

# 2023

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### TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE IN AUSTRALIA

aboard *Caledonian Sky*

April 12–25, 2023

with **Joseph Henrich**, Professor of Human Evolutionary Biology

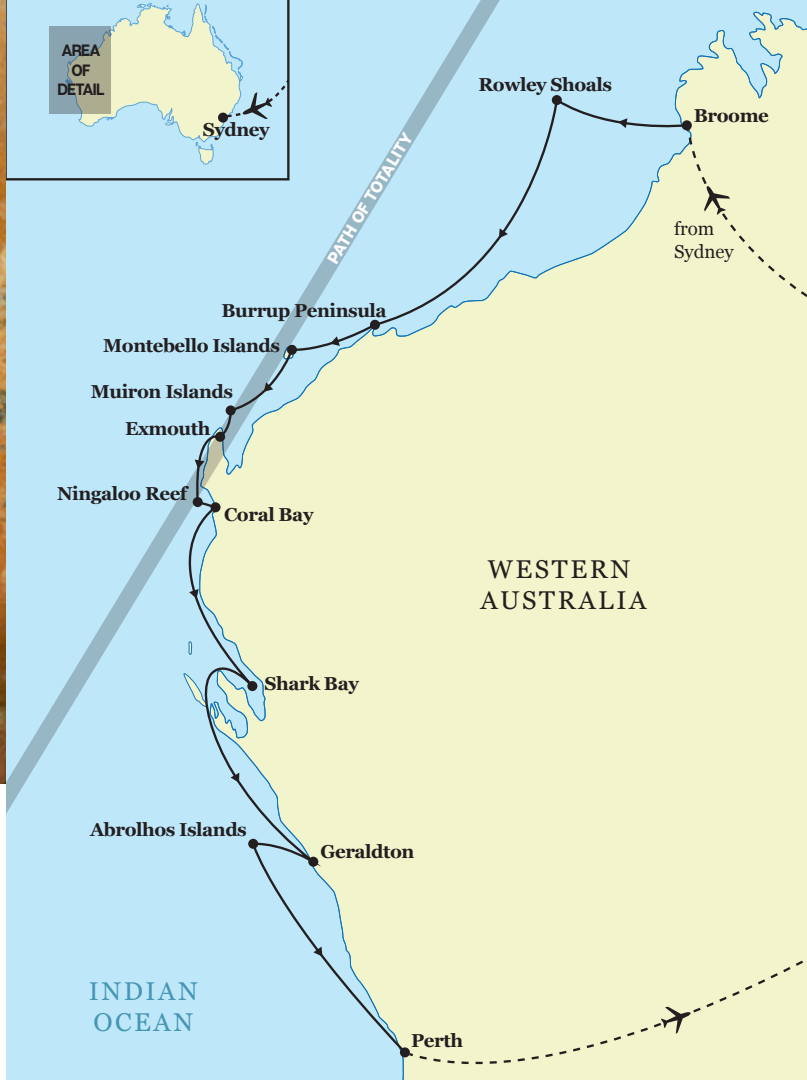


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Above: Aboriginal rock art  
Cover: "Diamond ring effect" just before totality



## Total Solar Eclipse in Australia

Witness the April 20, 2023 Total Solar Eclipse from the best possible vantage point, directly on the centerline, as the brilliance of the Coral Coast is plunged into darkness.

Cruise for ten nights down the coast of Western Australia, home to some of the darkest skies in the world, allowing incredible stargazing of the Southern skies each evening from the comfort of the ship's top deck. Experience the variety of dazzling landscapes along Western Australia's colorful Coral Coast, home to white sand beaches, oceans with azure blue hues, rugged red outback desert, and the world's longest fringing reef. Encounter an abundance of wildlife—rare birds, land animals and marine life—including a chance to swim with mighty whale sharks and manta rays. An expert ten-member expedition team will provide valuable insights and lead zodiac and snorkeling excursions to allow guests to get close to the action and step ashore in remote locations.

This region also boasts a rich Indigenous cultural heritage. During a day on the Burrup Peninsula, an area under consideration as a World Heritage listing, travelers can view a wealth of ancient rock petroglyph carvings in the company of Indigenous guides.

*Please note: Ideal weather conditions and cloud conditions for viewing the eclipse can change and are not guaranteed.*

### Activity Level 3:

#### A LITTLE MORE TO IT

This is a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve walking one to two miles—through city centers and historic sites where there may also be extended periods of standing. Participants will encounter uneven terrain, including dirt and cobblestoned paths, and must be able to walk at least 20 minutes up and down hills without stopping. Participants must be able to stand outside for up to two hours with limited shade and no available seating. In some instances, elevators are unavailable, and stairs may not have handrails.

## Study Leader



**Joseph Henrich** is chair of the department of Human Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University. He is interested in the question of how humans evolved from "being a relatively unremarkable primate a few million years ago to the most successful species on the globe," and how culture affected our genetic development.

Henrich holds bachelor's degrees in anthropology and aerospace engineering from the University of Notre Dame, earned in 1991. In 1995 he earned a master's degree and four years later a doctorate in Anthropology from the University of California at Los Angeles. From 2002-07 Henrich was on the faculty at Emory University in the Department of Anthropology. He arrived at Harvard in 2015. His two recent books are *The Secret of Our Success: How Culture is Driving Human Evolution, Domesticating Our Species and Making Us Smarter* and *The WEIRDest People in the World: How the West Became Psychologically Peculiar and Particularly Prosperous*.

On tour he plans to discuss the pre-history of Australia and cultural diversity, providing specific examples in anthropology of Australian aboriginal life; and how Pacific peoples used the constellations to sail from Australia and Southeast Asia to Hawaii.

Other study leaders include Meg Urry, Israel Munson Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Yale, and Joel Weisberg, Herman and Gertrude Mosier Stark Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Carlton College.

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Left: Kalbarri National Park; Right: Swimming with a Whale Shark

## Schedule by Day

WEDNESDAY–THURSDAY, APRIL 12–13

### Depart for Sydney, Australia

Depart home and fly across the International Date Line toward Sydney, arriving April 14.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

### Sydney

Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel to rest and recover from your travels. Optional afternoon tours are available before gathering for a welcome orientation and reception.

SHANGRI-LA SYDNEY (R)

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

### Broome

Return to the airport for the five-hour flight to Western Australia's Kimberly region. Enjoy an orientation tour of Broome, a popular coastal retreat for Australians, before boarding the Caledonian Sky, our home for the next ten nights.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

### Rowley Shoals

Enjoy a full day in Rowley Shoals Marine Park, an incredible area made up of three coral atolls believed to have formed more than 10 million years ago. Explore pristine Mermaid Reef, home to more than 200 species of hard coral. Tonight, gather on deck for the first of our nightly stargazing sessions led by our onboard astronomer.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

MONDAY, APRIL 17

### Burrup Peninsula

Explore the unique Burrup Peninsula, home to the world's richest site of prehistoric Aboriginal rock art, with some petroglyphs as old as 40,000 years. As an option (at extra expense), swap the water for the open skies on a scenic helicopter flight over the spectacular Dampier Archipelago.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

### Montebello Islands

The "Montes," an archipelago of more than 250 islands, are a bird watcher's paradise. Explore by Zodiac and step ashore on one of the beautiful beaches for a chance to spot the rare rufous hare-wallaby and lagoon rays in the tidal pools.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

### Muiron Islands

On the eve of the total solar eclipse, hear from our experts and prepare for tomorrow's main event. Arrive in the Muiron Islands, where vibrantly colored soft corals can be found in abundance, and the waters are perfect for snorkeling. Keep an eye out for turtles who love the soft corals here.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

### Ningaloo Reef Marine Park / Eclipse Day

Anchor off the coast of Exmouth on the centerline to observe and celebrate today's total solar eclipse, away from the mobs of eclipse-goers on land. Also, enjoy a chance to snorkel the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef Marine Park, home to numerous marine species, including enormous whale sharks.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

### Ningaloo Reef Marine Park / Coral Bay

Watch for marine life as we cruise toward the southern edge of the Ningaloo Reef. Reach Coral Bay, named for its beautiful coral gardens, which lie mere feet from its white sandy beach. Choose between a Zodiac safari in search of manta rays and sea turtles, snorkelling through the coral, or going ashore for time on the beach.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

### Monkey Mia / Shark Bay

Zodiac ashore for a ranger-led feeding encounter with the wild dolphins of Monkey Mia. Cruise to the turquoise waters of Shark Bay, where sheltered lagoons and beds of seagrass provide the perfect habitat for dugongs, sea turtles, whales, dolphins, rays, and sharks. Gain an indigenous perspective of the area with descendants of the Malgana, one of three Aboriginal groups of Gutharraguda (the Malgana name for Shark Bay).

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

### Geraldton / Kalbarri National Park

Explore Kalbarri and its surrounding areas, starting with the mighty Murchison River. Continue to Kalbarri National Park, home to towering rock formations, deep gorges, and rolling sandplains. Choose from a variety of hikes for all levels.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

MONDAY, APRIL 24

### Abrolhos Islands

Board Zodiacs for an in-depth discovery of the Abrolhos Islands, rich in maritime history, and an ideal habitat for large breeding colonies of sea birds, with more than 90 species identified. Also, keep watch for sea lions, dolphins, and migratory whales. Gather this evening for a special captain's farewell reception and dinner.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

### Perth / Home

Disembark in Perth, the capital of Western Australia. Transfer to the airport for morning flights home, or for those with later flights, attend a privately guided tour of the Perth Observatory, in operation for 125 years.

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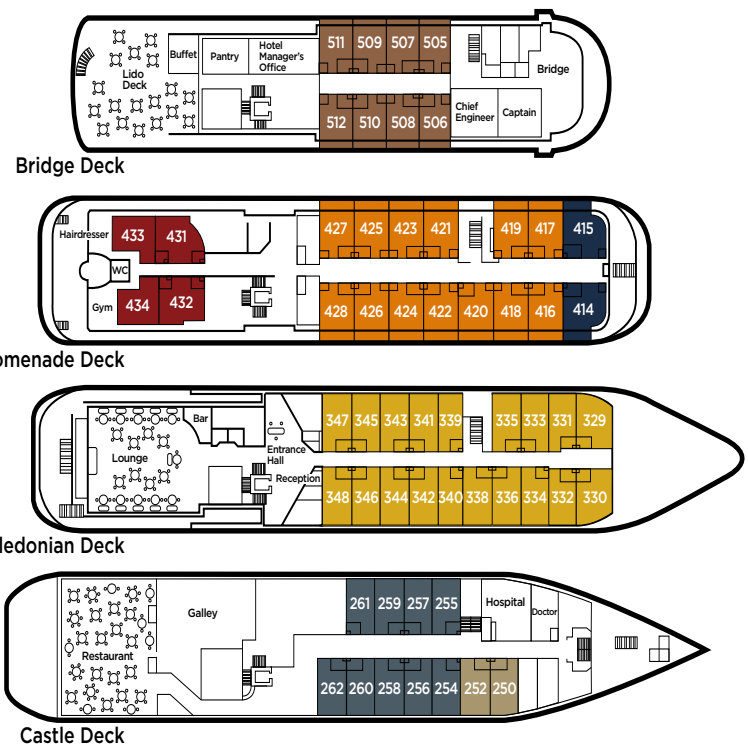
## Caledonian Sky

The MS *Caledonian Sky* offers the perfect balance between a premier expedition ship and a boutique vessel, hosting a maximum of just 99 guests, served by 75 crew. All cabins have an ocean view, en suite bathroom, spacious wardrobe or walk-in closet, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air-conditioning, flat-screen television, and sitting area with sofa. Twenty-three of the suites feature private balconies. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The ship's amenities include two lounges with bar service, library, gym, hairdresser, laundry service, and gift shop. The onboard chefs prepare international meals and regional specialties served in a single open seating. Complimentary beverages—alcoholic and non-alcoholic—are served all day, including regional beer and wine.



## Program Rates (per person)

CATEGORY		DOUBLE	SINGLE
<b>A</b>	<b>STANDARD SUITE FORWARD</b> portholes; queen or twin beds; 238 sq. ft.	\$14,990	\$22,490
<b>B</b>	<b>STANDARD SUITE</b> portholes; queen or twin beds; 238 sq. ft.	\$15,990	\$23,990
<b>C</b>	<b>SUPERIOR SUITE</b> picture window; queen or twin beds; 226–241 sq. ft.	\$17,990	\$26,990
<b>D</b>	<b>PREMIUM PROMENADE SUITE</b> picture window; queen or twin beds, 221 sq. ft.	\$19,990	—
<b>E</b>	<b>DELUXE BALCONY SUITE</b> 221 sq. ft. plus 40-sq.-ft. balcony	\$20,990	—
<b>F</b>	<b>PREMIUM BALCONY SUITE</b> 245 sq. ft. plus 83-sq.-ft. balcony	\$22,990	—
<b>G</b>	<b>OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE</b> queen bed, 349 sq. ft. plus 101-sq.-ft. balcony	\$24,990	—



**AIR ARRANGEMENTS** U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

## Terms & Conditions

**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 Criterion Travel, based in Beaverton, Oregon.

**PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS:** All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including eleven breakfasts, ten lunches, ten dinners, one hotel night, and ten nights aboard *Caledonian Sky*; Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations; Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • All gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers and shipboard personnel for all group activities • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • Open bar (non-premium) aboard *Caledonian Sky* including regional beer and wine • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Comprehensive packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

**PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS:** U.S. domestic and international airfare; Passport/visa expenses; Medical expenses and immunizations; Travel and trip cancellation insurance; Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days; Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour; Airline baggage charges; Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted; Laundry or dry cleaning; Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges; Room service; Other items of a personal nature and those not specifically noted in the Program Inclusions.

**PROGRAM SIZE:** *Caledonian Sky* will accommodate up to 94 participants for this co-sponsored voyage.

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. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. An interim payment of \$2,000 per person is due July 13, 2022. Final payment is due December 13, 2022 (120 days before departure), payable by check only to “Criterion Travel”. Participants will receive an invoice directly from Criterion Travel for all subsequent payments after the initial deposit.

**PARTICIPANT CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:**

Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by HAA from the participant. Due to intense demand for space and charter arrangements, all payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date.

**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 and US domestic airfare are not included in the program cost. Criterion Travel does not make flight arrangements, but Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can help participants with flight arrangements and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. Travelers are also welcome to book air transportation through a local travel agent, online booking site, or airline. Information about making flight arrangements will be sent to all participants in the Initial Planning Mailing. 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.

**WHAT TO EXPECT / 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 cancelled 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.

**DISCLAIMER:** Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented in this document. HAA is not responsible for errors in or damages resulting from the use of the information contained herein. Information contained in this document is subject to change.

**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 on-line 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.

**QUESTIONS:** Please call Harvard Alumni Travels at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806, or email [haatravels@harvard.edu](mailto:haatravels@harvard.edu).

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**Step 2:** Fill out the online form with your contact information and payment details.

**Step 3:** Look for an email confirmation from HAA.

*Find complete trip-specific terms and conditions on the trip webpage (link above).*

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