

TANZANIA

November 6, 2023 – 16 Days

National Parks, Wildlife and Safaris

Everybody has heard of the Serengeti National Park where millions of wildebeests and zebras migrate for water. It's also a wildlife mecca for lions, cheetahs, leopards, hyenas, jackals, giraffes, buffalo, Thomson gazelles, topis, elands, hartebeests, impalas, and duikers. There is much more to this amazing tour which also features the National Parks of Mount Kilimanjaro, Tarangire, and Lake Manyara, and Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area. Cultural experiences to meet the local people are planned at Moshi and Mto Wa Mbu. There are early morning, daytime, and nighttime safaris for excellent viewing of wildlife. Another highlight is Olduvai Gorge where hundreds of fossilized bones and stone tools dating back millions of years have been unearthed. Some of Africa's finest hotels with magnificent settings have been arranged. Come and see the natural and cultural wonders of Tanzania!

Activity Level: 3



TOUR
25

34 Meals Included:

13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 12 dinners

Fares per person:

\$11,995 double/twin; \$12,995 single
Please add 0.3% GST.

Early Bookers:

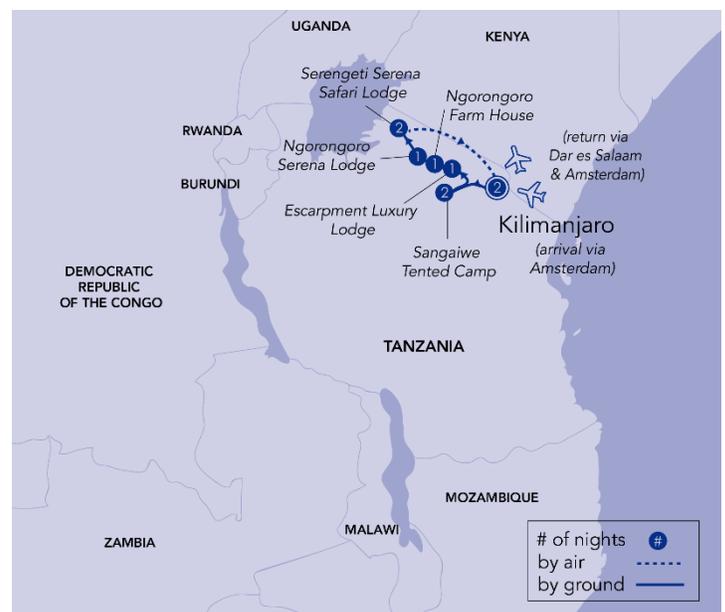
\$300 discount on first 6 seats; \$150 on next 4 seats

Experience Points:

Earn 224 points on this tour.

Redeem 224 points if you book by August 1, 2023.

Departure from: BC Interior



ITINERARY

Day 1: Monday, November 6

We fly on WestJet from home cities to Calgary and stay overnight at the Delta Hotel, conveniently located in the terminal. Meet your fellow travellers during a get-acquainted dinner.

Note: While it may seem unnecessary to fly to Calgary today, local flights can be cancelled by weather or other reasons which could cause a missed international flight.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Delta Hotel YYC

Day 2: Tuesday, November 7

The morning is leisure time. Our overnight flight on KLM departs for Amsterdam in late afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3: Wednesday, November 8

We arrive at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport in the morning and local time is 9 hours ahead. Our Netherlands guide and coach meet us at the airport. **Amsterdam** is built on 70 islands which are separated by nearly 80 km of canals and connected by more than 1,000 bridges. We visit the renowned **Rijksmuseum** which has an exceptional collection of 15th and 17th century paintings by Dutch masters. View Rembrandt's famous *The Night Watch* plus works by Vermeer, Steen, and Hals.

Meals included: Dinner

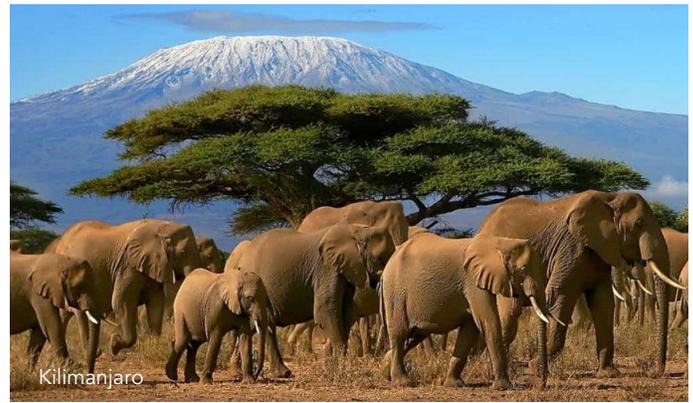
Accommodation: Radisson Blu Airport

Day 4: Thursday, November 9

The next leg of the flight with KLM leaves in mid-morning and arrives at Kilimanjaro in the evening. This flight is about 7½ hours and the local time is 11 hours ahead of B.C. **Welcome to Tanzania!** We are met by our Tanzanian guide and driver and drive to our hotel in Moshi for a two-night stay. **Mount Kilimanjaro** is visible from the hotel and rises majestically to 5,895 metres (19,341 feet). It is the tallest mountain in Africa and last erupted about 150,000 years ago. It is a popular climb, not technically difficult, but the main challenge is altitude.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Kilimanjaro Wonders Hotel



Day 5: Friday, November 10

We drive to **Uru village** on the slopes of Kilimanjaro which offers a fantastic view of the mountain, weather permitting. We are hosted by the local coffee co-operative and enjoy a three-hour guided grassroots **coffee tour**. Find out how coffee is sown, grown, harvested, and roasted, then participate in picking, drying and roasting your own cup of coffee. Savour a traditional Chagga lunch amidst the lush scenery, prepared by local women. This afternoon, there is a 40-minute walk to **Materuni Waterfalls** with a height of 80 m. Take a dip in the natural pool filled with the cold waters from Kilimanjaro. The guide explains the flora and fauna, cultural life, and growing local fruit like avocados, lemons, and bananas.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Kilimanjaro Wonders Hotel

Day 6: Saturday, November 11

We drive to Ilkiding'a village at Mount Meru where we spend the morning immersed in the **culture of the Waarusha people** and the Maasai. There are several activities such as a walk through a coffee plantation, a visit to a Maasai boma (homestead), and engaging in beadwork with a Maasai women's craft group to understand the significance of Maasai ornaments and jewelry. We continue to Tarangire National Park and stay two nights at Sangaiwe Tented Camp. The luxurious "rooms" overlook Lake Burunge and the **Rift Valley**, and have en-suite bathrooms with showers. The main building offers a central lounge and dining area built on a raised deck, an

ideal place to relax while the sun disappears over the lake. There is also an outdoor pool.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Sangaiwe Tented Camp

Day 7: Sunday, November 12

A full day is devoted to **Tarangire National Park** which is famous for its huge herds of elephants and baobab trees. It is home to more than 550 bird species, and is also noted for the termite mounds that dot the landscape. Throughout the dry season, thirsty antelope and elephants trek hundreds of kilometres to drink at the Tarangire River.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Sangaiwe Tented Camp

Day 8: Monday, November 13

In the town of **Mto Wa Mbu**, we learn about several different cultures such as Mbugwe, Iraqw, Gorowa, Irangi, Chagga and Maasai. Activities may include visiting a Chagga family who brews banana beer, a farmer from Kigoma who makes palm oil presses, the Rangi people who collect materials from Papyrus Lake to make baskets and mats, the Sandawe families who make traditional bows and arrows for hunting, or the Makonde family of artists who have skills in carving wood. The availability of each group varies from day to day. Then we head to Lake Manyara and the Escarpment Luxury Lodge which has an awesome setting perched on a cliff top. This afternoon, we experience a **Maasai Medicine Walk**. Learn about the different root and plant extracts still being used by the Maasai on a daily basis. Visit an Orpul (healing retreat) area where young warriors learn an age-old tradition from the elders and the medicine man of the village. After an early dinner, head to Lake Manyara National Park for an adventurous **night game drive** in an open vehicle, accompanied by a specialist guide, a tracker, and an armed ranger. Experience a whole new world of nocturnal animal species with likely sightings of porcupines, genets, and civet cats. Hippos may be grazing on the roadside and lions are more active during the night. Tune into the heightened sounds and smells of the dark forest while star gazing.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Escarpment Luxury Lodge



Day 9: Tuesday, November 14

We drive to the highlands town of Karatu to visit the well-known **FAME Hospital** (Foundation for African Medicine and Education). At Gibbs Farm, savour their scrumptious organic lunch with most of the ingredients coming straight from farm to table. It is a working farm and you can visit their organic shamba (garden for growing vegetables) and the vast coffee plantation. During the afternoon, there is a nature walk to the **Elephant Caves and Waterfalls** above Gibbs Farm, accompanied by an armed ranger. We hike through **Ngorongoro Rainforest**, a corridor for animals between Lake Manyara National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater. For centuries, elephants have dug into the hills for necessary minerals for their diet and created the Elephant Caves, and you may even see elephants here. We stay tonight at Ngorongoro Farm House, noted for thatched roofs, ample verandas, and colonial interiors on a 500-acre coffee plantation.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ngorongoro Farm House

Day 10: Wednesday, November 15

Ngorongoro Crater was created when a large volcano exploded and collapsed two million years ago. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978 and is the largest intact volcanic caldera in the world. It is 610 metres deep and its floor covers 260 square km. We spend the day exploring this vast crater which is home to some 25,000 large animals — black rhinos, zebras, wildebeests, gazelles, buffalo, and tsessebes (often called topi). The chances of seeing the Big Five in this natural enclosure are high. We stay at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge which clings to the

crater rim and is rated among Africa's finest hotels. Tonight, we take a two-hour walk along the Ngorongoro Crater rim, accompanied by an armed ranger. Admire the unique flora and fauna of the Ngorongoro Highlands, notably the variety of birdlife as well as larger animals such as giraffes, zebras, and elephants. Learn about the traditional medicinal uses of various plants, as well as spot animal tracks and dung.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ngorongoro Serena Lodge



Day 11: Thursday, November 16

We visit the renowned **Olduvai Gorge** archeological site. Louis and Mary Leakey conducted research here in the 1950s and their discoveries provided evidence of the earliest signs of mankind where hominid footprints are preserved in volcanic rock 3.6 million years old. Over 50 km long and about 100 metres deep, the gorge has yielded hundreds of fossilized bones and stone tools dating back millions of years, concluding that humans evolved in Africa. We continue to the legendary **Serengeti**, the archetypal safari destination, famed for its wealth of leopards and lions. Seeing the vast plains of the Serengeti for the first time is an unforgettable moment. We stay two nights at Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge, situated high on a hill with panoramic views. This lodge is the ultimate fusion of traditional African architecture and world-class style.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

Day 12: Friday, November 17

We have a full day safari in **Serengeti National Park**, starting with a 6 am trip for animal watching while it is still cool and returning to the Lodge for breakfast. Serengeti covers 14,750 square km of grassland plains giving rise to its name which is

derived from the Maasai language and means "endless plains." The region hosts the largest mammal migrations in the world and, every year, over 2.5 million wildebeests and zebras migrate from the Serengeti to the Maasai Mara Reserve in Kenya. The park is noted for its large population of lions, cheetahs, leopards, hyenas, jackals, zebras, giraffes, buffalo, Thomson gazelles, topis, elands, hartebeests, impalas, and duikers. This is also a birder's paradise with over 500 species. Serengeti National Park was established in 1952, however the Serengeti ecosystem is far older and more extensive than the park.

There is an optional (extra cost) opportunity for a **Hot Air Balloon Safari**. It's a magical experience as you watch the sunrise across the Serengeti plains, then admire the spectacular aerial view of the park, its landscape, and animals. Cost is \$875 per person. Please book by final payment date.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

Day 13: Saturday, November 18

A morning game drive is included with more thrilling animal viewings while en route to the airport. We fly back to Kilimanjaro, then go to the Airport Planet Lodge where day rooms are provided to rest during the afternoon. An early dinner is arranged before we return to the airport for the overnight flight on KLM to Amsterdam.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14: Sunday, November 19

During a driving and walking tour of **Amsterdam**, we see Dam Square, the impressive Royal Palace, New Church, Waterloo Square, Begijnhof, and the floating Flower Market. This afternoon, we see the city via a narrated **canal cruise**, passing gabled warehouses, arched bridges, noble mansions, and colourful houseboats.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Eden Lancaster Hotel

Day 15: Monday, November 20

We fly on KLM from Amsterdam to Calgary.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Delta YYC Hotel

Day 16: Tuesday, November 21

Flights are arranged to your home city.

Meals included: Breakfast

EXPERIENCE TANZANIA WITH WELLS GRAY TOURS!

By Kerrie Niemeier, Wells Gray Tours

I had the opportunity of a lifetime to visit Tanzania in 2015 as a guest of Tanzania Journeys which handled our 2017 and 2019 tours and is arranging our 2023 tour. Tanzania is the land of safaris and "Greatest Show on Earth" when one to two million herbivores follow the rains across the Serengeti. Wildebeest stampee across the plains, hippos jostle for space in muddy waterways, and elephants wander along beside you. The Serengeti is one of the best places to see lions, and with an estimated 3,000 lions living here, you are sure to witness them readying for the hunt at dusk or dawn or sleeping in the shade of an acacia tree. Nature surrounds you, the largest animals mingle with the most minute; birds of every size and colour soar and sing; trees and plants burst with flowers; landscapes are colourful and diverse. There are so many experiences to drink in here, and endless opportunities for wildlife viewing and cultural components. Roam with the Maasai, Tanzania's famous warriors, and experience the hospitality of local meals and the rhythms of their traditional dances. You have the chance to tour their homes and villages including visiting their schools and hospitals. The food in Tanzania is superb, local and homemade, and I'm certain you will love tasting and touring the organic, fair trade coffee and tea farms as I did.



You will also visit "Africa's Garden of Eden," the Ngorongoro Crater which is a 20-km wide ecosystem within an ecosystem that was created by a massive collapse of land following a volcanic eruption over two million years ago. It is one of the natural wonders of Africa. On this tour, there is an optional balloon safari which was one of the most thrilling things I have ever done. We launched as the sun rose and gently floated over the plains of the magnificent Serengeti.

This was truly a life-changing trip for me. After visiting a school where the children could not afford pencils, I was inspired to start a fundraiser called "Pledge a Pencil—Sharpen a Future." With the support of Wells Gray Tours, we collected enough school supplies to help two schools during our 2017 tour. We will also be delivering supplies with this 2023 tour.

I believe this destination will not only etch lifelong, unforgettable memories, but will also become a special place in your heart. It really is a live version of *The Lion King*!

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flights from home cities to Calgary and return
- Current air transport taxes and security fees
- Flight on KLM from Calgary to Amsterdam
- Airline luggage fee for 1 suitcase per person
- 13 nights accommodation in hotels or a luxury tent camp including taxes
- Rijksmuseum
- 4 transfers between Amsterdam Schiphol Airport and hotel
- Flight on KLM from Amsterdam to Kilimanjaro
- Transfer from Kilimanjaro Airport to hotel
- 9 days of transportation in Tanzania in 4-wheel drive vehicles with game viewing roof
- Knowledgeable multi-lingual guide for 9 days
- Coffee and tea tour at Uru
- Nature walk to Materuni Waterfalls
- Maasai cultural program
- Tarangire National Park
- Mto Wa Mbu cultural experiences
- Maasi Medicine Walk
- Nighttime game-watching drive
- Lake Manyara National Park
- Visit to FAME Hospital
- Gibbs Farm tour
- Elephant Cave and Waterfalls walk
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Crater Rim walk
- Olduvai Gorge Archeological Site
- Serengeti National Park
- Flight from Seronera to Kilimanjaro
- Day room at Airport Planet Lodge
- Flight from Kilimanjaro to Amsterdam
- Locally-guided tour of Amsterdam highlights
- Amsterdam canals cruise
- Flight on KLM from Amsterdam to Calgary
- Flights from Calgary to home cities
- Gratuities for guides and drivers in Amsterdam and Tanzania
- Fees for village development & armed rangers
- Luggage handling at most hotels
- Wells Gray tour director throughout tour
- **34 meals:** 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 12 dinners

TOUR NOTES

Currency & Expenses: As this tour has been planned and priced 11 months before departure, it is possible that exchange fluctuations between the Canadian and US dollars and Euro could affect the fare, in which case you will be notified of the increase or decrease. The Euro is the currency of the Netherlands and the Tanzanian Shilling is the official currency of Tanzania, but US dollars are widely accepted in tourist areas. You should order US dollars or Euros from your bank 1-2 weeks before departure, or plan to use ATMs. Credit cards are accepted at hotels and tourist areas (exceptions are the markets where cash is typical using shillings). Several meals are included in the Netherlands and all meals in Tanzania along with tips. Beverages are usually not included.

Gratuities are included for the local guides and coach drivers in Netherlands and Tanzania. Gratuities to the Wells Gray tour director and Canadian drivers are not included and left to your discretion.

Passport & Visa: A valid passport is required and must not expire until six months after return date. A visa is not required for the Netherlands. A tourist visa is required for Tanzania and you should apply online about 2 months before the tour; cost is US\$50.

Flight Seating: We are unable to take requests for window or aisle seating on the planes. The airline will not accept them, as group seating is assigned as a block. If this is important to you, we suggest you take the "No Flight" option with a fare reduction of \$2,500 and book your own flights which allow seat selection. This applies to the flights from Calgary to Kilimanjaro and return.

Flight Upgrades: Please enquire about current prices for upgrades on the flights from Calgary to Kilimanjaro and return. Premium economy and business class may be available. The flight from Serengeti to Kilimanjaro is arranged as a group.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. Restaurants in remote areas may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. As restaurants recover from two years of pandemic restrictions, many facing severe labour shortages, we have been informed that food allergies should be honoured, but it is impossible to handle everybody's requests for food preferences. (An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not.) For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

Rooms for Singles are often a different style or smaller size than twin rooms. Many hotels also limit the number of single rooms allocated to a group, so please book early if you prefer to travel single. Rooms for triples are not available.

Vaccinations: You may need one for Tanzania. Please visit a travel clinic two or three months before departure. Bring this itinerary and your personal vaccination record for advice. Wells Gray Tours requires at least 3 vaccinations against Covid-19.

Guides: This tour is accompanied from British Columbia by a Wells Gray tour director. Thoroughly experienced multi-lingual guides travel with us in the Netherlands and throughout Tanzania. You will be expertly guided and well looked after!

TOUR 25 This is a Tour 25 departure, a more intimate travel experience. This tour is limited to 18 travellers due to the seating capacity of the safari jeeps. We recommend that you book early!





Activity Level 3: This tour is rated as Activity Level 3 because tour members should be able to walk up to 3 km at an easy pace, get in and out of the safari jeeps, climb many stairs without assistance, or walk on trails, sidewalks or streets with uneven surfaces. You are staying in luxury tents at Tarangire National Park. Most lodges do not have elevators and your room may be up a flight of stairs. Altitudes range up to 2,000 metres in the Serengeti. There can be longer walks in the airports. This tour is not appropriate if you depend on a cane or walker. Please consider any mobility issues carefully prior to booking this tour, as you may miss some highlights. Prior to accepting your booking, you will be required to sign a declaration that you are capable of travelling on an Activity Level 3 tour. **Everybody** participating in this tour is expected to be capable of handling Activity Level 3. The tour director, local guides, and drivers have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some tour days. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due August 1, 2023. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking, cheque, Visa or Mastercard (\$5,000 limit per person per booking on credit cards).

Discounts: Early bookers receive a \$300 discount on the first 6 seats and \$150 on the next 4 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 1, 2023.

Cancellation Policy: Up to June 30, 2023, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From July 1 to August 1, the cancellation charge is \$400 per person. From August 2 to September 1, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From September 2 to September 29, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After September 29, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: As the world emerges from the pandemic, many of our suppliers such as hotels, restaurants, attractions, and transportation providers are struggling with shortage of staff, inflated costs, and supply line challenges. Sometimes we are notified about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a component of an extensive tour due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to departure.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 224 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until August 1, 2023.

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This tour is rated "Activity Level 3" by the tour planners at Wells Gray Tours. This rating is the highest activity level assigned to a tour. This means there is lots of activity including the following:

- You can walk 3 kilometres in 1 hour.
- You are comfortable with walking on rocky or dirt trails with uneven surfaces.
- You can climb into and out of a safari jeep and travel many kilometres on bumpy roads.
- You are not affected by altitudes of up 2,000 metres for extended periods.
- You can walk up a flight of stairs to your room and do not require an elevator.
- You can carry your own luggage in airports.

Since a few people who are not capable of doing the above activities can hold up the entire group, Wells Gray Tours expects everybody booking a tour with "Activity Level 3" to be reasonably fit. You must be able to participate in activities without the assistance of the tour director, driver or other travellers.

Please read the following and sign acknowledging that these statements are true. The tour deposit will be due after you have signed this statement.

- I want to travel on a Wells Gray tour with a rating of "Activity Level 3".
- I have read the brochure with the full itinerary and description of the activities that are typical on this tour.
- I understand that this is the highest activity level that a Wells Gray tour can be rated.
- I am confident that I can participate in tour activities at this level and I will not hold up or delay the other members of the tour.
- I do not require the use of a wheelchair or a walker.

If my physical condition changes between booking and departure date such that I can no longer do this level of activity, I will notify the Wells Gray office or agent. The specified penalties will apply for cancelling and travel insurance may cover this.

If I am not capable of keeping up with the group or I require frequent assistance, I understand that the Wells Gray tour director has the right to not allow me to participate in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, I acknowledge that I may be required to leave the tour and travel home at my own expense, and that travel insurance will probably not cover me.

This statement has been implemented by Wells Gray Tours to maintain high quality itineraries, accurate timing, and the enjoyment of all tour participants. Each person booking this tour must sign this statement. Thank you for your understanding.

Signature _____ Name _____ Date _____