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ABOUT JAPAN

SEASONS AND CLIMATE
Thanks to a clearly marked climate, Japanese culture dresses in the colours of the different seasons: the pink of the cherry trees in the spring, the bright green of the rice paddies and the bamboo in the summer, the red of the maples and the yellow of the ginkgoes in autumn and the white of the snow in winter. The climate sets the rhythm of life and conversations, and exercises its influence in artistic and literary inspiration.

The four seasons are clearly defined. In the north the summers are mild and the winters very cold with large snowfalls (subarctic). The centre of the country is warmer and the summers are very rainy. In the south the climate becomes subtropical. In the monsoon season it rains virtually every day from June to July. Typhoons are also frequent.

In the winter (December to February) the temperature on the Pacific coastal plains rarely falls below zero and the weather is dry and sunny. In the centre and north, it is the skiing and ice-skating season, whereas in the south, the climate is much milder and sunnier. In the spring (March to May), the flowers of peach tree beckon in the spring. The apotheosis of the flowering cherry trees comes at the end of March and early April. The hills, fields and gardens are covered in pink flowers. If the chrysanthemum is the official emblematic flower of Japan because it is associated with the imperial family, the Japanese identify themselves above all with the five-petal flower of the cherry tree. This is one of the most beautiful seasons for visiting Japan. The summer (June to August) starts in June with the rainy season, which lasts around three weeks. It is at this time when the farmers are very busy sowing rice in the rice paddies, for after this the climate becomes very warm and damp. The autumn (September to November) is a very pleasant season for the colour of the leaves on the trees, and is not excessively cold (15°C). The mountains and hills are covered with thousands of colours and the gardens and parks are adorned with a wide variety of chrysanthemums. This is also the season of exhibitions, concerts and sports events, undoubtedly too, one of the most beautiful seasons for travelling to Japan.

CURRENCY
The Japanese currency is the YEN (with the symbol ¥). Yen can be bought in the banks that offer exchange and in other authorised places. At the international airports there are also currency exchange counters and in the large cities, the main hotels, ryokans, shops and banks accept travellers’ cheques. These establishments also admit international credit cards such as American Express, VISA, Diners Club, MasterCard and JCB. ATMs can be found in all banks and in most convenience stores. Not all ATMs accept foreign credit cards, but the ATMs in 7-11 shops normally do.

TIMETABLES
In Japan in the opening hours of the bank are from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (many automatic cash dispensers do not work between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m.). The shops and trades open every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and there is usually a break for lunch between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.

TIPS
Tips are not usually left in restaurants, hotels or for any service given. The Japanese do not expect tips and they do not receive them. What’s more, if a few coins are left on the change tray, they will think you have forgotten them. When the consumer asks for their bill, they will place the bill on a tray or in a basket, which is where the money has to be left.

ELECTRICITY
The electrical power in Japan is 100 volts ac, but there are two possible frequencies: 50 Hz in the eastern Japan and 60 in the west. The main hotels in Tokyo and the large cities have sockets with 110 and 220 volts, but they only accept sockets with two plugs. In the main hotels, hair dryers and other electrical apparatuses will be provided that meet the country’s regulations.

LANGUAGE
The official language is Japanese. Other dialects are also spoken, such as Ainu and Ryukyusense, but these are not official. A very small percentage of Japanese speak other languages. English is not habitual and it is one of a few difficulties that tourists encounter when they travel around the country.

RELIGION
Buddhism is the predominant religion, and is followed by Shintosm. There are also Confucians and Taoists and finally, though very much in the minority, Christians.

TRADE AND CUSTOMS

Tea ceremony: In many places in Japan you will be offered a cup of tea, as above all this is a symbol of good coexistence and exchange. The tea ceremony is the quintessence of Japanese culture, and is a ceremony which must respect four basic principles: harmony, respect, purity and serenity.

One expression which is often used in the tea ceremony is “ichigo ichie”, which means “one time, one meeting”, in other words that every meeting around tea is a chance to experience something which might never again occur.

Bathing: Undoubtedly one of the most pleasant Japanese traditions is bathing, and even more so in an onsen, a volcanic hot water spring. No matter the region, there is always an onsen nearby, so you mustn’t miss the chance to enjoy the mineral benefits of these springs in one of the activities most appreciated by the Japanese.

Gastronomy: In Japanese tradition, certain dishes are closely related to different festivities or events. Being an archipelago under the influence of the sea, this has contributed to the country’s passion for fresh and raw fish. Some of the best-known dishes include tofu (a compound of soya seed, water and solidifier), Tonkatsu (long strips of pork garnished in salt and pepper), Teriyaki chicken (based on a millenary cooking method), Oyakodon (rice which is usually cooked with spring onion, eggs, chicken or other meat), and of course the rice, vegetables and fresh fish used to prepare the most international of dishes: Sushi.
OUR HIGHLIGHTS

STAYING IN A RYOKAN

Staying in a ryokan is the chance to become familiarised with the Japanese lifestyle, which has been preserved over many generations. A ryokan is the essence of Japanese hospitality. With tatami floors and traditional Japanese food, the ryokans offer a unique chance to delve into the culture and most authentic customs of this country.

ONSEN

Nothing better than to try a Japanese thermal bath (onsen) to have one of the best cultural experiences of this country which often also offers us the possibility of enjoying spectacular natural surroundings. On our routes you can enjoy an onsen at a ryokan in Kawaguchiko or bath in one of the oldest in Japan, the Dogo Onsen in Matsuyama.

FROM TRADITION TO MODERNITY

In the region of the Five Lakes, we will see Saiko Iyashinosato Nenba, a small village which, having been destroyed by a hurricane, is now an open-air museum that reminds us of what these traditional mountain villages were like. In Kurashiki we will see its historical centre that takes us back to times past. We will also travel to the region of the Japanese Alps and to Tsumago with its traditional wooden houses in which the samurai used to live. In Hiroshima, a city sadly known for the atomic bomb which was dropped on the city, we will stroll around the Peace Memorial, the A-bomb Dome, and we will visit its impressive Peace Museum. But Japan is a country of contrasts in which its most modern architecture stands out. At dusk in Tokyo, in the evening we have a metro trip, included in the price, to the Shinjuku area and we will go up the Metropolitan Tower for a fantastic view of the city. We will also see Akihabara, the electrical city, the centre of Japanese Manga and Anime. In Nagoya our visit includes a tour of the Toyota Museum. In Osaka we will stroll around Dotonbori, a district full of lights that is very busy in the evening, and in Kyoto we will have time to stroll in Gion, a bustling district very popular for its geishas.
CASTLES
The lines of the Japanese castles that rise over the plains seem designed more to decorate the countryside than for defence. Along our trip, we will be able to see Nijo Castle in Kyoto, Himeji Castle, Matsuyama which we will reach by cable car and Matsumoto whose incredible design and beautiful architecture makes it one of the prettiest castles in the whole of Japan.

TEMPLES, SANCTUARIES AND GARDENS
Japanese gardens are known for very finely reproducing all of the beauty of the mountain in a limited space. There is nothing more relaxing than sitting in a temple and observing its gardens to enjoy the slowness of time. Amongst the best known temples, in Tokyo we will visit the Meiji Shinto temple and Asakusa Kannon in Kyoto, Kinkaku-ji temple and the marvellous Fushimi Inari. In Nara we will see Todai-Ji with its giant Buddha, and also Horyu-Ji, Heritage of Mankind. In Miyajima we will have the chance to see the temple of Itsukushima, which is dedicated to the guardian of the seas. To the west of Kyoto we are awaited by one of the most magic places in Japan, the Arashiyama bamboo forest. The murmur of the very tall bamboo trunks with their leaves shaking in the wind is comparable to no other known forest. Japanese culture has cultivated respect for the natural surroundings and has given it great beauty. We will see the Korakuen Gardens in Okayama, one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan, and also the Ritsurin in Takamatsu.

JAPANESE CUISINE
Along our way, we will get to know the rich and varied Japanese gastronomy with a traditional dinner in a ryokan and also more mysteriously with a vegetarian lunch in a monastery in Koyasan accompanied by a practice of Zen meditation.

FORMER ROUTES OF PILGRIMAGE
Many pilgrimage routes cross Japan and the cult is based on holy mountains, specific divinities and even charismatic figures. The pilgrimage route will take you to the heart of Japanese forests and mountains to enjoy unique scenery in a very special mystic atmosphere. We will travel to the holy mountain of Koya and visit the Okuno-In mausoleum and the sanctuary of Kongo Buji. We will take a boat to the island of Shikoku, which is also known for its pilgrimage route with its 88 temples, but we will also understand Japan, a country of many islands.

MOUNT FUJI
The diversity of the Japanese climate and geography means that we find contrasts over the whole of the country. We will go to Mount Fuji and the region of the Five Lakes to see the country’s highest peak from another viewpoint. The Fuji-san is the most venerated attraction for its holy character. From Kawaguchiko we will take a cable car to see the neighbouring lakes and the silhouette of this mountain, and we will also take a boat trip on Lake Kawaguchi. Mount Fuji’s changing appearance with the seasons of the year and the times of day has turned it into a symbol of Japan which is present in numerous works of art. Around this mountain there are numerous Sengen shrines consecrated to the god of the mountain. We will have the chance to see the Fuji Sengen sanctuary and to go up to the fifth station (weather permitting).
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OSAKA, HIMEJI - INBE - OKAYAMA.
We leave for HIMEJI. Admission to the huge castle is included, which is built in the typical Japanese castle style.
Time for lunch.
Note: The queues to enter the castle are often very long. In certain cases, we recommend a visit to see only the
gardens. We then carry on to INBE, a small town that is famous for its pottery. We can stroll through its quiet streets lined with
traditional houses and visit its shops and pottery kilns. We
then continue to OKAYAMA, where we will visit Korakuen,
one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan, with its lakes,
waterfalls and traditional tea houses.

OKAYAMA - KURASHIKI - MIYAJIMA - HIROSHIMA.
We leave for KURASHIKI, a city with a very well-preserved
historical centre. Time to explore this town and its old-world charm. We continue to HIROSHIMA, where we stop for coffee
at the station. We then carry on to MIYAJIMA and take a
ferry to the island where man lives alongside the Gods”. We
will have the opportunity to see the Shinto shrine ITSUKUSHIMA, dedicated to the guardian of the seas and
built partially on the sea. Time to explore the temple, stroll
through the pretty centre and have lunch. We carry on to
HIROSHIMA, the city that is sadly famous as the site where
the atomic bomb fell in 1945, destroying the whole city. We
will visit the peace memorial, the bomb dome and the
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HIROSHIMA - MATSUYAMA.
Today we will take a boat to the island of Shikoku. The crossing is extremely pleasant and takes two and a half
hours, and discover that Japan is a country with many
small islands. In MATSUYAMA we will take the cable car and ascend to its impressive castle. Then we will visit ISHITE JI,
a beautiful Buddhist temple and place of pilgrimage. In the
late afternoon we will visit DOGO ONSEN (admission included), a traditional Japanese bath built in the 19th century.

MATSUYAMA - KOTOURA - TAKAMATSU - MATSUMOTO - OSACA.
We leave for KOTOURA, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the
God of the fishermen and a site of pilgrimage, built on
Mount Zozi. To access it, it is necessary to climb 785 steps.
Then in TAKAMATSU we will visit RITSURIN GARDEN, one of the
prettiest gardens in Japan. Time for lunch. Afterwards, we
will visit NARUTO, an impressive bridge that crosses the sea,
to see how it was built and walk along its clear glass floor which gives us a view of the impressive waves at a height of
450 metres. In KOBE we will ascend the Port Tower with its
wonderful views of the port and the urban landscape, with
the Rokko mountains in the background. Night in OSACA, the
second largest city in Japan.

TSUMAGO - MATSUMOTO - TOKYO.
After passing through beautiful scenery, we come to
TSUMAGO, a small village with wooden houses, considered
one of the prettiest villages in Japan. Amidst mountains, we
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**WE WILL VISIT RITSURIN, ONE OF THE PRETTIEST GARDENS IN JAPAN.**

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09 TUE. OSAKA - TSUMAGO - MATSUMOTO.

After passing through beautiful scenery, we come to TSUNAGU, a small village with wooden houses, considered one of the prettiest villages in Japan. Amidst mountains, we come to the Japanese Alps. MATSUYAMA, a tourist city where we will visit the castle.

10 WED. MATSUMOTO - TOKYO.

Departure from Matsumoto and return to Tokyo. Arrival at approximately 1:00 pm. End of our services.
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We are only 130 km from KYOTO. We leave early in the morning and have a full day in the city, which was
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**07 FRI. OSAKA - HIMEJI - INBE - OKAYAMA.**

We leave for OSAKA, the second most important city in Japan, where we will be staying. In the evening, we will visit the quartier of Dotonbori, a district with plenty of nightlife and bright lights. In the evening, we will visit the quartier of Dotonbori, a district with plenty of nightlife and bright lights. We will have the opportunity to see the Shinto shrine ITSUKUSHIMA, dedicated to the guardian of the seas and built partially on the sea. Time to explore the temple, stroll through the pretty centre and have lunch. We carry on to HIROSHIMA, the city that is sadly famous as the site where the atomic bomb fell in 1945, destroying the whole city. We will visit the peace memorial, the bomb dome and the impressive Peace Memorial Museum.

**08 SAT. OKAYAMA - KURASHIKI - MIYAJIMA - HIROSHIMA.**

We leave for KURASHIKI, a city with a very well-preserved historic centre. Time to explore this town and its old-world charm. We continue to HIROSHIMA and take a ferry to the island where man lives alongside the Gods*. We will have the opportunity to see the Shinto shrine ITSUKUSHIMA, dedicated to the guardian of the seas and built partially on the sea. Time to explore the temple, stroll through the pretty centre and have lunch. We carry on to HIROSHIMA, the city that is sadly famous as the site where the atomic bomb fell in 1945, destroying the whole city. We will visit the peace memorial, the bomb dome and the impressive Peace Memorial Museum.

**09 SUN. HIROSHIMA - TOKYO.**

Transfer to the station to take the BULLET TRAIN to TOKYO. It takes four hours to travel the 800 kilometres between both cities. Arrival at Tokyo at around 2:00 pm. END OF THE TRIP.
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**TOKYO AND KYOTO**

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A tour of this impressive city is included. We will visit the **Shinto shrine of Meiji**, the most famous one in Tokyo, dedicated to the spirit of the Emperor Meiji and his wife the Empress Shoken. We will have the opportunity to get to know this bustling city and sophisticated districts such as **Omotesando**, which has wide tree-lined avenues and boulevards surrounded by peaceful, tranquil areas. During the visit, we will go to **Roppongi Hills**, a modern area with large squares, art galleries, offices, boulevards and cinema theatres. We will walk around the perimeter of the Imperial Palace. In addition to visiting the district of **Akibahara**, the electric town, which is packed with Manga and Anime goods. On the way, we will pass by the **Kokugikan stadium**, where tournaments of the traditional Japanese sport Sumo are held. We will also visit the Temple of the Goddess of Mercy **Asakusa Kannon**. Later, in **Yasukuni Jinja**, we have the chance to meditate on the subject of peace at the shrine built as a memorial to the 2.5 million Japanese citizens who died during World War II; visitors who want to can visit the war museum (admission to the museum is not included). Free afternoon. Our guide may recommend a boat trip through the city.

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*05 FRI. OSAKA.*
After breakfast, end of our services.

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- **Kyoto**: Hotel Ibis Styles Kyoto Station (*****);
- **Osaka**: Hotel Courtyard Shin Osaka Station (*****);

**THE PRICE INCLUDES**

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- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in**: Tokyo, Kyoto.
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06 TUE. OSAKA- KYOTO - OSAKA.- Today we will take a regular tour of KYOTO. We will also see the most important temples and sites of what was once the capital of the Empire of Japan. Return to Osaka in the afternoon.

End of our services.
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05 FRI. OKASAKA- HIMEJI- INBE- OKAYAMA.- We leave for HIMEJI. Admission to the huge castle is included, which is built in the typical Japanese castle style. Time for lunch.

06 SAT. OKAYAMA- KURASHIKI- MIYAJIMA- HIROSHIMA.- We leave for KURASHIKI, a city with a very well-preserved historic centre. Time to explore this town and its old-world charm. We continue to Hiroshima, where we stop for coffee at the station. We then carry on to MIYAJIMA and take a ferry to the island where man lives alongside the Gods”. We will have the opportunity to see the Shinto shrine ITSUKUSHIMA, dedicated to the guardian of the seas and the sea. Time to explore the temple, stroll through the pretty centre and have lunch. We carry on to HIROSHIMA, the city that is so sadly famous as the site where the atomic bomb fell in 1945, destroying the whole city. We will visit the peace memorial, the bomb dome and the impressive Peace Memorial Museum.

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01 SAT. TOKYO.- Welcome to Japan! After the border and customs formalities, an assistant (who normally speaks Spanish, and sometimes English) will be waiting for you. That person will provide you with basic initial information and accompany you to the modern shuttle bus that will take you from the airport to the hotel. Transfer by bus to the hotel. Free time. In the late afternoon we will meet our guide near the hotel reception desk. We will meet the other passengers in the group and then set out to see the city at night. We will take the metro (tickets included) to the district of Shinjuku in order to explore this fascinating country. During the trip we will see the people who use this modern and efficient means of public transport and visit Shinjuku, a district with plenty of nightlife. The trip includes admission to the METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT BUILDING. There is a fantastic view of the city from the 46th floor. Free time to have dinner (our guide will advise you) and then we return to our hotel.

NOTE: Depending on the flight arrival times, the transfer to our hotel will take place on the evening of Sunday the 2nd day.

02 SUN. TOKYO.- A tour of this impressive city is included. We will visit the Shinto shrine of Meiji, the most famous one in Tokyo, dedicated to the spirit of the Emperor Meiji and his wife the Empress Shoken. We will have the opportunity to get to know this bustling city and sophisticated districts such as Omotesando, which has wide tree-lined avenues and boutiques surrounded by peaceful, tranquil areas. During the visit, we will go to Roppongi Hills, a modern area with large squares, art galleries, offices, boulevards and cinema theatres. We will walk around the perimeter of the Imperial Palace. In addition to visiting the district of Akibahara, the electric town, which is packed with Manga and Anime goods. On the way, we will pass by the Kokugikan stadium, where tournaments of the traditional Japanese sport Sumo are held. We will also visit the Temple of the Goddess of Mercy Asakusa Kannon. Later, in Yasukuni Jinja, we have the chance to meditate on the subject of peace at the shrine built as a memorial to the 2.5 million Japanese citizens who died during World War II; visitors who want to can visit the war museum (admission to the museum is not included). Free afternoon. Our guide may recommend a boat trip through the city.

03 MON. TOKYO KYOTO - OSAKA.- We take the BULLET TRAIN for KYOTO where we arrive in just under two hours. We take a comprehensive tour of the city (which is included) to see its main temples. Then we continue to the modern city of OSAKA, and the second largest one in Japan, where we will stay.

04 TUE. OSAKA-TSUMAGO - MATSUMOTO.- After passing through beautiful scenery, we come to TSUMAGO, a small village with wooden houses, considered one of the prettiest villages in Japan. Amidst mountains, we come to the Japanese Alps. MATSUMOTO, a tourist city where we will visit the castle.

05 WED. MATSUMOTO - TOKYO.- Departure from Matsumoto and return to Tokyo. Arrival at approximately 1:00 pm. End of our services.
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START AND END OF OUR SERVICES: The services provided by Europamundo Vacaciones S.L. are overland. They start at the time when the customer receives the first service provided by our company (always following the border and customs formalities), and end when the customer receives the last scheduled service (transfer, breakfast, or the corresponding service, according to the package purchased). Europamundo Vacaciones S.L. is not responsible for the consequences or circumstances arising from services that are not provided by our company (flight problems, loss of or damage to luggage on flights, problems at borders/customs or those relating to documentation, etc.).

REGISTRATION. The customer can check the information that Europamundo Vacaciones provides on the “My Trip” web page created exclusively for them and it can be found on the travel pass which confirms their services. We strongly recommend that all passengers check the information (to correct their names, dates and flights for transfers, etc.).

CANCELLATIONS: Europamundo cannot treat any reservation as cancelled while the online cancellation has not been completed. The travel agent will check the receipt of the definitive cancellation that will arrive from Europamundo following the online cancellation, ensuring that all the details specified are correct. The customer may cancel the services requested or booked at any time, whereby they are entitled to a refund for the amounts paid, but must compensate the agency, except in cases of force majeure, as per the following: The processing costs plus the cost of cancellation, if these have been incurred, once the journey has been confirmed by Europa Mundo and regardless of the departure date.

Before departure Cancellation fee Penalty
31 days or more No fee No penalty
From 30 to 21 days 35 € 10%
From 20 to 11 days 35 € 20%
From 10 to 3 days 35 € 50%
48 hours or less 35 € 100%
No show No fee No penalty

No shows at the start, without prior cancellation, will not be entitled to any refund (except through force majeure, which will be examined on a case by case basis).

Different cancellation conditions apply for some programmes and during particularly difficult dates (fairs, periods involving increased hotel booking difficulties). The representative operator may, in turn, charge for the processing fees and expenses incurred that have accrued in accordance with the provisions of the law in the country where the sale occurs.

In the event that the cancellation prior to the trip is produced by justified and demonstrable force majeure, only the costs of processing and services that cannot be cancelled will be charged, as well as the costs that must be absorbed by other providers (transfer on arrival, hotel in first city stay in the absence of prior notice, etc.). We recommend taking out insurance against cancellation in all cases.

In the event that a customer has to cancel their tour for reasons of force majeure, they will be entitled to a refund for the proportion of the amount paid/time not used. The processing fees and expenses incurred will be charged in all cases. In order to calculate this amount, only the services provided by Europamundo will be taken into account (excluding the sections undertaken by air, except on those tours that have flights included), and the reimbursement is made on the amount charged by Europamundo to the tour operator (which is therefore subject to a deduction for the commission paid).

In instances where, following the withdrawal or cancellation of any passenger en route, the category of room occupancy is reduced (from double to single, or from triple to double), the difference in the cost of this, if applicable, will be passed on in the amount owed to the customer that has cancelled.

CHANGES: Changes made to a confirmed booking prior to the start of a trip and more than 10 days before departure (changes to arrival or departure date, change of tour, etc.) are subject to a penalty equivalent to the processing fees that are listed in the cancellation section.

DISCOUNT POLICY: In order to obtain the discounts listed in the catalogue at the time of booking, it is necessary to attach a copy of the document that justifies the said discount at the time of the tour (document that specifies the date of birth, marriage certificate, etc.). No discounts can be granted if there is no information at the time of booking. These discounts will not be made on any type of supplements (single room, stopsovers made en route, etc.).

-Children (Discounts can only be combined with a triple room discount). Children under 18 must always be accompanied either by their parents or legal guardians, or with written confirmation signed by them which authorises the child to travel with a given adult who assumes complete responsibility for the child. Europamundo MUST be informed about children who are under 3 years of age at the time that the booking is made, otherwise, they will not be admitted.

Over 65s (Discount can only be combined with the triple room discount).

Returning customers (Discount can only be combined with the triple room discount) or honeymoon couples (who are making the trip up to 3 months after the date of the wedding).

Passengers travelling as a three:

A triple room is a room that is actually a double room with an extra bed added to it, which often results in a lower level of comfort. Programmes in the United States and Canada offer different prices for triple and quadruple rooms indicated on a journey by journey basis, which usually involves rooms with two Queen sized beds.

Group of travellers taking a scheduled tour:

The discount will not apply nor will the relevant free services be provided if the group booking is made less than 20 days in advance.

NON ADMITTANCE OF PASSENGERS. A moderate degree of physical health and physical ability is required to participate in our tours. In the event of any passenger with special physical or mental needs, no discounts will be granted. All our tours have guaranteed departures, although in extremely limited cases, it could transpire that Europamundo is unable to operate a given departure. In this case, and by way of compensation, Europamundo will

DOCUMENTATION: All passengers must bring their valid documentation (passport, visas, health certificates, etc.), with the problems and disadvantages that may arise from non-compliance with this norm being their full responsibility. The interruption of the services taken out is not considered “Cancellation for force majeure” where the passenger is not carrying the required documentation or in instances where the traveller is denied passage through any border for this reason. It should be pointed out that we often note that the European border authorities often deny transit to passengers who they believe have acquired the trip for purposes other than tourism (immigrants). Europamundo cannot undertake any arrangements or make any reimbursement for services that cannot be used in such cases. Cancelling a tour before it starts due to a rejected visa application is, however, considered to be through force majeure (provided that this is documented or noted in the passport, and that we are notified within 72 hours following the refusal).

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES:

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provide the same trip on an earlier or later date than the one chosen or another trip with similar features vis-à-vis duration and route, and offer, by way of compensation, a reduction of 50% on the value of the aforemen
tioned journey.

Cancellations of guaranteed departures may arise (without compensation or liability on behalf of Europamundo) in cases of exceptional unforeseen circumstances – among others - wartime conflicts, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, epidemics and economic circumstances that generate a very sig
nificant drop in the expected sales.

THE PRICE INCLUDES:
On each route, Europamundo specifies the services included on the trip. All the tours also include travel assistance insurance. As a general rule, a strictly literal approach must be followed that leads to the conclusion that which is not specifically listed as included in the tour price is not included in it.

-Assistance:
All our overland routes, unless otherwise noted, include the support of accompanying tour guides (English speaking) and local guides, if so spe
cified. On some tours the service may be provided in English and Spanish. There will be no assistance from any guides on additional nights, either at the beginning or end of the tour. If the customer undertakes a section of the trip on their own, the sections of the guides begins at the moment when the group that constitutes the tour arrives in the place where the passenger will join it.

-Itineraries:
All the detailed itineraries can be found on the website: www.europamundo.com as well as via “My Trip”. On many routes, there will be a change of coach / guide during the tour.

-Hotels:
Full details of the hotels are available in the catalogue and on our website www.europamundo.com. While this information is indicative of the standard of hotels planned, the final list of hotels that are confirmed for the trip can be checked via the “My Trip” web page before the start of the tour. The passenger is responsible for all damages caused in the hotels / coaches, for injuries caused to other passengers and third parties, as well as for fines and expenses that Europamundo is obliged to pay to the authorities on their behalf.

-Travel Insurance:
Europamundo takes out an insurance policy of travel assistance for its passengers. This insurance provides cover from the time on their behalf.

-The services provided by Europamundo commence and continues until the beginning or end of the tour. If the customer undertakes a section of the trip is taken, shared reservations are accepted only if the length of the sections includes at least 7 nights in hotels.

-ADDITIONAL NIGHTS:
In the event of any breach of the contracted services, Europamundo guarantees that all the rooms in the hotels will have double beds and it is possible that, in some hotels, the room will be a twin (two single beds).

-Itineraries:
In the case of shared bookings, there are no triple rooms, with these actually being a double room (of one or two beds) with an additional bed (which in some cases might be a folding one). The conditions and comfort are lower than in the doubles. We do not recommend booking triple rooms for three adults; we would only suggest this for families travelling with a child.

LUGGAGE – LIMITS OF RESPONSIBILITY:
The luggage allowed for each passenger on our tours is limited to a maxi
mum of 30 kg per person. Europamundo may refuse to accept excessively bulky luggage. Europamundo will not accept any liability for the loss or theft of luggage occurring at the hotels or where bags are left in the hold of the coaches overnight.

Europamundo cannot accept responsibility for the loss or theft of baggage, money, jewellery, electronic items or valuables, even when this occurs in the rooms of the hotels or if the items have been deposited in the safe-de
posit box. In the event that passengers travel with luggage that has a higher value than is covered in the included policy, we recommend making a declaration for these items before commencing a tour and taking out additional insurance.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE:
In the event that an emergency arises during the tour, the passenger should go directly to our accompanying tour guides. Furthermore, Europamundo provide a 24 hour emergency telephone service according to the destination country for urgent and important matters, which passengers can use, and which numbers can be found on their travel pass. For all other matters will not be dealt with on these calls, and nor will they respond to questions that do not relate to emergencies en route (reservations, rates, questions about availability, etc.).

CHANGES IN PRICES:
In countries where our catalogues publish the prices for European tours in dollars, the published prices have been calculated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the time that the catalogue was created (November 2015) and these will not be modified if the average monthly comparison in the month before that in which the booking was made, for the dollar against the Euro, was not less than 1.12 USD / Euro and not more than 1.28 USD / Euro. In the event of variations above or below the specified values, the prices of this manual will be altered (increased or decreased) by the same proportion.

PRICES 2017:
In the event that customers wish to take a trip during 2017 which start after the dates specified in this catalogue, Europamundo will uphold the price indicated in this brochure if passengers make a firm booking with the deposit being received before the 15th of January 2017. This booking does not allow changes to the itinerary, alterations to the departure date or name changes.

COMPLAINTS:
In the event of any breach of the contracted services, Europamundo request that passengers ask our accompanying tour guide or any correspondent representative for a written note that specifies the afore-
mentioned failure. In the event that this is not feasible for one reason or another, please let us know as soon as possible about the infringement that has been noted so that we can try to find a quick solution to the problem. Europamundo guarantees that it will respond to all written reports and com
plaints that are received within 40 days following the date that the trip is completed, directed through the operator that made the sale in the country of origin. Europamundo will not deal with complaints that are received after the date specified, given the difficulty of making the appropriate inquiries after a long period of time has elapsed.
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