FLAVORS OF SICILY

No other part of Europe embraces you as warmly and feeds you as well as Sicily. We invite you to explore the many layers of the island’s history, its delectable cuisine and vintages, and its engaging culture. Visit Sicily’s many marvelous sites, admire her stunning vistas, and relax in the opulence of your luxurious accommodations with views of Mount Etna.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

With Sicilian wine and cuisine as our inspiration, and a private villa as our home base, I invite you to join us to embrace the beauty of Sicily. With breathtaking natural beauty, deep history, and a fabled cuisine that must be savored slowly, this is a journey that will allow you the time to explore and appreciate Italy’s most colorful region.

An intimate, small-group atmosphere and authentically Sicilian experience distinguish this 9-day program. Immerse yourself in a cultural and culinary adventure: converse with winemakers and learn secrets from celebrated chefs; and taste boutique wines paired with locally renowned antipasti, secondi, and historic dishes such as iconic pasta alla Norma.

Travel through the landscape with expert guides who will thoughtfully introduce you to the traditions of this captivating place, then return home with stories to share and memories that will remain with you forever.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at rice.orbridge.com, by phone at 713-34-TRIPS (87477) or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,
Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 12/18/2018
Program Highlights:

- With your small group, enjoy seven nights in the luxury and elegance of your private villa, Don Arcangelo all’Olmo.

- Work side-by-side in the kitchens of distinguished chefs, learning time-tested techniques and modern twists with ingredients grown in the mineral-rich, volcanic soil of Mount Etna’s fertile lowlands.

- Spend time exploring the coastal towns of Taormina and Siracusa—including a stop at a local outdoor market.

- Visit Benanti, a family-owned boutique winery with a strong international focus, and winner of over 80 awards since 1994.

- Stop by the award-winning Planeta winery for a tasting and lunch.

- Visit Sicily’s archaeological masterpieces—the ancient theatres of Taormina and Siracusa, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Villa Romana del Casale mosaics in Piazza Armerina.

- Explore Mount Etna, a natural marvel and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- Day after day, experience the fusion of tradition and modernity, and see for yourself how Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, German, French, and Spanish influences have formed this magnificent island of fertility.

- **What's included:** 7 nights accommodations; 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine; all lessons, private tours, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary; private motor coach transportation; luggage handling; gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and wait staff for included meals; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
Day-by-Day Itinerary:

**Day 1: En Route from U.S.**

**Day 2: Arrive Catania, Sicily, Italy / Giarre**
Settle in at Don Arcangelo all’Olmo, an enchanting villa featuring lush gardens and views of Mount Etna. Explore the property, then become acquainted with your travel companions during dinner served with Sicilian wines and specialties of the region.
*Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (D)*

**Day 3: Taormina**
Spend the day touring Taormina, an idyllic town perched on a rocky hillside. With your local guide, delight in exploring the town’s network of winding streets and ancient Greek theatre—one of Sicily’s most picturesque and well-preserved. Charming streets open to stunning panoramas of popular beaches, the warm Ionian Sea, and snow-capped Mount Etna. This afternoon, stroll down the pedestrian-only Corso Umberto with leisure time to discover the lively shops and restaurants.
*Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,D)*

**Day 4: Piazza Armerina**
Today visit Sicily’s archaeological masterpiece and UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Villa Romana del Casale. During a guided tour, explore the famous 4th-century site considered a display of the best preserved and extensive examples of Roman mosaics in the world, offering a glimpse into a wealthy Sicilian family’s lifestyle of centuries past.
*Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,L,D)*

**Day 5: Viagrande / Catania**
This morning, browse the colorful and culture-rich outdoor street market in nearby Catania, a local tradition dating back to the 9th century. Then venture to Benanti, an award-winning winery, for a unique cooking lesson followed by a vineyard tour and wine tasting.
*Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,L,D)*

**Day 6: Siracusa / Ortigia**
Welcome to the historic city of Siracusa, a 2,700-year-old fortified seaport founded by Greek Corinthians and Teneans. During the Athenian Empire, Siracusa rivaled Athens in size and importance. Cicero described Siracusa as the greatest and most beautiful of the Greek city-states. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it features many structures dating back to the 5th century B.C. Visit the storied island of Ortigia, the heart of the ancient city, then the massive Greek theater and the “Ear of Dionysius,” the famous stone quarry nearby. In the old city, the kaleidoscopic markets overflow with local seafood, dairy, meat, and succulent produce such as ruby-red tomatoes, tender figs, and dark green capers.
*Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,D)*

**Day 7: Mount Etna**
Today you can opt to visit Sicily’s greatest natural attraction, Mount Etna—another UNESCO World Heritage Site and the highest active volcano in Europe. Lovingly known locally as “The Etna,” at almost 11,000 feet, it has four craters at the summit and more than 300 vents on the flanks. Marvel at its enormity as you take in its unique, dominant features and view the destruction of previous eruptions and lava flows.

Guests opting to relax at the villa in the morning instead of taking part in the high-elevation hike up to 9,580 feet can rejoin the group in the afternoon for a wine tasting and delicious lunch at award-winning Planeta winery. Here, focus on how the cultivation of the ancient fertile land around Mount Etna influences the wine.
*Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,L,D)*

**Day 8: Taormina**
After breakfast, travel to Villa Britannia to experience a hands-on cooking class of traditional Sicilian fare with a
celebrated chef who selects only locally grown, hand-picked ingredients to concoct a unique menu for the group. Made from the freshest ingredients chosen daily, you’ll have an opportunity to create a variety of mouth-watering dishes like marinated prawns, caponata, pasta alla Norma, seafood risotto, zuppa di pesce, veal rolls, chicken alla cacciatore, plus amazing desserts such as Sicilian cassata, tiramisu, or crespelle.

Tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner at the villa, sure to be a memorable celebration that caps off of a fabulous week of new memories and adventures. 

**Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo (B,L,D)**

**Day 9: Catania / Depart for U.S.**
After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. *(B)*

*B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner*

(Itinerary subject to change.)

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**What’s Included:**

- Seven nights accommodations at Don Arcangelo all’Olmo villa (or similar)
- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- Full services of an Orbridge Travel Director in addition to expert local guides
- All private tours and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Intimate cooking classes with celebrated chefs
- In-depth, guided exploration of Sicily’s main attractions—Taormina, Mount Etna, Villa Romana del Casale, Siracusa, and Ortigia
- Private motor coach transportation, luggage handling, and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and waitstaff for included meals
Your Guide(s):

Flavors of Sicily – Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

As you explore the region’s culinary and cultural flavors, an Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure’s appreciation of food and wine, a local’s knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado’s ability to enrich the beauty of all senses to your discoveries. Whether at a wine tasting, visiting with locals, sightseeing, or raising a glass with you over an exquisitely crafted meal, the contribution of your Travel Director is essential to the intimate and educational qualities that distinguish this program. Catch their enthusiasm and explore the flavors of this wonderful region with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.
Program Accommodations:

Don Arcangelo all’Olmo

Don Arcangelo all’Olmo, lovingly known as L’Olmo, is a Think Exquisite villa from the award-winning villa company *The Thinking Traveller*, and it sits serenely between Mount Etna and the Ionian Sea. Once a farm building on a wine-producing estate, the property was painstakingly restored to create the grand villa that exists today.

L’Olmo’s 24-guest capacity provides patrons an atmosphere of exclusivity—that feeling of having the surroundings nearly all to one’s self.

*Property Amenities: Fine dining that features locally-sourced ingredients, complimentary Wi-Fi, large sitting area with open fireplace, televisions in the living area of the main house and in the Casa all’Olmo, outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, colorful gardens, and fitness room.*

**Classic Double:** Impeccably designed for comfort, these rooms are located in Casa all’Olmo—a superbly restored farmhouse next to the main building.

**Deluxe Double:** Spacious and bright, these classically appointed rooms are in Casale, the main building.

*Room Amenities: Air conditioning, complimentary Wi-Fi, iPod docking station, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

(Accommodations subject to change.)

Activity Level:

**Moderate**

Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests on this program can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and can walk up and down hillsides and stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited. Also, dexterity to use kitchen tools and participate in lessons is not necessary, but adds to the enjoyment of this program.

What Guests Are Saying:

“Never having done any group travel before, I didn’t really have clear expectations—but whatever they
were, the trip more than exceeded them. Perfect organization, lodging, scheduling—wonderful leadership, and a great group of participants. The program highlights, for me, were our travel director, the really fun group of folks, the property, and the cooking classes.”
—Bruce B., Los Angeles, CA

“Even though we knew the itinerary and location, we were awed by everything experienced. Variety of food was great, and the fresh brioches in the morning were sublime! Our travel director was delightful and clever and very friendly and attentive. She made the trip in every way.”
—Charles & Ann S., Winter Park, FL

“Our travel director was fantastic. She was so accommodating about everything. We thought she was over the top. All of the local guides were well spoken, informed and pleasant.”
—Barbara L., Highland Park, IL

“Our travel director was truly wonderful and we were so happy to have her on the trip. She was always very aware of our group and making sure everyone was included and that their needs were being met. As the week went on, she felt like another member of our group, participating in our conversations, answering our questions, and it was very enjoyable. She knows a lot about Sicily, but was also able to engage in really interesting conversations about Italian culture vs. American culture vs. other countries' cultures that were incredibly interesting.

I went on this trip with my family and 89-year-old Grandmother and we all loved the itinerary (which is a challenge because it needed to appeal to people in their 20's through late 80's). We really enjoyed all of the tours, cooking classes, and vineyard visits.”
—Alyssa F., Pepper Pike, OH

“We thought the program was an incredible value! We typically have traveled internationally very independently, doing our own research, renting a villa and renting a car. We never could have experienced the things we did on this tour if we had planned it ourselves—for financial reasons as well as logistics (e.g., being able to cover as much ground if we also had to do the driving). Given the range of activities and the number of professionals involved, we marvel at how you’re able to offer such a trip so economically for the value!

We also loved the personal nature of the small group—13 people on our trip—which made it very enjoyable for everyone to get to know each other.”
—Joyce G., Alexandria, VA
Optional Pre-Tour:

TAORMINA

Experience true Sicilian *dolce vita* while exploring Taormina—a popular resort town situated spectacularly on the side of a mountain. Embrace the endless vistas, indulge in freshly-baked brioche, and stroll the welcoming sandy beaches.

**Itinerary:**

**Day +1: En route from U.S.**

**Day +2: Arrive in Catania, Sicily / Taormina**
Enjoy your first day and evening in Taormina at leisure.
*Overnight: Hotel Capotaormina*

**Day +3: Taormina / Giardini Naxos**
Today, embark upon a private two-hour boat excursion, sailing the coast of Taormina with impressive views of Capo di Naxos, Grotta del Giorno, Capo Taormina, Isola Bella, the Blue Grotto, the Bay of Mazzarò, and the Bay of St. Nicolas. This is a photography-lover’s dream adventure—providing unobscured panoramic coastline rich with caves, bays, and various flora and fauna. Fresh fruit and pastries will be served during the sailing.

The remainder of the day is at leisure.
*Overnight: Hotel Capotaormina (B)*

**Day +4: Taormina / Giarre / Main Program Begins**
After breakfast, enjoy final leisure time in Taormina before driving to Giarre to meet with guests to begin the main program. *(B)*

*B = Breakfast*

*Please note: this pre-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Travel Director. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Group space may not be available within 90 days of departure. (Itinerary subject to change.)*
Accommodations:

Hotel Capotaormina

Retreat to this luxurious property on Sicily’s coast, with its own private beach, saltwater swimming pool, and wellness center. Attentive hospitality and refined, peaceful rooms ensure guests experience a unique taste of la vera Sicilia.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, private balcony with sea views, large wardrobe, LCD TV, complimentary WiFi, mini-fridge, safe, phone, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

What's Included:

- Two nights accommodations at Hotel Capotaormina (or similar), with breakfast each morning
- Private two-hour coastline boat tour
- Transportation for included activities and to Giarre for the main program
- Gratuities to local guide and driver
- Complimentary transfer from the airport for guests arriving during the suggested times

Activity Level:

Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and can walk up and down hillsides and stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited.
Enjoy Sicily’s fascinating and bustling capital, Palermo. The city, which is over 2,700 years old, is rich in history, culture, art, music, and gourmet cuisine.

Itinerary:

Day 9: Depart Taormina / Cefalù / Arrive Palermo
After departing Taormina, enjoy an afternoon of guided sightseeing in Cefalù before arriving in Palermo.

Named for the massive hill and rock formations rising above town, Cefalù is famous for its Duomo (cathedral) built in 1131 by Roger II. Legend has it, he built the cathedral to thank the gods for saving him when he was lost at sea during a storm. The town is also known for its various Greek ruins, delightful streets lined with colorful shops, and sandy beaches. Cefalù is home to just 14,000 residents, however it remains one of the most popular attractions near Palermo. Some of the original structures of the town are still visible, including an unusual edifice built of limestone blocks that appears to have been a palace or residence—and is the island’s only example of this style of masonry, which is typically found in Central Italy.

Overnight: Hotel Federico II Central Palace (B)

Day 10: Palermo Guided Sightseeing
After breakfast, set out for a guided tour of the historical center of Palermo. Founded more than 2,700 years ago in a basin formed by three rivers, Palermo is surrounded by mountains and has been influenced by everyone from the Phoenicians to the Romans and Byzantines. Famous for its citrus groves, beautiful ancient churches, outdoor markets, and narrow medieval streets, this delightful city combines well-preserved historical sites, friendly locals, and delicious cuisine to provide a memorable experience.

Stroll through Mercato di Capo market and visit Palermo’s cathedral, Martorana. Your panoramic tour also provides glimpses of the opera house Teatro Politeama, “La Cala” (the old harbour), Piazza Indipendenza, Porta Nuova, Piazza del Parlamento, and Villa Bonanno Garden. And enjoy a guided tour inside Monreale Cathedral.

Overnight: Hotel Federico II Central Palace (B)

Day 11: Palermo / Depart for U.S.
In the morning, guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary group transfer to the airport
for flights home. (B)

B = Breakfast

Please note: this post-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Travel Director. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Group space may not be available within 90 days of departure.

(Itinerary subject to change.)
Accommodations:

Hotel Federico II Central Palace

Situated in the heart of Palermo and just steps from prime shopping and Liberty Avenue, Hotel Federico is between the two most important and famous sites in Palermo—Teatro Politeama and Teatro Massimo.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, LCD TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, minibar, safe, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

What's Included:

- Group transfer to Palermo
- Two nights accommodations at Hotel Federico II Central Palace (or similar), with breakfast each morning
- Guided sightseeing of Palermo and Cefalù, as well as entrance fee to Monreale Cathedral
- Gratuities to local guide and driver
- Complimentary transfer to the airport for guests departing during the suggested times

Activity Level:

Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and can walk up and down hillsides and stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited.
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SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 — OCTOBER 05, 2019
PRE-TOUR: SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 — SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
POST-TOUR: OCTOBER 05, 2019 — OCTOBER 07, 2019

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Option 1: Reserve online now at rice.orbridge.com or call 713-34-TRIPS (87477).

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________ Class Year: _______
Home Phone: __________________________ Alt. Phone: ________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: __________

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________ Class Year: _______
Home Phone: __________________________ Alt. Phone: ________________________
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DEPOSIT:

# ______ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) +
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I have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ___________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to: Rice Alumni Traveling Owls
Office of Alumni Affairs MS 520, P.O. Box 1892
Houston, TX 77251-1892
Fax: (713) 348-5210
**Terms and Conditions**

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**Rates.** Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares (air, water, land, tariffs and currency values). While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, they are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge. In the case of invoicing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with the correct pricing.

**Registration, Deposits and Final Payment.** To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $2,500 per person is due for the Astounding Antarctica program and $1,500 per person for the Rwanda extension on the Tanzania Migration Safari. A deposit of $850 per person and $500 per person per extension is required for all other programs. Reservation deposits, plus any non-refundable deposits are due at the time of registration and payable by check, automated clearing house (ACH), money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card. Final payment including any extension(s) and optional(s) is payable by check, ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds and due no later than 150 days prior to Antartica program departure date. Final payments for all other programs are due 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the date the program starts, the entire cost of the program, plus any extension and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

**Reservation Grace Period.** Reservations (other than for the Rwanda Extension on the Tanzania Safari Migration program) made more than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date for Astounding Antarctica, and not fewer than 98 calendar days prior to the scheduled program departure date for other Orbridge programs may be canceled at any time during the seven (7) calendar day period (the “Grace Period”) immediately following the deposit or final payment receipt. Notice of termination must be in writing and must be received by Orbridge in the Grace Period and is effective only on timely receipt of such written notice by Orbridge. For all other cancellations and refunds, the terms of the Cancellations and Refunds section below apply.

**Cancellations and Refunds.** All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridget in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee (“Cancellation Fee”) as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received 150 days or more prior to the scheduled departure date of the Astounding Antarctica program and the scheduled departure date of the Rwanda Extension on the Tanzania Migration program will be fully refunded; (b) other than the Antarctica program, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 274 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person per program and $300 per person per program for any extension other than Rwanda, Buenos Aires and Iguazu Falls; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date and the day before the final payment due date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any extension; (d) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge on the final payment due date or closer to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price. In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier change applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

**Travel Insurance.** Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy that will cover some or all of your losses associated with damage or loss of luggage or personal effects. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us immediately.

**Cancelled Programs.** All programs are subject to cancellation by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for such reasons as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge’s sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join another tour on a different date or to a different location. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference; or Orbridge shall refund all payments made to Orbridge at the time of cancellation should the alternative arrangement not be offered or selected.

**Itineraries.** Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leader, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or conditions beyond Orbridge’s control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate the program as planned, but adjustments, substitution of destinations and changes to accommodations or program occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, travel with a program or any part of it, make alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures or additional costs caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

**Not Included.** Unless otherwise specifically noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares; transfers and luggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates, excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or GST taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authority; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship’s crew not specified; meals and beverages other than those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability); and ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable.

**Health and Fitness to Travel.** Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit from participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant’s sole expense, remove from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may in or cause a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your interests if possible.

**Travel Advisories.** The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue statements and advisories about risks to travelers. These statements are country specific and contain important information. The State Department information can be found at http://travel.state.gov, and the CDC statements can be found at http://www.cdc.gov. We urge everyone to review these sites.

Children. Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian (“ dependents”) in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any extension(s). Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

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Binding Arbitration. I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, either according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

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Please sign, date and print guest name(s).

Guest #1 Signature Date

Print Name

Guest #2 Signature Date

Print Name

For a Minor:

I, as an authorized parent or guardian of the below named minor, hereby give my permission for my child or ward to participate in the trip and further agree, individually and on behalf of my child or ward, to the terms of the above. In the event the minor is not accompanied by all legal guardians on this trip, I agree to carry with me a notarized document from each legal guardian, not on the trip, granting his or her approval for the minor to travel on this trip and to present said document(s) to any authority requesting such. In the event I am the sole guardian of the minor, I agree to carry documentation evidencing such and present to any authority when requested.

Name of Minor

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Print Name