incredible tours and travel: from Mt Everest to the Great Wall, luxury hotels to noodle bars in Shanghai, catering to individual adventurers & corporate clients

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ITINERARY & PRICE VALIDITY

Prices listed are based on the current costs and rates of exchange at the time of inquiry. VARIARTS reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Prices are not guaranteed until ticketed.

All information in this itinerary is accurate to the best of our knowledge but please note that changes to our trips can and do occur. Itineraries and arranged sightseeing are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond VARIARTS control like train or flight schedules delay or government policies. VARIARTS will make every effort to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

Registration & Payment

A deposit of 30% is required to secure a reservation at the time of booking. The balance is due 30 days prior to departure. For trips booked less than 30 days before departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of confirmation. If a customer fails to make full payment of the trip 30 days prior to departure, VARIARTS reserves the right to cancel the tour and retain the deposit.

We accept payment via credit card, wire transfer or money order for your deposit.
CANCELLATION & REFUND

All cancellations of confirmed reservations are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee. Additionally, clients are subject to any cancellation fees assessed by the services providers including hotels or airlines used in the itinerary. In the case of trip cancellation, please refer to the schedule below:

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Cancellations 90 days or more prior to departure will receive full refund

Between 20 -31 days prior to trip departure - 30% of total tour price will be forfeited

Between 15 - 20 days prior to trip departure - 50% of total tour price will be forfeited

Less than 14 days prior to trip departure or after trip begins - 100% of total tour price will be forfeited

We will exercise best efforts to book hotels per the itinerary, however, in busy seasons and with client bookings made within 30 days of tour date we may be forced to offer alternates. In this case the client will have the option to agree or cancel their booking within one week of the substitution, subject to $200 per person administrative fee.

VARIARTS reserves the right to withdraw any trip departure in below circumstances:

VARIARTS reserves the right to withdraw any trip departure before it is guaranteed to run. A trip is guaranteed to run once it has one fully paid traveler, unless minimum numbers state otherwise.

VARIARTS reserves the right to cancel any trip, including a guaranteed trip, prior to departure due to circumstances beyond VARIARTS control (i.e. natural disasters or political instability).

Under extraordinary circumstances caused by civil unrest, terrorism, natural disaster or other force majeure, either party may cancel the trip. If such cases occur 31 days before trip departure, VARIARTS will refund clients fully subject to $200 per person administrative fee. If such cases occur within 30 days of departure, VARIARTS will refund clients fully less any expenses incurred to date that are directly related to preparation of such trip. Such expenses may include preview trips conducted specifically for the above mentioned trip, and a service charge of 15% of total trip cost to cover general overhead expenses incurred in relation to the trip.
Insurance

We strongly recommend the purchase of international travel insurance to cover medical expenses, trip cancellation or interruption, and loss of luggage and personal effects, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. All VARIARTS travelers are required to subscribe to International SOS (an AEA company) Service Plan, arranged by VARIARTS at US$30, unless insurance is already provided by the travel partner.

Passport & Visas

It is the responsibility of the travel partner to ensure that all passengers carry a valid passport and have obtained the appropriate visas for travel within China. Please ensure that passports are valid for six months beyond the duration of the trip. VARIARTS cannot accept responsibility for any passengers refused entry to a country because they lack the correct visa or passport documentation.

VARIARTS will assist you in obtaining the appropriate passes required for traveling to certain areas in China (e.g. Tibet), but this is not always guaranteed. In the case that an application is rejected by government agencies, VARIARTS reserves the right to cancel the trip.

Passports

For domestic flights within China, you are limited to a combined total of 44 pounds (1 or 2 bags) of check-in baggage. Excess baggage may bring you an additional cost. Baggage and personal effects are at owner’s risk throughout the travel program.
PROMOTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

VARIARTS reserves the right to take and publish photographs during the operation of any tour or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes. By booking a reservation with VARIARTS, tour members agree to allow their image to be used in such photographs; tour members who prefer that their image not to be used are asked to identify themselves to their travel program escort at the beginning of their program.

CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

Any dispute arising from the service provided by VARIARTS shall be settled through friendly consultation between the parties. Refunds are not made for any missed services, except for verifiable extenuating circumstances. Please see our Limits on Responsibility on this page. For verifiable claims to be considered, they must be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program in a dated notice in English language that a dispute has arisen and describe the nature of the dispute. If no settlement can be reached through such consultation within 60 days after the date of such notice of dispute, the claiming party may refer the matter to CIETAC, for final arbitration in PRC by an ad hoc arbitration tribunal according to the arbitration rules of CIETAC rules.
AIR TRANSPORTATION

VARIARTS will not be responsible for your international flight booking. Our on-site China guru can help with references of third party airline agents. The independent agent will arrange the best-priced airfare available in the class category you request at the time of your booking. Please note that certain airfares are subject to a service fee. Should you cancel or change your air reservation before or after your departure, cancellation penalties may apply.

PASSENGER LISTS

A preliminary passenger list shall be sent 90 days prior to scheduled trip departure to secure airline bookings. Should a situation arise where the airline cannot accept bookings after a certain date, VARIARTS will notify the client immediately. A final passenger list shall be sent 31 days prior to scheduled trip departure. Final trip charges will be invoiced according to this list.

KNOWING & VOLUNTARY EXECUTION

The travel partner has carefully read and fully understands the terms and conditions, especially noting those regarding cancellation and refund policies, limitation of liability, and responsibility borne by the participants. You have also read and understood the itineraries of the trip you are booking.
LIMITS ON RESPONSIBILITY

VARIARTS, its employees, officers, directors, successors, agents and assigns, does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip. It purchases transportation (by aircraft, coach, train, vessel or otherwise), hotel and other lodging accommodations, restaurant, ground handling and other services from various independent suppliers (including from time to time other affiliated VARIARTS companies). All such persons and entities are independent contractors.

As a result VARIARTS is not liable for any negligent or willful act of any such person or entity or of any third person.

VARIARTS shall always do its utmost to provide the services to the best of its capacity. VARIARTS organizes, promotes, and sells tour programs consisting of certain travel services, including but not limited to, surface transportation, excursions, and accommodations which VARIARTS purchases or reserves from various suppliers. Agents providing travel services for VARIARTS's tour programs are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of VARIARTS. Thus, the responsibility of VARIARTS is strictly limited. VARIARTS is not responsible for the willful or negligent acts and/or omissions of such agents or transportation and lodging service providers or their respective employees, or representatives including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers.

In addition and without limitation, by utilizing the travel services of the suppliers, you agree that neither VARIARTS nor any representative of VARIARTS shall be liable for any accident, injury, costs, property damage or personal loss to you or those traveling with you in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other travel services, or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences or conditions beyond VARIARTS’s control, including but not limited to, acts of terrorism, war, defects in vehicles, breakdown of equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary or schedules. VARIARTS is not responsible for expenses incurred by you in preparing for the trip (e.g. non-refundable advance purchase air tickets, visa fees, equipment, medical expenses, etc.)
or for any necessary additional travel arrangements should you embark from home before the group departure date.

Risks: There are certain inherent risks in adventure travel of the type involved here. These include, but are not limited to, hiking, walking safaris, climbing injuries and altitude sickness, and in all trips dangers of animals, inaccessibility to medical attention and difficulty in evacuation from remote locations in the case of a medical emergency. Passenger assumes all such risks with regard to these possibilities.

Travel Advisories/Warnings: It is the responsibility of The Traveler to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to your local government or tourism board. In the event of an active travel warning by local government or tourism board to the specific destination location(s) of the trip, should The Traveler still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, The Traveler assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

Travel Partners’ Responsibility: Traveler partners are responsible for selecting a trip appropriate to the abilities and interests of the passengers. VARIARTS is happy to discuss the trip, and any physical requirements, with you. Travelers are held responsible for being in sufficient good health to undertake the trip, and VARIARTS reserves the right to request a health check by an AEA/SOS approved physician if we feel that a passenger is not able to complete the trip. This determination is at the sole discretion of VARIARTS, and any costs associated with the examination shall be undertaken by VARIARTS. Traveler partners are responsible for preparing their passengers for the trip by studying the itinerary and pre-departure information file sent by VARIARTS, and for bringing the appropriate clothing and equipment as advised therein.
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