KINGDOM OF MONARCHS
A JOURNEY THROUGH MEXICO’S MONARCH MIGRATION,
THE ART + CULTURE OF OAXACA, & MEXICO CITY’S GARDENS
FEBRUARY 1ST - 9TH, 2020
$4,850 LAND COST* (INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC AIRFARE ESTIMATED AT $900 - $1,100)

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The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in conjunction with Knowmad Adventures is proud to announce an incredible Mexico experience, “Kingdom of Monarchs: A Journey Through Mexico’s Monarch Migration, the Art + Culture of Oaxaca, & Mexico City’s Gardens.” This 9-day trip from February 1st - 9th immerses you in the magical migration of millions of monarch butterflies to Mexico, vibrant indigenous cultures and artisan villages of Oaxaca, breathtaking pre-columbian ruins, world-renowned Mexican cuisine; as well as spectacular gardens, parks, and an ancient agricultural heritage system with floating Aztec gardens. Join Director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Peter Moe, along with excellent local naturalist guides on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Have unique cultural interactions, stand in a forest enshrouded by butterflies, explore ancient ruins, dive into the gastronomy of Mexico and much more! Call or email Renee at Knowmad Adventures 612.315.2894 (ext. 105 for Renee or renee@knowmadadventures.com) for more information and to register. This small-group trip will likely sell out fast.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP
• Visit two different butterfly sanctuaries in the wild, home to millions of monarch butterflies each winter
• Dive into the roots of Mexico’s capital in the Historic Center where the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan was located
• Visit the Chinampas floating garden islands, an agricultural heritage site, to learn about their history and preservation
• Stroll through Chapultapec, a city park twice the size of New York’s Central Park: home to gardens, public art and historic Chapultapec Castle.
• Discover Oaxaca, rich in indigenous cultures, unique artisan wares, and a renowned culinary scene
• Visit the hub for the world-famous, traditional, woven, wool blankets and rugs of the state of Oaxaca
• Explore pre-columbian ruins, Monte Alban
• Travel in a small group of no more than 20 travelers plus your tour leader
• Enjoy the specialized knowledge of your trip escort, Arboretum Director and garden expert Peter Moe
• $300 tax-deductible donation to the Arboretum included. Your donation helps less fortunate public gardens around the world in their conservation efforts.
A ROUTE OVERVIEW

DAY 1-3      Arrival & Oaxaca
DAY 4-6      Mexico City
DAY 7-8      Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary
DAY 9        Departure & Arrive Home

HOST: PETER MOE

Peter Moe is the Director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Alumnus of the University of Minnesota, Peter has previously been director of operations and research at the Arboretum, as well as an instructor in the Horticultural Science Department at the U of M. Enjoy his expertise in rare plant conservation, horticultural practices, scientific research, and his immense knowledge of plant collections as he escorts this trip to Mexico.

PHOTOS OF EACH REGION & ACCOMODATION

OAXACA, MEXICO
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

ZITACUARO, MEXICO
ITINERARY: KINGDOM OF THE MONARCHS

FEB 1 USA – Oaxaca, Mexico
You will fly from the USA to Oaxaca, most likely arriving in the evening. Upon your evening arrival in Oaxaca you will be met at the airport by your Knowmad Adventures guide and driver and transferred to your accommodations in the heart of the old historic center of Oaxaca, near the Zócalo and surrounded by churches, restaurants and museums.
- No meals – Hotel De la Parra or similar

FEB 2 Oaxaca: Monte Alban & San Agustin
Today you will be met at your accommodations by your guide and head just outside of the city on a short drive to the fascinating archaeological site, Monte Alban. Located in the center of the Oaxacan Valley on a hilltop, Monte Alban is an impressive site with remarkable panoramas of the valley. It was the capital city of the Zapotec nation, and one of the first and most populated Meso-American cities during its peak, exerting control over the communities in the valley and surrounding mountains. Explore the site alongside your expert guide, and discover what is known about Monte Alban, and what still remains a mystery. After your exploration and lunch at a local restaurant, you will visit San Agustin. Here is where famous Mexican artist Francisco Toledo converted an old textile mill from the early 20th century into the most beautiful Center for the Arts of San Agustin (CASA). Visit the Arts Center and its gardens and learn about its artisanal paper factory, where Toledo converted old water pipes and a power plant into a handmade paper workshop. Tree bark, plant fibers, natural-colored cotton and other natural dyes are made into first class paper products. Afterwards, return to your accommodations. This evening we have planned for a special dinner overlooking one of Oaxaca’s beautiful plazas. Enjoy the famous and local cuisine of Oaxaca, as well as the opportunity to try mezcal, an alcohol similar to tequila made from the Agave plant and commonly made in Oaxaca.
- B, L, D – Hotel De la Parra or similar

FEB 3 Oaxaca: Santo Domingo, Tule & Teotitlan
This morning you will be met at your accommodations by your Knowmad guide, and start the day with a visit to the Santo Domingo cathedral and its Ethnobotanical Garden. Santo Domingo is the most beautiful church in the city and among the nicest in the entire country. The original construction dates to 1570, and since then has undergone various additions and renovations. Here you will also visit Oaxaca’s Ethnobotanical Garden. This garden, designed by Francisco Toledo, is home to the most extensive and complete collections of Cacti and Agaves from the State of Oaxaca. The garden is designed to tell the region’s history by way of its plants. (Please note this visit is subject to approval from the state government).

After this visit, you will head to visit the small artisan villages outside of Oaxaca City. But first, en route stop to visit Santa Maria del Tule, a small town made famous by the Arbol del Tule. This mighty and ancient tree is between 2,000-3,000 years old and has a diameter of 40 feet, making it one of the world’s largest trees and one of the oldest living species on earth. Continuing on, you will arrive to Teotitlan Del Valle, where Zapotec traditions live on in contemporary form within the woven handmade crafts. Visit a Zapotec family home to see the process of how traditional woven rugs are made. Many still use the traditional techniques of carding and spinning their own wool, then dying it with natural colours and finally weaving on solid-wood looms. Enjoy a typical lunch as a special guest while learning the secrets of authentic Oaxacan cuisine. Both Gourmet Magazine and The New York Times have praised Oaxacan Cuisine as the most authentic food in Mexico. End your day with a guided visit to Teotitlan Del Valle market. Afterwards, you will head back to your hotel for an evening at leisure.
- B, L – Hotel De la Parra or similar
FEB 4 Oaxaca - Mexico City
This morning you will be met early at your accommodations and taken to the Oaxaca City airport for your short flight onward to Mexico City. Upon arrival, you will be met by your Knowmad guide and taken to a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch, continue on to Chapultepec Castle and Park. This beautiful castle is the only royal castle in North America that was actually used as the residence of a sovereign. During the Second Mexican Empire, it was the home of Mexican Emperor Maximilian and his consort, Empress Carlota. Chapultepec Park is double the size of New York’s Central Park and home to a botanical garden, museums, artwork and more. You will visit its beautiful botanical garden and a giant fountain, designed and painted by Diego Rivera. Afterwards, you will be taken to your accommodations, with a convenient downtown location, footsteps from the historic center and the famous Reforma Avenue.
- B, L – Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel or similar

FEB 5 Mexico City: Axolotls & Chinampas
Today you will get a very early start, ideal for maximum wildlife viewing. Discover mysteries of the ancient Aztec city of Mexico-Tenochtitlan with an early morning nature experience in back channels of Xochimilco. Enjoy bird watching and learn about the intriguing Axolotl salamander, a rare amphibian with unique regeneration abilities that is on the verge of extinction. A highlight today will be your visit to the last remnants of actual floating gardens or “chinampas”. These canals and waterways once made up most of the entire Aztec city of Tenochtitlan. Enjoy a traditional lunch, made with locally produced ingredients at the chinampa, hosted by local cooks from the community. During this experience you’ll learn the importance of these floating gardens, recognized as an Agricultural Heritage System, while supporting the preservation efforts. This fascinating experience is led by an expert naturalist guide, scientists and the founder of REDES (Restauracion Ecologia Y Desarrollo), a non-profit association that actively works on conservation programs and projects to protect the area’s ecosystem and save the endangered Axolotl. Learn all about this incredible area, that is actually part of Mexico City, and discover a hidden oasis that brings life to the incredible flora and fauna in this amazing metropolis. After this visit and lunch, you will visit the charming colonial suburb of Coyoacan. Here you find the the now famous Casa Azul, the former birthplace and home of Frida Kahlo, and now Frida Kahlo Museum. Afterwards, return to your accommodations for an evening at leisure.
- B, L – Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel or similar

FEB 6 Mexico City - Zitácuaro
After breakfast, discover Mexico’s Mesoamerican, Colonial and Revolutionary history while exploring the historic center of the capital. What is now the heart of this modern city, was also once the center of the Aztec world, Tenochtitlan. You will visit the Cathedral built upon the main Aztec temple by the Spanish conquistadors, as well as the painted representation of Mexico’s past by muralist Diego Rivera. Taking a walk along some of the center’s iconic streets you will arrive at the Palace of Fine Arts where you can explore its varied architecture. After your guided exploration of Mexico City, you will board your bus for the 2.5 to 3-hour journey to Zitácuaro. En route, you will have a box lunch. Arriving to your accommodations in the Mexican countryside, you will get checked in and have time to relax before a lecture by a local monarch butterfly specialist.
- B, Box L – Hotel Rancho San Cayetano or similar
FEB 7 El Rosario Butterfly Sanctuary
This morning you will depart and head to El Rosario Butterfly Sanctuary. Every winter, millions and perhaps more than a billion monarch butterflies arrive in the forests of Mexico. Although it is unclear how these magnificent creatures find their way to unseen, somehow favored, patches of rural Mexico, these spectacular gatherings have generated tremendous interest from ecologists, naturalists, and conservationists the world over. Upon arrival at El Rosario, you will leave the vehicle behind for a walk along a groomed but, at times, fairly steep trail into the fir tree forest favored by the butterflies. The sun warms and lights their wings to reward visitors with a unique and remarkable display of light and color. Your expert guide will discuss ecology, natural history, and conservation issues in the sanctuary. After your visit you will enjoy lunch in the nearby, picturesque town of Tlalpujahua, famous for its traditional Christmas tree ornaments sold year round.
  * B, L - Hotel Rancho San Cayetano or similar

FEB 8 Sierra Chincua Sanctuary
Today you will visit another butterfly sanctuary. After El Rosario, Sierra Chincua is the second most visited butterfly sanctuary and the most accessible of all of the colonies. Most of the ascent is done in car on a road that passes through the scenic village of Angangeo. The trail leading to the butterflies is relatively level, paved in white gravel, and a 30 minute to 1-hour walk each way. The trees here are almost all oyamel fir trees, making for uniformly dark green vistas. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant en route back to your hotel, and the rest of the afternoon at your leisure.
  * B, L - Hotel Rancho San Cayetano or similar

FEB 9 Zitacuaro - Mexico City - USA
This morning you will be taken from Zitacuaro to the Mexico City airport on an approximately 2.5 to 3-hour drive. Upon arrival at the airport, you will check-in for your onward afternoon flight home.
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**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

  * **FITNESS LEVEL REQUIRED FOR TRIP:** The butterfly reserve altitudes vary from 8,000 to 10,500 ft above sea level and these encounters require the ability to walk for more than an hour along a steep incline that can be considered moderately strenuous. Distances between the parking spaces to the first butterflies may vary from 30 minutes to 2 hours; this will depend on where the butterflies are located. There will be horses or mules available if necessary for those who need assistance, but travelers partaking in this trip should be prepared and able to walk over an hour (with stops to rest) at an incline.
COST DETAILS

$4,850* Land cost per traveler, double occupancy

$950** Single supplement
$900 to $1,100*** Estimated international & regional airfare costs.

*Note: As currency exchanges and fluctuations vary, this is an approximate cost, which Knowmad reserves the right to adjust. This land-cost price is based on a minimum of 16 travelers. Knowmad reserves the right to adjust this price in order to accommodate fewer registrants should there be less than 16. Trip size is capped at 20, but may be capped even earlier depending on number of single rooms booked.

**Note: This trip has a limit of 2 single rooms available for guests paying a single supplement. Reserve early to guarantee a single room. Once those 2 rooms are reserved, Knowmad Adventures will do its best to try and find a roommate for those still interested in joining.

***AIRFARE INFORMATION
Knowmad Adventures will assist in arranging your international airfare to and from Mexico as well as your domestic airfare within Mexico, but is not responsible if available flights exceed the price estimate. Once the trip is confirmed with the minimum number of travelers, Knowmad will be in touch with instructions on purchasing your flights via expert flight consolidator, Exito Travel. We suggest waiting until that time to purchase flights. You may also purchase airfare independently, but please contact Knowmad prior to purchasing to ensure that the flight arrival and departure schedule work well with the itinerary. This trip is planned in accordance to the below international & regional flights.

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Economy          |
| Sun, Feb 09 | 7:40 PM  
2020        | Houston-Bush, TX | 10:35 PM  
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN | United Airlines #3619 V 
Economy          |

Note, if you choose to purchase your flights independently, please purchase the same flights outlined above, which will have group transfers arranged in accordance to those flights. If you choose to purchase flights that have you arriving to Oaxaca City on a different flight than the option above, we will have to put in place an additional transfer for you at an extra cost (approximately $75 to $100 pp depending on the number of travelers sharing that transfer). If departing Mexico on a different flight than the option above, you must depart after the noted flight time. The group will be transferring to the airport from a location 2.5 to 3 hours away, in accordance to that flight.
INCLUSIONS

- 8 nights hotel accommodations
- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 1 dinner (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Professional expert English-speaking guides throughout
- Personalized pre-departure support including Trip Information Packet (contains a packing list, details about regions, weather, etc.)
- Local excursions as indicated
- Airport transfers as indicated
- Field arrangements as necessary
- Ground transportation and support vehicles
- Additional guides as needed
- Entrance fees and permits as indicated
- Taxes and surcharges on excursions
- Escort by Arboretum Director Peter Moe
- A $300 tax-deductible donation to the Arboretum

NOT INCLUDED International and domestic airfare (see estimate for airfare cost guidance), passport, and departure/arrival fees; airline fees for luggage; trip insurance (trip insurance including cancellation coverage strongly recommended); meals not indicated in the itinerary; optional tips to local guides, drivers, hotel & restaurant staff; personal items; alcoholic beverages

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DUE UPON RESERVATION $1,455 per traveler (30% of trip cost)
100 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE Remaining balance

Knowmad Adventures accepts checks, Visa, Discover & Mastercard credit cards.

PLEASE REFER TO REGISTRATION FORM FOR TERMS & CONDITIONS
READY FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME?

Signing up is easy. Please fill out the Registration (pg. 1) & Payment (pg. 2) Forms, read the Booking Terms & Conditions and Liability Release (pg. 3 & 4) and sign on the bottom of pg. 2. Mail pages 1-2 to 911 W. 36th St., Minneapolis, MN 55408 or fax to 1 612 293 3935. You can also scan and email the pages to travel@knowmadadventures.com but this is not a secure way to send credit card info - please call 1 877 616 8747 to relay it verbally. We thank you for choosing to explore with Knowmad Adventures.

REGISTRATION FORM

If you’re more than 2 travelers, download additional forms at www.KnowmadAdventures.com/contact.html. Please print clearly in blue or black pen.

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT KNOWMAD ADVENTURES?

TRAVELER ONE

NAME (Important: exactly as it appears on passport)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE EMAIL

GENDER o male o female BIRTHDAY (mm/dd/yyyy) OCCUPATION

PASSPORT NO. EXPIRATION DATE CITIZENSHIP

MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ALLERGIES DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE

ACCOMMODATION INFO I will share accommodations with We prefer o 2 twin beds o 1 bed

TRAVELER TWO

NAME (Important: exactly as it appears on passport)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE EMAIL

GENDER o male o female BIRTHDAY (mm/dd/yyyy) OCCUPATION

PASSPORT NO. EXPIRATION DATE CITIZENSHIP

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ACCOMMODATION INFO I will share accommodations with We prefer o 2 twin beds o 1 bed

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Knowmad Adventures does not purchase nor sell airfare.* We are here to help you with the process, but ultimately it is your responsibility to purchase flights. We recommend that you purchase flights through flight provider Exito Travel to help make sure that the flights align with your itinerary and are purchased with reputable airlines. Often the best value and most efficient process is that Exito Travel quote your international and regional flights together (this also aids in reducing the risk that flight changes do not negatively impact subsequent flights).

o I would like assistance purchasing airfare through recommended flight provider Exito Travel.

o I would like assistance purchasing regional airfare through recommended flight provider Exito Travel, but will be purchasing international flights on my own and will confirm with Knowmad Adventures before purchasing that the dates and times work with my itinerary.

o I will purchase all airfare on my own and will confirm with Knowmad Adventures before purchasing that the dates and times work with my itinerary.

*It is your responsibility to make sure that all flights you purchase coincide with the trip itinerary, whether purchased on your own or through Exito Travel. Knowmad Adventures is not responsible for financial loss incurred if flights purchased do not align with the itinerary, nor for any airline penalties or fees resulting from changes or trip cancellation once airline tickets have been issued. Knowmad Adventures is not responsible for any forfeiture that results due to any inability to obtain airline tickets that allow you to participate on a reserved trip. Please note that all airfare is subject to change without notice until tickets are issued.
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DEPOSIT PAYMENT METHOD

º PERSONAL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER
º CREDIT CARD       ○ Visa ○ Mastercard ○ Discover

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE

3/4 DIGIT SECURITY CODE
(on back of card)

BILLING ADDRESS
○ Same as address listed on Registration Form. If different, please list below.

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE

DATE

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD

30% OF TRIP COST* MULTIPLIED BY NO. OF TRAVELERS = ___________________ TOTAL DEPOSIT AMOUNT IN USD

>> *Please refer to your trip proposal for costs, deposit amount and payment schedule. Generally, 30% of your trip cost is due to confirm with remaining balance due 45 days before departure, however deposit amounts, payment and cancellation schedules can vary because additional requirements set forth by local lodges, cruises, etc. take precedent. If your trip departure is within the next 45 days, full payment is due to confirm.

KNOWING & VOLUNTARY EXECUTION

The Registration Form, Payment Form, Liability Release and Booking Terms and Conditions are considered “the Agreement”. I have carefully read the Agreement, especially those sections regarding cancellation and refund policies, limitation of liability, and responsibility borne by Trip participants. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and Knowmad Adventures, Inc. (“Knowmad Adventures”) and sign it of my own free will.

>> SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER ONE

DATE

Parents and/or Legal Guardians must sign for participants under the age of 18

>> SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER TWO

DATE

Parents and/or Legal Guardians must sign for participants under the age of 18

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FOLDER OR GROUP NAME

TRAVEL DATES

TOTAL PAX # ___________________ PAX # FOR THIS PMT ONLY

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PAYMENT TYPE
○ Credit Card ○ Check

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TOTAL TO PROCESS (Detail Above) ___________________
**LIABILITY RELEASE**

This Agreement (Registration Form, Payment Form, Liability Release and Booking Terms and Conditions) is important. The Agreement includes terms and conditions and releases Knowmad Adventures, Inc. ("Knowmad Adventures"), from liability.

**RELEASE FROM LIABILITY**

Knowmad Adventures is defined to include its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, representatives and agents. It does not own or operate any entity which provides goods or services for the trip described on the Registration Form ("Trip") including, for example, lodging facilities, bus, plane, train, kayak or other transportation companies or devices, food service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors ("Independent Contractors"). For myself and for all Authorized Travelers, I understand and agree that, neither Knowmad Adventures nor any Independent Contractor is liable for any act or omission arising out of or in connection with the Trip or this Agreement, including without limitation injury, loss, or damage to person or property, illness, death, delay or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging facilities, condition of transportation, dangers incident to recreational activities such as swimming, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause. For myself and for the Authorized Travelers, I release and hold harmless Knowmad Adventures and Independent Contractors from any and all claims and demands, including attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with the Trip or this Agreement and assume all risk thereof.

**WHAT YOUR TRIP INCLUDES**

- Personal items
- Accommodations as indicated in the detailed itinerary
- Ground transportation and support vehicles
- Meals as indicated in the detailed itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Entrance fees and permits
- Expert leadership and guiding
- Backcountry field arrangements as indicated in the detailed itinerary
- Accommodations as indicated in the detailed itinerary
- Medical Insurance
- Visa, passport, departure/arrival and excess baggage fees
- Trip insurance
- Medical Insurance
- Activities denoted by an asterisk and listed as optional
- Personal items

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

For myself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, I grant Knowmad Adventures permission to take photographs and/or video ("Images") of me and the Authorized Travelers and irrevocably grant permission to Knowmad Adventures, its agents and representatives to use such Images and/or narrative for promotional or commercial purposes without review, payment or any compensation to participant.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

For myself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, I am aware that adventure travel such as that I am and the Authorized Travelers are undertaking involves hazardous activities, some in remote areas of the world, with a risk of illness, injury or death which may be caused by forces of nature, the acts or omissions of Knowmad Adventures, or other persons and companies known or unknown, or by conduct of third parties; that weather conditions may be severe, adverse and/or unpleasant and that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time during the Trip. In order to participate in this adventure travel trip, for myself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, I understand that participation in the Trip is voluntary and knowingly accept and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of illness, injury or death and release and hold harmless Knowmad Adventures, and any Independent Contractors.

**BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**WHAT YOUR TRIP INCLUDES**

- Pre-Trip services
- Expert leadership and guiding
- Accommodations as indicated in the detailed itinerary and based on double occupancy
- Local excursions as indicated
- Airport transfers as indicated in the detailed itinerary
- Backcountry field arrangements as necessary
- Some equipment for adventure excursions
- Ground transportation and support vehicles
- Additional guides and porters as needed
- Entrance fees and permits
- Alcohol as indicated on select itineraries
- All meals as indicated in the detailed itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)

Each Trip varies slightly, so call 1 877 616 8747 to speak with us or refer to your Trip itinerary.

**WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED**

- International and domestic airline unless otherwise indicated (our travel experts can help you arrange your flights through a third party flight provider, but airfare is a separate cost)
- Visa, passport, departure/arrival and excess baggage fees
- Liability insurance
- Medical Insurance
- Activities denoted by an asterisk and listed as optional
- Personal items

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

Accommodations are based on double occupancy. If you prefer single accommodations you must pay a single supplement fee, which is listed on the Trip itinerary. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, we will try our best to find you a roommate of the same gender. Should no one be available at the time you register, the Single Supplement is payable and you will be invoiced accordingly. If a roommate is found prior to departure, this fee will be refunded.

**BOOKING & PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

A 30% deposit, along with the signed and completed Registration Forms will reserve your Trip. Payment Schedule as Follows:

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Payment is due to confirm. If your Trip departs within 15 days of booking, full payment is required by credit card.

**CHANGES BY TRIP PARTICIPANTS**

Knowmad Adventures does its best to accommodate all post-confimation itinerary changes requested by the Trip Participants, however, due to the limited availability of accommodations and other itinerary constraints we cannot promise to fulfill every request. Itinerary changes requested by the Trip Participants post-confirmation are subject to a non-refundable administration fee of up to $250. We cannot accept changes requested by Trip Participants within 14 days of the trip start date. This includes, without limitation, booking additional accommodations, transfers, or excursions.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS**

Upon receipt of written notice that you must cancel your Trip, the following fees will apply:

- Full payment
- $250 administration fee
- $100 per person for each change

**ABORTION OF AGREEMENT**

I agree that in the unlikely event of any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this Agreement, the brochure, knowmadadventures.com or any other literature concerning my Trip, or the Trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Minneapolis, Minnesota according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive Minnesotta law. Should any part of this Agreement be found invalid or not enforceable by a court of law, then the remaining portion shall continue to be valid and in force.
we have no control. As such, Knowmad Adventures reserves the right to impose surcharges or price increases, for reasons including unfavorable exchange rates, increases in transport costs, taxes, increases in the cost of services, or if government action should require. If any surcharge results in an increase of more than 10% of the Trip cost excluding insurance premiums, you may cancel the Trip booking within 14 days of notification of the surcharge and obtain a full refund. Prices and dates on the website are only indicative. Trip proposal documents will control.

MEDICAL & HEALTH
Good physical and mental health is essential for the enjoyment of Trips. By forwarding the deposit, you certify that you and the Authorized Travelers do not have any physical or other conditions that would create a hazard for you, the Authorized Travelers or other persons. Medical conditions will not be considered as exceptions to the cancellation policy.

FLEXIBILITY
Trip itineraries as stated for each tour are simply an indication of each Trip’s events and what the group may realize, and are not a contractual obligation. For yourself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, you acknowledge that the nature of this type of travel requires significant flexibility and should allow for changes and agree that the amenities, type of transport, route, schedule, and itinerary may change without prior notice due to events or local circumstances, which may include but are not limited to mechanical breakdown, flight cancellations, illness, strikes, political disputes, weather, border crossing issues and other unforeseeable events.

CHANGES BY KNOWMAD ADVENTURES
Knowmad Adventures does its best to operate all Trips as advertised, however reasonable changes may be made to itineraries where considered necessary. Knowmad Adventures reserves the right to change any of the services and facilities described in the Trip descriptions before a booking is made. If such a change is made, you will be informed at the time of booking. If Knowmad Adventures makes a major change (a major change is defined as one that affects one or more days in a five day itinerary) after you have booked, we will notify you as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before the departure. If the major change is due to force majeure or unforeseen circumstance, no refund or compensation is payable.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRIP PARTICIPANTS
Trip participants have certain responsibilities to Knowmad Adventures and other Trip participants. You and the Authorized Travelers must at all times comply with any local laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of the countries visited. At all times the decision of the local guide or local supplier is final on all matters that may threaten the safety or interfere with the well being of the group or individual travelers. Should you or any Authorized Traveler fail to comply with the above or jeopardize the well being of others or the group, then the local guide or local supplier may order you or Authorized Travelers to leave the Trip without recourse to any refund.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS
You are responsible for obtaining and possession of a valid passport and all visas, permits, and vaccination certificates and other documents or immunizations required for the entire Trip. Any information or advice given by Knowmad Adventures on visas, vaccinations, climate, clothing, baggage, special equipment, etc. is given in good faith but without responsibility or liability on the part of Knowmad Adventures.

CLAIMS & COMPLAINTS
If you or an Authorized Traveler has a complaint against Knowmad Adventures or any service provided, you must first inform the local guide/supplier while on the Trip so that the guide/supplier can attempt to rectify the issue.

INSURANCE
It is your responsibility and that of your Authorized Travelers to obtain insurance that covers you and the Authorized Travelers. Insurance must cover at a minimum, personal accident, medical expenses, air ambulance, evacuation, loss of effects, repatriation costs and all other expenses which may arise as a result of loss, damage, injury, delay, or inconvenience to you or the Authorized Travelers. All Trip participants must have travel related medical insurance. When travel insurance is arranged by Knowmad Adventures, you and you’re authorized Travelers acknowledge satisfaction with the levels of insurance arranged by us. The price of the Trip does not include any insurance. When obtaining travel insurance from a source other than that recommended by Knowmad Adventures, you should make certain that the insurer is aware of the type of travel that the Trip includes. Cancellation insurance is also highly recommended but not required (ask us about supplemental insurance). If you choose to decline this protection, you are assuming any financial loss with your travel arrangements.

AIRCRAFT & FLIGHTS
All arrangements with Independent Contractors, including airline carriers, whether made by you, or by or with assistance from Knowmad Adventures for your convenience, are at your risk. Knowmad Adventures disclaims all liability for loss or damage of every kind and nature, including without limitation financial loss incurred for flights that do not align with the Trip itinerary, cancelled flights or seats or changed flight itineraries. You cannot cancel the Trip without penalty due to a change of airfare, aircraft type or destination. Knowmad Adventures is not responsible for any airline penalties or fees resulting from changes or Trip cancellation. If due to unforeseeable circumstances your Trip should be delayed or cancelled, please bear in mind that many airlines have major restrictions and in many cases are nonrefundable; may only be valid on the carrier listed (i.e., non-endorsable); may require advance purchase; may only be valid for specific travel dates or times; and/or may involve traveling by an inconvenient route.

CONTRACT
To book the Trip, you must complete and sign the Agreement (either on behalf of all Authorized Travelers if you are authorized to do so, or each Authorized Traveler must individually sign the Agreement), and pay the required fees. You and all Authorized Travelers will be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement. All bookings are made with Knowmad Adventures, Inc., for the trips described in the Knowmad Adventures brochure and website. Only an officer of Knowmad Adventures, Inc. may vary the terms of the Agreement.

UNSEEN SERVICES
No partial refunds will be made for unused services including hotel rooms, air or land transport, trekking or excursion days, or other sight-seeing excursions.

PRICES, SURCHARGES & BROCHURE VALIDITY
As we publish our prices more than a year in advance, we may occasionally be faced with cost increases due to factors over which