

# 2022

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### NEW YEAR'S GALÁPAGOS

Aboard *Theory*

December 31, 2022 – January 9, 2023

With **Gabriela Soto Laveaga**, Professor of the History of Science  
and Antonio Madero Professor for the Study of Mexico



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Front cover: Sally Lightfoot Crabs on volcanic rock. Above: Inquisitive Sea Lion.

## New Year's Galápagos

Ring in the New Year on a comprehensive itinerary to the most spectacular outer islands of the Galápagos aboard the 20-passenger premium-class Relais & Chateaux yacht, the 142-foot *Theory*. The *Theory* can reach places inaccessible to larger ships due to her size. Among the astounding geology of these volcanic islands, discover giant Galápagos tortoises, flocks of frigate birds and blue-footed boobies, Darwin's finches, and Galápagos penguins, and colonies of marine iguanas along with other fascinating sea life. Venture out in a kayak or meander along stretches of secluded beaches, swim with playful sea lions, snorkel among penguins and sea turtles. Get up close to the shore life on Zodiac rides through mangroves and along the cliffs. Watch for dolphins riding the bow wave, whale sightings, and rays. Accompanying you will be Gabriela Soto Laveaga Professor of the History of Science as well as expert local naturalist guides, helping to make this once-in-a-lifetime journey all the more compelling. An optional pre-trip to Guayaquil offers a visit to a charming hacienda and cacao plantation and New Years' Eve dinner in the city. An optional post-trip extension to Machu Picchu offers an excellent introduction to the rich cultural and archaeological wonders of Peru.

Activity Level 3: 

### A LITTLE MORE TO IT

My walking shoes are laced up tight and I'm ready to keep up with my traveling companions. I look forward to getting to know them on the drives and/or flights we'll take between cities. I enjoy getting around in Zodiac rafts and 4x4 vehicles for short durations. A little mental and physical stimulation will do me good!

## Study Leader



**Gabriela Soto Laveaga** is Professor of the History of Science and Antonio Madero Professor for the Study of Mexico at Harvard University who specializes in modern Latin America. Her current research interests

interrogate knowledge production and circulation between Mexico and India; medical professionals and social movements; and science and development projects in the twentieth century. She has held postdoctoral and visiting scholar positions at the medical school at UC, San Francisco in the Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in the Department of History of Medicine and Bioethics, and at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin. She was also Director of the Program for Latin American and Iberian Studies at UC Santa Barbara, where she was a professor for nearly fourteen years before moving to Harvard. She has held numerous grants, including those from the Ford, Mellon, Fulbright, DAAD, and Gerda Henkel Foundations. Most recently she was awarded the 2019 Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award. She was a member at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton in 2019-2020.

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Tortoise on sand; Sea lion; Blue footed Boobies

## Schedule by Day

B=BREAKFAST, L=LUNCH, R=RECEPTION, D=DINNER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

### Depart U.S. / Arrive Guayaquil

Depart the U.S. on a flight to Guayaquil, Ecuador, and transfer to the hotel upon arrival. OVERNIGHT: HILTON COLON GUAYAQUIL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

### Guayaquil / San Cristóbal Island

Fly to San Cristóbal, in the Galápagos where Charles Darwin first set foot in September of 1835. Twelve large islands and many smaller ones, all volcanic in origin, combine to form an ecological niche renowned for its unique and fearless wildlife. Upon arrival, board the luxury yacht the *Theory*, your floating home for the next eight days. After lunch explore El Junco Leke. Spanish for “sedge”, El Junco is the caldera of an extinct volcano and the only sizable freshwater lake in the Galapagos. Listen for the calls of sea lions as you ride the Zodiac and see them lounging on the boats docked in the harbor. This evening gather for the Captain’s welcome cocktail party and dinner. OVERNIGHT: *THEORY* (B, L, D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

### San Cristóbal Island / Cerro Brujo / Punta Pitt

Start your exploration with a Zodiac ride to look for wildlife at Cerro Brujo (Wizard Hill.) A great variety of birdlife abounds including brown pelicans and blue-footed boobies. Sally Lightfoot crabs scurry all over the rocks. See unusual geological formations such as the Cathedral. After the Zodiac excursion, explore the gorgeous coral sand beach at your own pace. Opportunities for snorkeling from the beach, swimming with sea lions, paddleboard, or kayak. In the afternoon, disembark at

Punta Pitt, an eroded tuff cone, whose trail provides spectacular views of the shoreline. Parts of the trail are rocky with some climbing involved. This is considered one of the best sites for bird-watching and the only place where you’ll see the three species of boobies: the blue-footed, the red-footed, and the Nazca. Opportunity to snorkel and swim with sea lions. OVERNIGHT: *THEORY* (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

### Punta Suarez, Española / Gardner Bay

An exciting walk awaits at this site which features a large number of endemic species such as the waved albatross. Enjoy its unique sea bird colonies including Nazca boobies, blue-footed boobies, and swallow-tailed gulls as well as a view of the Galapagos famous “blowhole.” Also look out for red-green-black marine iguanas, red-billed tropicbirds, and swallow-tailed gulls, the only nocturnal gull in the world. In the afternoon disembark at the picture-postcard white coral beach of Gardener Bay. This site provides a beautiful setting for observing sea lions, cheeky Española mockingbirds, and finches. Expect great snorkeling from the beach, kayak, or paddleboard. OVERNIGHT: *THEORY* (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

### Punta Cormorant / Floreana / Post Office Bay

Step ashore at Punta Cormorant’s olive-sand beach for an easy walk to see the flamingos that inhabit a brackish-water lagoon and other birds like ducks, stilts, and sandpipers. There is a rich variety of plant life including morning glories, mangroves, and Scalesia trees. The trail leads to a beach where sea turtles lay their eggs in the powdery sand dunes and sting rays swim in the shallow water. Don’t miss the opportunity to snorkel at a shallow sunken

crater colonized by an array of colorful fish and coral, sea turtles, white-tipped sharks, spotted eagle rays, and sea stars. In the afternoon disembark at the historical Post Office Bay to learn about the human side of the island, its early inhabitants, and the adventures of pirates and whalers. Take a Zodiac excursion to Baronessa Point to look for sea turtles and rays. If you have an underwater camera, you’ll be busy taking photos of sea stars and a brilliant array of colorful fish. OVERNIGHT: *THEORY* (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

### Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island / Charles Darwin Research Station

Wake up at a Puerto Ayora, a harbor full of boats bustling with activity. Travel to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island to view the giant tortoises roaming in their natural habitat. The lush vegetation on this island includes the scalesia forest and birds such as the vermilion flycatcher, tree finches, and the elusive woodpecker finch. Additionally, go underground to explore dormant lava tubes and see the twin massive craters of Los Gemelos. Return for lunch at the yacht. In the afternoon visit, the Charles Darwin Research Station staffed with international scientists conducting biological research and conservation projects. Visit the new exhibit honoring Lonesome George the last surviving tortoise from Pinta Island whose death marked the extinction of his species. Observe and photograph the giant tortoises that are part of the breeding program to release them into the wild. There is free time to explore the town before embarkation. OVERNIGHT: *THEORY* (B, L, D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

### Bartolomé Island / Sombrero Chino

This morning, a Galápagos icon awaits—Bartolomé Island. Disembark and hike to its



Bartolomé Island; Marine iguanas; blow hole on Española

600-foot summit for a superb view of Pinnacle Rock, Sullivan Bay, and the immense lava fields of nearby Santiago Island (James). This is a steep climb aided by a wooden staircase, but the view from the top is worth the effort. If you rather skip the hike, you may instead enjoy the beach, snorkel, or take a Zodiac ride around colossal Pinnacle Rock to look for the Galápagos Penguins. In the afternoon go ashore at Sombrero Chino (Chinese Hat), a small island off the southern tip of Santiago that owns its name to its shape. Sea lions await on the beach as well as marine iguanas and oystercatchers. Along the trail observe remnants of the island's geological history with volcanic rubble and cracked lava formations. *OVERNIGHT: THEORY (B, L, D)*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

### South Plaza / North Seymour Island

The turquoise waters here contrast brilliantly with the white sand and black lava of the

shoreline. A carpet of scarlet succulents serves as ground cover for luminescent green prickly-pear cactus populated by Galápagos land iguanas. Keep an eye open for the remarkable beaks of cactus finches. Along the coastline, one finds sea lion colonies, while sea birds play with the thermals that form along the cliffs of this small but amazing island. In the afternoon walk along the coast and interior of North Seymour, a favorite of many visitors. This uplifted island is home to a nesting colony of frigate birds. See these magnificent birds with their red sacs on their chests inflated, seeking mates. Opportunities for snorkeling and coastal exploration with chances of spotting fur seals. *OVERNIGHT: THEORY (B, L, D)*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

### San Cristóbal Island / Guayaquil

Your journey concludes this morning as you depart for the pier. Before your flight to Guayaquil, visit the Interpretation Center on

San Cristóbal to discover the human history of the Galápagos Islands. Upon arrival in Guayaquil, check into the hotel to rest and freshen up. Later, gather for a festive farewell dinner, and some guests may transfer to the airport for flights back to the U.S. late this evening. *OVERNIGHT: HILTON COLON GUAYAQUIL (B, D)*

*\*Note: Depending on your return flight schedule, you may depart for flights back to the U.S. late evening on January 8 or on January 9.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

### Guayaquil / Return U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your international flights back to the U.S. or continue to Lima for a post-trip extension after breakfast, transfer to the airport for your international flights back to the U.S. or continue to Lima for a post-trip extension to see Machu Picchu. (B)

## Optional Pre-Trip Extension:

DECEMBER 30–31, 2022

### GUAYAQUIL / COCOA PLANTATION

Arrive early to enjoy a visit to Hacienda Danesa, founded in 1870 and its adjoining sustainable cocoa and teak plantations. A variety of activities are offered including a chocolate demonstration, visit to the organic farm, mountain biking, horseback riding, tubing, or hiking. A delightful farm-to-table lunch will be served. On your return take a short city tour and then gather for a New Year's Eve dinner. This pre-tour extension includes one night at the Hotel Colon Guayaquil and breakfast, lunch and dinner, and a hacienda tour on December 31. Extension prices are based on a minimum of 6 guests.

## Optional Post-Trip Extension:

JANUARY 9–15, 2023

### MACHU PICCHU

Discover the breathtaking Lost City of the Inca, Machu Picchu. Fly Guayaquil to Lima and onward to Cusco, the capital city of the Inca Empire. From Cusco, transfer to the Urubamba Valley. Take a dramatic train ride to Machu Picchu. On the return spend two nights in Cusco. This seven-day post-tour extension includes deluxe and first-class accommodations, all excursions entrance fees; train ticket; five breakfasts, three lunches, and two dinners; air transportation from Lima to Cusco and back; airport taxes; airport-to-hotel transfers; and the services of a Peruvian guide. Accommodations include the Wyndham Costa del Sol in Lima, the Sol y Luna Lodge & Spa in the Urubamba Valley, Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel in Machu Picchu, and the JW Marriott El Convento Cusco Hotel in Cusco. Airfare from Guayaquil to Lima is not included. Additional information and itinerary will be sent to confirmed travelers. Extension prices are based on a minimum of 6 guests.

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## Land/Cruise Rates Per Person

CATEGORY/DECK	DOUBLE	SINGLE
<b>Main Program</b>		
STANDARD SUITE	\$14,990	\$22,990
<b>Optional Pre-Extension to Guayaquil</b>		
DEC. 30–31, 2022	\$758	\$878
<b>Optional Post-Extension to Machu Picchu</b>		
JAN. 9–15, 2023	\$3,550	\$4,275



## Theory

The 142-foot *Theory* offers a premium class and eco-friendly vessel with locally sourced food, a high level of comfort and service, and some of the best guides in the Galapagos. It features four decks with multiple common and social areas, staterooms, a concierge, library, computer station, Jacuzzi, alfresco barbecue, sun deck with loungers, gym, and open bar for passengers to enjoy. The ship features ten deluxe double stateroom cabins (140 square feet) all located on the main deck with large panoramic windows for ocean views and a private bathroom. Each cabin has two twin beds which can be converted into one king bed, two cabins have interconnecting doors, and two cabins can accommodate triples. Cabin amenities include an ample sectional closet, seating area, fine linens and towels, bathrobes, hairdryer, biodegradable soap and shampoo, climate controls, satellite TV/DVD, iPod docking station, and safe deposit box. The ship provides passengers with snorkel gear and wetsuits and has one single and five double kayaks aboard.

## What to Expect:

This program has been exclusively designed for Harvard Alumni Association, family, and friends to explore the Galápagos Islands and learn about the island's natural history. This is a moderately active program. In the Galápagos, walks are approximately one to two miles long (sometimes over uneven and rocky terrain) at a leisurely pace suitable for wildlife observation. There will be wet landings on many islands. Dinghy rides along the coast and shorter walks are available for participants as an alternative to longer and more challenging walks. There are

opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, and sea kayaking (snorkeling equipment, wet suits, and kayaks are available aboard the *Theory* at no charge). The Galápagos Islands are at sea level and temperatures range between the 70s and 90s F on the islands. Travel is by regular scheduled commercial airlines, motor coach, air-conditioned ship, and inflatable "Zodiac-style" dinghies.

The Post-Trip Machu Picchu optional extension is a moderately active program. Throughout Andean cities, temperatures

range from 30°–40° F at night to 60°–75° F during the day, and we'll spend several days at elevations from 7,600 to 11,200 feet. The Machu Picchu extension has been designed to allow for easier acclimatization when we travel to the Andean highlands by overnighting in the Urubamba Valley at approximately 8,000 feet. We continue to Machu Picchu at 7,600 feet, leaving Cusco for the end when you have had a chance to get acclimatized. There are significant stair and step climbing at the ruins. Lima, the capital city of Peru, is at sea level.

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## General Information

**AA&D Community Expectations:** Harvard University Alumni Affairs & Development (AA&D) programs and volunteer opportunities respect the rights, differences, and dignity of others. Those taking part in AA&D activities, including travel programs developed by Harvard Alumni Travels for the Harvard Alumni Association (“HAA”), are expected to demonstrate honesty, integrity, and civility and are accountable for their conduct with University alumni, students, parents, volunteers, employees, and invitees. AA&D reserves the right to suspend services to—and to exclude from participation in AA&D programs—any person whose inappropriate behavior adversely affects the safety, well-being, and inclusion of community members.

**CONTRACT:** Harvard Alumni Association does not itself conduct tours, but instead partners with several different tour operators to offer a broad range of travel programs. Tour participants contract directly with tour operators, although HAA is available to act as a liaison with tour operators should participants have any questions or concerns. HAA is not responsible for performing any of the tour operator’s obligations. The tour operator for this program is Royal Adventures, based in San Ramon, CA. CST#2009579-40.

**PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS:** The services of a professional Tour Director throughout; English speaking local guides; Eight days / seven nights aboard the M/V *Theory*; Two nights’ accommodations at the 5-star Hilton Guayaquil; English speaking guides; Naturalist guides on the ship and islands; Meals as outlined in the itinerary (all meals aboard the M/V *Theory*); Open bar excluding premium brands aboard M/V *Theory*; Wine and/or Beer with meals aboard the M/V *Theory*; Farewell Dinner with wine or beer; Transportation by private motorcoach; In-tour air (flight Guayaquil/Galápagos/Guayaquil included at a cost of \$440 per person)\*\*; Transfer from the airport and return for those using or meeting group flights; Guided field trips, excursions, and tours; Baggage handling; All tips to local guides, porters, restaurants, service charges, and taxes; Shipboard gratuities; Entrance fee to Galápagos National Park and INGALA control card; Wet suit and snorkeling gear; Sea kayaks and paddleboards; full program of briefings, lectures, guided excursions, and presentations.

**PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS:** U.S. Domestic and International airfare roundtrip to Guayaquil, Ecuador; On the optional Machu Picchu post-trip extension, the flight from Guayaquil to Lima is not included; Passport fees; Room service, liquor (outside of welcome, farewell, shipboard meals, or open bar aboard ship), personal items such as laundry, fax, wi-fi, and

phone calls; Meals not indicated in the itinerary; Individual transfers for those passengers not using recommended flights; Deviations from the scheduled tour; Medical expenses, COVID 19 testing, and immunizations; Quarantine Fees or Expenses if applicable; Trip Cancellation, Evacuation, Quarantine, or Medical insurance; Horseback riding on pre-trip extension to Hacienda is not included; Private touring or expenses for passengers with disabilities; Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour; Excess baggage charges; \*\* Any increases in the in-tour airfare \$440 per person (included as part of the program cost); Airport taxes, security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included; There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features; Departure tax from Ecuador.

**PROGRAM SIZE:** This tour, (exclusively developed for Harvard Alumni Association Travels), is limited to 17 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The minimum group size is 14. Should the minimum not be met, HAA reserves the right to cancel the program, levy a small group surcharge, and/or send the program without a Harvard study leader. HAA retains the right to add staff members and/or invited guests to any group departures regardless of the stated group-size limitation.

**RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT:** To reserve a space on this program, a \$2,000 deposit is required per person, plus \$100 per person for the Guayaquil extension, and \$200 per person for the Machu Picchu extension, if applicable. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Final payment is due August 1, 2022 (152 days before departure), payable by check only to “Royal Adventures”. Participants will receive an invoice directly from Royal Adventures for all subsequent payments after the initial deposit.

### PARTICIPANT CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:

**Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by the tour operator with copy to HAA from the participant.**

Cancellations received on or before April 30, 2022, will receive a full refund; cancellations received between May 1, 2022, and June 30, 2022, will be assessed a cancellation fee of \$1,000 per person. Cancellations received between July 1, 2022, and July 31, 2022, will be assessed a cancellation fee of \$2,000 per person. There are no refunds of deposits or payments for cancellations received on or after August 1, 2022. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features.

**TRIP INSURANCE:** Neither HAA nor the tour operator, including all representatives, employees, and agents, will take responsibility for any costs or losses incurred or suffered by a participant, or a participant’s dependents or traveling companions before, during, or after the tour. This includes, without limitation, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, or damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money, and goods. As noted below, neither HAA nor its tour operators shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline ticket or for any other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour. HAA highly recommends the purchase of trip insurance to cover unforeseen trip interruptions, cancellations, lost baggage, and emergency medical assistance and evacuation. Participants may purchase trip insurance through any provider. HAA will provide information from one provider, Redpoint Resolutions, upon confirmation, which will detail available options. If a participant purchases a trip insurance policy from Redpoint Resolutions within a 14-day window, then the pre-existing medical conditions exclusion will be waived, and the participant will be eligible to purchase the “Cancel for Any Reason” upgrade. The 14-day window begins on the first day the participant’s trip deposits become non-refundable. For participants who utilize a trip credit to book the trip, the 14-day window starts the first day the participant is subject to financial penalty for cancellation, including full or partial loss of the trip credit. An insurance policy, when issued, shall constitute a contract only between the participant and the insurance provider. HAA will not intervene in any transactional issues or claim disputes between the participant and the insurance provider.

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** International airfare is not included in the cost of the program. The tour operator can assist you with your air arrangements. Neither the Harvard Alumni Association nor the tour operator accepts the liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket. The air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned. Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Operator.

**COVID-19/PHYSICAL HEALTH:** Due to the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), participants should anticipate rules and restrictions to be enforced at airports, on flights, and at country entry points, as well as protocols in place during the program to reduce

the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Updates will be provided closer to departure. All participants must be in overall good health to participate in a HAA trip. All programs require physical independence and mobility; participants must be able to embark or disembark all conveyances used on the program alone or with minimal assistance from a traveling companion and must be able to climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling any required equipment. Any physical or mental health condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance must be disclosed in writing prior to booking so that HAA and the tour operator may evaluate whether participation is feasible. All participants should consult with their doctor about whether they can meet the physical requirements of their trip and must complete and return any medical forms required by the tour operator. Participants with dietary restrictions also must make these known to the tour operator well before departure, otherwise, the tour operator may not be able to accommodate them.

**PREPARING FOR THE TOUR:** Participants will be provided with comprehensive pre-departure travel information, including specific suggestions for packing.

**CHANGES IN ITINERARY, PROGRAM, STAFFING & COSTS:** The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of HAA and the tour operator. HAA reserves the right to change program dates, staff (including study leader), itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. HAA further reserves the right to cancel programs, levy a small group surcharge, send a program without a study leader, and/or withdraw HAA sponsorship from a program. Please note that all participants are bound to the cancellation fee schedule and other terms and conditions of the program regardless of whether HAA takes any of these actions. Participants making deviations from the scheduled itinerary do so at their own expense. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect as of the date of this publication and are subject to change.

**FAILURE TO OPERATE THE TOUR OR CANCELLATION OF THE TOUR BY THE TOUR OPERATOR:** If the tour operator fails to operate the tour or cancels the tour, except as a direct result of adverse weather conditions, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, significant health concerns (such as epidemics or pandemics requiring significant travel disruptions), or other such causes beyond HAA and the tour operator's reasonable control (Force Majeure Events), then the tour operator shall refund all monies received from tour participants. If the tour operator's failure to operate the tour or cancellation of the tour is a direct result of a Force Majeure Event, then the tour operator may provide tour participants a refund consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel. Tours also shall be canceled if the U. S. State Department, another U.S. government agency, or a relevant local government agency issues a statement within sixty (60) days of tour departure to the effect that American citizens or others should not travel except for essential reasons to any of the destinations on the itinerary for that tour. In such case, the tour operator will provide an alternate tour with a revised or substitute itinerary and may provide tour participants who choose not to travel on the alternate itinerary a refund consisting, in whole or in

part, of credit toward future travel.

**CURTAILMENT OF THE TOUR BY THE TOUR OPERATOR:** If a tour is curtailed after it has begun, either as a direct result of a Force Majeure Event, or because the U. S. State Department, another U.S. government agency, or a relevant local government agency has issued a statement to the effect that American citizens or others should not travel except for essential reasons to the remaining destinations on the itinerary for that tour, then the tour operator will take immediate steps to end the tour early and assist tour participants with travel arrangements back to their homes or other final destinations. In such a case, the tour operator may provide tour participants a refund for the number of missed days on the original tour consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel. The calculation for any such refund shall take into account any non-recoverable prepayments, and any additional expenses incurred by the tour operator to wind up the tour early.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The tour operator, its owners, and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurants, and other services connected with this tour. Such travel, accommodations, and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered or provided, and HAA and the tour operator, along with their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns, accept no liability therefor. Neither HAA nor the tour operator assumes liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Nor will HAA and the tour operator accept responsibility for losses, injury, damages, or expenses of any kind due to Force Majeure Events, other than as provided above. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. HAA and the tour operator reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants. HAA and the tour operator may, in their sole judgment, decline to accept or retain any person as a tour participant. Baggage and personal effects are always the sole responsibility of their owners. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates and is subject to change. Any increases in tariffs, exchange rates, or fuel prices will be passed onto participants. As part of the consideration and right to participate in a tour, each participant must sign this document and may be asked to sign a separate liability waiver and release form by the tour operator.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** HAA and the tour operator will not share participants' personal information with third parties or make it publicly available except as follows: participants' names, degree(s), home city, and email addresses may be included in the tour participant list that is distributed to tour staff and participants prior to departure; and relevant information about participants is shared with those contracted to provide tour services in the destination. Tour operators and their agents are prohibited from sharing or selling this information to other parties. Participants may opt-out of sharing their email addresses with others on the tour participant list.

**APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Photos from Harvard trips may be posted on photo-sharing websites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by HAA or by other travelers, and these materials may be circulated worldwide. Trip photos also may be selected to appear in future Harvard Alumni Travels promotions; in such cases, HAA will attempt to notify the traveler in advance, but no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes.

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**ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Tour participants understand and agree that participation in the tour involves risks that include, without limitation, risks involved in travel; political, legal, medical, social, economic, and weather conditions; standards of design, safety, and maintenance of buildings, public places, and conveyances that may differ from those to which they are accustomed; and health and safety standards that may differ from those to which they are accustomed. Without limiting the foregoing, tour participants understand and agree that there are risks associated with the possibility of an epidemic or pandemic, the trajectory of which may be unpredictable, and that as a result of such an epidemic or pandemic, local and national governments may enact border, travel, and stay-at-home restrictions, and health care systems may become overwhelmed. Tour participants recognize that they may be subjected to potential risks, illnesses, injuries, and even death and confirm that they have made their own investigation of these risks, understand them, and assume them knowingly and willingly. Knowing the risks described herein, tour participants agree, on behalf of their family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all risks and responsibilities surrounding their participation in the tour.

**RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION:** By signing below (or by checking the respective box on the online registration form), I certify that I am age 18 or older and that I have carefully read and freely signed these Travel Terms and Conditions on my own behalf and on behalf of all members of my party. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I release, hold harmless, and agree to indemnify Harvard, and its officers, governing board members, faculty, staff, representatives, employees, and agents, from and against any present or future claims, losses, liabilities, costs, and expenses for injury to person or property, or for any other damage, which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person, related to my participation in the tour resulting from any cause, including but not limited to negligence on my part or on the part of any of the released parties.

*I understand and agree that no oral or written representations can or will alter the contents of this document. I agree that this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (excluding its conflict of laws principles), which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this agreement or the tour.*

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