**VagaBob Travel - Trip Conditions Agreement**

This document outlines what VagaBob Travel, LLC (“VBT”) agrees to provide when you sign up for a trip, and what you agree to in return. Please read it carefully before you complete your reservation request.

**Included in the price of your trip:** Sightseeing/Orientations by a VBT guide, and local guides when appropriate, including admissions to sights seen as a group; breakfasts and dinners (as specified in every itinerary); accommodations each night, personally-selected by VBT; all trip-outlined transportation including from the arrival airport to the departure airport (does not include optional activities or independent travel during the trip).

**Tour price guarantee:** Our trip prices do not include airfare, and are subject to change without notice due to the unpredictability of currency rates and other trip costs. We realize that many participants have airline/airport preferences and economies regarding air mileage accounts. Allowing you this flexibility allows us to offer a real value-priced travel deal. We will specify particulars (timeframes, etc..) regarding arrival & departure airports. Advice & recommendations will gladly be offered in making air travel arrangements.  **Note; your selected trip’s price will be locked and guaranteed the moment we receive your deposit.**

**Itineraries are subject to change**: The World is full of surprises and we need to be flexible enough to take advantage of whatever comes along so that we may provide you with the best possible journey. Unusual weather events & certain transport challenges are two of the more common unforeseeable challenges. We are very experienced and skilled at overcoming most obstacles, but, altered or uncompleted portions of trip itineraries are not cause for refund.

**Trip Payments:** To reserve a seat on a VBT Trip you must agree to these Trip Conditions, sign a Waiver and provide us with a deposit of $400 per person. In order to keep our, and resultantly your trip costs as low as possible, we only accept personal checks (written on a US bank account), bank drafts, and money orders made payable to **Vagabob Travel, LLC**  in US dollars. Your final trip payment is due at least 60 days prior to the start of the trip.  The due date is listed on your initial confirmation letter and trip invoice. Missing the final payment deadline may result in your being removed from the trip. If you sign up for a trip less than 60 days before its departure, the entire trip price must be paid, and the deposit portion is non-refundable. (Tour refunds are discussed below).

**Solo travelers and single supplements:** If you are traveling solo, you will likely room with another trip participant (of course, compatibility will be considered).  If you wish to guarantee a private room, we usually offer a limited number of optional single supplements for an additional fee. Refer to your particular trip’s itinerary for current single supplement prices. Single supplements are subject to availability + prepayable along with initial trip deposit. We will confirm immediately upon request. Please note that a single supplement guarantees a private room — not a larger or better room,as European single-bed rooms are generally the smallest and most basic rooms an establishment has to offer. Single supplements are refundable if cancelled at least 60 days prior to trip departure; those cancelled later will be forfeited.

**If a payment to VBT is returned unpaid** for any reason, we will assess a $35 returned item fee per occurrence. The fee(s) will be added to the applicable trip balance, and must be paid in full prior to your trip’s departure.

**Cancellations and refunds:** Deposits for trips are refundable for two weeks from the date they are received. Exception: deposits made less than 60 days before a trip departs are non-refundable; (After this date, deposits are not refundable for any reason and will be forfeited if you cancel your trip reservation). Trip Cancellation Fees *(again--we strongly encourage your travel insurance includes trip cancellation coverage)*; 45+ days prior to departure - Deposit 45-22 days prior to departure – 25% of trip cost 21-3 days prior to departure – 50% of trip cost 2-0 days prior to departure – 100% of trip cost Cancellations must be in writing: sent via email to vagabobtravel@gmail.com; or request mailing address. Cancellations become effective on the date received by VagaBob Travels, LLC.

**Travel Insurance/Protection Plan:** Travel Insurance coverage is the responsibility of each trip participant. Trip Cancellation/Interruption Coverage is **highly** recommended, while we encourage you to purchase as comprehensive a travel & health insurance as you deem appropriate (coverages can be tailored to cover additional costs, such as airline tickets, baggage loss, medical evacuation, etc..). Please note that travel insurance companies often require insurance be purchased within two weeks of your initial tour confirmation date to include coverage for pre-existing conditions.

**If we cancel a trip you have reserved (would be a very rare event/has never happened)**, the entire amount you have paid to VBT for the applicable trip will be refunded to you within 14 days after the trip's cancellation, as required under law. **Once this occurs, VBT and its representatives have no other obligations to trip participants on cancelled trips, including any additional costs or fees related to the issuance and/or cancellation of airline tickets or other travel reservations not made by VBT.**

**Tour forms, obligations, and risks:** To travel on a VBT trips, all participants are required to sign and return a Release and Waiver Agreement and a Trip Member Participation Agreement prior to the beginning of a trip. Any pre-existing physical, mental, or emotional disability that may require attention or treatment must be reported prior to the beginning of a trip. Omitting important information, or altering the Release and Waiver Agreement, will render it invalid, and could result in expulsion from a trip at your own expense. Please understand that to keep costs down, and because it may be unobtainable in any event, VagaBob Travel, LLC provides only limited protection up to the trip price (minus the deposit amount), and only in certain qualifying, unforeseen circumstances. VBT has no additional travel or health coverage to protect trip participants. Trip members intentionally assume the many risks inherent in all travel. Outsourced contractors/entities assume all responsibility and liabilities.

**Participation**: Although we want everyone to have a good time, it sometimes happens that someone participating in a trip can misbehave or do things that are incompatible with the safety, comfort or convenience of other members of the journey. In those circumstances we have the exclusive right and discretion, to expel someone from a trip at any time, without any claims or complaints by you against us.

**Most VagaBob Journeys are physically active:** This is an inherent and essential part of the VagaBob’ing experience. Get in shape before you leave! On any VBT journey you should be capable of fully and happily participating — without any assistance— in the following levels of activity:

1. Carry your own luggage for up to 30 minutes over uneven pavement from the bus/train station to our lodging. Then haul it up as many as five flights of stairs to reach your room.
2. Be comfortable on your feet for up to four hours walking and standing, both inside museums and outdoors in all weather conditions such as hot sun and rain. VBT are HIGHLY FLEXIBLE. You can always opt out (with optional activities always suggested) of any hike or outing deemed to be beyond your ability, or willingness to participate, for any reason.
3. Sleep with no (or inadequate) air conditioning/heating and street noise in some hotels.
4. After orientation and transportation lessons, be able to navigate towns and cities on your own.

 **You'll want to pack light**: Each trip member is allowed to bring just one airline-carry-on-size piece of luggage (approx. 21" x 14" x 9") plus a small day pack or shoulder bag. You will always carry your own bags from the bus/train to your room, which may include carrying it up several flights of steep stairs or walking 20-30 minutes to the hotel. The VBT Webpage - http://www.vagabobtravel.com/vagabobs-packing-basics-official-packing-list/ - contains helpful packing guidance & advice.

**Smokers:** Please be considerate of others in the group. For the most part (with some exceptions in Eastern Europe) – No smoking is allowed on transport, restaurants, lodgings, etc..

**Participant Age:** Some VBT Journeys are designed and geared towards particular age groups. Recommended/suggested age ranges or profiles are noted in itineraries where applicable. In the case of family-geared trips – children under age 18 must room with, and be accompanied on the entire trip by a parent or guardian, who is also responsible for participating in all applicable activities.

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**IMPORTANT NOTE: Your confirmation (upon receipt of reservation/documents + deposits) will include specific instructions about airport arrival & departure dates & times – We request a reply with specifics after your flight arrangements are made.**

**VagaBob Travel** is registered with the State of North Carolina as a Limited Liability Company.

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**I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the above VBT Travel Terms and Conditions;**

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Trip Participant’s Signature/Date Trip Participant’s Signature/Date

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Liability Release/Waiver Form

**I, being 21 years of age or older**, do for myself hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless;

**(Name of Group)**   \_\_\_\_\_\_**VagaBob Travel, LLC**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ and

**(Trip Organizer)**   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Robert (Bob) Lichtenberg**\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damages and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and/or the child participant that occur while said is participating in the above described trip or activity.
**Furthermore**, I (and for or on behalf of my child participant, if under the age of 21 years) hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.
**Further**, authorization and permission is given to said trip and travel organizers to furnish and hereby release liability of transportation, food and lodging for this participant.
**The undersigned further hereby agrees** to hold harmless and indemnify said organization(s), its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by said travel organizers as the result of negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

**Trip Participant Only**
I have read the above and understand the rules of conduct and will fully abide by them,
as well as all additional instructions of the leadership of this trip, and activity directors.

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