

Transaid Africa Challenge: Trek Ethiopia 2011



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Do something amazing! Take part in Trek Ethiopia and have the experience of a lifetime whilst helping Transaid to improve transport across Africa, so men, women and children can have better access to essential services such as healthcare, education and economic opportunities

Trek Ethiopia: 4th—12th February 2011

REGISTRATION PACK

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About Ethiopia

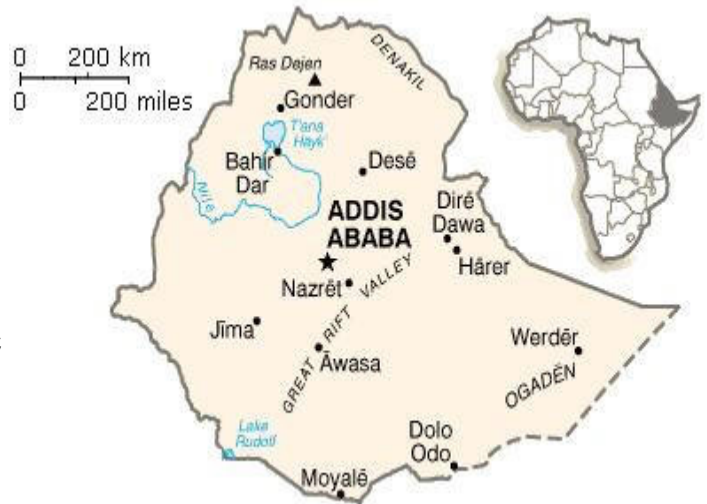
Ethiopia is located in north-east Africa, commonly known as the Horn of Africa. It is approximately five times the size of the UK. The Ethiopian Plateau which occupies 66% of the land, consists of a high or central plateau that is bisected diagonally by the Great Rift Valley to the west and the Somali Plateau to the east.

The Climate

Ethiopia is pleasant all year round, daytime maximum temperatures in Addis Ababa range between 20 - 25°C and night time temperatures drop to 5-10°C

Dry season: October to May, with short rains in March.

Wet season: June to the end of September



Our Trek—4th –12th February 2011

Our trek will provide an opportunity to visit some of the most spectacular scenery in Ethiopia. The Simien Mountains is one of the major highlands of Africa, comprising several plateaux linked by wide valleys and peaks which rise above 4,000m, the highest being Ras Dejen (4533m). The scenery is Africa's equivalent of the high altitude plateau found in Bolivia or Tibet and has been dubbed the "Tibet of Africa". Natural lookouts have been formed in the escarpment which offer spectacular views along the plateau and over lowlands areas to the extent that on a clear day it is possible to see up to 100 kilometres away. The dramatic landscape of gorges, chasms and precipices is a result of erosion of volcanic activity over 40 million years ago.

The park was created primarily to protect the walia ibex, and over 1000 are said to live here. Other endemic species include the gelada baboon and the rare Simien fox. Only part of the park can be reached by 4WD vehicle. The rest is criss-crossed by paths that for centuries have connected villages and pasturelands. These make fantastic trekking

How fit do I need to be?

This trek is rated as 'challenging' and therefore participants really need to put in some serious training leading up to the challenge. A lot of the trail will be at altitude, so participants also need to be aware of the risks they may endure. However, once you have registered Transaid will send you out a Training and Nutrition guide to make sure you have all the information you need to make your challenge a success.

The Simien Mountains

The Simien Mountains lie in northern Ethiopia. They were nominated as a World Heritage Site in 1978 and placed on the World Heritage List in Danger in 1996. The dramatic landscape of the Simien Mountains is the result of massive seismic activity in the area about 40 million years ago. Subsequent erosion has left behind the jagged landscape of the Simien Mountains to create one of the most spectacular landscapes in the world comprising plateaux, broad river valleys, jagged mountain peaks, chasms and deep precipices.



Classic Tours

Classic Tours is an experienced tour operator who specialise in organising charity challenge events. They have excellent contacts with local ground agents (who will accompany us, providing cultural information) and will make all the travel arrangements and ensure that the event runs smoothly. There will also be someone from Transaid along on the challenge to share your experience with you. An English speaking doctor and medical kit travel with us.

Did you Know?

“Road related deaths are the 3rd highest cause of premature death in Africa after HIV/Aids and Malaria”

Source: Global Road Safety Partnership

Trek Ethiopia Itinerary

Day 1 – Friday 4 February London - Addis Ababa

Overnight flight from London to Addis Ababa.

Day 2 – Saturday 5 February Addis Ababa

Morning arrival in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. Free time to explore or optional tour of Addis Ababa. The city is at 2400m above sea level so we still start acclimatising to the altitude. Overnight.

Day 3 – Sunday 6 February Addis Ababa - Gonder

Early flight to Gonder which is located 500km north of Addis Ababa and nestles in the foothills of the Simien Mountains at 2400 metres above sea level. The rest of the day is free to acclimatise to the altitude in Gonder. The fact that it was the imperial capital between the 17th and 19th centuries is reflected in its many impressive and historic buildings. The Royal Enclosure covers an area of 75,000 square metres and contains castles, palaces, raised walkways and connecting tunnels surrounded by high stone walls. The oldest of these is Fasiladas Palace which dates from the mid-17th century. Its upper storey offers panoramic views and Lake Tana is visible on a clear day. After dinner this evening we'll hear more about the challenge ahead. Overnight Gonder.

Day 4 – Monday 7 February Gonder – Debarq –Sankaber

17km / 6 – 7 hours approx.

Early morning transfer to Debarq (100km / 2 hours approx.) the trailhead for treks into the Simien Mountains National Park. This is where the park headquarters and the nearest medical assistance are located.

After leaving the eucalyptus groves that surround Debarq, the track leads through highland pastures at an altitude of 2800m. The scenery is characterised by very steep fields and scattered hamlets. After negotiating several stepping stones across the River Lamma, we tackle our first strenuous climb to Sawre Hill (3100m). On a clear day there are good views back over the valley to Debarq. The lush pastures now give way to a more rugged and barren terrain on the escarpment. We trek along a gravel road which offers impressive views over the lowland area to the north. The best views are from the Tiya Afaf Viewpoint which is just a few minutes from our camp at Sankaber (3240m).

Day 5 – Tuesday 8 February Sankaber – Gich

13km / 6 – 8 hours approx.

Today's trek starts with a descent into the gorge formed by the upper course of the Wazla Valley (the Kaba Fen). The often-dry Wazla River runs along the valley floor. En-route we make a detour to the Nigus Aysimush Viewpoint which offers spectacular views of the escarpment and down onto the lowlands. We also break off the trail at the deepest point in the Kaba Fen to see the impressive Jinbar Waterfall. We then re-join the main trail which leads through several side valleys in order to reach the Jinbar Valley. After crossing the Jinbar River we ascend to Gich village. From there the path runs along the tree line to Gich camp (3600m) which is a good vantage point over the Jinbar Wenz valley.

Day 6 – Wednesday 9 February Gich – Chennek

18km / 7 – 9 hours approx.

We set off towards, Imet Gogo which is around 5km (1½ – 2 hours) north east of Gich camp through wonderful long and short grass steppe. This is the best known observation point in the Simien Mountains (3926m) and offers spectacular views in all directions over jagged rocks and lowland villages. From there we follow the scenic escarpment edge south via Inatye (4070m). Just before the camp at Chennek (3620m) we arrive at Kurbet Metaya, a viewpoint between a gap in the cliff that reveals impressive views of the escarpment edge to the west and the tightly clustered houses (*tukuls*) in the village of Dihwara below the cliff. Chennek, where we overnight, is probably the best spot in the Simien Mountains for wildlife.

Day 7 – Thursday 10 February Chennek – Arkwasiye

7km / 5 hours approx.

From Chennek a track ascends eastwards towards Bwahit Pass (4430m). Once at the top there are impressive 360° views of the surrounding area. We descend towards Arkwasiye (3600m) which is located just outside the boundary of the National Park close to a village and transfer to Gonder for the celebration dinner.

Day 8 – Friday 11 February Gonder – Addis Ababa

Lunchtime flight from Gonder to Addis Ababa and await the London connection.

Day 9 – Saturday 12 February

Addis Ababa - London

Fly to London

This is a complex itinerary which is subject to a thorough

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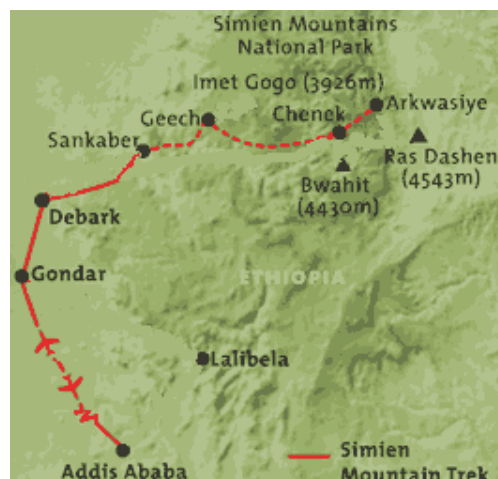
Optional Excursions

Day 2: Addis Ababa – walking tour of the city including St Georges Cathedral, the Grand Palace, National Museum.

Day 3: Gonder – walking tour of the city including Debre Bi han Selassie Church, the Royal Enclosure & the Baths of Fasilides

Day 8: Free time in Addis Ababa, suggested visit to the market places

Extensions after the trip can be arranged but are subject to availability.



Did you know?

“It has been estimated that an extra 90,000 children can be vaccinated a year as a result of the Transport Management System implemented by Transaid.”

Source: Ministry of Health Ghana

Why take part?

About Transaid

Transaid is an international development charity that seeks to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life through providing better access to essential basic services such as health, education and economic opportunities in Africa and the developing world. By working with the UK transport and logistics industry Transaid builds local transport management skills and knowledge to find solutions, making transport **cheaper, safer cleaner and more effective**.

Why we exist

Transport and logistics has come to be recognised as a critical but neglected area in development. This is severely detrimental to men, women and children living in rural areas. Women and children are unable to access essential health care services without transport which increases mortality during pregnancy and childbirth. Failure to place transport as key to development therefore has devastating consequences.

Lack of attention to driver training and safety standards causes high levels of deaths and injuries. Road accidents are now one of the main causes of death in developing countries and represent a huge cost to health systems, communities and individual families. With the right transport management and training these costs could be significantly reduced and more lives could be saved.



Our Vital Work in Africa

Transaid has three main areas of expertise:

1. Efficient vehicle management

We work with departments of health, governments and other organisations to improve the management and maintenance of their vehicle fleets. We do this by applying the Transaid Transport Management System to reduce costs, improve service delivery and increase operational efficiency.



2. Appropriate technologies to access essential services

We provide access to appropriate, alternative forms of transport for communities where conventional forms of transport are not available e.g. bitrek and motortrek ambulances. These life-saving technologies enable people in rural communities to reach health services.



3. Driver competence and safety standards

We promote professional driver training standards and develop driver training programmes to improve road safety and the efficient use of vehicles.



Where will your money go?

We are currently working to improve professional driver training standards and reduce the number of road crashes in Zambia where road deaths are the third biggest killer after HIV/AIDS and malaria. We are also working to tackle child and maternal mortality by improving access to primary healthcare in Nigeria. Funds raised from the Transaid Africa Challenges will help us to continue this hugely important work and expand our projects further.



Did you Know?

“Women in Sub-Saharan Africa continue to face a 1 in 13 chance of dying from pregnancy and childbirth, when the risk for women in the industrialized world is only 1 in 4,085.”

Fundraising

Last year's Trek Zambia Challenge raised over £100,000 income for Transaid. With your help we want to smash this target in 2010/11! Funds raised from the Transaid Africa Challenges will help us to continue our hugely important work and expand our projects further.

Minimum sponsorship target: £3,299 (Including registration fee)

Route A: £299 registration fee and £3,000 minimum sponsorship paid by 22nd Nov 2010

Route B: Alternatively, you can choose to pay your registration fee of £299 plus £1500 to cover the cost of your trip yourself. You will then only need to raise a minimum sponsorship of £1,500. The cost of the trip can be paid in £500 instalments if you prefer.



What does this include?

1. Flights
2. Airport taxes to the value of £300*
3. Transfers in country
4. All food and water (except lunch on day 8)
5. Accommodation
6. Tour guide and doctor for duration of trip

What does this not include?

1. Visa (approximately £12)
2. Vaccinations and anti-malarials
3. Travel insurance
4. Optional tours
5. Additional spending money
6. Any airport taxes in excess of £300*
7. £299 Registration fee

*Please note: Transaid will be invoiced for airport taxes 10 weeks prior to departure as these are subject to change until final flights are fully confirmed. Transaid will inform all participants if airport taxes are likely to exceed £300 and will ask participants to contribute towards this excess if required. Airport taxes are currently estimated at £210 so should be fully covered by the registration fee and minimum sponsorship unless there is a significant jump in price in price between now and February 2011.

How will I raise the money?

The registration and sponsorship may seem like a lot but there are many ways to reach your target. You can ask if your company will sponsor part or all of your sponsorship fee, or alternatively they may have a matched giving scheme where they will match any funds you raise £1 for £1. Friends, family and colleagues can also be a huge source of inspiration and can help you along the way to organise events and reach out to your local community for support.

You will also receive loads of tips and fundraising ideas from us to help you reach and exceed your sponsorship target. We will also include several fundraising milestones to make your task easier and to make sure you're on the right track. Start early and remember – we're here to help. After registering you will receive a Fundraising Pack with tips and ideas.

What happens if I can't raise the sponsorship money?

If you do not raise this amount you are liable to forfeit your place on the challenge. However, if you do experience any unexpected difficulties, please contact us and we can help you put together a good fundraising plan which will ensure you get back on target. Transaid staff will always be on the other end of the phone to offer advise and support throughout your fundraising efforts.

Fundraising Activity	Money raised
Ask friends, family and colleagues and their contacts for sponsorship	£500
Set up a just giving page	£500
Hold a cake/pasty morning in the office	£100
Organise a Gig	£250
Hold a BBQ	£100
Hold a Sweep Steak	£200
Sell things on Ebay or car boot sale	£100
Organise a sponsored walk	£300
Hold a quiz night in your local pub, monthly	£200
Hold a raffle	£250
Organise a work dinner/race night	£500
Total:	£3,000

An example of a fundraising plan.

Did you know?

“More than 85% of road traffic deaths and injuries occur in low income and middle income countries, yet they own only 40% of the world's motor Vehicles.

Source: Global Road Safety Partnership

Place Photo
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**Transaid Africa Challenge:
Trek Ethiopia 2011
REGISTRATION FORM**



Please return this form to the following address:

Transaid, 137 Euston Road, London, NW1 2AA.

Contact April for questions at: 020 7387 8136 april@transaid.org

CHECKLIST

Please make sure you have enclosed the following:

- 1) Signed and completed Registration Form
- 2) Signed and completed Medical Form (including GP signature if you have a medical condition or aged 65+)
- 3) Two passport photos with name written on the back
- 4) Registration fee of £299 made payable to 'Transaid' and committed to raising a minimum of £3,000 in sponsorship or alternatively a pledge to pay £1500 for the cost of the trip and raise a minimum of £1,500
- 5) Fundraising Plan

Please write clearly in capital letters.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Title **as on passport** (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/other) _____

Forenames **as on passport** _____ Surname **as on passport** _____

Name you prefer to be addressed as _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Occupation _____

Daytime phone _____ Evening telephone _____

Email _____ T-SHIRT SIZE 34-36"(S) 38-40(M)" 42-44(L)" 46-48(XL)"

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Marital Status _____ Nationality _____

PASSPORT DETAILS

Your passport must have at least six months to run from the date you return to the UK

Passport No. _____ Country of Issue _____

Issue date _____ Expiry date* _____

EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Company name _____ Job Title _____

Company Address _____

Post code _____

If your employer has agreed to pay the registration fee or sponsor you, we can invoice them directly. Please supply a contact name contact details if different from above:

Contact name and Contact details:

Sponsorship amount to invoice £ _____

Registration Form



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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Please circle as appropriate:

Vegetarian Vegan No Fish

Do you have any special dietary requirements/food allergies? Y/N

Those with other dietary requirements should bring supplementary food

ACCOMMODATION

If there is anyone you would like to share with please write their full name here (otherwise participants will be allocated rooms on same sex sharing basis – rooms will be twins / triples/quads). We will try to accommodate your request, however it cannot be guaranteed. Please note, married couples will not automatically be able to share.

Name: _____

WOULD YOU LIKE US TO SEND DETAILS TO A FRIEND?

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Email _____

Daytime phone _____ Evening phone _____

Where did you hear of this event? _____

Have you taken part in an overseas challenge before? Yes / No

Are you happy for us to include you in the group email ? This is a great way of getting to know and keeping in touch with other participants and can be used to share fundraising ideas. Yes / No

DECLARATION: I apply to take part in Transaid Trek Ethiopia 2011. I have read and agreed to Transaid and Classic Tours' Booking Conditions and Conditions for Entry for the challenge. I enclose a cheque or postal order for my non-refundable registration fee of £299, the medical form and two passport size photos. I agree to raise the minimum sponsorship of £3,000 with £2,700 payable 10 weeks before departure and the remaining sponsorship due 4 weeks after return.

Alternatively I agree to pay £1,500 to cover the cost of my place on the trip and in addition will pay my £299 registration fee and will raise the remaining minimum target of £1,500 in sponsorship by 22nd November 2010

If you would like to pay for this £1,500 in three instalments please tick here and we will send you a payment plan.

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge my general state of health and fitness is good and I take full responsibility for my fitness to take part. I enclose a cheque for the registration fee of £299 made payable to Transaid, a completed medical form and two passport size photograph of myself.

Please read the booking conditions on page 10.

Signature _____

Name (capital letters) _____

Date _____

___/___/___

Upon receipt of your registration fee and forms we will reserve a place for you on Trek Ethiopia and send you an official Fundraising and Training Pack welcoming you to the event. So what are you waiting for?

Fundraising Plan

Whilst Trek Ethiopia is about having the experience of a life time, it is also important to remember that such challenges generate a significant income to fund Transaid's vital work in Africa. We would therefore appreciate you taking the time to think about how you will raise your fundraising target, and if possible exceed it!

Spaces on Transaid's Trek Ethiopia challenge are limited and will therefore be allocated on a first come first serve basis. In the event that there are more applicants than spaces on the trip your commitments to your fundraising plan will help support your cause to be chosen to go on the challenge.

Please send this page back with your Registration and Medical form.

A) In a few sentences please let us know what you hope to achieve out of Trek Ethiopia and why you are applying to take part.

B) Please give us your brief ideas below on how you hope to reach your sponsorship target. Transaid staff will always be there to offer support and advice, however detailing your ideas will emphasize your commitment to raising the funds and will also enable us to help you maximise your sponsorship opportunities.

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

Medical Questionnaire, cont...

DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE

If you are aged 65 or over or you have a pre-existing medical condition or you have received hospital treatment within 12 months of departure, you must ask your doctor to sign below confirming that you are fit to undertake the challenge.

I confirm that I have read the itinerary my patient is planning to undertake and I know of no reason why this person should not participate in an event of this type at this point in time.

Doctor's name: GP Practice stamp:

Doctor's signature

Date

Classic Tours challenges entail consecutive days of trekking and will be physically demanding. Due to the nature of these types of events some parts of the route will be away from main cities and hospitals. However, there will be trained medical personnel on hand and first aid supplies.

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Name (in full)..... Relationship

Address

Postcode Email:

Daytime Tel Evening Tel Mobile Tel

I APPLY TO TAKE PART IN THIS CHALLENGE AND CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) I have understood that this challenge is rated as very challenging.
- 2) I have understood the need for fitness and will read the training guidelines and commit to a training program for the event.
- 3) To the best of my knowledge this is a true and accurate description of my medical history and current condition.
- 4) I sign below for Classic Tours to release this information to the doctor accompanying the event to allow him/her to contact my GP for further details.
- 5) In the event of illness or an accident on the trip I hereby give my permission for Classic Tours medical staff to initiate medical treatment and notify my next of kin in case of hospitalisation.
- 6) I am responsible for organising my own vaccinations through my GP and will be expected to bring a personal first aid kit.
- 7) I will advise my insurer of my medical condition. Should I fail to do this, I understand that I will be liable for any medical costs incurred whilst on the challenge as a result of my condition.

Signed..... Date

IMPORTANT!

Should any of your medical details change after you have submitted this form, please inform Classic Tours immediately. You may be asked to complete a new medical form. It is vital that you remember to do this for your own safety.

Booking Conditions – Please Read

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1. In return for a secured place on Trek Ethiopia with Transaid, and as an indication of your serious fundraising intent, we require a non-refundable registration fee of £299 and a commitment to raise at least £3,000 in sponsorship money for Transaid. Alternatively you must pledge to pay £1500 and commit to raising £1500 minimum sponsorship in addition to paying your £299 registration fee. You understand it is the endeavour of this challenge to raise as much above this amount as possible in aid of Transaid. At least 90% of this sponsorship or a total of £2,700 must be paid over to Transaid a minimum of 10 weeks prior to the departure date (ie 22nd November 2010). Failure to do so means that you must make up the balance yourself. The £3,000 target does not include your registration fee of £299, or any Gift Aid that your donations incur. Any balance due to make up the minimum sponsorship of £3,000 must be paid to Transaid within 4 weeks of your return. You will have to make up the balance yourself if you fail to do this. If you are unable to meet these requirements, you may forfeit your place on the event.

2. If you choose to fundraise the minimum £3,000 you must make it clear to all prospective sponsors that an amount from your sponsorship money goes towards payment of the air and ground costs of the challenge.

3. All funds raised in the name of Transaid must be paid as soon as practicable to Transaid.

4. Should you be unable to take up your place all sponsorship monies must be returned to your sponsors or, if they agree, paid over to Transaid.

5. You must be over 18 by the date of departure

6. Classic Tours, a specialist in charity challenges, is the tour company responsible for all flights and ground arrangements. All participants take part at their own risk. Transaid is acting as your agent in making arrangements for you to join the event and is unable to accept liability for any loss or damage, however arising, or for the cancellation of the event for any reason outside its control. Registration fees will only be refundable should Transaid cancel the event.

7. You are responsible for obtaining any necessary vaccinations in order for them to become effective by the departure date, and for obtaining a valid tourist visa.

8. The money raised includes airport taxes up to the value of £300. Transaid will be invoiced for airport taxes 10 weeks prior to departure as these are subject to change until final flights are fully confirmed. Transaid will inform all participants if airport taxes are likely to exceed £300 and will ask participants to contribute towards this excess if required. Airport taxes are currently estimated at £210 so should be fully covered by the registration fee and minimum sponsorship unless there is a significant jump in price in price between now and February 2011.

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Your contract with Classic Tours

If you are selected to take part in the fundraising event, we will be advised of your details by the charity. Your contract for travel, accommodation and other services ("your travel arrangements") will be with us, Classic Tours Limited trading as Classic Tours of Tramways House, 377 Camden Road, London N7 OSH. If you are selected then we will confirm our contractual commitment to you by sending to you a confirmation invoice, together with the details of your travel arrangements and the itinerary that we have agreed to provide. It is only then that these terms and conditions will apply and a contract will exist between us, which is governed by English laws and the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts. Travel arrangements made by us which include flight and accommodation are fully protected under the company's ATOL Licence Number 3379 arranged with Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). When you buy an ATOL protected air package from Classic Tours you will receive a confirmation invoice from us confirming your arrangements and your protection under our Air Travel Organisers Licence number 3379. In the unlikely event of our insolvency, the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking. For further information visit the ATOL website www.atol.org.uk. Payment for your travel arrangements will be made to us by the charity from the sponsorship it has received in accordance with the charities' terms of participating in the fundraising event.

The price of your Tour

The cost of your participation in the fundraising event forms a part of the overall value of the sponsorship raised by you and received by the charity. From those sums received by the charity, the charity will pay to us the cost of your travel arrangements that we are agreeing to provide. We reserve the right to increase the price of your travel arrangements to allow for variations in transportation costs (including the cost of fuel); dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes and fees at airports and the exchange rate applicable to your travel arrangements. No price increase will be made within 30 days of your departure date and in any event, we will absorb any increase which equals 2% or less of the cost of your travel arrangements.

Health, Safety & Fitness and your Insurance Cover

The charitable event in which you will be participating is challenging and will require a good level of fitness, strength and endurance and it is your responsibility to ensure that you have the appropriate level. You should check with your doctor to ensure that you are sufficiently fit, healthy and mobile to participate in the event. You should take into account that medical and other facilities, particularly for those with any disability, illness or infirmity, at your destination are likely to be inferior to those in the United Kingdom. Accordingly it is a compulsory term of travel that you take out travel insurance to cover any health or injury problems that arise and, if necessary, to arrange for your repatriation to the United Kingdom. You must complete a medical form in order to be able to travel and you should also advise your insurer of any pre-existing medical condition before travel. Failure to advise this may invalidate your insurance cover. Classic Tours reserves the right to refuse participation if the above is not complied with.

Cancellation

If you cancel your travel arrangements, then there will be no refund payable to you as your sponsorship was raised for charitable purposes. Any balance of the sum paid to us by the charity for your travel arrangements, after deduction of cancellation charges, which have been agreed with the charity, will be repaid to the charity.

Similarly, if we cancel your travel arrangements any refunds or compensation will be paid to the charity. If cancellation occurs in circumstances where recovery of cancellation charges is indemnified under your travel insurance, you hereby agree that you will co-operate in the recovery of these charges from the insurers and any sums recovered under the policy will again be paid over to the charity. If cancellation occurs due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, such as national emergency, natural disaster, fire, bad weather, flight delays or other such events (acts of force majeure), then we will advise you as soon as it is reasonable to do so.

Destination Safety and Force Majeure

Your personal safety during the charitable event is of fundamental importance to us and whilst we will carefully monitor the safety of your destination, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office do offer a travellers advice line, the details of which are 0870 606 0290. You should ensure that you are kept informed of the latest FCO advice.

Alterations by Classic Tours

Classic Tours and its supplier of flight accommodation and land arrangements shall be entitled to change the details of your travel arrangements and itinerary. If a change is significant you will be advised as soon as possible and you will be entitled to:- Cancel your participation in the event, in which case you agree that the cost of your travel arrangements will be repaid by us to the charity and you will have no entitlement to such sums; or Agree to proceed with the revised arrangements for the Event

Standard and Quality of Accommodation and Services

You should not have unreasonable expectations of the facilities that will be provided which in some remote areas and some destinations may be below what you might expect at home. The level of the standard and quality of your travel arrangements will be in line with the itinerary and any literature you receive from us.

Liability

We accept responsibility for ensuring that your travel arrangements will be as described in literature produced by us, or on our behalf, in our Confirmation Invoice and with the itinerary and that the services we are contractually obliged to provide are to a reasonable standard. If in the reasonable opinion of the charity any part of your travel arrangements is not provided as promised we will pay appropriate compensation if this has affected the quality or structure of your travel arrangements. We accept responsibility for the acts and/or omissions of our employees, agents and suppliers (except for claims for death, injury or illness – see below).

Classic Tours accepts responsibility for death, injury or illness caused by negligent acts and/or omissions of us, our employees, agents, suppliers and sub-contractors whilst acting within the scope of, or in the course of their employment in the provision of any part of your travel arrangements in the itinerary, that we are contractually obliged to provide. We will, accordingly, pay to an affected participant such damages as might have been awarded in such circumstances under English law. However, damages are not payable where any failure to perform the contract is due neither to any fault on our part or a supplier of any part of your travel arrangements or is attributable to you or unforeseen or unavoidable actions of a third party unconnected with the provision of your travel arrangements or unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control or an event which could not have been foreseen even if all due care had been exercised.

In respect of carriage by air, sea and rail and the provision of accommodation, the amount of compensation Classic Tours may be obliged to pay will be limited in the manner provided by the relevant International Convention. Carriage by air is subject to the carriers conditions of carriage. In particular drunkenness or rowdy behaviour may lead to the airline refusing carriage when alternative flights may have to be arranged at your own cost.

Flights Delays

Most flights will be arranged with scheduled airlines who will usually provide refreshments, meals or accommodation where there is any substantial flight delay and when this is possible to arrange. Classic Tours will not arrange these facilities if there is a delay at the outward or homeward points of departure if not offered by the airline.

Flight changes

Airlines may have to change aircraft without advance warning. You are asked to check carefully departure and check in times on your documentation when received to ensure

that you arrive at the airport in sufficient time.

Passports and Visas and Health

You will be advised separately of any passports or visa requirements and any compulsory health requirements to enable you to participate in your travel arrangements. Please note that you will require a full British passport with at least 6 months unexpired at the date of return travel. For EC and other passport holders please contact Classic Tours for special requirements.

This contract is governed by English law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.