

# Serene Venice and the 58th Biennale

October 10-20, 2019

Hosted by Henry Matthews  
Director of Galleries and Collections  
GVSU Art Gallery

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*Venice has provided an enchanting and magical setting of indescribable atmospheric beauty for more than one thousand years.*

In 2019, the former Serene Republic will host the 58th Biennale, which has been THE setting for the greatest of international contemporary art exhibitions on the planet for more than one century. In its growing success, the Biennale has expanded to many locations throughout the city that invite the visitor to explore and discover! Please join me there for ten days of pure magic. Venice always beckons you to return to her labyrinth of alleys and canals, magnificent city squares and stunning architecture, all of which are layered with rich histories. Join me as we return to Venice to explore, enjoy, rediscover and relax in this familiar, but always exciting setting. In addition, for those who have the time and simply cannot get enough of this magnificent country, please join us for the optional extension to the Veneto region. We'll spend four additional days exploring Vicenza, Verona, Lakes Garda and Iseo, enjoy wine and olive oil tastings and more!

Please join us October 2019.

Ciao,



Henry Matthews, Tour Leader  
Director of Galleries and Collections  
Grand Valley State University



### *Your Tour Host*



**Henry Matthews** manages GVSU's extensive art collections and he organizes exhibitions and a variety of related educational programs. He also seeks ways to connect the university to art communities around the world. Henry was formerly the Director of the Muskegon Museum of Art, on the staff of the Detroit Institute of Art and instructor at numerous colleges and universities. A

passionate believer in the inestimable value of travel, Henry has been conducting distinctive tours to destinations around the globe for more than 30 years.

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① Villa La Rotonda, by Palladio

② *Support* by Lorenzo Quinn  
Venice Biennale 2017

Cover: Punta della Dogana and the  
Basilica de Santa Maria della Salute



## *A Grand and Inspiring Experience*

- Luxury accommodations at a truly Venetian property.
- Expert selected restaurants. Breakfast daily, 2 lunches and 3 dinners are included in the tour cost. For independent meals, your tour host will be available to offer authentic and amazing recommendations.
- Culture Immersing Experiences:
  - 3-day pass to the 58th Biennale, with the presence of an expert for a portion of our time at the exhibits
  - Visit to the Punta della Dogana Museum
  - Brenta Canal tour complete with lunch and visits to Villa Foscari, Villa Barchessa Valmarana and Villa Pisani
  - Excursion to Trieste including a visit to the Miramare Castle
- Small Group Size. Travel in comfort and style with a group of 15 or less. Space is limited!
- Optional extension. Spend time unwinding in the beautiful Veneto countryside.
- Also included in the main tour cost:
  - Tickets to two operas/ballets in Venice, show depending on availability and schedule
  - Venice Museum Pass
  - 9-Day Venice Transportation Pass
  - \$300 contribution to the Grand Valley Art Gallery
  - Roundtrip economy-class flights, upgrades possible
  - Transportation throughout the tour in private boats and motorcoaches
  - Sightseeing and entrance fees per the itinerary

## *Tour Cost*

**Serene Venice and the 58th Biennale** | October 10-20, 2019  
\$6,645 per person from Grand Rapids,  
based on double occupancy

**Optional extension to the Veneto Region** | October 20-24, 2019  
\$3,125 per person, based on double occupancy

The tour cost includes economy-class flights roundtrip Grand Rapids to Venice. The extension flights are also roundtrip Grand Rapids to Venice. Witte Travel will be happy to assist those who wish to fly business class, depart from other cities and/or extend their stays in Europe.

REGISTER ONLINE AT

**[bookings.wittetravel.com](https://bookings.wittetravel.com)**

**use booking code 101019MATT**

or complete and return the printed registration form.





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- 1 Panoramic view to San Marco Square
- 2 Arsenale
- 3 Hotel Bauer (courtesy <https://www.bauervenezia.com/en>)

**OCTOBER 2019**

**10, Thursday**

## *Departure*

The day of departure has arrived! Head to the airport for our afternoon flight to Italy. (D – in flight)

**11, Friday**

## *Arrival, Venice*

*Buono giorno!* Welcome to Venice! Upon making our way through customs formalities and gathering our baggage, we will transfer by private water taxi to St. Mark's Square. After some time to settle into the Hotel Bauer\* and rest for a bit, enjoy a festive welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B – in flight, D)

**12, Saturday**

## *Biennale*

Today we will enjoy a half-day walking tour of this magical city, which is built on more than 100 islands laced with canals and connected by bridges. Before ending our tour, we will visit the opulent St. Mark's Basilica and the grand Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day and evening will be independent for exploration and orientation. (B)

*\*In the unlikely, unfortunate event that this property is no longer available, a property with similar appeal and amenities will be selected.*





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### 13, Sunday

#### *Biennale*

One of the world's foremost contemporary art exhibitions and competitions, the Venice Biennale was held for the first time in 1895. It now takes place every two years and incorporates the Venice Film Festival and, in even years, the Venice Biennale of Architecture. Newcomers join the Biennale each time it is offered. Upon our arrival at the Giardini this morning, a local guide will give us a 2-hour tour through part of the exhibition. We will then be free to spend as much of the rest of the day as we wish admiring the Biennale works independently. When you need a break, enjoy an espresso or lunch on your own at one of the cafés. This is a great place to sit and watch the world go by. This evening will be independent. (B)

### 14, Monday

#### *Punta della Dogana*

This morning we will take a private water taxi from St. Mark's Square to Punta della Dogana. Erected in 1682, this iconic structure was formerly a customs space before housing a world-renowned collection of contemporary art. Here we will be joined by a local guide for a tour. The rest of the day will be independent. Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at a Venetian restaurant. (B, D)

### 15, Tuesday

#### *Biennale - Arsenale*

We will dedicate the day today to further immerse ourselves in the amazing pieces featured in the 58th Biennale, this time at the Arsenale. We will have the option to be accompanied by a local guide for a portion of our day, with independent exploration as well. This evening we will also have independent time to explore this beautiful city. This time of day is especially enchanting in St. Mark's Square, where, after dark there's an added appeal of the illuminated buildings as well as music at some of the cafés. Another option would be taking the vaporetto for the full length of the Grand Canal and wandering off the beaten path to discover the "Real Venice." (B)



## 16, Wednesday

### *Brenta Canal Tour*

This morning we will take a private water taxi from St. Mark's Square to Fusina. Upon arrival, we will board another boat for a tour of the Brenta canal starting in Fusina and ending in Stra. As we cruise along the canal, we will journey through time as we retrace the path of Venice's elite who made this annual trip from their city homes to extravagant

summer villas centuries ago. Along the way we will enjoy a delicious 3-course lunch onboard. We will also visit Villa Foscari La Malcontenta, Villa Barchessa Valmarana and Villa Pisani. After our tour concludes we will have a private motorcoach and water taxi transfer back to our hotel. The evening will be at leisure. (B, L)

## 17, Thursday

### *Venice*

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Venice on your own. Your tour host will have many recommendations. (B)







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#### 18, Friday

### *Trieste Excursion*

This morning we will board our private water taxi and transfer to St. Lucia rail station. From here, we will take the train to Trieste, where a local guide will give us a tour of this enchanting city. We will also visit the Miramare Castle, a magnificent residence built by Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian of Hapsburg for his bride, Charlotte, in the nineteenth century. Beautifully placed on the coast of the Gulf of Trieste, this castle vaunts extravagant chambers and stunning gardens. After enjoying lunch at a local restaurant, we will take the train back to Venice for an independent evening. (B, L)

#### 19, Saturday

### *Venice*

Enjoy our final day in Venice on your own. This evening, we will gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### 20, Sunday

### *Return*

For those of us who are not taking part in the extension, a private transfer has been arranged to the airport for return flights to the United States. (B, D – in flight)



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- ❶ Villa Pisani on the Brenta Canal
  - ❷ Miramare Castle, Trieste
  - ❸ Canal Grande with historic Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute





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## Optional extension to the Veneto Region

### 20, Sunday

#### *Vicenza and Corte Franca*

Those of us who are extending our time in Italy will take a private water taxi to Tronchetto, where we will board a waiting private motorcoach. As we make our way to our final destination, we will stop in exquisite Vicenza. A local guide will join us here for a private tour, making a stop to Teatro Olimpico and Villa Rotonda. After our visit, we will continue on to Corte Franca, where we will check into the Relais Franciacorta\* hotel and enjoy a welcome drink. Dinner will be provided at the hotel this evening. (B, D)

### 21, Monday

#### *Verona and Valpolicella*

Our adventure today takes us to Verona (a city famed as the setting for Shakespeare's masterpiece, *Romeo and Juliet*), where we will be joined by a local guide for a tour of the city. We will then continue on to the wine-land of Valpolicella. This afternoon we will visit a local cellar and taste the local wines. Return to our hotel for an independent evening. (B)

### 22, Tuesday

#### *Lake Garda*

Today we will spend the day exploring the breathtaking Lake Garda South region. Included is a visit to a local olive mill and olive-oil tasting. (B)

### 23, Wednesday

#### *Lake Iseo*

Our final day in Italy will be spent in the romantic Lake Iseo region. We will first journey to Sulzano, where we will board a boat bound for Montisola, an island town located in Lake Iseo. Upon returning to the hotel this evening, we will enjoy a farewell dinner as a group. (B, D)

### 24, Thursday

#### *Return*

This morning we transfer to the airport for our flights home to the United States. (B, D—in flight)

1 Valpolicella region

2 Teatro Olimpico, Vicenza

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The cost of your tour includes:

**Air transportation** roundtrip from Grand Rapids to Venice with any regularly scheduled air carrier, based on a nonrefundable/nonchangeable fare, which requires a minimum of 10 passengers traveling round trip together. The identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed in your final documents. Tickets are issued 45 days prior to departure. All current airlines taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges are included. Note that these items cannot be guaranteed until tickets are issued.

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**Land transportation.** A deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach is used for transfers, excursions, and travel between cities. Because motorcoach travel is restricted in many European cities, sightseeing is often done on foot or via public transportation.

**Accommodations** in moderate first-class to standard first-class hotels based on two people sharing a room with private facilities. When hotels in these categories are not available, top-quality superior tourist-class properties are selected. **The supplement for single accommodations on the tour is \$1,300 and \$240 for the extension.** If you register alone but want a roommate, we will do our best to assign one. If a single room must be assigned to any member of the group for any reason, even if it is at the last minute or while on tour, we will need to charge the single supplement. Changes in rooming arrangements requested by the participant 45 or fewer days prior to departure may result in additional charges.

**Meals.** Breakfast daily and dinners as indicated in the itinerary. Dinners do not include beverages.

**Tour Personnel.** Local guides/assistants will be present as needed.

**Sightseeing and admission fees.** In addition to admission fees in accordance with the itinerary, a Venice Museum Pass, 9-day transportation pass, 3-day Biennale pass and 2 performance tickets are included in the tour cost.

**Tippling and taxes** are included for all services, including the tip for the local guides/assistants.

**The tour cost does not include** passports, airline luggage fees if charged, portage of luggage at airport and hotels that do not have porters, optional travel protection plan including luggage and trip cancellation coverage, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.

**Insecticide Disclosure.** Some countries require that aircraft be treated with insecticides prior to flight or while occupied. For a list of the countries with insecticide requirements, go to <http://airconsumer.dot.gov/spray.htm>.

**Optional travel protection.** Witte recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan. For your convenience, Witte offers a travel protection plan designed by Traveler Insurance Services. This travel protection can be purchased at any time prior to making the final payment for your tour. **If plan is purchased within 15 days of initial trip deposit, pre-existing medical conditions are waived when full trip cost is insured and traveler is medically able to travel at the time of plan purchase.** The plan cost for the travel protection plan that applies to your tour will be noted in your brochure and on the registration form. It may be necessary to increase the trip cost insured on the travel protection plan if you purchase additional services and/or upgrade any arrangements. This could increase the plan cost of the travel protection plan. The plan cost for this travel protection plan is non-refundable after a 15-day review period.

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Trip Cancellation	100% of Insured Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	150% of Insured Trip Cost
Trip Delay	\$750 (\$150/day)
Missed Cruise Connection	\$750
Baggage & Personal Effects	\$2,000
Baggage Delay	\$250
Equipment Delay	\$200
Emergency Medical & Dental Expense	\$50,000(\$500 dental sublimit)
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	\$250,000
24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Travel Assistance & Concierge Services*	Included

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**Documentation:** Passports, Visas, and Travel Consent for Minors. All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport book to travel internationally. If you already have a passport book, check its expiration date now since the country visited on this tour requires passports to be valid for at least six months beyond the traveler's intended return date. If your passport is due to expire earlier, you will need to obtain a new one. If you do not have a passport book or need a new one, apply as soon as possible. If you plan to visit other countries on your own, contact Witte for any special requirements. All non-U.S. citizens should contact Witte for their special requirements. We will check the requirements for non-U.S. citizens at the time they register and again approximately 45 days prior to departure. Witte is not responsible for any changes in requirements for non-U.S. citizens that occur after our final check.

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Minor children traveling internationally without both parents are strongly encouraged to carry a notarized note signed by both parents stating that they have permission to travel without one or both of them. It has become increasingly necessary to possess such a note, and will save time if questions arise departing from the U.S. or to exit a foreign country. In order to download a sample minor consent form go to: <https://www.us-passport-service-guide.com/minor-travel-consent-form.html>The sample form is a guide only. Parents who share custody of their children should carry copies of the legal custody documents. Important note: Parents are responsible to contact the embassy of the country or countries the minor child will be visiting to confirm all travel entry and exit requirements, which may include obtaining additional notarized documentation.

**HEALTH DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS.** You are responsible to make absolutely certain to have the proper immunizations and required documentation of such immunizations before travel. Witte shall not assume responsibility for the accuracy of health requirements or vaccination documentation prior to departure or upon landing at the final destination. See your health practitioner for advice. Prior to travel, required inoculations, if any, must be recorded by your health practitioner on a valid vaccination certificate, and you must carry for proof of inoculation where required. If you are concerned about taking any medications or receiving certain inoculations, and adequate timing of such inoculations relative to your travel booking, consult your health practitioner BEFORE booking. Check the U.S. State Department websites <http://travel.state.gov> for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, the USA Centers for Disease Control <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list/> and the World Health Organization <http://www.who.int/en/> relating to health issues.

**Luggage allowance.** You may take one suitcase with a maximum size of 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) and weight of 50 lbs. You may also carry a purse, a camera and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum size of 45 linear inches and weight of 15 lbs. These size and weight restrictions conform to most airlines' requirements. Hand luggage does not fit in the overhead bins on the motorcoach. There may be room for it in the storage compartment under the coach or by an empty seat on board. If not, it will need to be placed on the floor in front of your feet. Portage of luggage is provided at hotels to the greatest extent possible. Portage is not provided at airports and at hotels that do not have porters. Let your tour personnel know if you need assistance with your luggage.

**Tour cost.** The tour cost is based on a group of 16 passengers for the tour, 9 passengers for the extension, and current tariffs for air and land arrangements.

**Please note** that these travel arrangements are subject to possible price increases due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. You may be charged additional sums by Witte to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets, and/or changes in group size. Before passing on an increase, Witte will use its best efforts to minimize the amount. If it is necessary to increase the tour cost, participants will be advised at final billing and provided with a summary of the contributing factors. Your signature below indicates consent to any post-purchase price increases.

**Reservations and payments.** To make reservations on this tour, complete the Registration Form and return it as soon as possible. Registration space is limited. Reservations cannot be accepted over the telephone. Payments are due as follows:

Deposit of \$2,000 per person with Registration Form as soon as possible.

Payment of \$1,000 per person by April 1, 2019

Payment of \$2,000 per person by July 1, 2019

Balance due on receipt of final invoice sent approximately 30 to 45 days prior to departure

If you are registering for the tour after one of the above payment dates, increase your deposit amount accordingly so your account will be up to date. Please note that checks returned due to insufficient funds are subject to a \$30 service fee.

**Credit card payments.** Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit cards are accepted for the deposit. The deposit charge is processed shortly after receipt of your registration form.

**Cancellations and refunds.** Witte must receive notice of cancellation in writing. Penalties are per person and will be based on the date of receipt, as follows:

More than 46 days before departure	\$1,400
45 or fewer days before departure	No refund

**The service fee noted under "Special Flight Arrangements" and the nonrefundable portion of any special arrangements made on behalf of the canceling participant is also added to the above penalties.** Allow two to four weeks for processing of refunds. Note that payments made by check are refunded by check to the person or organization that made the payments, and payments charged to a credit card are credited back to the same credit card.

**Membership.** Witte reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a member of the tour and to expel from the tour any participant whose conduct or condition is incompatible with the interest of the group.

**Land-only participants.** If you wish to make your own flight arrangements, contact Witte for the land-only cost at least 90 days prior to departure. Participants who make their own flight arrangements are strongly



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**Domestic flight connections.** Note on your registration form if you would like to fly to and from the international departure city. You will be contacted with schedule options and costs. Witte must receive requests for connecting flights at least 45 days prior to departure.

**Special flight arrangements.** Note on your registration form if you would like to extend your stay and/or depart from and/or return to another city. The number of passengers who can deviate from the group's flight schedule is restricted. You will be contacted to let you know if the arrangements you requested are possible and to advise you of schedule options and costs. Upon confirmation of your special arrangements, a nonrefundable service fee of \$75 per person will be added to your account along with any additional air or land costs that may apply. In the event of cancellation, the service fee and any nonrefundable portion of special air or land arrangements made for you will be added to the penalties noted under "Cancellations and Refunds." Witte must receive requests for special flight arrangements at least 45 days prior to departure.

**Special meal requests and food allergies.** Note special meal requests and food allergies on your registration form. Witte cannot be responsible if special requests are not met but we will pass them on to the airlines, hotels and restaurants. If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies, be sure to carry your medications with you at all times. Also, discuss your special needs with your tour personnel and ask the wait staff about the foods you are served.

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Consult your physician if you have any concerns about your ability to participate.

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Witte shall not be deemed to be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, by reason of delay in performance, or by non-performance, of any of its obligations hereunder to the extent that any such delay or non-performance is due to any Force Majeure.

If Witte, and/or any of its travel suppliers, are affected by Force Majeure, they shall be entitled to, and may in their sole and absolute discretion, vary or cancel any itinerary or arrangement in relation to the trip. Payment of any refund by Witte to you as a result of the non-performance of any obligations due to Force Majeure shall remain in its sole and absolute discretion, although Witte shall use its reasonable efforts to reimburse you where possible. However, Witte shall be entitled to deduct from any refund recoverable the reasonable actual and potential costs to Witte of the Force Majeure and applicable cancellation fees.

Regarding civil unrest, once Witte has investigated the prevailing situation, as it deems fit, it shall remain in

Witte's sole and absolute discretion whether to proceed with the trip. You may in such circumstances cancel the trip subject to Witte's and each supplier's terms and conditions.

**In case of insufficient participation,** geopolitical, or natural cause, or other circumstances beyond its control to the extent travel services cannot be provided wholly or partially, Witte may cancel the tour. In such cases, Witte will use its best efforts to supply alternative services and accommodations, and no refunds will be granted provided that the alternatives are comparable to the original services and accommodations included in the tour cost. In the event of cancellation of the tour by Witte, its liability will be limited to a refund in full of all monies paid by the participants. If available, Witte will offer an alternative trip, which the participants may accept or reject.

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In recognition of the inherent risk of travel and related activities in which you are intending to engage, you confirm that you are physically and mentally capable of participating in the travel booked, and that you willingly and voluntarily assume full responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage suffered by you or caused by you. By registering for any related travel activities, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or other participants.

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### IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT.

IF YOU DO NOT provide full legal name you risk incurring additional airline ticket name-change fees and risk being denied boarding at the time of departure. If you do not have a passport and are applying for one, provide your full legal name and select the option for passport renewal/application.

#### Passenger #1 PRINT CLEARLY

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle ☐ I do not have a middle name \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Male ☐ Female Birthdate mm\_\_\_\_/ dd\_\_\_\_/ yyyy\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: ☐ U.S. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Known Traveler Number (if you have one) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Passport Status:

☐ Current ☐ I do not have a passport ☐ My passport has expired. I am renewing.

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM / DD / YY)

#### Dietary Needs:

☐ Vegan ☐ Low Sodium ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Diabetic ☐ Gluten free ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobility concerns: (walker, wheelchair, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical \_\_\_\_\_

#### Passenger #2 PRINT CLEARLY

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle ☐ I do not have a middle name \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Male ☐ Female Birthdate mm\_\_\_\_/ dd\_\_\_\_/ yyyy\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: ☐ U.S. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Known Traveler Number (if you have one) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Passport Status:

☐ Current ☐ I do not have a passport ☐ My passport has expired. I am renewing.

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Medical \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mailing Address

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## Emergency Contact

NOT TRAVELING WITH YOU \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Arrangements

Tour only ☐ Double Occupancy \$6,645 per person ☐ Single Occupancy \$6,645 + \$1,300 per person = \$7,945  
Extension ☐ Double Occupancy \$3,125 per person ☐ Single Occupancy \$3,125 + \$240 per person = \$3,365

Roommate's name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Roommate not yet known ☐ Assistance needed finding a roommate

I understand that if a roommate is not available, I will be responsible for the cost of single occupancy.

## Optional Travel Protection

Witte Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your trip investment.

**The per person premium for this travel protection is \$545\* for double occupancy and \$676.12\* for single occupancy on the tour.**  
**On the tour plus extension travel protection is \$831.43\* for double occupancy and \$962.48\* for single occupancy on the tour**

☐ I/we wish to purchase the travel protection at this time. Full payment of the plan cost is included with my deposit.

☐ I/we wish to decline the travel protection at this time. I/we understand that travel protection can be purchased later, as long as it is done prior to making final payment on the tour.

\*It may be necessary to increase the trip cost insured on the travel protection plan for participants who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements. This could increase the plan cost.

The full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, are contained in the insurance policy. To view/download the Policy based on your state of residence at: <http://policy.travelexinsurance.com/335A-1217>. Travel Insurance is underwritten by, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company (formerly known as Stonewall Insurance Company), 1314 Douglas Street, Suite 1400, Omaha, NE 68102. 4PZ

### Travel Protection Information:

- You can enroll in this plan when you register for the tour or at **any time prior to making final payment on the tour.**
- The policy exclusion for pre-existing conditions is waived if you purchase within 15 days of making your initial trip payment, provided you are not disabled from travel at the time you enroll and full trip cost is insured.
- The travel protection premium is nonrefundable after the 15-day review period, provided you have not departed on your trip or filed a claim.
- For more information and an outline of the included benefits, see "Optional travel protection" in the Terms and Conditions of your tour brochure.
- Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison. Please visit [www.travelexinsurance.com/company/fraud-warning](http://www.travelexinsurance.com/company/fraud-warning) to view the state specific fraud warnings or call 844.858.9910.

## Special Arrangements

Upon confirmation of your special arrangements, a nonrefundable service fee of \$75 per person will be added to your account along with any additional air or land costs that may apply.

**Domestic Flight Connections** from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Special Air Arrangements:** To spend additional time abroad, I/we would like to depart on \_\_\_\_\_ and return on \_\_\_\_\_.

To request special land arrangements (car rentals, hotels, rail, etc.), include a note and we'll contact you.

## Signature

**I/we have read, understand and accept the terms and conditions as outlined in the tour brochure. I/we acknowledge receipt of information about Witte's Travel Protection Plan as well as the Price Increase Rules.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note – Payment reminders will be emailed to Passenger #1. If no email is provided, payment reminders will be sent by U.S. mail.

**Enclose your deposit of \$2,000 per person. If you are purchasing Optional Travel Protection, add the full plan cost to your deposit.**

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Grand Rapids, MI 49512

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It is not secure to e-mail the credit card form.  
Please fax or mail back.

Name of Passenger(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Type of card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ Security code \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Billing address of credit card (if other than on application):

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Billing phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize Witte Travel & Tours to charge this credit card for the deposit and full travel-protection premium (if selected). Remaining payments may be made by going to [bookings.wittetravel.com/login](http://bookings.wittetravel.com/login), by sending a check, or by calling 1/800-469-4883. For security reasons, we are unable to store your credit card information.

Cardholder's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Reservation ID \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- Deposit of \$2,000 per person with Registration Form as soon as possible
- Payment of \$1,000 per person by April 1
- Payment of \$2,000 per person by July 1
- Balance due approximately 30 to 45 days prior to departure