

## Terms & Conditions

### 1. Contract

1.1 These terms and conditions ("Conditions") form the basis of the contract between You and Scenic Tours Pty Limited ("Scenic", "We", "Us" or "Our") ("Contract"). It is important that You read the Contract carefully to ensure that You understand Your rights and obligations. Your Contract may also include additional terms and conditions applicable to a special offer or promotion, and/or, depending on your Tour, Destination Specific Terms.

1.2 If Your Tour includes a Cruise, You will also be subject to the Cruise Conditions.

1.3 You confirm Your understanding and acceptance of the Conditions and the Contract by paying Your Booking Deposit or otherwise paying any part of the price of Your Tour. If you do not understand and accept the Conditions and the terms of the Contract, you should not make any payment to Us and in this case, we will cancel Your Booking in accordance with clause 3.3.

1.4 If You make a Booking on behalf of any other person, You represent to Us that You have their authority to make the Booking on their behalf and to legally bind them to the terms of the Contract, including the Conditions. Each reference to "You", "Your", "Guest" or "Passenger" means the person who makes the Booking and each other person covered by the Booking.

1.5 Your Itinerary does not form part of the Contract.

1.6 We may amend these Conditions from time to time. If We amend the Conditions, We will publish the amended version on Our Website. We will also provide the current version of the Conditions to You upon request. You will be bound by the current version of the Conditions at the time You make Your Booking.

1.7 If Your Tour includes a Cruise, Your transportation on any river cruise vessel during Your Tour, will also be subject to the terms and conditions of the Operator of the vessel ("Operator Conditions"). Although the Operator may be related to Us, it is a separate legal entity and business and You will enter a separate contract (based on the Operator Conditions) with each Operator. The Operator Conditions are published on Our Website and are also available on request by contacting one of our team at the Customer Service Contact Address. It is important that You read the Operator Conditions carefully to ensure that You understand Your rights and obligations under them. You confirm Your understanding and acceptance of the Operator Conditions by paying Your Booking Deposit or otherwise paying any part of the price of Your Tour to Us.

1.8 All travel involves risks. We strongly recommend You take out comprehensive travel insurance with a reputable insurance company to cover You against risks associated with Your Tour including cover for loss of luggage, medical expenses and costs and expenses incurred due to cancellations, delays or other disruptions.

### 2. Meaning of Words

In these Conditions, the following words and expressions have the following meanings:

- (a) "Booking" means the booking You have made with Us for the Tour.
- (b) "Booking Deposit" means a booking deposit in an amount which We have notified You before You make Your Booking;
- (c) "Cruise" means a cruise constituting or forming part of Your Tour;
- (d) "Cruise Conditions" means the Operator's conditions of carriage for a river cruise vessel, which are available on our Website and otherwise on request to Us.
- (e) "Cruise Director" means any person designated by Us as the cruise director for any Cruise.
- (f) "Customer Service Contact Address" means the details for contacting Us set out in clause 13.1 of the Conditions.
- (g) "Deposit Protection Plan" means Our deposit protection plan as set out on Our Website.
- (h) "Destination Specific Terms" means terms and conditions specific to a particular Tour, as published in the Tour Brochure or on Our Website for the relevant Tour, or, where applicable, set out in clause 14 of these Conditions.
- (i) "Force Majeure Event" means any act of God, war, terrorism, fire, flood or any other extreme weather conditions, loss of power, epidemics or pandemics, industrial disputes, slow-downs or other strike activities, riots or civil disturbances, acts of government, semi government or other authorities, inability to obtain any necessary licence or consent and delays caused by sub-contractors, suppliers or other third parties (including telecommunications carriers), material shortages or other disruption to the Tour beyond Our control.
- (j) "Guest Contact Details" means Your contact details which You have provided to Us at the time of making Your Booking, as amended by any written notice You may provide to Us from time to time in accordance with clause 13.4 of these Conditions.
- (k) "Itinerary" means the Itinerary for Your Tour issued by Us, subject to any amendments made by Us from time to time in accordance with the Contract.
- (l) "Operator" means the owner or operator of a river cruise vessel, who is a separate legal entity and business, whether or not related to Us.
- (m) "Personal Information" means information about You and any other person for whom You make a Booking, including Your name, address, phone number and other contact details, details of Your next of kin, Your passport number, credit or debit card details, and information about Your health, medical needs, dietary requirements and any disabilities or other special requirements.
- (n) "Service Provider" means any independent contractor engaged by Us to provide a Tour or any part of a Tour, and includes an Operator.
- (o) "Tour" means a tour or journey package offered or provided by Us.
- (p) "Tour Brochure" means the brochure for Your Tour published by Us in hard copy or electronically and includes any amendments notified on Our Website from time to time.
- (q) "Tour Departure Date" means the scheduled departure date for the Tour set out in Your Itinerary.
- (r) "Tour Director" means any person designated by Us as the tour director for Your Tour.
- (s) "Tour Price" means the total amount payable by You for the Tour. It includes the Booking Deposit.
- (t) "Validity Period" means in respect of a Tour Brochure, the validity period stated in that brochure.
- (u) "Website" means Scenic's website at [www.scenic.com.au](http://www.scenic.com.au).
- (v) "Your Tour" means the Tour You have booked with Us, as outlined in Your Itinerary.

### 3. Booking and Payment

3.1 You may make a Booking directly with Us or through a travel agent. Your Booking will be confirmed only when We have received:

- (a) Your Booking Deposit; or
- (b) if Your Booking is made 90 days or less before the Tour Departure Date, the Tour Price and all other amounts payable under the Contract.

3.2 Except as indicated in clause 3.8, We will notify You of the Tour Price and provide You with Your Itinerary at the time of making Your Booking.

3.3 You must pay Your Booking Deposit within 7 days after making Your Booking. If We do not receive Your Booking Deposit within 7 days after You make Your Booking, We will automatically cancel Your Booking without further notice to You.

3.4 If You have made Your Booking through a travel agent, Your travel agent should forward Your Booking Deposit or Tour Price to Us on Your behalf. However, payments by You to Your travel agent are not considered to be payments by You to Us. We will consider payment has been received by Us only when We receive payment from Your travel agent.

3.5 Any accommodation, sightseeing or flights We book for You separately to those stated in Your Itinerary are not included in the Booking Deposit or Tour Price and You must pay both the deposit and full costs for such additional services separately to the Booking Deposit and Tour Price at the time which

We notify You at or before You make Your Booking. Any requests for such additional services will not be processed until Your Booking Deposit is paid in full.

3.6 For some special offers, We may require payment of a further deposit before the balance of the Tour Price is due. We will notify You of any such requirement before You complete Your Booking and will confirm the payment details when we confirm Your Booking. You must make payment by the date notified by Us.

3.7 Except as required by law or in accordance with the Deposit Protection Plan, Booking Deposits are not refundable and are not transferable to other Tours or Bookings.

3.8 If You make Your Booking within 90 days of Your Tour Departure Date, You must pay Your Booking Deposit before We can process Your Booking and confirm Your Tour Price. Your Booking is not confirmed until You have paid the Tour Price. We will notify You of the Tour Price promptly after We have calculated it. If You do not confirm Your acceptance of the Tour Price in writing within 7 days of receipt of notification from Us, You will be deemed to have rejected the Tour Price. If You notify Us that You have rejected the Tour Price or if You are deemed to have rejected the Tour Price, We will cancel Your Booking and refund Your Booking Deposit. If You accept the Tour Price, You must pay the outstanding Tour Price within 24 hours of Us notifying You of the Tour Price, or We will cancel Your Booking and retain Your Booking Deposit.

3.9 If clause 3.8 does not apply, You must pay to Us the balance of the Tour Price and all other amounts payable under the Contract no later than 100 days before the Tour Departure Date. If Your Tour includes a Cruise You must pay the balance of the Tour Price to Us no later than 120 days before the Tour Departure Date.

3.10 If You wish to change any incidental component of Your Booking, such as any pre or post-tour accommodation or add-ons, You must contact Us. We may accept or reject Your request at Our absolute discretion and if We accept, You must pay a change fee to Us for each change in accordance with clause 4.7(b) and any additional costs resulting from the change. Additional costs may include additional overnight accommodation required as a result of any change to Your flights.

3.11 You may cancel a Booking by sending Us written notice of cancellation at the Customer Service Contact Address. If You cancel a Booking You will be liable to pay a cancellation fee in accordance with clause 4.8.

3.12 A name change for a Guest or a change to the Tour Departure Date is considered a cancellation of the original Booking.

### 4. Prices, inclusions and fees

4.1 All Tour Prices are quoted in Australian Dollars.

4.2 If You pay Us by credit card, a surcharge will be added with the surcharge amount being advised at the time of payment.

There is no surcharge for payments made by cash, cheque or direct transfer to Our nominated bank account.

4.3 Your Tour Price includes all coach, rail and cruise travel set out in the Itinerary; the services of a Cruise Director (if applicable) and/or Tour Director; airport transfers outside Australia; meals as specified in Your Itinerary; economy class group flights and air taxes as set out in your Itinerary; accommodation; sightseeing and admissions, where stated in Your Itinerary; port charges; all gratuities and tipping on land tours; and any other specific inclusions identified in Your Itinerary.

4.4 Unless expressly listed in Your Itinerary as an inclusion, Your Tour Price does not include airfares; airline taxes; shore excursions on ocean cruises; additional optional activities; accommodation upgrades; meals not specified in Your Itinerary; drinks; laundry; passport fees; visas; vaccinations; medical assistance; government taxes and charges (excluding GST); or any items or expenses of a personal nature.

4.5 Unless stated as an inclusion in Your itinerary, overnight accommodation required to meet Your Tour and/or any flight connections are not included in the Tour Price and will be at Your expense.

4.6 We reserve the right not to honour any published prices that We determine were erroneous due to printing, electronic, or clerical error. If You make a Booking based on erroneous pricing, We will offer You the option of cancelling the Booking and receiving a refund of any amount paid by You or confirming the Booking by paying the difference between the erroneous price and the correct price, as determined by Us.

4.7 The following Fees are payable in addition to the Tour Price:

- (a) If You book 21 days or less before the Tour Departure Date, You must pay a late booking fee of \$50.00 per Booking.
- (b) If You change Your Booking, other than by varying the Tour Departure Date, You must pay a change fee of \$50.00 per Booking. This fee is an account of administrative expenses incurred by Us in changing Your Tour and is a genuine and reasonable estimate of Our expenses.

4.8 If You cancel Your Tour for any reason prior to Your Tour Departure Date (including by changing Your Tour Departure Date or the name of a Guest), You will be liable for the following cancellation fee:

**Days of notice prior to Cancellation charge (per person)**

Days of notice prior to Cancellation charge (per person)	Loss of deposit
91 days and over	50% of Tour Price
90 to 62 days	50% of Tour Price
61 days and less	100% of Tour Price

You may also be liable to pay cancellation fees to airlines and other third parties.

4.9 We may vary Your Tour Price at any time before You have paid the Tour Price in full to the extent necessary to meet any increase in the Tour costs for reasons outside Our control, including airfares, fuel, government taxes and charges, exchange rate fluctuations or other Tour related costs or tariffs. We will not vary the Tour Price after We have received the total Tour Price from You, regardless of any increases in the costs incurred by Us. We will notify You of any such variation using the Guest Contact Details.

4.10 You are responsible for and must pay for all costs and expenses incurred by You as a result of any change made by You to Your Itinerary after Your Tour Departure Date. This includes changes due to illness or other personal reasons.

### 5. Cancellation, delays and changes to Your Itinerary

5.1 Your Booking is conditional on Us receiving a minimum number of tour or cruise passenger bookings to operate the Tour and ensure an enjoyable group atmosphere. Where sufficient numbers cannot be achieved, We may cancel or delay a scheduled Tour or Tour Departure Date.

5.2 We will endeavour to make any decision to cancel or delay a Tour or Cruise, and to notify You of that decision, at least 60 days prior to the scheduled Tour Departure Date.

5.3 If We cancel a Tour, for whatever reason, before departure:

- (a) We will use reasonable endeavours to offer You the closest available tour or cruise departure. If the proposed alternative tour or cruise is:
  - (i) cheaper than Your original Tour Price, We will refund the difference to You; or
  - (ii) more expensive than Your original Tour Price, You must pay the difference to Us;
- (b) if You accept the proposed alternative tour or cruise, Your Itinerary will be amended accordingly and We will give You an updated Itinerary;
- (c) if You do not accept the proposed alternative tour or cruise within 7 days of being notified by Us of the alternative, We will cancel Your Booking, refund to You all monies paid directly to Us and will have no further liability to You; and
- (d) We are not liable for any third party costs You may incur, which We have not booked on Your behalf; for example airfares or other arrangements booked independently through or paid to a travel agent.

5.4 If We delay the departure of a Tour, for whatever reason, for more than 7 days, You may terminate this Contract and We will provide You with, at Your

option, either:

- (a) a full refund of all amounts paid to Us; or
- (b) a credit towards future tours with Us which will be valid for 24 months from the date You notify Us of the termination of this Contract.

5.5 We will use reasonable endeavours to provide the Tour You have booked in accordance with Your Itinerary. However, due to the nature of travel, it may not always be possible for Us to adhere strictly to Your Itinerary and the Operator may need to make alterations to the Tour or Your Itinerary, before or after the commencement of the Tour. Where, due to circumstances outside the Operator's control, We are unable to provide the Tour in accordance with Your Itinerary, We will use reasonable endeavours to:

- (a) give You reasonable notice of any alterations, but there may be circumstances beyond Our control in which alterations will be required with little, or no, advance notice; and
- (b) provide or arrange appropriate alternative activities, transport and accommodation as required.

5.6 The circumstances in which Your Itinerary or the Tour may be altered include:

- (a) high or low water levels in any river or canal;
- (b) lock closures, unscheduled vessel maintenance or other operational reasons;
- (c) road, river or weather conditions;
- (d) national or local holidays affecting the closure of public buildings or attractions;
- (e) Force Majeure Events;
- (f) emergency events, accidents, injuries or other incidents involving You or other passengers; and
- (g) any other event beyond Our control.

5.7 Alterations to Your Itinerary or the Tour may include:

- (a) substitution of vessels for part or the whole of a Tour;
- (b) cabin changes on a vessel;
- (c) additional embarkations and disembarkations;
- (d) substitution of alternate transportation, including the use of motor coaches;
- (e) substitution of hotel accommodation for accommodation on a vessel;
- (f) alterations to arrival and departure times;
- (g) alterations to sightseeing activities; and
- (h) reductions or increases in the time spent at a location.

5.8 If We or the Operator substitute any vessel, motor coach or accommodation under this clause 5, We or they will use reasonable endeavours to provide You with a substitution of equivalent specification or quality, but some services and facilities may not be available for all substitute arrangements.

5.9 Any changes to Your Itinerary will be notified to You:

- (a) if prior to Your Tour Departure Date, by phone, email or post using the Guest Contact Details or via Your Travel Agent; or
- (b) if during Your Tour, personally by Your Cruise Director or Tour Director.

5.10 To the maximum extent permitted by law, You agree that We are not liable to You for, and You release Us from, any cost, claim, loss, damage or expense whatsoever arising either directly or indirectly in connection with any alteration to Your Itinerary or substitution carried out in accordance with this clause 5, including without limitation any:

- (a) claim for distress, disappointment or loss of enjoyment arising from the alteration;
- (b) additional personal expenses incurred by You, including for food, beverages and personal items; or
- (c) costs associated with any other travel arrangements affected by the changes, including any costs and expenses incurred by You for cancelling or changing those other arrangements or arising from a failure to meet a connection.

### 6. Your Tour obligations

6.1 For the comfort and safety of You and Your fellow passengers and other people, You must follow the Tour Director's and Cruise Director's instructions at all times.

6.2 If We, the Cruise Director, the Tour Director or Our staff or any Service Provider consider You are negatively affecting Your own health, safety or enjoyment, or that of other passengers, including by refusing to comply with instructions of the Tour Director or the Cruise Director, We may terminate the Contract and withdraw You from the Tour with immediate effect. If it is reasonably practicable to do so, the Tour Director or Cruise Director will provide a warning to You and allow You an opportunity to rectify Your behaviour before We withdraw You from the Tour.

6.3 If You are withdrawn from the Tour under clause 6.2, You must make Your own travel and other arrangements at Your own expense and We are not liable to You for any loss, cost or damage You may suffer or incur.

6.4 You must have a valid passport with an expiry date of at least six (6) months after the last scheduled day of Your Tour.

6.5 You must ensure that You obtain prior to the Tour Departure Date all required entry visas for all countries to be visited during the Tour, as failure to obtain correct documentation may affect Your participation in certain shore excursions and entry to certain countries during the Tour.

6.6 If You do not have the correct visa or other documentation necessary to enter a country or participate in any aspect of a Tour ("Documentation"):
 

- (a) We will not refund to You all or any portion of the Tour Price; and
- (b) You will be responsible for any costs You incur as a result of Your failure to obtain the required Documentation, including any costs associated with re-joining the Tour.

6.7 If You are unhappy with something that does or does not happen on Your Tour, You must first use all reasonable endeavours to negotiate with Us in good faith to settle the dispute before commencing proceedings in any court or tribunal. In the first instance You should raise Your concern with the Tour Director or the Cruise Director as soon as reasonably practicable, as it may be possible for them to take steps to resolve Your concern with minimal delay.

### 7. Notification of General Risks

7.1 You acknowledge and agree that there are general risks associated with travelling, which are beyond Our control and We are not liable to You for any loss, cost or damage You may incur as a result of these general risks. Such general risks include:

- (a) Tour variations or interruptions caused by road, river or weather conditions; national or local holidays affecting the closure of public buildings and attractions; Force Majeure Events; high water levels; low water levels; flooding; lock closures; unscheduled vessel or vehicle maintenance;
- (b) changes to the Tour and Your Itinerary in the circumstances described in clause 5.6;
- (c) forces of nature; illness; flight schedule changes or cancellations; loss of luggage; epidemics or pandemics; political unrest; accidents; acts of terrorism or other criminal acts; changes to government visa or travel requirements; and
- (d) other circumstances beyond Our control.

7.2 You must make Your own enquiries regarding Your Tour, including being aware of any relevant government travel safety warnings.

### 8. Liability

8.1 Nothing in these Conditions or the Contract operates to exclude, restrict or modify the application of any provision of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), including the Australian Consumer Law, or any equivalent State or Territory legislation, the exercise of a right conferred by such a provision, or of Our liability for breach of a guarantee, condition or warranty implied by such a provision, where it is unlawful to do so. All exclusions and limitations of Our liability under the Contract must be read subject to this clause.

8.2 You acknowledge and agree that We accept no responsibility and will not

be liable to You (or any third party) for any loss, cost or damage (including loss of enjoyment) suffered directly or indirectly in connection with:

- (a) any Tour risks or other aspects of the Tour disclosed to You in the Contract;
- (b) any change to Your Itinerary or delays in departure or arrival times of aircraft, vessels or otherwise during the conduct of the Tour;
- (c) any loss or damage to Your baggage or belongings;
- (d) any personal injury or death resulting from the acts or omissions or negligence of any third parties providing goods or services to You during the Tour, including air carriers, hotels, shore excursion operators, restaurateurs, transportation providers and medical personnel; or
- (e) any disappointment or loss of enjoyment due to circumstances outlined in the Contract or otherwise beyond Our control.

**8.3** Subject to clause 8.1, but despite any other provision of the Contract, and to the extent permitted by law, Our maximum liability to You or any third party (including any claims of negligence by Us) is limited to the Tour Price You have paid to Us.

**8.4** To the maximum extent permitted by law and subject to clause 8.1, You acknowledge and agree We are not liable to You, under any circumstances, for any loss of enjoyment, opportunity, profit, savings, revenue or interest or any other consequential or indirect, incidental, special or punitive loss, damage or expenses.

**8.5** You acknowledge and agree that We are not liable for any delay or failure by Us or a Service Provider to perform Our obligations under the Contract, resulting from or as a consequence of a Force Majeure Event.

**8.6** If a delay or failure occurs or is anticipated due to Force Majeure Event, Our obligations are suspended for the duration of the Force Majeure Event.

**8.7** We may immediately terminate the Contract, if the Force Majeure Event delays performance of the Tour for a period of 7 days or more, calculated from the date We notify You of the Force Majeure Event.

**8.8** To the extent permitted by law, all express or implied warranties, guarantees, representations, or terms are expressly excluded. Where the law implies any guarantee, condition or warranty which cannot be excluded, Our liability to You for breach of such an implied guarantee, condition or warranty is limited, to one or more of the following:

- (a) in the case of goods: the repair of goods, replacement of goods, the supply of equivalent goods or the cost of repair, replacement or supply of equivalent goods; or
- (b) in the case of services: supplying the services again or payment of the cost of supplying the services again.

**8.9** Subject to clause 8.1, You acknowledge and agree that where Your Tour, any part of Your Tour, accommodation, flights or any other good or service are not directly provided by Us, but is provided by a Service Provider, in the event of any dispute or claim including for loss, damage, breach of contract or negligence arising from the conduct of the Service Provider, You must pursue Your claim directly against the relevant Service Provider.

#### 9. Privacy and Data Protection

**9.1** In order for Us to process Your Booking and provide the Tour to You, You will need to provide to Us, and We will need to use Personal Information. We will need to provide Your Personal Information to Service Providers, as well as customs and immigration authorities. We may also provide Your personal Information to security and credit checking organisations. Some of the persons to whom We provide Your Personal Information are located overseas, including in countries that may not provide the same level of protection of Personal Information as Australia. By making a Booking You give Us Your consent to use and disclose Your Personal Information in the manner described in this clause 9.1.

**9.2** We may also use Your name and the Guest Contact Details for marketing purposes, unless You tell Us that You do not want Us to do so. You may do this by contacting the Customer Service Contact Address.

**9.3** We will otherwise deal with Your Personal Information in accordance with Our Privacy Policy, which can be found on Our Website or provided on request.

#### 10. General Provisions

**10.1** We may only waive a right or remedy created under these Conditions in writing. Our delay in exercising a right or remedy does not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy, nor does any waiver by Us (either wholly or in part) operate as a subsequent waiver of the same or any other right.

**10.2** The Contract is governed by the laws in force in New South Wales.

**10.3** The parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of New South Wales and any courts competent to hear appeals from those courts.

**10.4** Any term which is, by its nature, intended to survive termination of the Contract survives termination.

**10.5** In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise indicates a contrary intention:

- (a) headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation;
- (b) singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (c) a reference to a party includes its successors, permitted assigns, administrators and substitutes;
- (d) where a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have the corresponding meaning;
- (e) the word 'include' in any form is not a word of limitation;
- (f) no rules of construction apply to Our disadvantage on the basis that these Conditions or the Contract were prepared by Us;
- (g) a reference to a natural person includes their personal representatives; and
- (h) a reference to a body (including institute, association or authority) which ceases to exist or whose powers or functions are transferred to another body is a reference to the body which replaces it or which substantially succeeds to its powers or functions.

**10.6** The Tour Brochure is valid for Tour Departure Dates during the Validity Period unless otherwise indicated in Your Itinerary, and supersedes all previous brochures.

#### 11. Important notices about Your Tour

##### 11.1 Tour Participation

**(a) Special needs:** We welcome You if You have a disability or other special need, provided You are accompanied by a companion capable of providing all the assistance You require. Please note that although We will use reasonable endeavours to provide You with all the activities on Your Itinerary, depending on Your disability, You may not be able to participate in every activity and the Tour Director or Cruise Director will have the right to refuse Your participation if the Tour Director or Cruise Director believes Your health and safety or the health and safety of any other person may be impacted by Your participation. You must advise Us (or Your travel agent) of any disability, medical condition or dietary requirement at the time of Booking.

**(b) Facilities:** It is important to note that:

- (i) some cruise ships do not have elevators, and ships that are equipped with elevators may not have elevator access to all decks;
- (ii) wheelchair passengers should be aware that cabin doors, rest rooms and corridors may not be wide enough to provide access for standard wheelchairs;
- (iii) requests for disabled rooms must be made at the time of Booking and are subject to availability;
- (iv) for safety reasons, passengers in wheelchairs cannot be carried on boarding ramps (which may be steep due to water levels) whilst the vessel is tied up or at anchor, or on to motor coaches; and
- (v) wheelchairs and walkers can be carried in the luggage compartment of motorcoaches subject to space limitations.

**(c) Our discretion:** We may, in Our absolute discretion, decline Your Booking if We are of the view that:

- (i) We cannot adequately provide for any or all of Your special needs;
- (ii) Your health, safety or enjoyment, or that of any other passengers attending the Tour may be at risk; or
- (iii) You cannot or will not abide by any reasonable directions of the Tour

Director or Cruise Director.

#### 11.2 Cruises

**If Your Tour includes a Cruise, the following provisions apply:**

**(a) Deckplan:** The deck plan, cabin sizes, images, inclusions and layout in the Tour Brochure are indicative only and may vary. Pictured representations of cabins or rooms in Tour Brochures are not drawn to scale.

**(b) Cruise Cabins:** Your Tour Price is based on the Cabin category indicated in the Tour Brochure. Upgrades are subject to availability and will be at an additional cost.

**(c) Shore Excursions:** Shore excursions provided by independent third-party Service Providers are at Your own expense and can be purchased prior to Your Tour Departure Date. We recommend booking shore excursions at least 120 days prior to Your Tour Departure Date.

**(d) Photography:** Our tours offer some of the most spectacular and beautiful photographic scenery in the world. However, We cannot guarantee that every scene or highlighted featured in a Tour Brochure or Itinerary will be available on each Tour. No refund or other compensation will be available for any resulting missed scene or photographic "opportunity".

**(e) Smoking:** Smoking is limited to designated smoking areas during Your Tour.

(i) You acknowledge that We may restrict smoking to specific times and locations during Your Cruise for the comfort of all passengers.

(ii) Smoking is not permitted on coaches or such other places as nominated by Us from time to time.

(iii) Although We will use reasonable endeavours to ensure there are opportunities for You to smoke during the Tour, We cannot guarantee such opportunities will be available.

**(f) Noise, vibration and odour:** While the Operators take reasonable steps to minimise noise, vibration and odours on the cruise vessels, You acknowledge and accept that some noise, vibration and intermittent odours may be experienced on vessels, and that We accept no responsibility, and will not be liable to You in relation to any such noise, vibration or odour.

**(g) Docking Position:** During port stops, vessels may dock side by side, obstructing views and requiring You to pass through other vessels to embark and disembark. You agree and acknowledge that You will have no claim in respect of any such matters.

#### (h) Medical Services:

(i) The Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer carries an on-call doctor on board, however medical services will be at Your own expense.

(ii) Due to the large number of passengers on board, We cannot provide a personal escort for medical visits.

(iii) We are not, and our Service Providers and the Operators are not, liable regarding the provision of any medical care You may require or choose to accept during your Tour.

#### (i) Currency and credit cards

(i) All purchases on board a charge to Your shipboard account. The on-board currency on river cruises is the US dollars.

(ii) Shipboard accounts may be paid by US dollars or credit card.

**(j) Internet Service:** Internet facilities are available on board your ship at no additional charge.

(i) Complimentary Internet service does not apply to any third-party suppliers.

(ii) Internet availability and quality may vary from country to country and can also be affected by technical issues, weather or unfavourable terrain and other factors outside Our control.

(iii) We do not guarantee the availability or quality of Internet connections or services.

#### 11.3 Coaches

**(a) Seat rotation:** To ensure all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy front and window seats, a daily seat rotation system is employed on all of Our coaches and You must follow the seat rotation system.

**(b) Travel sickness:** If You suffer from travel sickness, You should arrange medication or other alternatives to treat symptoms, as We cannot make allowances for this.

#### 12. Additional Important Information

##### 12.1 Air Travel and baggage

###### (a) Airfare Conditions

(i) All airfares are subject to availability and conditions apply.

(ii) Our reservations consultant will book an appropriate fare for Your Tour.

(iii) Some discounted airfares have conditions which make them unsuitable to be used in conjunction with Our Tours. Full details and conditions may be obtained from Our reservations consultant or Your travel agent. If You have any questions or concerns please contact Our reservations consultant or Your travel agent.

(iv) Airfares booked as part of Your Tour will be through an appropriate route although may not be a direct flight; some included flights are unescorted. If You request a customised route or direct flight You will be responsible for all additional costs.

(v) Depending on departure date and time of booking the required booking class for airfare offer may be too far in advance to book with the appropriate airline. If the required booking class is unavailable air surcharges may apply. The flight quote including air taxes and surcharges will be confirmed once all air sectors are booked and confirmed.

(vi) Taxes are defined as all airline and government taxes and surcharges. Taxes are subject to change and will be advised at the time of flight reservation.

(vii) All flights are subject to schedule changes and class downgrades as determined by the operating airline. You acknowledge and agree that We accept no responsibility and will not be liable to You for any costs associated with these changes.

(viii) All airfares are subject to availability and scheduled for travel to meet the Tour Departure Dates set out in the Tour Brochure. Any requests outside of the tour dates may incur seasonal surcharges as enforced by the airline.

###### (b) Airport Transfers

(i) Airport transfers are only available on the first and last day of Your Tour and at times We designate. Transfers outside these times will be at Your expense and must be secured by Your own arrangements.

(ii) Passengers who have purchased Our pre and post Tour hotel accommodation and airfares will be provided airport transfers to/from their hotel in the Tour start or end city only, on the day of the pre or post accommodation booking.

(iii) If You do not book Your flights with Us, You must ensure Your flight details are provided to Us at least 60 days before the Tour Departure Date by:

- (a) entering Your flight details at the trip personaliser on the Website; or
- (b) contacting Us at the Customer Service Contact Address.

(iv) No refund will be given for unused transfers. Transfers cannot be routed to other pick-up points or destinations.

(v) If You miss the pre-booked transfer You will be responsible for making Your own way to the Tour departure point, at Your own expense.

(vi) Unless expressly stated in Your Itinerary, airport transfers may be group transfers scheduled to coincide with multiple flight arrival and departure times. Private transfers, including Royal Suites transfer are not available in all locations. Please enquire for further details.

**(c) Carriers:** The carriers (including airlines, rail and sea carriers used in association with the tours) are not responsible for statements or features in Tour Brochures. The conditions of sale of each carrier constitute a separate contract between You and the carrier and We have no responsibility in relation to contracts between You and the carriers.

###### (d) Luggage

(i) Tour participants are entitled to one suitcase per person. Your suitcase must not exceed 76 x 53 x 28cms (30" x 21" x 11") and must not weigh more than 23kg (50lbs).

(ii) Airline passengers should consult with their airline as size and weight restrictions may vary from airline to airline and also according to the class booked.

(iii) It is Your responsibility to ensure Your luggage complies with these requirements and You acknowledge that We, contracted carriers or Service Providers may elect not to carry overweight items.

(iv) You will be responsible for any excess baggage charges.

#### 12.2 Sightseeing, Excursions and Special Activities on Tour

**(a) Sightseeing:** Sightseeing in many historic towns and cities can only be undertaken by walking tours as motorcoach access is not possible. Consequently, a reasonable level of fitness is required as the sightseeing tour may involve steps and extensive walking over uneven surfaces.

**(b) Mountain Excursions:** Some tours include mountain excursions involving high altitudes. Please consult with Your doctor to ensure that You have an adequate level of fitness and are in good health before participating in these excursions.

**(c) Scenic Freechoice:** All Scenic Freechoice activities and Scenic Freechoice Dining can be booked whilst on Tour with Your Cruise Director or Tour Director (unless otherwise stated) and are subject to availability, seasonal and operational factors. Some activities require a minimum or maximum number of participants to operate.

**(d) Scenic Enrich:** It may not always be possible to offer every Scenic Enrich activity in the Tour Brochure on Your Tour. Wherever possible, suitable alternatives will be provided without liability to You.

#### 12.3 Passenger Requirements

**(a) Special Diets:** You must advise Us in writing of any and all special requests and dietary requirements at the time of Booking. We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate Your dietary requests but cannot guarantee that such requests can be met.

**(b) Vaccinations:** It is Your responsibility to ensure You have all required vaccinations for Your Tour and We recommend You refer to [www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au) for full details and also consult Your doctor.

**(c) Medical Conditions:** We strongly recommend a visit to Your doctor prior to Your Tour.

#### (d) Solo Passengers and Single Accommodation

(i) Prices quoted in Tour Brochures are on a twin share basis. If Your Booking is not a twin share booking We will notify You of the applicable single supplement rate (Single Supplement Rate), and You must pay the Single Supplement Rate for the Tour, at the time of Booking.

(ii) If You are willing to share a room with another single traveller of the same gender, You must pay the Single Supplement Rate and we will use reasonable endeavours to match You with another single traveller of the same gender, but we cannot guarantee availability. If we are able to match You with another traveller and You remain matched throughout the entire Tour, You will be refunded Your single supplement rate within 2 weeks of tour completion. We accept no responsibility for the suitability of the allocated rooming partner.

(iii) If at any time during the Tour, You consider Your rooming partner unsuitable, You must notify Us and We will use reasonable endeavours to arrange single accommodation for You for the remainder of the Tour, subject to availability, and at Your own cost.

(iv) A limited number of single rooms and/or cabins are available at a Single Supplement Rate for each Tour. In some locations, single rooms are smaller than twin rooms and may not be available. You acknowledge that if there is no availability of single accommodation for the remainder of the Tour, You will be required to continue to share with Your nominated rooming partner for the remainder of the Tour.

#### (e) Young Passengers:

(i) Passengers under the age of 21 years (as at the Tour Departure Date) must be accompanied by an adult and share their accommodation with an adult.

(ii) Children under the age of 12 years are not encouraged (with the exception of Christmas tours and Cruises) and are accepted or rejected at Our sole discretion.

#### 12.4 Maps, Pictures and Images

**(a) Maps:** Maps or tour depictions contained in Tour Brochures or any other brochures We issue are intended as an indication only and should not be relied upon as the actual route to be taken during the Tour.

**(b) Images:** All images in Tour Brochures represent typical scenes and descriptive detail for each tour, however it is possible that the particular subject matter may not be seen or experienced on Your Tour. Also, some pictures may have been digitally enhanced.

#### 12.5 Hotel Accommodation

**(a) Substitution:** We may substitute hotel accommodation of a similar standard in the place of the advertised hotel due to hotel availability issues. Any changes will be notified once confirmed with the hotel.

**(b) Responsibility:** Although We have taken reasonable steps to secure the most suitable hotel accommodation in the area of the Tour, We are not liable to You for the quality, size or fitness of hotel rooms.

#### 12.6 Deposit Protection Plan

Our Deposit Protection Plan is available at a cost of \$125 per person per Tour excluding Russian cruises and Russian cruises and tours. The cost is non-refundable and must be paid at the time of Booking Your Tour. The Deposit Protection Plan does not, nor is it intended to, replace travel insurance. Details and terms and conditions of the Deposit Protection Plan are available on Our Website.

#### 13. Contact Details

**13.1** To make, change or cancel a Booking or to make any enquiries regarding a Booking or to otherwise give Us any notice in accordance with the Contract, You should contact Our customer service centre as follows:

Email: [info@scenic.com.au](mailto:info@scenic.com.au)

Telephone: 138 128

Postal: PO Box 807, Newcastle, NSW 2300 Australia

This is the Customer Service Contact Address.

**13.2** Our customer service centre is open from 7.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 1.00pm Saturday (excluding public holidays in New South Wales) (Sydney time). Although We hope You won't need it, Our after-hours emergency number when calling in Australia is freecall 1800 620 105. Other emergency contact details are included in Your travel documents.

**13.3** If You need to contact Us during Your Tour, We recommend that if it is practicable to do so, in the first instance You should try to contact the Tour Director or Cruise Director. Depending on the purpose of Your contact, they may be able to assist You, but otherwise they may direct You to contact Our customer service centre.

**13.4** We will use the Guest Contact Details if We need to contact You before the Tour Departure Date. It is therefore very important that You keep the Guest Contact Details up to date and notify Us immediately of any changes. To update Your Guest Contact Details, please contact Us at the Customer Service Contact Address.

#### 14. Destination Specific Terms

**14.1 Medical Conditions:** We strongly recommend a visit to Your doctor prior to Your Tour. If you are over 70 at the Tour Departure Date and travelling to Tibet You must provide Us a doctor's letter confirming You are fit and healthy to take part in the specific Tour/journey.

**14.2 Altitude Mountain Sickness (AMS):** Some locations in China and Tibet are 2800 meters or higher above sea level which may result in AMS caused by lack of oxygen at high altitudes. Please consult Your doctor before departure to ensure you have an adequate level of fitness and health.

**14.3 Visas:** A visa is required to visit China and must be obtained prior to departure.

## Earlybird Terms & Conditions

### \*General Information & Conditions Please read carefully before booking

These terms and conditions are additional to the terms and conditions contained in Scenic China & Japan 2019/2020 brochure and on [scenic.com.au/terms](http://scenic.com.au/terms). All bookings are subject to Scenic's full terms and conditions. This flyer is supplementary to the full brochure, please refer to full brochure for relevant tour departure dates, itinerary and fares. Prices are in Australian Dollars.

#### All offers including Airfares

Flights are based on wholesale airfares in economy class and are subject to availability of airline and booking class and once sold out, surcharges will apply. All Earlybird airfare deals are subject to availability and scheduled for travel to meet the tour departure dates. Should the relevant Singapore Airlines and Cathay Pacific Airline seats not be available for any reason, Scenic reserves the right to substitute another airline. Any requests outside of the tour dates may incur seasonal surcharges as enforced by the airline. All flight offers are based on departure ports of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra and Perth depending on carrier. Surcharge may apply for other ports. Flights must be booked by Scenic. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is required within 7 days. A second non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person must be paid by 31 March 2019, or the date specified in your booking advice (which is when flights are open to booking); whichever date occurs first. The booking will be cancelled if either deposit is not received by the due date. We reserve the right to ticket any flights upon receipt of the second deposit and any subsequent changes will incur change and/or cancellation fees. Flight Offers are available until 31 March 2019 or until sold out. Strictly limited seats available on set departures and subject to availability. Flight Offer can be combined with Early Booking Discount and Yangzi Explorer Cabin upgrade but may be withdrawn at any time. Full airline terms and conditions apply.

#### Free Flights offer

Free Flights offer is available on all tours over 21 days to China. Flights are booked on Cathay Pacific Airways in L class or Singapore Airlines in W class and once sold out surcharges will apply. Airline/Airport taxes up to \$480 per person included. Saving of up to \$2,110 per couple is based on two return airfares in low season of \$1,055 per person including \$160 taxes in economy W class on Singapore Airlines from Sydney. Flight price is based on 24 Day Journey to Shangri-la (CHJS).

#### Free Flights offer to China & Japan

Included Flights to China and Japan are available on the 25 Day North Asian Odyssey (CHJP). Flights are booked on Cathay Pacific Airways in L class and Singapore Airlines flights in economy W class. Included flight between Shanghai and Tokyo on CHJP is with Air Nippon Airways in V and U class. Once classes are sold out surcharges will apply. Airline/Airport taxes up to \$480 per person included.

#### Partner Free Flights

Partner Fly Free including Taxes Offer is available on selected China and Japan tours as detailed in this publication flying Singapore Airlines or Cathay Pacific Airlines. Flights are booked on Cathay Pacific Airways in L class and Singapore Airlines flights in economy W class. Airline/Airport taxes up to \$480 per person included. Saving of up to \$1,230 per couple is based on two return airfares in low season of \$1,230 per person including \$160 taxes in economy W class on Singapore Airlines from Sydney. Flight price is based on 17 Day Essential Japan (JPES).

#### Fly Business Class to China from \$2,895 per person

Applicable when booking any China tour over 21 days. Airfare is in Business I class on Cathay Pacific Airlines and U class on Singapore Airlines. Airline/Airport taxes of up to \$500 per person are included.

#### Fly Business Class to China or Japan from \$3,395 per person

Applicable when booking on any China or Japan tour between 10-19 days. Airfare is in Business I class on Cathay Pacific Airlines and U class on Singapore Airlines. Airline/Airport taxes of up to \$520 per person are included.

#### Fly Business Class on Combination tours from \$3,995 per person

Applicable when booking on any China and Japan or China and Vietnam combination tour. Airfare is in Business I class on Cathay Pacific Airlines and U class on Singapore Airlines. Airline/Airport taxes of up to \$570 per person are included.

All Business class airfares are based on flights from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra, Cairns and Perth to China. Full payment of airfare and taxes is required prior to ticketing. All domestic and internal flights within the tours will be in Economy Class. Promotion is for limited places per tour and only available until sold out or end of Early Bird period. This offer can be combined with Early Booking Discount offer.

#### Taxes

Taxes are defined as all airline and government taxes and surcharges. Taxes are subject to change and will be confirmed at time of ticketing.

#### #Early Booking Discount

The Early Booking Discount amount of \$200 per person is subtracted from the listed price in the Scenic China & Japan 2019/2020 brochure to determine amount payable. Offer is strictly limited and will be withdrawn once sold out or at 31 March 2019, whichever occurs first. This offer is only available on all departures listed in 2019/2020 brochure.

#### ^Yangzi Explorer Complimentary Cabin Upgrade

Only the following cabin upgrade options will be complimentary based on initially paying for the cabin categories below:

- Purchase a Main Deck Deluxe Cabin (included in the Brochure Price) and be upgraded to Xiling Deck Deluxe Cabin
- Purchase a Xiling Deck Deluxe Cabin and be upgraded to Wu Deck Deluxe Cabin
- Purchase a Wu Deck Grand Deluxe Suite and be upgraded to Grand Deluxe Suite on Qutang Deck

This offer is valid on all China itineraries with an included Yangtze Cruise. Offer is strictly limited and subject to availability and will be withdrawn once sold out or at 31 March 2019, whichever occurs first. Maximum savings up to \$400 per couple available.

#### Flights and Ticketing

Dependent on departure date and time of booking, the required booking class for airfare offer may be too far in advance to book with the appropriate airline. If the required booking class is unavailable at time of booking, air surcharges will apply. The flight quote including air taxes and surcharges will be advised once all air sectors are confirmed. Total cost is final only at time of ticketing, should taxes increase from time of reservation a surcharge will apply. Once issued, air tickets are subject to amendment and cancellation fees as established by Scenic including any applicable airline fees.

#### Airline Meals

Meals will not be included on most Asian domestic flights when not making a direct international connection.

#### Single Travellers

Single travellers offer is half the value of the twin share Fly Free including taxes offer and is only available on selected departures as detailed in this publication. Dollar savings per couple will be adjusted accordingly for a single traveller and is equivalent to half of the per couple value.

For full conditions of offers see [scenic.com.au/terms](http://scenic.com.au/terms)

