

Terms and Conditions of Booking

1. Booking your holiday

- a) Your contract in respect of your holiday is made with Lifetime Experiences Limited ('the Company'), registered in England under company number 04925439 and all bookings are subject to these terms and conditions.
- b) All communications from the Company in relation to your holiday will be sent to the address stated on the booking form.
- c) All bookings must be made through a representative of the Company. At the time of booking the Company booking form must be completed and submitted together with a non-refundable deposit of £250.00 per person.
- d) Receipt of the deposit and booking form by the Company does not imply confirmation of the booking. No booking shall be confirmed until the Company issue a written notice and, where flights are involved, an ATOL confirmation invoice. The Company reserves the right to refuse a booking without giving any reason and shall in that event return any deposit received with the booking form.
- e) You must pay for your holiday in full at least 8 weeks before the departure date. If payment is not received by the due date the Company reserves the right to cancel the booking and retain the deposit. The person who signs the booking form guarantees payment, in accordance with these conditions, of the total amount shown on the booking form. It is the responsibility of this signatory to ensure the Company receive payment in full by the due date. No reminders will be sent.
- f) If you book within 8 weeks of your departure date payment must be made in full at the time of booking.
- g) All special requests, such as dietary requirements, should be noted on the booking form.
- h) The Company will provide the service as set out on the front of these terms and conditions.

2. Price Policy

- a) The Company is under no obligation to give a breakdown of the costs involved in a holiday.
- b) The Company reserves the right to notify you of an increase in the price before accepting your booking.
- c) After a Confirmation Invoice has been issued, unless you choose to pay for your holiday in full at the time of booking, the price of your holiday is, regrettably, subject to the possibilities of surcharges in certain limited circumstances. However, a surcharge will only be levied solely to allow for variations in transportation costs, including costs of fuel, increases in normal published airfares, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes at airports, the exchange rate applied to the particular package or if the UK or overseas government or regulatory body introduce of increase taxes. Even then, the Company will absorb an amount equal to 2% of your holiday price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) before passing on any surcharge to you. Only amounts in excess of this 2% will be surcharged. Surcharges will be notified by a revised Confirmation Invoice sent to you.
- d) If a surcharge would increase the total holiday price shown on your original Confirmation Invoice by 10% or more, you may cancel your booking within 14 days of the date of issue of the revised Invoice and obtain a full refund of all payments made to the Company and any amendment charges previously incurred.
- e) Optionally, you may choose to pay for your holiday in full at the time of booking, in which case your holiday price will be fixed at the cost quoted by the Company at the time. To qualify for this benefit you should return the Confirmation Invoice to the Company with full payment to reach the Company within 7 days of the date printed on the Confirmation Invoice.
- f) The financial commitments offered above by the Company mean that the Company is not able to reduce the holiday prices should the value of the £ strengthen.

3. Financial Protection

The Company holds ATOL 6327 issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, which provides for your protection in the event of insolvency. Where flights are not involved an insurance policy has been arranged with Travel & General Insurance plc to protect the monies paid in respect of your non-flight inclusive packages and to cater, where necessary, for a refund of such monies in the unlikely event of our financial failure. Both schemes meet the requirements of the DTI's 1992 Package Travel Regulations.

4. Cancellation and Changes by the Company

- a) Occasionally it may be necessary to make changes to your holiday and the Company reserve the right to

do so at any time, and you will be notified of any changes at the earliest opportunity. If a major change to your tour is necessary, providing it does not arise from circumstances beyond the Company's control, you may choose (i) to accept the change of arrangements (ii) to purchase another holiday from us or (iii) to cancel your holiday. Compensation may be payable in cases of major change as detailed below.

b) No compensation will be payable for minor changes. Minor changes include minimal changes to departure and arrival times, changes to the type of aircraft used and restaurant and accommodation changes to a comparable or superior standard.

c) Major changes include cancellation, changes to your UK airport, delays in departure or return by more than 12 hours and accommodation changes to an inferior standard of accommodation.

d) Compensation will not be paid for changes or cancellations caused by war, threat of war, riot, civil strike, industrial dispute, terrorist activity, natural or man-made disaster, fire, technical problems to transport, closure or congestion of airports, strikes or other industrial action, adverse weather conditions or any other event beyond the Company's control. It is essential that you take out adequate travel insurance.

e) The Company reserve the right to cancel your holiday at any time before the date of departure, even after a confirmation notice has been sent. If your holiday is cancelled the Company will refund in full the money you have already paid. No compensation will be payable.

f) Transportation is subject to the conditions of carriage of the carrier, some of which may limit or exclude liability. These conditions are often the subject of international agreement between countries and copies of the conditions, which apply to your holiday journey, will normally be found on the carrier's tickets.

g) If you fail to pay the balance of the holiday price at least 8 weeks before departures, the Company will treat the booking as cancelled and levy the cancellation charges set out below

5. Cancellation and Changes by You

- a) You may cancel your holiday at any time providing you notify the Company in writing. The following charges will be levied on any cancellation:-
- 10 weeks before departure date Deposit only
 - 56 – 70 days before departure date 30% of tour cost
 - 42 – 55 days before departure date 50% of tour cost
 - 29 – 41 days before departure date 70% of tour cost
 - 0 – 28 days before departure date 100% of tour cost

b) The Company will make every effort to assist you if you wish to alter your arrangements. Requests for any amendments must be in writing, signed by the signatory of the Booking Form. You must pay an administration fee of £50 per person, together with all communication charges and any other expenses incurred by the Company. Your request may be treated as a cancellation and re-booking and the normal cancellation charges detailed above may apply dependent upon the conditions imposed by our suppliers. Please note that airlines in particular sometimes charge 100% cancellation fee and the cost of a new ticket and such charges would be passed on to you.

6. Our Responsibilities

- a) The Company do not own or manage the aircraft, accommodation, restaurants and other facilities used in conjunction with the tours arranged. While the Company have exercised care in selecting providers of travel, accommodation, restaurants and other facilities, the Company have not had the opportunity to inspect and do not represent that such aircraft, accommodation, restaurants, and other facilities and services have been inspected.
- b) The Company are not responsible if you or any member of your party suffer death, illness or injury as a result of any failure to perform or improper performance of any part of our contract with you where such failure is attributable to (i) the acts and/or omissions of any member of the party, or (ii) those of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday, or (iii) an event which neither the Company or the service provider could have foreseen or prevented even with due care.
- c) Should any member of your party suffer illness, injury or death through misadventure arising out of an activity, which does not form part of the holiday the Company have arranged for you the Company cannot accept liability. The Company will offer general assistance where appropriate.

d) The Company regret that no refund will be made on unused tickets where travel, sporting event or other types of ticket, unless a refund can be obtained from the carrier or provider.

7. Your Responsibilities

- a) You are responsible for arranging your own travel insurance, though an appropriate policy can be incorporated into your tour package. Details of all insurance policies held by each member of your party must be provided on the booking form. No booking forms can be accepted without sufficient proof that personal policies have been arranged. Please ensure that your insurance cover applies to the specific activities you are booking and which are confirmed on the Confirmation Invoice.
- b) Each member of the party must have a valid passport, visas and all necessary documentation for the countries they are touring. The Company accept no responsibility for any delay or expense should your documents not be in order.
- c) You are responsible for checking-in for flights at the correct time and for presenting yourself to take up all pre-booked components of your holiday. The Company cannot accept responsibility for clients missing flights as a result of late check-ins and no credit or refunds will be given if you fail to take up any component of your holiday. No credit or refunds will be given for lost, mislaid or destroyed travel documents.
- d) By booking a holiday with the Company you undertake to behave in an orderly manner and not to disrupt the enjoyment of others on holiday with you nor to do anything to bring the reputation of the Company into disrepute. If you breach this clause your holiday will be terminated with immediate effect and the Company will have no further contractual obligation to you. The Company will be entitled to recover from the offending party and/or the person who signed the booking form compensation for any damage caused.
- e) It is the responsibility of the person who signs the Booking Form to disclose any pre-existing medical conditions that members of their party may have.
- f) All equipment and personal effects shall be all times and in all circumstances at the owner's risk. The Company cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage or delay to your luggage or effects unless directly caused by the negligence of one of our representatives.

8. Complaints

- a) If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform the relevant airline, hotel, local agent of other suppliers immediately so that they can endeavour to put things right. If you cannot resolve the problems, you must contact the Company office so that we are given an opportunity to help. The Company will not hold themselves responsible for the non-performance of an itinerary through causes beyond their control or when they are not notified of a problem at the point where remedial action can be taken. In the unlikely event that a complaint cannot be resolved at the time, you should write to the Company within 28 days of returning home, giving your original booking reference number and all other relevant information. If you fail to take any of these steps you will hinder the Company's ability to put any problem right and/or investigate it fully and any right you have to receive compensation will be reduced or completely invalidated.
- b) Any dispute that may arise will be governed by English law and both parties shall submit to the jurisdiction of the English Courts.
- c) All information given by the Company whether in writing or orally is to the best of the Company's knowledge and belief correct at the time and is given in good faith. The booking conditions shall take precedence over any other warranty or condition that may have been given.

9. Data Protection Act

It may be necessary for the Company to ask you for certain personal information. Examples of this would be dietary requirements, disability/medical or religious information etc. This information will be kept confidential by the Company and is available to you to inspect during the Company's normal working hours. It will be passed to the suppliers, if it is necessary for them to know this information in order to fulfil the Company's contract to you.