

# General Information on the ECOLOGICAL CULTURAL DISCOVERY

## GROUP SIZE:

We have found that the optimal group size is 20 to 22 paying participants and 2 free trip leaders/chaperones. Minimum group size is 10 participants. We can accommodate larger groups, but it generally requires changes in the itinerary, and can significantly impact the dynamics of the experience. Early planning and discussion on what this entails is essential.

**PROGRAM FEE:** The price for this 11 day/10 night trip is \$1595 + air/participant.

### The price includes:

- Bilingual Naturalist Guides
- Accommodations
- Meals & snacks, purified water available on the bus
- In-country transportation on a private bus
- Activities and entrance fees
- Travel medical and partial cancellation insurance
- Airport exit taxes

### The price does NOT include:

- Tips to your EcoTeach guides and driver (approximately \$50-\$75 total per participant)
- Expenses of a personal nature both prior to departure as well as during the trip

## TRIP LEADER COST:

One trip leader travels free with 10 paying participants (including air), and two travel free with 20. If there are less than 20 paying participants, the cost for the second leader is prorated. As an alternative, EcoTeach can increase the participant program fee to reduce the trip leader cost.

## FLIGHTS:

Our travel agent can arrange flights for your group. Alternatively, you are welcome to work with your own travel agent or directly with the airline group desk.

## FAMILY MEMBER DISCOUNT FOR TRIP LEADERS:

For every 10 paying participants, trip leaders can bring along a family member at a \$500 discount. Please note that family members do not count as "paying participants", and thus do not reduce the cost of the trip leader.

## PAYMENT DUE DATES:

- \$95 Registration Fee: due anytime to hold your space. *The deposit is nonrefundable.*
- 1/3 Payment: due 7 months prior to departure
- 1/3 Payment: due 5 months prior to departure
- 1/3 Payment: due 3 months prior to departure

The registration fee is part of the total program. It is not an additional expense.

## CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY:

- The \$95 registration fee is nonrefundable.
- 220 days plus prior to departure: No additional cancellation fee
- 219-160 days prior to departure: \$300 additional cancellation fee
- 159-65 days prior to departure: \$500 additional cancellation fee
- Less than 65 days prior to departure: no refund

*Any nonrefundable deposits made by EcoTeach on behalf of the participant at the time of cancellation will also be deducted from the refund.*

*If a canceling participant finds another person to take their place, EcoTeach will provide a refund minus a \$100 cancellation fee and minus any nonrefundable payments made on behalf of the participant.*