

BHUTAN STUDY TOUR
CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT & WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

This is the fine print. Please read the following terms carefully.

- 1 To ensure your place on our Bhutan trip you will need to complete the attached Registration Form and forward it with a deposit of \$2200.00 AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS (equivalent of \$2000.00 US DOLLARS at time of posting).
- 2 **Payment dates.**
 - i The deposit of \$2200.00 AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS should accompany your Registration Form
 - ii **30 June 2014** balance of payment due.
\$US 4600.00 (per person, twin share accommodation)
Single accommodation: \$US650.

NB. (1) Due to currency fluctuations and factors such as increases in hotel rates or flights, prices may alter and will be advised in Australian dollars (For Australian and New Zealand participants) closer to the payment date.

(2) Please make cheques payable to George W Burns

- 3 **Your Cancellation.** If for any reason it becomes necessary for you to cancel your participation in this tour, please let us know **immediately** in writing. The cancellation will take effect from the date we receive your written notice. Charges will apply for cancellations in accord with the following dates:
 - a If cancellation takes place on or before **30 June 2014**, your full deposit will be refunded, minus any non-refundable expenses such as airfares and administration costs.
 - b If cancellation takes place between **1 July 2014 and 31 August 2014**, 50% of the total tour price will be refunded minus any non-refundable expenses such as airfares.
 - c If cancellation takes place on or after **1 September 2014**, 100% of the total tour price will be forfeited.

It is **strongly** recommended that you attain travel insurance with appropriate cancellation cover **as soon as** you pay your deposit.

- 4 **Our Cancellation.** We, the organisers, (i.e. George W. Burns and/or our agents in Bhutan) reserve the right to cancel the trip prior to departure, including but not limited to, too few people booking on the trip. If this is the case you will be given a full refund of all amounts paid, minus those not refunded to us such as airfares. You will not, however, be entitled to make any additional claims for injury, loss, expenses or damage, as well as any loss of time or inconvenience from the cancellation. This includes, but is not limited to, costs related to visas, passports, vaccinations, airport and airlines departure taxes/purchases.
- 5 **Delays, changes, etc.** Please note it is possible that route changes, postponements, or delays may occur in any travel, but particularly in this part of the world. This may be necessary due to inclement weather, political restrictions, mechanical breakdowns, or any other causes. If we need to change, postpone or delay our planned itinerary, participants will have no right to a refund of their tour price (in whole or in part) or other compensation for any injury, loss or damage. Again we recommend appropriate insurance coverage.

- 6 **Health and fitness.** The healthier and fitter you are, the more you are likely to enjoy the trip and it is recommended that you exercise regularly for several months prior to departure. If you have a medical problem or condition, please consult your medical practitioner, show him/her the proposed itinerary, and obtain written confirmation of your fitness to participate. We will be travelling in remote areas, where there is little or no access to medical services or hospital services such as you may expect at home. If evacuation is necessary, it may be prolonged, difficult and expensive. Such expenses will be the responsibility of the participant.

Please ensure you check with your General Practitioner or Travel Medicine Specialist about what vaccinations, or other medical preparations you may need to make.

- 7 **Insurance.** Personal travel insurance is *not* included in the tour price and it is *essential* that you take out comprehensive travel insurance including cancellation and health/medical cover *at the time* you make your booking.
- 8 **Inclusions and exclusions.** For details of what the tour covers, see the “What is included” section on the original flyer. The tour price does *not* include:
- a. visa and passport charges
 - b. departure, airlines and airport taxes
 - c. medical and vaccination costs
 - d. extra meals or food not included in the itinerary
 - e. personal items such as laundry, postage, medical expenses, travel insurance, or tipping
 - f. emergency evacuation charges
 - g. excess baggage charges
 - h. return airfares from you home city to Bangkok

- 9 **Waiver of liability.** PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. In signing the attached Booking Form I acknowledge and confirm the following:

I am aware that this trip, in addition to the usual dangers and risks inherent in travel, may have certain additional dangers and risks such as weather extremes, remoteness from normal medical services, physical exertion from altitude or lack of preparation, and evacuation difficulties if I am disabled. I acknowledge the inherent risks including the possibility of personal injury, death, or property damage and/or loss. I am aware that the pleasure and enjoyment from such a trip in part derives from challenges not normally experienced at home and this is a reason for my participation.

I therefore agree to this release of claims, waiver of liabilities, and assumption of risk. I waive any and all present or future claims I may have against the organisers, release them from all liability, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, death, property damage and/or loss resulting from my participation in this trip due to any cause whatsoever.

I agree that if I suffer injury or illness the organisers can at my expense arrange medical treatment and emergency evacuation as deemed essential for my safety.

I confirm that I have read and understood the above terms and conditions of this contract prior to signing the Booking Form. I further confirm that this agreement will be binding upon my heirs, next-of-kin, executors, administrators and successors.