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Coronavirus COVID-19 Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability & Indemnity Agreement

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: You acknowledge that use of our services, going on a Trip, and participation in activities is at your own risk. Travel to many parts of the world may involve the risk of a variety of hazards to health and/or safety, including but not limited to disease, crime, terrorism and warfare. Because each traveler's risk tolerance is different, all Trip passengers should refer to objective third-party sources of travel information, such as that maintained by the U.S. Department of State (travel.state.gov) as well as (cdc.gov)

If you are returning to an international port or disembarking an international trip your return travel plans may be impacted. Foreign health officials may implement formal quarantine procedures if they identify a case of COVID-19 aboard your cruise ship or in your resort. If you travel to a foreign destination or port, you might not be able to receive appropriate medical care or be medically evacuated if you get sick. Some countries might refuse you entry and can refuse to dock your ship or allow passengers to disembark.

We recommend travelers check governmental and local regulations and restrictions for their destination(s) prior to buying, and several times before traveling, as these regulations are fluid. I, your travel agent, and our company, Group Travel & Cruise Shoppe Inc. are not liable for any loss, financial or otherwise, or inconvenience due to Covid-19. You, the guest, travel at your own will and are aware of the risks of purchasing and engaging in travel at this time.

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus* (COVID-19, "Coronavirus") is a known and rapidly evolving pandemic that is affecting travel worldwide, with continued spread and impacts expected. Client is fully aware of the current global Coronavirus COVID-19 virus outbreak, the current travel restrictions, and inherent risks involved if choosing to travel. Client understands that it is his/her responsibility to check the latest travel information regarding this virus outbreak with the CDC.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>

Client understands that it is his/her responsibility to have travel insurance to ensure they have coverage for all medical needs and trip cancellation, but understands that concerns or fear of travel is not a covered reason for cancellation relating to the Coronavirus/ Covid-19 and will be denied. Client holds Group Travel & Cruise Shoppe Inc. harmless for his/her election to not purchase travel insurance or any denial of claim by travel insurer as it relates to Covid-19 or any other claim under the policy.

Travel insurance generally only covers unforeseen events. Most insurers classified COVID-19 as a 'known event' late January 2020. Please note that most policies have a specific clause stating they do not cover epidemics and pandemics, especially when travel warnings are in place. Client understands that he/she is bound by the terms of the insurance policy as it relates to Coronavirus/Covid-19.

Client is aware the travel warnings, travel restrictions and rules and understands the risks, is accepting of these and knows that and holds Group Travel & Cruise Shoppe Inc harmless for any travel restrictions, death, illness, cancellations by suppliers, hotels, airlines, cruise lines, tour agencies or any other travel provider, financial loss, quarantining rules or measures put in place at airports or destinations you are traveling through. Client further agrees to hold Group Travel & Cruise Shoppe Inc harmless for any financial penalties or fees imposed by the by suppliers, hotels, airlines, cruise lines, tour agencies or any other travel provider due to cancellations or postponements due to Covid 19 and agrees not to institute a credit card dispute or "charge back" to Group Travel & Cruise Shoppe Inc for said penalties or fees.

Client is aware that additional screening procedures and restrictions may take place at airports and in public areas. Client is aware that these restrictions may include mandatory face coverings and/or temperature checks in airports, hotels, cruise ships, trains or other means of transport.

Client is aware that Immigration restrictions may be put in place before or during your travels that may impede your ability to enter or exit your destination as planned.

Client is aware that it is his/her personal decision to travel and is doing so with full knowledge of current travel recommendations and travel restrictions with regards to the Coronavirus COVID-19 and takes full responsibility for his/her actions with regards to this.

Client understands and confirms that Group Travel & Cruise Shoppe Inc after reasonable inquiry, has provided client with the best available information regarding pandemic protection policies provided by travel suppliers, including but not limited to airlines, hotels, cruises lines, tour agencies, transfer agencies or any other provider involved in clients booking, but that said suppliers may not enforce or apply said policies. Additionally, client understands and is aware that even if said travel suppliers make a good faith effort to enforce said pandemic policies and procedures, some travelers may refuse to cooperate with said policies. Client further holds Group Travel & Cruise Shoppe Inc harmless for any injury or harm that may arise.

SAFETY/SECURITY: For the latest security information, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs' web site: Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts: <http://travel.state.gov> Up-to-date information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). The Department of State urges American citizens to take responsibility for their own personal security while traveling overseas. We recommend if you are traveling out of the US to **register your trip with the State Department** so they are aware of your travel plans in the event of an emergency. <https://step.state.gov/>

OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE: Trip insurance and cancellation protection is HIGHLY recommended to protect your travel purchase and offer protection for the things you do not plan for (weather, sickness, etc). We offer policies for all facets of your travel (air, hotel, car, cruise protections) with Travel Guard. You may view and purchase policies online at www.travelbywendy.net. Click on the Travel Guard link the center of the home page just under the agency name. We can also offer a quote for you by phone. Please seriously consider adding insurance for your trip. Insurance can be purchased up to 24 hours prior to departure (pre existing conditions apply unless purchased within 15 days of deposit).

RESPONSIBILITIES: Group Travel & Cruise Shoppe Inc. (hereafter referred to as GTCS) acts as agent in arranging your cruise, transportation and/or any tour selections. GTCS, nor any suppliers shall be held liable for personal injury, death, property damage or accident, delay or irregularity arising out of any act or omission of these suppliers. GTCS, the agent or agency, is acting as a mere agent for suppliers in selling travel-related services, or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air and ground transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, tours, cruises, etc.) GTCS, therefore, shall not be responsible for breach of contract or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers, which result in any loss damage, delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on your tickets, invoice, or reservation itinerary, we do not guarantee any of such suppliers' rates, bookings, reservations, connections, scheduling, or handling of personal effects. GTCS shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, mechanical or construction failures or difficulties, diseases, local laws, climatic conditions, criminal acts or abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside GTCS 's control. Traveler assumes complete and full responsibility for, and hereby releases the agent from any duty of, checking and verifying any and all passport, visa, vaccination, or any other entry requirements of each destination, and all safety and security conditions at such destinations, during the length of the proposed travel. By embarking on his/her travel, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved in such travel, whether expected or unexpected. Traveler is hereby warned of such risks, and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against them. By making a deposit for the tour, air or cruise, traveler acknowledges and accepts these responsibilities and terms and conditions outlined herein.

In consideration of the opportunity afforded to me and with full knowledge and acceptance of the risks associated with travel, I hereby release, indemnify, hold harmless and covenant not to sue Group Travel & Cruise Shoppe Inc , its

officers, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives, and any other person involved either directly or indirectly, from all claims, suits, expenses, attorney fees and demands of any nature (including negligence) caused by, deriving from, or associated with this trip . I make these covenants, release and waivers knowingly and voluntarily. It is further understood and agreed that this Coronavirus/Covid 19 Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement is to be binding on my heirs and assigns and I sign it of my own free will.

I hereby acknowledge that this Agreement to be binding by my signature for all travelers listed under this booking.

Booking Number: _____ Destination: _____

Travel Dates: _____

SIGNATURE(S):

PRINTED NAME(S)

Date Signed: _____