation or description of the insurance made by our staff constitutes a binding assurance or promise about the insurance. You agree to hold us harmless for your election not to purchase travel insurance or for any denial of claim by travel insurer as it relates to COVID-19 or any other claim under the policy.

Credit Card Merchant: We also strongly recommend that you use a credit card for your purchase, so that you can exercise your rights under the Fair Credit Billing Act if you do not receive the services you purchased. However, if we are the credit card merchant, our role is to facilitate the sale, collect funds on your behalf, and remit those funds to the Suppliers. If the Suppliers do not provide the services, your only recourse would be against the Suppliers, and you agree not to initiate a chargeback against us.

Claims Deadline and Exclusive Jurisdiction: You agree to present any claims against Relaxed Escapes within 30 days after your trip ends and to file suit within one year of the incident, and you acknowledge that this expressly limits the applicable statute of limitations to one year. You agree that the courts in Travis County, TX will be the exclusive jurisdiction for all claims brought by you or us, and you hereby submit to the personal jurisdiction of those courts.

Additional COVID Safety Precautions and Requirements: You agree to present a valid COVID vaccination record showing that you have been fully vaccinated OR a doctor's letter stating that you have recovered from COVID within the last 6 months prior to the trip. This documentation must be presented to the Relaxed Escapes no later than February 28, 2022.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT TO BE A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR MY INJURY OR DEATH OR DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY THAT OCCURS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE DESCRIBED TOUR AND IT OBLIGATES ME TO INDEMNIFY THE PARTIES NAMED FOR ANY LIABILITY FOR INJURY OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY MY NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION.

EVERY FAMILY OR PARTY MEMBER 18 AND OVER MUST SIGN THIS WAIVER AGREEMENT

Registering Tour Participant: _____ **Date Signed:** _____