

# EF's Booking Conditions:

These Booking Conditions are valid for all EF tours departing the United States from October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014. All tours are operated outside the United States by EF Cultural Travel Ltd., Switzerland, hereafter referred to as "EF."

## What's included in your price?

- Program price
- Non-refundable \$95 deposit
- Round-trip airfare
- Accommodations in clean, safe hotels with private bathrooms
- A Tour Director available 24 hours-a-day from when you arrive until you depart (except where noted on the tour itinerary)
- Breakfast and dinner daily in Europe. For non-European destinations different meal plans may apply
- Sightseeing tours and excursions led by licensed local guides as specified
- Airport transfers and transportation between destination cities
- Transportation to all included activities
- Entrance fees and theater tickets as specified
- EF walking tours and Tour Director-led sightseeing as specified
- Cruises, trains or ferries as specified
- Adult supplement (if applicable)
- Weekend supplement (\$35 for any flight departing Friday, Saturday or Sunday in either direction)
- Support from EF representatives abroad
- 24-hour worldwide emergency service

The above apply to all tours unless otherwise noted on the tour itinerary. If we ever fail to provide you with any of the above, we will refund you its value upon your return from the tour.

## What does the non-refundable deposit include?

All travelers must pay the non-refundable, non-transferable \$95 deposit upon enrollment in order for the enrollment to be complete. After travel is completed on the first tour, repeat travelers will receive a \$100 repeat traveler discount off future tours.\* (Smithsonian Student Travel repeat travelers will receive a \$50 repeat traveler discount off future EF tours.) The \$95 non-refundable deposit includes:

- EF's standard cancellation policy and travel warning cancellation as described on p. 13
- EF backpack and luggage tag for each tour
- Processing services by EF staff
- Eligibility for discounts on other EF programs

\*Repeat travelers are paying travelers who traveled beginning in 2003. Travelers who cancel their tour prior to traveling are not eligible for a repeat traveler discount. The repeat traveler discount is non-refundable and non-transferable.

## What's not included in your price?

- Optional excursions
- Insurance
- Beverages and lunches (except where specified)
- Transportation to free-time activities
- Customary gratuities (for your Tour Director, bus driver, local guide and cruise staff)
- Portage
- Shore excursions on cruises
- Any applicable baggage-handling fees imposed by the airlines (see [eftours.com/baggage](http://eftours.com/baggage) for complete details)
- Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancellations or delays caused by the airlines, bad weather or events beyond EF's control (see next page for details)
- Passport, visa and reciprocity fees
- Charges due to changes in currency exchange rate

## Price validity

Availability of prices in this brochure is limited, and at the time a traveler enrolls on a tour, prices may be higher. For current prices, please see our website.

## Group travel

**How does group travel work?** We believe that all students should have the opportunity to travel, which means we do everything we can to keep our program prices the lowest in the industry without sacrificing quality. One of the ways we do that

is by combining groups to fill a tour bus, so that all travelers help cover the costs of the bus, the Tour Director, local guides, etc. Consolidating groups also allows travelers to meet students from other schools, although groups may not be of the same age level.

Therefore, in order for everyone to travel for the lowest price possible, group travel requires some flexibility. Each group submits its preferred tour choices and travel dates, and then we book all of the groups with the same requested tours on one specific departure date. Because EF is the largest student travel provider, it's rare that groups do not travel on their first-choice tour. However, on occasion, we may need to book your group on your second- or third-choice tour. If those options are not available, we will book you on a comparable tour (although it may not include all countries of your requested tours). The final tour's program price will apply. If we fail to offer a comparable tour, travelers may opt to receive a full refund. EF strives to keep departure dates within one to two days of the requested date for tours departing October through April, and within four days of the requested date for tours departing May through September. Your final tour itinerary and travel dates will be confirmed approximately two months prior to departure.

**Anything else I need to know about my itinerary?** Based on your travel dates, there may be times when it becomes necessary to modify your itinerary. Sometimes this involves changing the order in which cities are visited, altering your length of stay in a city or country, or using an alternate airport. On certain days, especially holidays, some tour inclusions may be unavailable. In such cases, we will substitute different inclusions or provide a refund after the tour. Tours are designed for students, as reflected in the pacing, accommodations and other aspects of the tour.

## Private groups

**What if my group wants to travel on our own without being consolidated? If you want the privacy of your own tour bus and a Tour Director just for your group, you can choose to travel as a private group.** This option is available for an additional fee, which varies based on the final number of full-paying travelers. If your group fills a tour bus, the private group option is free. You may not modify your itinerary while on tour (i.e. you do not have the tour bus at your disposal), however you are able to make certain tour modifications prior to your tour departure. Although your base itinerary will include only your group, you may be consolidated with others during optional excursions. Also, due to flight and hotel availability, we require the same departure date flexibility as described above. Please let EF know prior to your first enrollment if you would like to be a private group.

## Enrollment

All Enrollment Forms must be received at EF by 110 days prior to departure. Travelers should provide complete first, middle and last names and dates of birth as they appear (or will appear) on their passports as any corrections to passport names made after 110 days prior to departure require that we change your flight reservation resulting in a minimum fee of \$200 per airline up to the cost of a new published fare ticket and may result in a different flight itinerary from the group. If you have not yet applied for your passport, provide your full name and date of birth as they appear on your birth certificate.

**How do travelers enroll?** Enrollment Forms and payment can be submitted to EF in any of the following ways:

<b>Online</b> <a href="http://eftours.com/student">eftours.com/student</a>	<b>Phone</b> 800-665-5364
<b>Mail</b> EF Educational Tours EF Center Boston One Education Street Cambridge, MA 02141	<b>Fax</b> 800-318-3732

Please see p. 12 for payment details, and p. 13 for our late enrollments information.

**Can I enroll on a waitlist if my tour is full?** Upon the discretion of the Group Leader, a waitlist may be offered for full tours. The \$95 non-refundable deposit is required for

waitlist enrollments. If a spot becomes available on the tour and the applicant chooses to enroll, EF's payment plan and cancellation policy apply. If space is not available by 14 days prior to departure or if the applicant cancels from the waitlist, the \$95 deposit will be refunded.

**Can children under 12 go on tour?** We do not allow children under the age of 6 to travel with us. Travelers ages 6-11 must have an adult chaperone other than the Group Leader and will have to room with an adult in a twin (a room with two beds) or family room (a room with two twin beds and a cot) and pay all applicable fees.

**Can adults go on tour?** EF's published program prices are based on student rates for transportation, admissions, accommodations, etc. We welcome adults (those age 20 and older, including those who will turn 20 while on tour), but have to charge a per-person flat fee supplement of \$125, plus \$30 per night of the tour, to cover the difference between student and adult rates. Adults will pay an additional \$40 per night for the sea portion of their tour on overnight ferries and cruises. Please see next page for information on adult rooming. Groups comprised of a majority of adults must select the private group option.

## Passports and visas

**Who is responsible for getting travelers' passports and visas?** Each traveler must obtain a passport and any applicable visas for his or her tour prior to departure. For certain tours, we will need your passport information 110 days prior to departure. If a traveler is unable to obtain these travel documents, our standard cancellation policy will apply (see first column on p. 13). Please be sure that passports are valid for at least six months after your tour ends. Non-U.S. citizens will need to contact the embassy or consulate of their destination countries to ensure they meet specific entry requirements. Remember to check your itinerary carefully for all countries that you will visit or pass through, including transfers between airports in foreign countries and re-entry into the United States. Visit the U.S. Department of State at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) for further information.

## Insurance

**Can I purchase insurance?** We strongly advise all travelers to protect themselves on tour with the All-Inclusive Insurance Plan. The All-Inclusive Insurance Plan covers all travelers for the official tour portions while groups are traveling with a Tour Director. Please be aware that your Group Leader may include the All-Inclusive Insurance Plan. If so, the All-Inclusive Insurance Plan will be included in your tour price. If you are doing an individual or group stay-ahead or stay-behind without a Tour Director, you can purchase extension insurance to cover you for the days before or after your tour. Contact us for details about the extension insurance which provides additional coverage for \$15 per day up to 35 days.

## Flight information

**Which airlines does EF use?** EF reserves seats with major airlines, including Aer Lingus, Air Canada, Air France, Air New Zealand, Alitalia, American, British Airways, Delta, Iberia, KLM, Lufthansa, Qantas, South African Airways, SAS, Swiss, United, US Airways, Virgin Atlantic Airways and other U.S. and international carriers. Our contracts do not allow upgrades, stopovers or the accrual of frequent flier miles.

**What will my flights be like?** We always do our best to provide the most direct route to your destination city. However, due to available flight routings, we cannot guarantee non-stop or direct flights. Sometimes, groups may travel on an overnight red-eye flight, departing the evening before the tour is scheduled to begin. In rare cases, groups may have a domestic and/or international overnight, layover and/or bus transfer. Based on seat availability and the size of the plane, we may not be able to accommodate all members of a group on the same flight, in which case the Group Leader will determine on which flight itinerary each traveler will travel. In such instances that a traveler is not satisfied with their flight assignment, standard cancellation fees apply. You will receive your seat assignments when you check in. Depending on your group's size, you may or may not sit together. Some countries may require aircraft insecticide treatment for inbound foreign flights. A list of such countries is available here: [eftours.com/disinfection](http://eftours.com/disinfection).

**Do I have to travel on all legs of my flight itinerary?** You must travel on all legs of your itinerary. If you do not travel on a portion of your flights, the remaining portions will be cancelled. You will be responsible for purchasing a new ticket as well as for any service fees charged by the airlines.

**What happens if my flight is delayed?** EF is not responsible for airline schedule changes, or mechanical, weather or capacity-related flight delays; however, see p. 12 for coverage offered in the All Inclusive Insurance Plan.

**Are any airports interchangeable?** Flights to and from the following destinations may originate/end at any of the airports in that vicinity. On occasion, your tour may return to a different airport than the one you departed from.

- Houston: George Bush Intercontinental or Hobby
- Miami: Fort Lauderdale or Miami
- New York: LaGuardia, JFK or Newark
- Washington, D.C./Baltimore: BWI, Dulles or Ronald Reagan National
- Ireland: Cork or Shannon
- Italy: Milan or Venice
- Scotland: Edinburgh or Glasgow

**Are there flight restrictions for travelers under 18?** Anyone younger than 18 years old traveling apart from the group without an adult companion must register with the airlines as an unaccompanied minor. Please contact each airline on the minor's itinerary to make arrangements. Any resulting fees will be assessed by the airlines and are the responsibility of the traveler. A parent/guardian must provide written consent if he wishes to decline the unaccompanied minor service.

### Special travel requests

EF is happy to provide stay-ahead/stay-behind options, alternate departure airports and land-only tours for individual travelers or the whole group. If you have requested special travel arrangements, EF cannot guarantee that you will fly with your group in either direction.

**What if my whole group wants to do a stay-ahead or stay-behind?** Where possible, EF will provide altered flight and/or land arrangements for a group of at least six paying travelers plus the Group Leader. Each traveler will have to pay any additional air and/or land costs. The Group Leader should submit one request for the whole group, which needs to be received prior to your first enrollment.

**What if only one traveler has a special travel request?** Individual special travel requests should be submitted online at [eftours.com](http://eftours.com) by 110 days prior to departure. Please keep in mind that you should not make any actual arrangements—such as booking a flight or hotel—until you receive your final tour itinerary and departure date around 60 days prior to departure. A \$150 service fee plus any additional air and/or land costs will be charged.

### What are the types of individual special travel requests?

- **Individual stay-ahead/stay-behind option** Where possible, EF will provide altered flight arrangements, according to your request. Travelers are responsible for making their own arrangements to and from the hotel or airport, as well as all land arrangements pertaining to their individual itinerary.
- **Alternate departure airports** The program prices are based on group departures. If an individual chooses to fly out of a different airport than the group, the program price of the alternate airport will apply. Travelers must depart from and return to the same domestic airport.
- **Land-only tours** On certain tours, travelers have the option to make their own flight arrangements and join the tour at the first hotel on the itinerary. Travelers are responsible for making their own arrangements to and from the hotel or airport. In this case, the program price will be reduced depending on the length and destination of the tour. EF is not responsible for any travel-related delays or inconveniences for land-only travelers.

### Optional excursions

**What are optional excursions?** EF offers these activities in addition to what's already included on your itinerary. Some Group Leaders choose to add optional excursions to all traveler accounts.

**When should I purchase optional excursions?** To secure a discounted price, optional excursions need to be purchased by 50 days prior to departure. Most optional excursions can be purchased on tour at a slightly higher price (though there are a few that must be purchased prior to departure). Certain optional excursions are only available for purchase on tour. Additional details will be sent to travelers. Please note that optional excursion prices are subject to change.

**Are optional excursions refundable?** If EF has to cancel an optional excursion (due to low enrollment, for example), you will receive a full refund for the optional excursion after returning home from the tour. To receive a refund for an optional excursion that you simply no longer wish to be enrolled in, you must let us know by 50 days prior to departure or no refund will be given.

### Tour extensions

Many tours offer extensions that add days, destinations and activities to the base itinerary. Travelers must be accompanied by their Group Leader or a designated chaperone on tour extensions. Tour extension requests must be received prior to your first enrollment. A minimum number of travelers is required for a tour extension to run.

### Rooming

EF handles final rooming assignments for all travelers. Please ensure that all rooming requests are submitted by 70 days prior to departure.

**How many students are in a room?** Students will room in triples or quads with others of the same gender from the entire tour group. This means that students from different schools may room together. EF uses U.S.-style hotels for all tours to Mexico, Central and South America and select European destinations. These rooms contain two double beds (beds for two people), and two students are expected to share each bed.

**Can students request a twin room?** Students may request twin accommodations (a hotel room with two single beds) by submitting the name of their roommate. The following additional fees will apply:

- \$30 per hotel night per student
  - \$70 per ferry or cruise night per student
- (Please note: Twin accommodations are not available on overnight trains.)

**How are adults roomed?** Adults are placed in twin accommodations (a hotel room with two beds) with another adult of the same gender from the entire tour group. This will mean that adults from different schools/organizations may room together.

**Can adults request a room with a double bed?** Adults can request double-bed accommodations (a room with one bed for two people) by providing EF with the name of their roommate by 70 days prior to departure.

**Can adults request a single room?** Adults can request a single room for an additional \$40 per hotel, cruise or ferry night (\$50 per night for South Pacific destinations). Please note: Single rooms are not available on tours to Africa or overnight trains.

**What are the sleeping arrangements on trains?** Overnight trains provide couchette sleeping berths or sessels (recliners). The couchettes contain up to six fold-out beds that come down from the wall; on rare occasions, these compartments may not be exclusive to EF travelers and may be mixed gender. Single rooms and private bathrooms are not available on overnight trains.

### Miscellaneous

**When does my tour officially start and end?** Each tour begins with the take-off from the departure airport, and ends when the flight lands at the return airport. For those making their own flight arrangements, the tour begins upon arrival at the first EF hotel and ends upon departure from the last EF hotel, according to the itinerary. The official length of an EF tour does not include stay-ahead or stay-behind option periods when travelers are not escorted by a Tour Director.

**What happens if EF has to cancel a tour?** EF may cancel any tour for events beyond its control, including but not limited to instability in a destination country, acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of violence, public health issues or quarantine, substantial currency fluctuations, strikes, government restrictions, fire or severe weather conditions that make it impossible or commercially unreasonable in the opinion of EF to conduct the tour. If EF cancels the tour for any such reason, travelers will receive an EF future travel voucher for all monies paid, less the \$95 non-refundable deposit and any additional non-refundable fees. Cancellation by EF for causes described in this section shall not be a violation of its obligations to any traveler.

**What about lost belongings?** EF is not responsible for loss of passports, airline tickets or other documents, or for loss of or damage to luggage or any other passenger belongings. In the case of a lost paper airline ticket, the traveler is solely responsible for meeting the airline's requirements (both logistical and financial) for ticket replacement.

**What if my tour dates do not fall in the range covered by these Booking Conditions?** Travelers enrolling on tours departing after September 30, 2013, are subject to these Booking Conditions as well as any changes to EF's 2014 Booking Conditions (for travel October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014). The 2014 Booking Conditions will be available online at [eftours.com/BC](http://eftours.com/BC) in December 2012.

### Protection for travelers' payments

You can rest assured knowing that travelers' tour money is protected in the unlikely event of EF bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business under our participation in the United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA) \$1 Million Travelers Assistance Program. For program details and a list of its affiliates, contact USTOA by mail at 275 Madison Avenue, Suite 2014, NY, NY 10016, by email at [information@ustoa.com](mailto:information@ustoa.com) or online at [USTOA.com](http://USTOA.com).

### Terms and provisions

The terms and provisions of these Booking Conditions supersede any other warranties, representations, terms or conditions, unless they are expressly stated within a Booking Conditions Addendum or in a letter signed by an EF officer. Prices and fees subject to change.

The tour operator for your trip is EF Cultural Travel Ltd. ("EF") Haldenstrasse 4, CH-6006, Lucerne, Switzerland, organization number CH-100.3.026.585-3, VAT number 596 344. EF Institute for Cultural Exchange, Inc. ("Educational Tours" or "ET") is an affiliate of EF Cultural Travel, LTD. ("EF"), and acts only as a sales and marketing provider for that company. ET does not provide any goods or services for your trip. Note: The services provided are tax-exempt with credit in accordance with Swiss Federal Law with regard to VAT Article #19.

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# EF's Booking Conditions: Payments, Insurance and Peace of Mind

## How do I pay for my tour?

### EF'S MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN

All travelers are enrolled in EF's Monthly Payment Plan. Our automated payment plan divides your tour costs over time so you can pay in small, manageable increments deducted monthly directly from your checking account. Alternatively, you can provide a credit/debit card. Calculate your monthly payment by visiting [eftours.com/paymentplan](http://eftours.com/paymentplan).

- Convenient monthly payments deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit or debit card
- Flexibility to choose one of four monthly charge dates (7th, 14th, 21st or 26th)
- Control costs by choosing the monthly amount based on your initial down payment
- Full tour balance deadline is up to 25 days prior to departure
- 24-hour access to your account and payment information through our secure website
- No late fees

Please note: A minimum of three automated payments is required.

## How can I protect my investment?

### ALL-INCLUSIVE INSURANCE PLAN

All travelers are encouraged to enroll in the All-Inclusive Insurance Plan. Insurance may already be included in your total tour cost (please check with your Group Leader). Limitations and exclusions apply. Your non-refundable \$145 insurance fee includes:

#### MEDICAL AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERS:

- Hospital bills, doctors' fees, prescriptions and medical transportation for illnesses and/or injury contracted during the traveler's tour
- Transportation, food and lodging expenses for two of the traveler's relatives to be at his or her side in the event of a life-threatening illness that requires hospitalization
- Combined limit coverage of up to \$35,000 for the above situations

#### FLIGHT DELAY INSURANCE COVERS:

- Up to \$200 per 24-hour period (\$400 maximum) for expenses due to flight delays (lodging, food and other reasonable expenses)
- A refund for every full land day missed of your tour (two days maximum) due to flight delays

#### 24-HOUR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE COVERS:

- Assistance during the traveler's tour

#### BAGGAGE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERS:

- Up to \$2,000 in case of theft of personal property, including \$1,000 for theft-prone property
- Theft of cash up to \$300
- Theft of airline tickets and other valuable documents up to \$500
- Traveler's extra costs up to \$150 (\$50 per 24-hour period) if baggage is delayed more than 24 hours (except on the way home)

#### TOUR CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION INSURANCE COVERS:

- A refund of the program price if a traveler needs to cancel from or interrupt the tour due to serious injury or grave illness leading to hospitalization. Valid reasons for cancellation are also financial hardship due to unexpected/involuntary job loss, jury duty, military call to active duty or severe damage to the traveler's home

Some insurances may be purchased separately. Please call 800-665-5364 for prices. These insurances are underwritten by Efecta Insurance International Ltd., Bermudiana Arcade, 3rd floor, 27 Queens Street, HM 11, Hamilton, Bermuda, through a Master Policy issued to EF Cultural Travel Ltd. For complete terms, conditions and exclusions, please refer to the Master Policy, which may be obtained by visiting [eftours.com/insurance](http://eftours.com/insurance) or by calling 800-665-5364. The Efecta Travel Insurance policy shall always be secondary to all other policies of insurance.

## What if my group has to change plans?

### PEACE OF MIND PROGRAM

We understand that plans sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. That's why we provide EF's exclusive Peace of Mind Program, which allows your entire group to change your tour or departure date. Your group can feel secure planning your trip, knowing that your plans are flexible.

#### • FREEDOM TO CHANGE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS\*

EF's Peace of Mind Program allows groups to change their tours and/or departure dates until 35 days prior to departure.

#### • EF FUTURE TRAVEL VOUCHER\*

EF's Peace of Mind Program allows travelers to receive an EF future travel voucher for all monies paid, less the \$95 non-refundable deposit and any non-refundable fees, if the entire group decides not to travel at least 35 days prior to departure.

#### • TRAVEL WARNING CANCELLATION

If a formal travel warning is issued for any country you are traveling to, you could be eligible to receive a refund. Continue to next page for full Terms and Conditions.

\* The Peace of Mind Program and its ability to transfer monies paid is a benefit of making all payments by dates due. Travelers missing any payment deadlines must pay any late fees to qualify. The future travel voucher is not a merchandise credit or a gift certificate and may not be redeemed for cash. Benefits of the Peace of Mind Program are only available to the entire group and not to individual travelers. If EF cannot accommodate the revised tour request and travelers decide not to travel on the original tour, EF's standard cancellation policy applies. If there are additional fees resulting from the tour/date change, travelers will be responsible for the increase. Travelers canceling from a revised tour will be charged a cancellation fee based on the date that the original tour was changed or the current tour's cancellation fee, whichever is higher. The revised tour must depart within the date range that these Booking Conditions are valid. EF will make every effort to accommodate the revised tour request.

# EF's Booking Conditions: Cancellations and refunds

The cancellation policies outlined below take into consideration the costs EF incurs long before groups ever depart. Notice of cancellation from an EF tour will only be accepted from the traveler, his or her legal guardian or the Group Leader. The date of cancellation will be determined by the date on which EF receives notice. Cancellation refunds can only be made to the person whose name appears on the account; payments cannot be transferred to another account.

## EF's standard cancellation policy

### 150 days or more prior to departure

Full refund less the \$95 non-refundable deposit and a \$300 cancellation fee.\*

### 149 to 110 days prior to departure

Full refund less the \$95 non-refundable deposit and a \$500 cancellation fee.\*

### 109 to 30 days prior to departure

Full refund less the \$95 non-refundable deposit and 50% of the program price.\*

### 29 days or less prior to departure

No refund will be issued.

## Cancellation with replacement

### 150 days or more prior to departure

Full refund less the non-refundable \$95 non-refundable deposit.\*

### 149 to 110 days prior to departure

Full refund less the non-refundable \$95 non-refundable deposit and a \$100 substitution fee.\*

### 109 days or less prior to departure

Replacements can no longer be accepted. EF's standard cancellation policy will apply.

Cancellation with replacement refers to a traveler who cancels but finds a person to replace him or her for the same tour. The replacement's enrollment must be submitted at the same time as the notification of cancellation.

\*Any additional non-refundable fees are also deducted from refunds.

Please make all payments on time to qualify for refunds in accordance with EF's standard cancellation policy.

## Group Leader cancellation

A Group Leader must accompany travelers on every tour. If a Group Leader cancels for any reason, he or she will be asked to assign a new Group Leader. The new Group Leader is responsible for any increases in his or her own airline costs. Any travelers who cancel at this point and choose not to travel with their replacement Group Leader will be treated as standard cancellations. If no replacement Group Leader is found, the affected travelers will need to cancel to be eligible for EF's standard cancellation policy. Those travelers interested in being placed with a new tour group should contact EF at 800-665-5364. If we cannot find a new tour for these travelers, EF's standard cancellation policy will apply.

## Travel warning cancellation

EF is pleased to offer additional travel security to our customers to cover cancellations due to an act of terrorism or the threat of an act of terrorism. Travelers will receive a full refund (less the \$95 non-refundable deposit and any other non-refundable fees) should all of the following conditions be met: (a) a terrorist act, or threats of terrorist acts occur(s), which is directed against U.S. interests on U.S. soil or in U.S. airspace or directed against U.S. interests in any other country or in international airspace; and (b) as a result of these events, a formal travel warning is issued by the U.S. Department of State, stating that Americans should not travel to any country or countries that are included in the traveler's tour itinerary; and (c) the formal travel warning by the U.S. Department of State is issued within 30 days of the traveler's departure. Travelers missing any payment deadlines will need to pay late fees to qualify.

## Refunds

Refunds for overpayments will be issued only upon written request and after a traveler's check(s) has (have) been in the account for 21 days. Refunds will be issued in the name that appears on the traveler's account. All refund checks are mailed 4-6 weeks after the request has been processed. There will be a non-refundable \$30 stop-payment fee for lost refund checks.

# EF's Booking Conditions: Manual payment plan and late enrollments

## Manual payment plan

If you choose to opt out of EF's Monthly Payment Plan, the following payment schedule and late fees apply. Keep in mind that your tour balance payment will be due two months earlier than with EF's Monthly Payment Plan.

### 1. \$95 non-refundable deposit plus any selected insurance

Due: Upon enrollment

### 2. \$500 payment\*

Due: 30 days after enrollment | **Late fee: \$95**

### 3. Tour balance

Due: 110 days prior to departure | **Late fee: \$145**

\*If you are traveling on an EF Tours for Girl Scouts tour:

- \$150 will be due 60 days after enrollment
- \$150 will be due at 14 months prior to departure
- \$200 will be due at 9 months prior to departure

**Late fee:** The first two payments are each subject to a \$35 late fee and the third payment is subject to a \$75 late fee. **Please note:** If any payment due dates overlap, then the cumulative amounts, late fees and due dates will apply.

**All payment due dates refer to the dates by which each payment must be received by EF. For those on the manual payment plan, EF will cancel your reservation in accordance with EF's standard cancellation policy if:**

- **Any payment is past due by 30 days or more**
- **Your tour balance payment is not received by 95 days prior to departure**

Please indicate the traveler's name and account number on all check payments. EF cannot resubmit checks; if a stop-payment order is put on a check, or if a check is returned to us by the drawer's bank, a non-refundable \$35 processing fee will be charged. A \$30 decline fee will be charged for each declined credit card payment.

## Late enrollments (109 days or fewer prior to departure)

If you enroll 109 days or fewer prior to departure, then you are considered a late enrollment. Once we have received your tour balance by cashier's check, credit card, or money order only, including a non-refundable **\$145 late enrollment fee**, you will be placed on a waiting list while we check bus and flight availability. If we are unable to place you on a tour or offer you an alternate flight to meet up with your tour, you will receive a full refund. We may also offer you the option of arranging your own flight and buying the land-only portion of your tour. We cannot accept Enrollment Forms 14 days or fewer prior to departure.



Enroll in paperless billing on your Enrollment Form to receive your statement updates by email instead of in your mailbox. It's easy, and it's better for the environment.

# Release & Agreement

*I (or parent or guardian if enrollee is under 18) am an enrollee for an EF educational tour. By signing the EF Educational Tours Enrollment Form, I understand and agree to the following:*

**1.** That my tour is operated by EF Cultural Travel, LTD., Switzerland (together referred to as "EF").

**2.** That my tour begins with the takeoff from the EF departure airport and ends upon completion of the flight back to the EF airport. I further understand that international travel involves certain risks to personal health, safety and property. Many foreign countries do not have the safety and health standards that are present in the United States. I am willing to accept the associated risks and understand that EF cannot guarantee the health and safety of travelers in a foreign trip or eliminate the risk from a foreign environment.

**3.** To release and hold harmless EF and its affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of EF as well as EF itself) and my school, my school district, my school board and Group Leader (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any and all claims, of any nature related in any manner to my participation in an EF sponsored tour, including but not limited to, claims for negligence, breach of contract, breach of express or implied warranties, or wrongful death or any statutorily based claim. I hereby unconditionally and unequivocally waive any and all claims and demands for all damages, losses, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever (including attorneys' fees) on account of or arising out of any and all personal injury, death, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in any EF-sponsored tour. I further agree to release and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all decisions to cancel, modify or delay the tour as a result of acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities or threats of terrorists activities, instability in a destination country, incidents of violence, public health issues or quarantine or threats of public health issues, substantial currency fluctuations, strikes, government restrictions, fire or severe weather conditions that make it impossible or commercially unreasonable in the sole opinion of EF to conduct the tour. I further agree to hold the Released Parties harmless for the acts or omissions of any other individuals or entities over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. I understand and acknowledge that EF does not own or operate any of the entities that provide goods or services on my tour. I further acknowledge that the Tour Director assigned to my tour is an independent contractor and not an employee of EF and EF assumes no responsibility for his or her negligence or actions.

**4.** That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs or the Warsaw Convention or both.

**5.** That EF shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from EF-supervised activities or for non-EF-supervised activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.

**6.** That EF reserves the right to refuse or cancel my registration at their sole discretion. Group Leaders may also refuse or cancel any traveler's registration including my own. In such event, standard cancellation guidelines as outlined in the Booking Conditions apply.

**7.** To abide by EF's regulations and the directions of my Group Leader, my Tour Director or EF's personnel during my tour. Regulations include but are not limited to EF's Rules of the Road, such as the prohibition of hitchhiking, the driving or renting of any motor vehicle, or having visitors of the opposite sex in students' rooms. Failure to do so may result in my Group Leader or EF terminating me from the tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions is to waive the right to a refund of any part of my program fee, and that my Group Leader or EF may then send me home at my own expense.

**8.** To abide by all local laws when abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to. If parental permission to use alcohol has been granted, minors may only drink beer and wine (no hard liquor), and must be in the presence of the Group Leader. I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund of any part of the program fee, and my Group Leader or EF may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.

**9.** That if I become ill or incapacitated, EF and its employees, or my Group Leader, may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. EF retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveler's parent(s) and/or guardian with regard to health issues or any matter whatsoever that relates to the traveler's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, EF will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveler authorizes EF to do so. EF, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.

**10.** That by enrolling on this tour, I have made the choice to travel with the teacher/Group Leader organizing my group. I understand that this choice is not the responsibility of EF. I understand that my Group Leader is able to make decisions on my behalf, including but not limited to changing the group's requested tour or travel date and requiring that I purchase items such as insurance and optional excursions. I understand that a Group Leader must accompany me on tour. If my Group Leader cancels for any reason, EF will ask him or her to assign a new Group Leader. If I cancel at this point and choose not to travel with the replacement Group Leader, I will be treated as a standard cancellation. If no replacement Group Leader can be found, I will need to cancel and EF's standard cancellation policy will apply. I may also request that EF place me with a new tour group. If EF cannot find a new tour group for me, EF's standard cancellation policy will apply.

**11.** That I will be required to pay for any phone calls or incidental personal expenses that I incur at hotels, as well as for any damage I cause to hotel rooms, buses or other property.

**12.** That this agreement and EF's Booking Conditions constitute the entire agreement between EF and me with reference to the subject matter herein, and I do not rely upon any promises, inducements or agreements not herein, including but not limited to any oral statements made to me by any agents or employees of EF, or by my school or Group Leader. This agreement may be amended or modified only in writing, signed by both parties. The waiver by EF of any provision of this agreement shall in no way affect the remaining provisions of this agreement, and this agreement shall be interpreted as if such clause or provision were not contained herein.

**13.** That this agreement shall be governed in all respects, and performance hereunder shall be judged, by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the event of any claim, dispute or proceeding arising out of my relationship with EF, or any claim which in contract, tort, or otherwise at law or in equity arises between the Released Parties, whether or not related to this agreement, the parties submit and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

**14.** For travelers in Utah only: That this tour is not sponsored by any public school, public school district or other public entity, and is operated and organized by a privately owned company.

**15.** That EF may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on an EF tour for future publicity and also use my contact information for future EF promotions.

**Sign your Enrollment Form only when you have read in full and understood the contents of this Release and Agreement. See back page.**

## Limited Power of Attorney

**For parents/guardians of travelers under the age of 18:** I understand and agree, in accordance with the "Enrollment Booklet" "Release and Agreement" and "Booking Conditions," that the tour itinerary may include certain activities (such as whitewater rafting in Costa Rica) that may require the Group Leader to sign a release on behalf of the travelers (who are minors and cannot sign for themselves) in order to allow participation. This document allows the Group Leader to execute these documents on your behalf should the need arise. Your execution of this document is voluntary and if you choose not to execute this document your child may still participate in the tour but may not be able to participate in some tour activities. With regard to said activities:

**1.** I understand and agree that my child with my permission has voluntarily chosen to participate in the activities and we assume all dangers and risks associated with the activities.

**2.** I do hereby delegate to the Group Leader, a "Limited Power of Attorney" and full authority to sign any documents, including but not limited to liability releases, permission slips, waivers and/or any other type of participation agreement required by the operators of any activity for participation.

By signing the EF Educational Tours Enrollment Form, I understand and agree to the above.

# EF's Monthly Payment Plan

**At EF, we want to make our lowest-price tours even more affordable.**

That's why we created EF's Monthly Payment Plan, which extends your last payment deadline up to 25 days prior to departure. Your total balance is divided by the number of months before this last payment deadline. That amount is then deducted from your checking account or charged to a credit or debit card once a month. It's that easy.



## Terms and Conditions

- You must select a payment method of either direct debit from your checking account or charges to your credit or debit card.
- EF must have the checking account or credit card holder's signature on the Enrollment Form (on reverse), indicating agreement to EF's Monthly Payment Plan Terms and Conditions, before the plan is activated.
- A minimum of three automated payments is required. If you do not meet the minimum payment requirement, EF will use the payment method you have provided for EF's Monthly Payment Plan toward the \$95 enrollment fee. You will be responsible for the remaining payments using our manual payment plan outlined in EF's Booking Conditions.
- Credit card payments may be made by Visa and MasterCard.
- You must provide a valid email address and pay the \$95 enrollment fee for your tour before the plan is activated.
- You must choose the date on which your checking account or credit card will be charged each month. EF offers charge date options on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 26th of each month. If a charge date falls on a weekend, the payment will be processed on the next business day.
- If you are paying by checking account or are submitting a debit card, please verify that there are sufficient funds available for monthly deduction. A non-refundable \$35 fee will be assessed each time a checking account payment is returned due to insufficient funds. A non-refundable \$30 fee will be assessed each time a credit card or debit card is declined. If a payment is declined, your plan will be recalculated to have that payment redistributed across your remaining scheduled payments starting with the next month. EF reserves the right to withdraw you from the plan for checking account returns or credit card declines for two consecutive months.
- A secondary credit card may be submitted for backup in the event the primary card is declined. No fee will be assessed if the secondary card is approved. For those paying by checking account, we do not allow a backup payment method.
- The monthly payment and final payment amounts are subject to change if tour items or payments outside the Monthly Payment Plan that are added or removed exceed \$20. Tour items or payments outside of the Monthly Payment Plan totaling \$20 or less that are added or removed will only be reflected in the last payment.
- After EF's Monthly Payment Plan final payment deadline of up to 25 days prior to departure, the traveler is invoiced for any subsequent charges. Payments will no longer be automatically deducted. Additional payments need to be made by credit card or by check online at [eftours.com](http://eftours.com) or by phone with an EF Customer Service Representative at 800-665-5364.
- The traveler is not charged late fees while enrolled in EF's Monthly Payment Plan. However, if the traveler opts to withdraw from the plan or is withdrawn from the plan by EF due to checking account returns or credit card declines for two consecutive months, EF's manual payment schedule and late fee assessment, as outlined in our Booking Conditions, will apply.

*These are also available online at*  
**[eftours.com/paymentplan](http://eftours.com/paymentplan)**