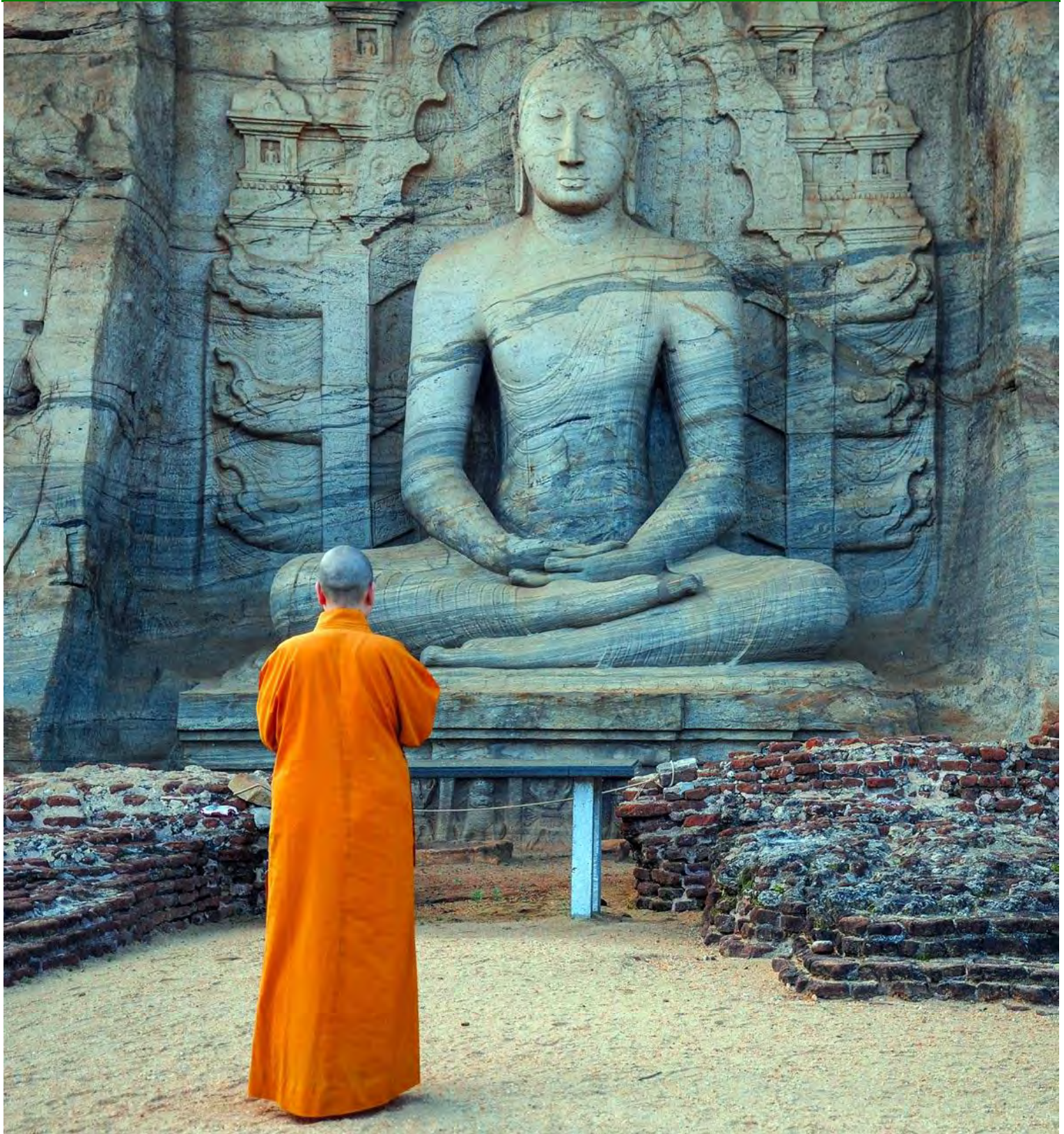


Byroads
Inspiring Escorted Journeys

Secrets of Sri Lanka





SECRETS OF SRI LANKA

DISCOVER THE TIMELESS BEAUTY OF THIS ISLAND PARADISE

14 DAYS

A TREASURE ISLAND REVEALED

 DEPARTS FROM: **COLOMBO**  MAX GROUP SIZE: **14 PEOPLE**  PHYSICAL LEVEL: **MODERATE**

Sri Lanka is known as the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean'. Discover an island of emerald landscapes and vibrant cultures, coloured by history and brimming with ancient ruins, sacred temples, and colonial fortresses. Every step is an adventure in wonder on this immersive Byroads exploration of this island nation.



HIGHLIGHTS

- National Museum Colombo
- Dambulla Cave Temples
- Ancient City of Polonnaruwa
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Spice Plantation Visit
- Kandy- Old Sinhalese Capital
- Temple of the Tooth
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Breakfast concludes your tour. Taxis to the airport are available, or Byroads can organise a transfer on request. (B)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

GUIDES

- ✓ Byroads tour host and national and local guides

TRANSPORT

- ✓ Arrival transfer, private bus with air-conditioning, jeep, boat

ACCOMMODATION

- ✓ 13 nights (3 to 4-star hotel average)

MEALS

- ✓ 13 breakfasts, 1 lunch

TICKETS

- ✓ Entrance fees to indicated sites



GETTING THERE: FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

Sri Lankan Airlines, Singapore Airlines and Thai Airways are good options to get to Colombo. You can book your flights online or via your travel agent who may also offer you alternative airlines.

Your arrival transfer is included however your departure transfer is not and can be booked on request

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

We'd love to do it all for you. But there are a few things you'll need to arrange yourself. This includes your:

- Visa
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Departure transfer
- International flights
- Additional meals and drinks
- Cash for tipping kitty
- Optional tours
- Spending of a personal nature
- Laundry

ACCOMMODATION

Byroads accommodation is a destination unto itself. We choose our hotels carefully to ensure a seamless transition from your day exploring to a night of relaxation. Think traditional architecture blended with modern comforts – and plenty of views.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



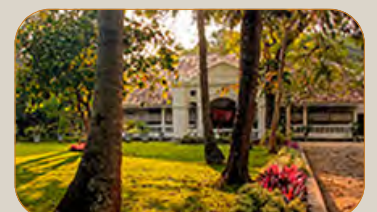
98 Acres Resort

Set on a tea estate with stunning panoramic views this 4½ star lodge features the luxurious comforts of a boutique hotel. It is within a 15-minute walk of Little Adam's Peak and the Nine Arches Bridge.



Rana 212 Beach Resort

A charming resort in Sri Lanka's southern paradise, where golden beaches and local charm unite. Immerse in culture, relax on sun-kissed beaches, creating a uniquely stylish and enjoyable experience.



Nooit Gedacht Hotel

A colonial mansion built in 1735 for the Dutch governor. It stands on a six-acre coconut estate and presents an opportunity to relish in the quietness of its extensive gardens and beautiful lotus pond.

THE FINER DETAILS

DATES AND PRICES

DATE	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
26 February 2025	2995 USD	835 USD
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Additional expenses

Tipping is customary, so please allow extra funds for the tipping kitty. This will pay your local and national guides, drivers and porters.

MEALS

Breakfast is included daily, and one lunch. Elsewhere, you can enjoy the delicious variety of local food on offer. Meals typically cost between 10-15 USD for lunch and 15-20 USD for dinner.

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TEMPLES, TEA AND TIMELESS WONDERS

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From India's iconic landmarks to Sri Lanka's emerald landscapes, immerse yourself in this captivating Byroads odyssey, blending ancient history, age old traditions, and breathtaking landscapes. Discover the rich tapestry of life on this amazing two-country adventure.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Red Fort & India Gate
- Jama Masjid Mosque
- Salaam Balak Trust Walk- Old Delhi
- Qutab Minor Sikh Temple
- Agra Fort & Taj Mahal
- Fatehpur Sikri Moghul City
- Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary
- Karauli Walled Town
- Ranthambore Tiger Park
- Jaipur, Amber Fort & Palace of the Wind
- Jodhpur & Mehrangarh Fortress
- Narlai Game Safari
- Ranakpur Jain Temple
- Udaipur & the City Palace
- Eklingji Temples
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Arrive at Delhi Airport and transfer to your hotel. Settle in and meet up with your group in the evening.

DAY 2: NEW DELHI

Take a guided walking tour with the Salaam Balak Trust through the narrow alleyways of Old Delhi. The Trust is an organisation dedicated to the care and support of street and working children. Visit the Jama Masjid Mosque, one of the largest mosques in India, and completed in 1656 AD. View the Red Fort, a testament to the architectural genius of the Mughal Empire and visit Delhi's largest Sikh Temple. Stop to take a photo at India Gate, a landmark tribute to fallen soldiers and symbol of India's historical journey. (B)

DAY 3: AGRA

This morning drive to Agra to take time to wander around its most famous landmark, the astonishing Taj Mahal. Considered one of the most beautiful buildings in the world, it is a symbol of eternal love. The allure of the Taj Mahal continues to captivate visitors from all around the globe. Be prepared to be overwhelmed with awe and wonder.

Later, stop in and explore the UNESCO listed Agra Fort, which overlooks the River Yamuna. Known as the Red Fort of Agra, it was the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty until 1638. (B)

DAY 4: FATEHPUR SIKRIM - BHARATPUR - KARALI

After breakfast travel to and uncover the mysteries of World Heritage Site, Fatehpur Sikri, the fabled deserted city of a Moghul Emperor. At Bharatpur visit the historical Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary. UNESCO listed, the sanctuary's unique blend of biodiversity and beauty makes it one of the most visited bird reserves in India. Arrive at the heritage town of Karauli and check-in for two nights. (BLD)

DAY 5: KARALI

Discover Karauli, one of the holiest cities in Rajasthan, renowned for its ancient, ornate palaces. Be guided through the City Palace, dating back to the 14th century, it is a real highlight with its intricate frescoes and ornamental features. Stop by the Lord Krishna temple and later in the day enjoy a stroll through the village and mingle with the locals. (BLD)

DAY 6: RANTHAMBORE

Take a leisurely drive to the renowned wildlife sanctuary of Ranthambore. The park provides a unique opportunity to observe wildlife in their natural habitat and serves as a crucial conservation and ecological study area. Buckle in for an afternoon game drive, searching for Royal Bengal tiger, leopard, hyena, indigenous deer and sloth bear. (BLD)

DAY 7: RANTHAMBORE

Rise for an early morning safari through the National Park, and witness the variations marked by a different time-of-day viewing. Marvel at the UNESCO listed, and majestic Ranthambore Fort, which stands as a testament to India's rich historical past. The fort dates back to the 10th century and offers wonderful panoramic views of the park. (BLD)

DAY 8: AMER - JAIPUR

Drive to arrive at the fabulous 'Pink City', Jaipur. First painted in pink (the traditional colour of hospitality) to welcome the then Prince of Wales in 1876, today the unique terracotta pink hue is maintained in its old city area. Upon arrival, soak up one of India's most memorable sights: the Amber Palace. Known for its artistic Hindu-style elements, it's a beautiful blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture and showcases intricate carvings, precious stones and mirrors embedded into the walls. Immerse yourself in the colour and vibrancy of this fabulous city and enjoy an evening walk to explore Jaipuri art and crafts. (B)

DAY 9: JAIPUR

Following breakfast investigate the incredible, unique Palace of the Wind. Continue on to the Old Palace, now a museum showcasing artifacts and antiques from the royal heritage of Jaipur. After, delve into the history of the ancient astronomical observatory at Jantar Mantar. Immerse yourself in the colour and vibrancy of this fabulous city and enjoy an evening walk to explore Jaipuri art and crafts. (B)

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DAY 10: JODHPUR

A travel day, so take the road to Jodhpur – and witness the changing landscapes, from the bustling urban scenery of Jaipur leading into the more arid, desert-like region as you approach the ‘Blue City’. Traditionally, Brahmins in Jodhpur started painting their houses blue to signify their status as the highest Hindu caste and to set themselves apart from the other classes. Gradually this trend spread across the city. Check-in to your hotel for your two-night stay. (B)

DAY 11: JODHPUR

Take the morning to amble through the remarkable Mehrangarh Fort, one of the most spectacular in all of India. Built in 1459 it is not only a historical monument but also a cultural treasure trove. The fort’s museum houses a splendid and comprehensive collection garnered from the opulent lifestyle of the Maharajas. Perched on top of a hill, enjoy the panoramic view from Fort and take a lot of photos. In the afternoon, lose yourself in the bazaar- known for its handicrafts, embroidered shoes, metalware, silver and paintings. (B)

DAY 12: NARLAI

Journey to the beautiful, serene village of Narlai, known for its ancient temples and step wells. There is a large granite hill that dominates the village, and atop is a colossal white elephant statue. The hill and the statue are visually striking and hold religious significance for the local community. Climb to the top for a closer look and a wonderful panoramic view.

Check-in to the stunning Rawla Narlai heritage hotel, a restored 17th-century royal retreat. (B)

DAY 13: RANAKPUR - UDAIPUR

Leaving Narlai, embark on an open jeep safari in search of leopard, antelope, hyena and jackal. Drive to Ranakpur and call in to the Jain Temples, located in a tranquil valley of the Aravalli Range. Built in the 15th century here are one of the most significant and exquisite Jain temple complexes in all of India. The temples are considered one of the top five Jain pilgrimage sites. Arrive to Udaipur and settle in for your three-night stay. (B)

DAY 14: UDAIPUR

Welcome to beautiful Udaipur, often referred to as the ‘Venice of the East’ or the ‘City of Lakes’. Be guided through the city’s highlights, including the City Palace and Jagdish Temple. The City Palace is a complex of several palaces famed for their intricate peacock mosaics, and its location provides a panoramic view of the city and its surroundings. The impressive Jagdish Temple was built in 1651 AD and is dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Stroll through the lovely Saheliyon-Ki-Bari gardens or ‘Garden of the Maidens’. This evening take an optional sunset boat ride to Lake Pichola, and enjoy views of the Lake and City Palaces. (B)

DAY 15: EKLINGJI - UDAIPUR

Start the day with a drive to Eklingji, and roam one of Rajasthan’s most famous Hindu Temple complexes. First built in 734 AD by the founder of the Mewar dynasty, it has been expanded and modified over the years. Dedicated to Eklingji – a form of Lord Shiva, it is a pilgrimage place for followers of Lord Shiva, and is revered by the royal family of Mewar.

Return to Udaipur for an afternoon at leisure and enjoy last minute shopping, sight-seeing or just relaxing. (B)

DAY 16: UDAIPUR - NEW DELHI - COLOMBO

Following breakfast transfer to the airport for the flight to Colombo. On arrival in Colombo transfer to your hotel for your three-night stay in the Sri Lankan capital. (B)

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DAY 17: COLOMBO

Today is a free day to relax after the hustle and bustle of India. Enjoy the crystalline waters and long sandy beaches of the Indian Ocean. In the evening meet up with your fellow travellers.

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GETTING THERE: FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

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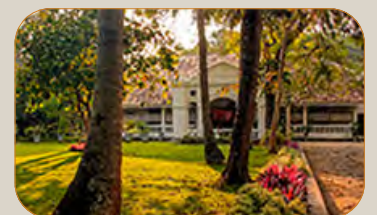
Bhanwar Vilas Palace

Stunning heritage hotel in Karauli. Its restored and decorated period interiors, exquisite European tapestries, portraits and furniture ensure an authentic palace experience with a modern touch.



Rawla Narlai

A 17th-century royal hunting lodge, Rawla Narlai is a Rajasthani treat, with uniquely decorated rooms, frangipani-scented courtyards, lamplit terraces and curated dining experiences.



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BYROADS TOUR

BOOKING FORM

Tour name: Start date:

Room type: Twin Double Single Sharing with:

Full name: Date of Birth:

Email: Mobile:

Postal address:

Emergency contact (Name and phone number):

Nationality: Passport No:

Issue date: Expiry date:

Any medical, dietary or other special requests?

Travel insurance provider:

Policy No:

Emergency assistance phone no:

PAYMENT DETAILS

The tour deposit is due at the time of booking. The final balance payment is due 60 days prior to the commencement of the tour. All payments must be made via direct bank deposit to Byroads.

Acc Name: Byroads Pty Ltd

BSB: 034-605

Acc number: 697336

DECLARATION

I have read and I understand all the information in the respective Byroads tour brochure, and agree to abide by the Standard Booking Conditions attached to this booking form. I also confirm that I am fit to travel.

Signature:

Date:

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BOOKING CONDITIONS

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT

A non-refundable deposit of \$750 is payable on all tours. This deposit must be paid to Byroads, and each participating client must complete the Byroads Booking form. You agree to accept these conditions when paying a deposit for your tour and completing the Booking Form. Your Byroads tour booking will only be confirmed once the deposit and completed booking form have been received. These Booking Conditions form the basis of the contract between you and Byroads.

PAYMENT

All payments must be made directly to Byroads by bank transfer.

FINAL BALANCE

The balance of your tour payment is due 60 days prior to the start of your tour. If, for any reason, the balance payment is not received by the due date, Byroads reserves the right to treat such failure to pay the balance as a cancellation and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

CANCELLATION BY YOU

If, for any reason, you cancel your tour booking, Byroads shall apply the following cancellation penalties. Charges are per person:

- Cancellation up to and including 60 days prior to departure, forfeiture of the total deposit
- From 59 to 45 days prior to departure, 30% of the tour price shall be retained
- From 44 to 31 days prior to departure, 50% of the tour price shall be retained
- Within 30 days prior to departure, no refund will be made.

In addition to the above charges, cancellation fees may also apply to any domestic airfare component of your tour. No refund will be made after your tour has commenced or in respect of lost or unused tickets, hotel coupons, meals or any other services not utilized.

CANCELLATION BY BYROADS – Prior to Travel

If, for any reason, Byroads is forced to cancel a tour before it commences, Byroads may offer a transfer to an alternate departure, or all monies paid by you in respect of the tour will be refunded, less any unrecoverable costs. Unrecoverable costs may include but are not limited to monies paid to service providers, airlines, transportation companies, travel agencies and hotels associated with your tour.

AMENDMENTS

Up to and including 60 days prior to the departure of your tour, any amendment to a confirmed reservation may incur a fee of \$50 per change per file. From 59 to 30 days prior to departure, any amendment to confirmed travel arrangements may incur a fee of \$100 per change per file. Once documents have been dispatched, any amendment may incur a fee of \$150 per change per file.

TOUR PRICES

Byroads tour prices and provisional tour prices are based on tariffs and prevailing rates of exchange when tours were costed. Prices are subject to change without prior notice. In the event of fluctuations in currency exchange rates, service providers' tariffs, fuel prices or any other cost that affects the price of your tour, Byroads reserves the right to adjust tour prices at any time up to the day of departure.

TOUR OPERATION

Although Byroads will endeavour to ensure that tours are operated as advertised, an express condition of making a reservation is the acceptance by you that the tour itineraries, schedules, advertised accommodation, sightseeing and mode of transportation as outlined in the Byroads brochure and/or supplied in the pre-departure information are subject to change without prior notice.

Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, epidemic, pandemic, adverse weather conditions, floods, earthquakes, airline flight rescheduling, technical faults with transportation and road conditions may also have a consequential effect on the tour's content. Any decision made in respect of tour services provided by Byroads to reroute or amend the itinerary due to the above or similar circumstances shall be at the sole discretion of Byroads. Byroads shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events that affect the schedule and content of your tour.

If Byroads is forced to cancel your travel arrangements after your trip has commenced due to reasons outside of its control, it will provide you with a refund of recoverable third-party costs only.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Byroads operate soft adventure tours. All participants must have a reasonable degree of physical fitness and be healthy. Before travelling with Byroads, you must familiarise yourself with any health requirements applicable to the areas you will be travelling. This includes obtaining any compulsory vaccinations or medical tests that may be required for entry into your country of travel.

You are responsible for having the correct entry and exit documents for your visiting countries. Byroads will assist in providing up-to-date information but is not responsible for any changes that may be made by governments.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

You acknowledge that the nature of the tour is adventurous and that participation involves a degree of personal risk. You will be visiting places where the political, cultural and geographical attributes can present dangers and physical challenges greater than those present in our daily lives. We use information from foreign government departments and reports from our own contacts in assessing whether the itinerary should operate. However, you must acquaint yourself with all relevant travel information and your itinerary. You acknowledge that your decision to travel is made considering this information, and you accept that you are aware of the personal risks attendant upon such travel.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Ensure your passport has a minimum of six months validity remaining, as this is an entry requirement in many countries. Upon booking, visa requirements will be advised once Byroads has received your passport details. Visas are required for a number of our tours, and it is your responsibility to obtain them.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

The cost of your Byroads tour does not include international airfares, airport departure taxes, unspecified meals, optional sightseeing, additional transfers, gratuities for hotel staff, guides and tour leaders, items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, etc. or any other incidental expenses.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is an express condition of travelling with Byroads that you have comprehensive travel insurance to cover you for the duration of your tour. This should include full cover for any medical expenses and repatriation if required. It is highly recommended that you take out travel insurance when you pay the deposit to guard against any unforeseen circumstances that can lead to your need to cancel your tour. If you rely on complimentary travel insurance offered through your credit card company or bank, you should ensure that it is suitable for your tour. Some of the policies offered by these institutions may not offer adequate coverage. You must provide the policy number, insurance supplier details and emergency contact number to Byroads before your documents are issued.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

We contract with a network of companies, government agencies and individuals to assist in the running of our tours as agent for these third parties. We are not responsible for the acts and omissions of these third parties. To the fullest extent permitted by law:

(i) Any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a tour, or any breach of the Booking Conditions, is excluded;

(ii) You release Byroads and its officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of, or in connection with, your participation in a tour;

(iii) Any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these Booking Conditions (Implied Warranty) is excluded.

To the extent an Implied Warranty cannot be excluded, our liability in respect of the Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (a) the provision of a similar tour to an equivalent value or (b) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

Any claim by you is excluded to the extent that it is for indirect or consequential loss, loss of profits or economic loss (however it arises) or for indirect, special, punitive or exemplary damages.

APPLICABLE LAW

The laws of Victoria, Australia, govern these Booking Conditions to the fullest extent allowable. Any disputes in connection with a tour or these Booking Conditions must be initiated in the courts of Victoria.