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Gorillas in the Mist

An Adventure in Rwanda

Kigali • Akagera National Park • Volcanoes National Park

March 2–10, 2025

Faculty Host: Dr. Ellen Kraly, Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies Emerita



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Alumni in this once-in-a-lifetime trip to see the last remaining apes in Rwanda. Affectionately called the “Land of a Thousand Hills”, this trip will be led by our very own Dr. Ellen Kraly, Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies Emerita at Colgate. Just over 1,000 mountain gorillas still make their home in the primeval forests of central Africa. This trip enables you to intimately experience these animals and other primates in their natural habitat, while learning first-hand about the history and cultural heritage of this fascinating country.

Your journey will begin in **Kigali**– the capital of Rwanda and a gateway to the interior. Visit the **Genocide Museum** which memorializes the victims of the 1994 genocide but also a place to learn about Rwanda’s peacemaking and reconciling efforts between their own citizens three decades on.

In **Akagera National Park**, enjoy a few days on safari. Like the reconciliation success story, Akagera saw its own version of decimation during the genocide where wildlife was killed for food. Today, thanks to conservation efforts, re-wilding and re-introduction of indigenous species, this park is once again thriving with buffalo, lion, leopard and hundreds of species of bird.

Our final stop will be to the world-famous **Volcanoes National Park** for the ultimate gorilla tracking experience. The mist-covered hills of the park are home to over 400 mountain gorillas (the rest are spread between Uganda and Congo DRC). It is a thrilling experience to trek for several hours in search of their nests and come face to face with our closest non-human relative.

For those who wish to continue with your wildlife adventure, an optional safari has been arranged to Tanzania’s Serengeti National Park. Or one can do an additional gorilla trek. Please find the details below or contact Immersion Journeys to customize any pre or post trip.

Space is limited guests and we encourage you to reserve today or by returning the enclosed reservation form. You can also reserve your spot [online](#).

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jillian Cole'.

Jillian Cole '10
Director, Alumni Relations

For more information about this tour, contact Immersion Journeys at (917) 686-2620 or email info@immersionjourneys.com.



Ellen Percy Kraly is the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies Emerita at Colgate. She taught courses in population studies, human migration, and environmental health for 40 years before retiring this year. She has visited eastern Africa, including Rwanda and Uganda, on many occasions, to conduct pro bono research for several international organizations, often with Colgate students. She has climbed both Mt. Kilimanjaro (to support breast cancer research) and Mt. Kenya. At Colgate, she has served as Interim Dean and Provost and Director of the Upstate Institute, and on the Committee on Promotion and Tenure and had led study groups to New South Wales and Western Australia. Beyond Colgate, during 2019, she held the Willy Brandt Guest Professor in International Migration and Ethnic Relations, Malmö University, Sweden and is former editor of the *International Migration Review*. She currently chairs a migration panel of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population. Nearer to home, she is currently serving as president of the Board of Directors of The (Refugee) Center, Utica and the Adirondack Research Consortium.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel with Dr. Kraly to learn about her experience in the region.
- Visit a conservation success story in Akagera National Park.
- Come face to face with endangered mountain gorillas in Volcanoes National Park. Learn about the strides being made in wildlife conservation in Rwanda.
- Get immersed in the local culture, music and dance.
- Extend your safari adventure to Tanzania's famous Serengeti National Park.

Activity Level (varies from moderate to hard depending on the location of the gorillas): chimpanzee and gorilla trekking is often strenuous and requires walking on muddy and uneven paths and requires climbing short but sometimes moderately challenging terrain depending on the location of the gorilla nest. It is important to know and understand your level of stamina, and be comfortable in your abilities for such an activity. While park rangers are available for assistance and support, guests are expected to be able to walk on their own with minimal assistance. Please consult with your doctor to evaluate your physical condition.





PROGRAM ITINERARY

March 2, 2025 — U.S. | Kigali, Rwanda

Depart the U.S. for Kigali (flights not included) *This is a recommended departure date. Should you wish to arrive early, please contact Immersion Journeys. The cost for the early arrival hotel is \$315 per night inclusive of breakfast and taxes.

March 3 — Arrival Kigali

Met on arrival and transferred to the hotel. For those arriving before 5:30pm, meet your fellow travelers for an evening welcome cocktail reception.

Overnight: [Kigali Serena](#) (Cocktail Reception)

March 4 — Tour of Kigali & Genocide Museum

Take a tour of this lush city built on hills. Kigali is the epicenter of the country with a vibrant young population of entrepreneurs, a thriving art, music and film industry. Tour the Kigali Genocide Memorial. The memorial is a center of education, and peacebuilding and honors the memory of more than one million Rwandans who were killed in 1994. The three permanent exhibitions and burial gardens form part of a meaningful tribute to those who perished and provide a powerful educational tool for all.

Overnight: Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel (Breakfast)

March 5 — Kigali | Akagera National Park

Akagera National Park lies in eastern Rwanda, hugging the border with Tanzania. It's characterized by woodland, swamps, low mountains and savannah. The varied terrain shelters wildlife including zebras, giraffes, elephants, lions and hundreds of bird species, such as the rare shoebill stork. In the southern part of the park, vast Lake Ihema is home to hippos and crocodiles. Most wildlife was decimated during the genocide for food and poaching. Thanks to conservation efforts, the park is thriving again and it is not unusual to see a variety of large game on game drives.

Overnight: [Ruzizi Tented Lodge](#) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

March 6 — Akagera National Park

Spend a day with your wild life guide on safari. Depending on weather conditions, a boat excursion on Lake Ihema will be organized giving guests an opportunity to get close to teeming bird colonies.

Overnight: Ruzizi Tented Lodge (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



March 7 — Akagera | Volcanoes National Park

Continue to Volcanoes National Park is a 160-square-kilometer park in northwestern Rwanda. The journey to Volcanoes National Park is about 4 hours, filled with breathtaking views of the countryside and when you get there, check-in and have lunch. After lunch, you may simply relax at the lodge or go for a visit of the Gorilla Guardian's Village that borders Volcanoes National Park. This site was set up as "Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village to offer a new lease on life for ex-poachers. Your visit therefore, not only offers an insight into the culture of the people but also provides an opportunity of giving back to the community.

Overnight: [Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel](#) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

March 8 — Volcanoes National Park and Ellen DeGeneres Center

Early morning start for your gorilla trek. The rainforest is spectacular, heavily vegetated and dense landscape crisscrossed by numerous animal trails allowing access for trekkers. This park is best known for the fascinating gorillas. The thrill of spending time with them and observing these gentle giants is a rare and moving adventure that will leave you with long lasting memories of a truly unique experience. The gorillas are shy and peaceful animals and it is an unforgettable experience to watch them as they interact with each other. Return to the lodge.

In the afternoon, visit the Ellen DeGeneres Center of the Dian Fossey Fund. The Ellen Campus is the new home of Dian Fossey's Karisoke Research Center and a hub for scientific research and discovery in the region. The Ellen Campus was also designed to support Rwanda's booming ecotourism sector, which is managed by the Rwandan government. Tourism to see the gorillas plays a critical role in providing revenue for the park – allowing for more conservation efforts – and for nearby communities through employment and revenue sharing.

Overnight: [Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel](#) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

March 9 — Volcanoes National Park

Option to experience a 2nd gorilla trek (additional \$1,500 for the permit). Those who don't do the trek can enjoy a guided visit to see the elusive Golden monkeys.

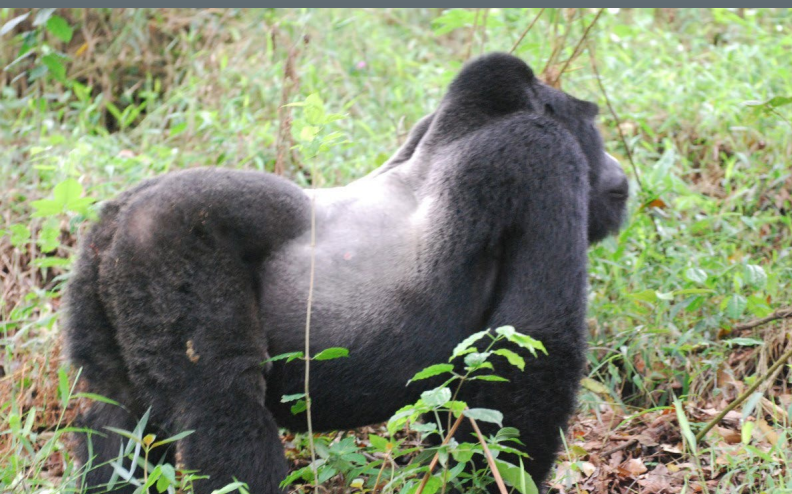
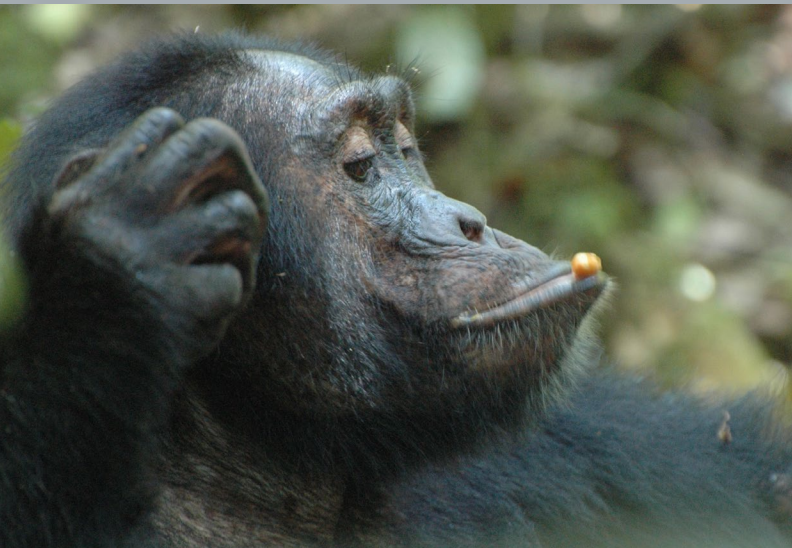
Overnight: [Five Volcanoes Boutique Hotel](#) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

March 10 — Return to Kigali/ Optional Extension

Drive back to Kigali where day rooms have been arranged to freshen up and relax before your flight home.

Later that evening, you will transfer to the Kigali airport for your onward flight home. Or continue your safari adventure in Tanzania (see extension details).

Day Room: [Kigali Serena Hotel](#).





TOUR PRICE

Early signup discount before August 2, 2024: \$10,999 per person (double occupancy). \$1,400 single room supplement (extremely limited and on first come basis)

After August 2, 2024: \$11,749 per person (double occupancy). \$1,400 single

Optional 2nd gorilla trek permit: \$1,500

Includes:

- Accommodations and meals as indicated.
- 1x soft drinks during lunches; 2 glasses house wine, beer, soft drink during dinners.
- Welcome cocktails in Kigali.
- Safaris in Akagera National Park with professional guides.
- Visit to DeGeneres/ Dian Fossey Center
- 1x gorilla trek and Golden monkey excursion.
- Tour of Kigali & Genocide Museum.
- Day rooms until 6:00pm in Kigali.

Exclusions:

- International flights.
- East Africa visas (Rwanda/ Uganda has a common visa regime).
- Tips/ gratuities to drivers, guides, gorilla and Golden monkey trek park rangers and porters.
- Premium spirits and alcoholic beverages.
- Mandatory Trip insurance.
- Laundry, telephone, fax, room service and/or any services not indicated in the itinerary.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION: 3-night Plains of the Serengeti (Tanzania) • March 10-14, 2025

This extension is a wonderful complement to your primate experience in Rwanda. The Serengeti's eco-system is teeming with wildlife across the savanna plains. During this time of the year, witness the annual wildebeest migration.

\$5,945 per person, double occupancy | \$550 single room supplement (extremely limited)

- Above includes 1 night in Kigali (March 10), flight from Kigali to Serengeti, 3 nights at luxury lodge/ camp (full board basis) all domestic flights, airstrip and airport meet/ greet, accommodations and meal plan as mentioned above, all conservancy and park fees, safari game viewing with professional safari guide on a private basis.
- Does not include: Tanzania visas, gratuities, extra services, extra meals, beverages, yellow fever vaccination (proof required for those traveling from Rwanda), international departure flights from Tanzania.

Other customized pre/post trip extensions are available. Please contact Immersion Journeys at info@immersionjourneys.com.

TOUR RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a space, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,950 per person (\$3,450 including 2nd gorilla trek and/or Tanzania extension) payable to Immersion Journeys. You may also fill out an online reservation form. See [link](#) to the on-line reservation. Mail or e-mail the paper registration to: **455 Main Street, Suite 5M, New York, NY 10044/ E-mail: info@immersionjourneys.com**. We will not process your deposit until you are assigned a place on the tour. Please contact 917-686-2620 if you have any questions about the registration process.

Enclosed is my/our deposit check of \$ _____ (\$1,950 per person/ \$3,450 for 2nd gorilla trek and/ or Tanzania extension per person)

Please charge my/our deposit of \$ _____ (\$1,950 per person/ \$3,450 for 2nd gorilla trek and/ or Tanzania extension per person)

to my: VISA MasterCard American Express Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Security Code (4 digits for AMEX/ 3 digits for others) _____ Authorized Card Holder Signature: _____ Date: _____

The balance of the trip is due on December 2, 2024. Balance payment by check or bank wire only (credit card payments incur a 3.5% processing fee.)

Please sign me/us up for the following: **Additional gorilla trek on March 9, 2025** (\$1,500)– note that trek permits are non-refundable.

3-night Plains of the Serengeti extension: \$5,945 per person, double occupancy / \$550 single room supplement

Hot air balloon safari (Serengeti): \$550 per person.

PASSENGER INFORMATION

NAME 1 (as on passport): _____

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Passport # _____ Nationality _____

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Issue _____ (mm/dd/yy) Expiration _____ (mm/dd/yy)

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Date of Birth _____ (mm/dd/yy) Colgate Affiliation _____

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Street Address _____ City _____

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State _____ ZIP _____

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Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email (write clearly) _____

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I prefer single accommodations (*Limited to only 2 rooms and on first come basis ONLY.*)

I plan to room with _____ Double Twin (*separate beds*)

I prefer to share accommodations (*if roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate*)

Emergency Phone # & Contact Name (during trip): _____

Please indicate any special needs (diet, health, mobility etc): _____

*By submitting my/our deposit \$1,950 per person (\$3,450 including 2nd gorilla trek and/or Tanzania extension) I am/we are registering for the 2025 Colgate University **Gorillas in the Mist- An Adventure in Rwanda** travel program, and have read and agreed to the terms & conditions and understand that gorilla permits are non-refundable once they are purchased (\$1,500 per permit). I understand that portions of this trip will be strenuous, includes unpaved and steep muddy paths. I also agree to be in good physical shape and can walk without a walking aid or wheelchair. I am/ we are also taking responsibility for purchasing our own mandatory supplemental travel insurance including medical evacuation in order to participate in this travel program.*

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT

By signing our tour reservation form, or otherwise indicating your assent in writing, you agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this document. These terms and conditions apply to the Tour, the itinerary for the Tour and payment for the Tour.

1. INTRODUCTION: These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Immersion Journeys LLC, Colgate University, Engaging Journeys, Inc. (collectively "Immersion Journeys", "Colgate University", "Engaging Journeys" "we", "us" and "our"). The terms "client" "you" and "your" refer to each person who purchases and/or uses a tour package provided by Immersion Journeys.

2. RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$1,950 per person or \$3,450 (including 2nd gorilla trek and/or Tanzania extension) per tour is required immediately to secure the gorilla permits, tour and services. **Gorilla trekking permits are only purchased once the client has signed up for the trip and made the deposit in the above-mentioned amount. Gorilla trekking permits are non-refundable and non-transferable once purchased. It is therefore important for clients to purchase trip cancellation insurance.**

The balance of your Tour cost is due 90 days prior to departure.

3. TRAVEL INSURANCE: Trip cancellation insurance is mandatory. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel Tour, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. In addition, medical evacuation coverage may be required as a condition of booking. **Please contact Sarah S. Doody, sarah@engagingjourneys.com, (904) 432-3141 for insurance information.**

4. CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Our cancellation charges are based on the stringent payment policies of our suppliers of local services and therefore represent a reasonable estimate of our loss. Cancellation charges are expressed as a dollar cost and/or a percentage of your total trip cost (excluding commercial airfare) and also depend on the day you cancel and the day of your scheduled departure from your home. Our cancellation charges are in addition to whatever the airline may charge you:

Penalty	Number of Days of Advance Written Notice
\$1,500 (\$3,000 for 2nd gorilla trek)	Before August 2, 2024
No refund on deposit	After August 2, 2024
50 percent (50%) of trip cost	Between ninety days (90) and August 2, 2024
One hundred percent (100%) of trip cost	Less than 90 days.

There is no refund for unused portions of a tour once it has commenced, and you are solely responsible for costs incurred by you due to missed, cancelled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the Tour due to State Department or Centers for Disease Control advisories or warnings, fear of travel, or for any other reason will be deemed a cancellation. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the Tour on the Tour start date, you will be considered a no-show. No refunds will be available, but you may join the Tour late if you wish.

Commercial airline tickets must be paid in full at the time of ticketing. Airline cancellation charges are set forth on the invoice.

5. NOT INCLUDED: Taxes; passport, visas and associated fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship and hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport tax(es); airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included in the travel Tour; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure; any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s); meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned as included in the travel Tour.

6. AIRFARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, Immersion Journeys.

7. BAGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without notice. Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the trip. Airlines, buses, vans and other modes of transportation may all have weight and size restrictions on luggage. It is your responsibility to comply with all baggage restrictions.

8. PRICE INCREASES: Destination countries increase their VAT taxes from time to time. Some suppliers impose energy surcharges or other price increases. Prices are also subject to increase due to currency fluctuations. Any such increases will be applied to your total due at the time of final payment.

9. PASSPORTS, VISAS, and OTHER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: International travel requires a passport valid 6 months beyond your intended return travel date. In most cases, you will also need to have multiple consecutive blank visa pages within your passport (the number varies depending on the destination(s)). Many destinations also require that visas be obtained prior to travel. If one parent or guardian plans to bring a minor child without the other parent or parents, some countries and airlines have strict documentation and permission requirements. Birth certificates may be required for children under 18. Some nations require proof of vaccinations for all travelers. Please speak with us if you are unsure about the visa requirements for your travel destination. You are solely responsible for complying with passport, visa, and other foreign entry requirements and vaccinations.

10. RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Immersion Journeys, its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, and assigns (collectively "Immersion Journeys"), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your Tour including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, safari or guide services, local ground or safari operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Immersion Journeys is not liable for any negligent or willful act, failure to act, financial failure or other defaults of any such person, entity, supplier or any other third party.

In addition and without limitation, Immersion Journeys is not responsible for any injury, financial or other loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts or orders of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, bites from or attacks by wild or domestic animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely. Further, I release Immersion Journeys from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

We have no special or unique knowledge regarding the financial condition of the suppliers of services, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. For useful information regarding your destination, we strongly recommend reviewing the destination-specific information at www.travel.state.gov, and the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/travel.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a Tour participant, or remove from a Tour, without refund, any person Immersion Journeys judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other Tour participants, leaders or third parties, or who Immersion Journeys determines to detract from the enjoyment of the Tour by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the lodge or hotel.

11. CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS BY IMMERSION JOURNEYS: Immersion Journeys reserves the right to change the itinerary, the lodges or hotels utilized or any Tour features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Immersion Journeys shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Immersion Journeys may cancel or postpone a Tour (or an option) for any reason whatsoever. Seasonal changes (for example, from low to high season) may result in higher prices. In any event, for cancellations (or postponements) based upon acts of God or force majeure, acts or orders of government, epidemics or the threat thereof, pandemics, terrorism or the threat thereof, strikes or labor disturbances, demonstrations, riots or civil unrest, criminal activity, supplier default or insolvency, or other similar circumstances, its sole obligation is to issue credits in the full amount of moneys paid to Immersion Journeys, but only to the extent its suppliers are crediting Immersion Journeys with those monies paid by Immersion Journeys to them. Under no circumstances is Immersion Journeys obligated to refund the cost of any purchased travel insurance. Immersion Journeys is not required to cancel any Tour for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Immersion Journeys is not responsible for fees assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Immersion Journeys makes the flight arrangements or cancels the Tour. Immersion Journeys reserves the right to substitute lodges, hotels, vessels or attractions for those listed in the tour description if same is required by circumstances beyond its control or for the convenience or well-being of clients.

12. OTHER TAXES AND FEES: Some governments charge departure taxes and/or fees. These fees are the responsibility of each passenger traveling to the designated country and are not included unless stated.

13. FORCE MAJEURE: Immersion Journeys assumes no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, financial or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation of a flight that causes you to miss all or any portion of the Tour, acts of God, acts or orders of government, epidemics, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather events, or strikes.

14. INDEMNIFICATION: You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Immersion Journeys, Denver University, Engaging Journeys, and its officers, employees, directors, suppliers and agents, in their individual capacities or otherwise, from and against any Losses arising out of: (i) your negligence; (ii) your failure to comply with applicable law; or (iii) your failure to comply with these terms conditions.

15. PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All Tours require physical independence and mobility. The Tour requires walking over uneven terrain, some steep hills, muddy and rock paths. It is absolutely imperative that you have independent mobility. At times the walks will be strenuous. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Further, Participants must be able to embark or disembark vans or motor coaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply outside the United States. **Please contact Sarah S. Doody, sarah.doody@du.edu, (904) 432-3141 for insurance information.**

16. CONDUCT DURING TOUR: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

17. MEDICAL PROXY: If you are unable to authorize your own medical attention and treatment, you authorize Immersion Journeys or its subcontractors or agents to authorize medical attention and treatment on your behalf. You agree to hold harmless and release Immersion Journeys from any liability for medical attention arranged or not arranged on your behalf. Immersion Journeys assumes no liability regarding provision of medical care or evacuation services.

18. CHANGES: Changes in this Agreement may be made only in writing, signed by an officer of Immersion Journeys.

19. SUPPLEMENTAL RELEASE: This Supplemental Release is supplemental to and not in limitation of the Agreement and Release from Liability, Assumption or Risk and Arbitration Agreement ("Release") I/we previously signed. Except as modified herein, that Release remains in full force and effect. I understand that Immersion Journeys, LLC. ("Immersion Journeys") does not own, operate, control or supervise any person or entity which provides hot air balloon trips or hot air balloon equipment and that it makes no representations whatsoever as to the adequacy or safety of any such person or entity or of any such equipment. In addition, I understand that Immersion Journeys is giving me information about this trip, or booking it only as a courtesy to me. I understand there are various risks of injury, inconvenience and death associated with hot air ballooning. These include, but are not limited to, crashes, uncontrollable wind currents which, among other things, could cause hard landings (dragging of the balloon which in turn could cause injury or death), the possibility of a fire as a result of a drag or crash, landing in an area different from that anticipated, defective equipment, etc. I assume all such risks and specifically release Immersion Journeys from any and all claims of negligence, gross negligence, breach of contract or any other claim with regard to my hot air ballooning trip. I further understand that medical aid may be unavailable during the course of my balloon safari, evacuation to any medical facility difficult and lengthy, and that any such facility (or medical personnel) may not be of the quality of facilities or medical personnel in the United States.

20. BINDING ARBITRATION: Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning the Tour, or the Tour itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) State of New York law and will take place in New York City, New York. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, the participant and Immersion Journeys are waiving the right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Immersion Journeys must be on behalf of only the signatory to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members who travelled with signatory, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

By signing the Tour Registration form, you agree to the terms of this Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk, Supplemental Release and Binding Arbitration Agreement. Your Agreement extends to any tour to which you may transfer. If you party includes a person under 18, then you represent that you are that person's parent or legal guardian.