TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please note that these terms and conditions are set by the tour operator. Your acceptance of these terms indicates an agreement between you and the tour operator. Any disagreement with these terms must be addressed with the tour operator.

MOUNT EVEREST BASE CAMP TREK
OCTOBER 25-NOVEMBER 13, 2015

TOUR OPERATOR: World Wide Trekking

PROGRAM SIZE: This tour, (exclusively developed for the Harvard Alumni Association), is limited to 10 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum group size is 26. Should the minimum not be met, we reserve the right to cancel the program, levy a small group surcharge, and/or send the program without a HAA study leader. We retain the right to add staff members and/or invited guests to any of our group departures regardless of the stated group-size limitation.

PROGRAM RATES:
$ 7,695 person double occupancy
$ 2,295 single supplement

PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS:
Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary; airport transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure; internal flights (Kathmandu to Lukla and Lukla to Kathmandu); helicopter transport from Kathmandu to Phakding at the start of the trek; domestic airplane transfer from Lukla to Kathmandu at the conclusion of the trek; Nepal trekking permit and Sagarmatha National Park entrance permit; professional World Wide Trekking guides throughout program and English speaking Sherpa guides throughout trek; transportation by private car or coach; water during daily excursions; full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations; services of local porters and staff as well as Yak pack animals for carrying gear; all gratuities to porters, wait staff, Sherpa guides, drivers; amenities package (XL North Face Duffel, North Face puffy jacket, and beanie cap); $200,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance.

PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS:
International airfare to and from Kathmandu; passport and Nepal visa expenses and handling fees (30 day visa cost: $40); medical expenses and immunizations; independent airport transfers; trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance; optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour; excess baggage charges; meals and beverages other than those specified as included; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; alcohol or soft drinks except as otherwise indicated; laundry, room service, telephone/email/fax charges; and other items of a personal nature; gratuities for non-group services.

AIRFARE:
International and U.S. domestic airfare are not included in the program cost. In order to provide the greatest flexibility to participants, there are no designated group flights for this program. If requested, World Wide Trekking can recommend a travel agent to arrange flights for this departure. 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.

WHAT TO EXPECT / PHYSICAL HEALTH:
This is an active program covering rugged terrain, with considerable walking (usually 5 or more hours per day) and a number of rigorous travel days including early departures. Trekking to Everest Base Camp is strenuous and conditioning is necessary in order to have a successful journey. Pure cardiovascular fitness is not enough. You will need to ascend several thousand feet of elevation each day while carrying a daypack on your back. Most people will need to train for 3-4 months in advance. Your pre-trip reference guide
will contain some useful information on how to prepare for your trek.

Your trek will be led by a western guide and accompanied by English-speaking local Nepalese guides and a team of local Nepalese Sherpas and porters. Accommodations are clean but basic. Throughout your trek you will have access to western style toilets periodically, but not everywhere along the trek. When traveling in Nepal it is important to bring your own toilet paper with you. Laundry facilities are also available at some points during the trek.

Participants with medical issues and/or dietary restrictions must make them known to us well before departure, and impairments regarding mobility must be disclosed prior to booking. If you have any questions about the level of activity of this program or your ability to participate, please call HAA at 800.422.1636.

PREPARING FOR YOUR JOURNEY: You will be provided with comprehensive pre-departure travel information, including specific suggestions for packing, a recommended reading list and amenities pack.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this program, a $1,000 deposit is required per person. Please either call us at 800.422.1636 or 617.496.0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form (to 617-495-0434). Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Deposits may be made by check, payable to Harvard Alumni Association, or with a major credit card. Final payment, payable by check or credit card (3% convenience fee to amount will be charged to credit card transaction), is due 120 days before departure.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by HAA from the participant. Trip Deposits are non-refundable.

Cancellations received up to 120 days prior to departure will be refunded in full (excluding deposit). Cancellations received 119 - 90 days prior to departure will be charged 50% of the trip price. Cancellations received 89 days prior to departure or less will be charged 100% of the price. We recommend that you purchase a travel insurance policy to cover cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances.

INSURANCE: We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for trip cancellation insurance will be provided by the HAA upon confirmation. The pre-existing medical conditions exclusion is waived if the insurance is purchased within 15 days of initial deposit. Neither the Harvard Alumni Association nor our tour operators, including their representatives, employees and agents, will take responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guests’ dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Nor do they accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL & EVACUATION INSURANCE: As a service to our travelers the HAA automatically provides emergency medical evacuation insurance. At the time of publication, this policy has the following schedule of benefits: $5,000 Accident/Sickness Medical Expense; $200,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation & Return of Remains; $3,000 Emergency Reunion; $5,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment.

This insurance covers travelers for the HAA-sponsored program dates, but not for any extensions or independent travel plans. You will receive detailed information on this coverage approximately 30 days prior to your departure. Should you also purchase the Travel Insurance Select offered to you at confirmation, it will provide you with benefits which are additional to those stated above. This insurance is secondary to any insurance the traveler may already have.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY, PROGRAM AND COSTS: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Harvard Alumni Association and the tour operator. We reserve the right to change a program’s dates, staff (including study leader*), itineraries, or accommodations as conditions
Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares and currency exchange rates in effect as of October 2014 and are subject to change.

*In the event of a cancellation by the Harvard study leader, we will attempt to notify all travelers as soon as possible. We will make every reasonable effort to find a replacement study leader, but our ability to do so will depend on the availability of appropriate lecturers and proximity to the departure date. If we are not able to provide an appropriate substitute we will make every reasonable effort to provide other educational opportunities or program enhancements to ensure a viable travel study experience. Please note that all participants are bound to the cancellation fee schedule and other terms and conditions of the program regardless of whether or not a replacement study leader is found.

QUESTIONS Please call HAA Travels at 800.422.1636 or 617.496.0806, or email us at haattravels@harvard.edu

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 and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services, and transportation are offered or provided, and the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) and the tour operator and their respective, employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability therefore. The HAA and the tour operator, assume no 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. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages, or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. The HAA and the tour operator reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. They reserve the right to withdraw this tour without penalty. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, or to substitute another qualified leader or special guest. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates, and is subject to change. Any tariff, exchange rate, or fuel increases will be passed onto participants. As part of the consideration and right to participate in this tour, each participant will be asked to sign a liability release.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: All personally identifiable information provided by HAA Travels tour participants is strictly confidential. Personal information is not shared with third parties or made publicly available except under the following circumstances: Name, degree, home city, and email address*, may be included in the tour participant list that is distributed to tour staff and HAA passengers prior to departure; relevant information provided by tour participants to HAA and the tour operator is shared with the agents providing tour services in the destination. Per contractual agreement, the tour operator and its agents are prohibited to share or sell this information to other parties. *Please let us know if you would like to opt out of sharing your email address on the tour participant list.

APPEARING IN PHOTOS: Photos from HAA trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by HAA or other travelers, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future HAA travels promotions; 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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