



From Palette to Palate:

The Art, History and Cuisine of Southeastern France

October 13 to 23, 2027

A ROMTravel Art, Culture and Nature Trip



Figure 1: The view from the hilltop of Èze-sur-Mer between Monaco and Nice. © Margaret Magdziak, ROMTravel volunteer, 2016.

Provence and the Côte d'Azur are calling. This magical region is a land of breathtaking natural beauty and sunny Mediterranean climate, of ancient history, modern art, fabled terroir and exquisite cuisine and wines. A truly leisurely and immersive experience, our trip invites you to luxuriate in five-star accommodations and be surrounded by intoxicating scents, tastes, sights, and sounds. It will be a feast for all your senses, served with that special Gallic touch of “je ne sais quoi”.

We will begin with six nights in Provence, with its craggy mountainous vistas, charming hilltop mediaeval villages, and verdant vineyards. Established as a Roman province (“provincia”) in antiquity, it is to this day home to some of the best-preserved Roman ruins outside Italy. A testament to the many influences in its rich history, Provence has developed a unique artistic heritage, time-honoured traditions, and even its own dialect.

Surrounded by the iconic beauty of the region, the historic town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence is our base for the first four nights, and the regal Aix-en-Provence for the next two. Enjoying a leisurely pace “à la Provençal”, we’ll make day trips to Avignon, Arles, and Les Baux. In the mornings, we’ll have the opportunity to stroll the area’s lively markets. In the evenings, we’ll feast on local bounty as we relax on herb-scented terraces. Perhaps we’ll even stargaze. This, after all, is the land that inspired Vincent van Gogh’s “Starry Night”. In fact, van Gogh painted several of his most famous works in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence and nearby Arles.



Figure 2: Fontaine de la Rotonde at the start of Cours Mirabeau, Aix-en-Provence. © Margaret Magdziak, ROMTravel volunteer, 2026.

Aix-en-Provence, the elegant “city of a thousand fountains”, is perhaps best known as the birthplace and lifelong home to one of the greatest Western artists of all time, the post-Impressionist Paul Cézanne. He was hailed by Picasso as “the one and only master” and by Matisse as “the father of us all”. The harmony of hues, complemented by the stunning natural light, makes Aix-en-Provence and its environs a veritable Cézanne canvas come to life. It is no wonder that the city was a source of endless inspiration to the artist: he created over 1,000 works here.

We'll cap off our fabulous adventure on the Côte d'Azur, France's famous Riviera. A century ago, the rich and glamorous set made the Riviera their playground. Now, for four nights, we'll make it ours. With the legendary Le Negresco hotel in Nice as our base, and the azure-blue Mediterranean as the background, we'll venture along the spectacular coastal roads and visit storied destinations such as Antibes and Saint Paul de Vence, and, of course, Monaco. You'll even have the opportunity to try your luck at the Monte Carlo casino. Although full of glitz and glamour to this day, especially at the annual Cannes Film Festival and the Monaco Grand Prix, you may be surprised to find that the Riviera still has an easy laid-back charm. Nestled amongst the stately cliff-top mansions and the oversize yachts dotting the bay, you may also come across modest pastel-hued homes and quaint fishing boats.



Figure 3: A view of the marina. Monaco. © Margaret Magdziak, ROMTravel volunteer, 2016.

Much like Provence was for the post-Impressionists, the Côte d'Azur has served as inspiration to the famous artists in the early 20th century. Picasso, Matisse, and Chagall made their homes here. Literary greats Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald were also frequent visitors. Cécilia Auber, the preeminent expert on modern art on the Riviera, will guide us through its many treasures.

The iconic scenery, the history, the art, and the cuisine, coupled with a leisurely pace to soak it all in, will send you home with a lifetime of treasured memories.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Arrivals in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

Individual arrivals in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence. Individual transfers from the TGV train station in Avignon or the Marseille (MRS) airport can be arranged upon request.

For those arriving early, Wednesday morning is the weekly market day in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, and a great introduction to this charming town.

Relax at an evening welcome reception at Hotel Le Vallon de Valrugues, where you can meet your fellow travellers and enjoy local appetizers and wine. We will have four nights in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.

Day 2 Saint-Rémy-de-Provence and Les Baux

Our day will begin with a morning tour of the ancient archaeological site of Glanum, followed by a visit to Saint-Paul de Mausole, the psychiatric asylum where van Gogh painted as a self-admitted patient. Take in the stunning

panoramic views over lunch at the hilltop village of Les Baux. In the afternoon, we'll visit Carrières des Lumières, an annual digital, immersive art installation that showcases one renowned artist each year.



Figure 4: A steep climb up to a typical hilltop village. © Margaret Magdziak, ROMTravel volunteer, 2026.

Day 3 Avignon and Arles

After a morning guided tour of the Papal Palace in Avignon, we'll enjoy a three-course lunch with wine on board our cruise on the Rhône River. Arriving in Arles at the foot of the Roman Bridge, we will enjoy a guided walking tour of the principal sites of this historic town.

Day 4 Saint-Rémy-de-Provence Farmers' Market and Pont du Gard

In the morning, we'll enjoy a leisurely visit to the Saturday farmers' market.



Figure 5: Local cheeses at Saint-Rémy-de-Provence market. © Margaret Magdziak, ROMTravel volunteer, 2026.

In the afternoon, we'll visit one of the marvels of ancient Roman architecture, the beautifully preserved aqueduct, Pont du Gard.



Figure 6: Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct bridge, Vers-Pont-du-Gard. © Margaret Magdziak, ROMTravel volunteer, 2026.

Day 5 Saint-Rémy-de-Provence to Aix-en-Provence

We will depart after breakfast and journey through the French countryside towards Aix-en-Provence. En route, we'll

visit Château La Coste, where we'll enjoy an outdoor guided art and architecture tour of the estate, followed by lunch and an on-site winery tour and tasting.

Arriving in Aix-en-Provence in late afternoon, we'll settle into our hotel. You may want to join an optional early evening walking tour of the town centre with our tour escort, Bryan. We will have two nights in Aix-en-Provence.

Day 6 Cézanne's Aix-en-Provence and Mont Sainte-Victoire

We will follow in Cézanne's footsteps. Starting at Jas de Bouffan, his childhood home, we'll then enjoy a guided tour of his studio. In the afternoon, we'll continue to Mont Sainte-Victoire, the subject of more than 200 of the artist's works, then to the Bibemus Quarries, another favoured subject for Cézanne's works.

Day 7 Aix-en-Provence to Nice

Tuesday is one of the "big" three weekly market days in Aix-en-Provence, and we'll have some free time to enjoy it. The market is famous and is open from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. We'll depart Aix-en-Provence after lunch. As we bid Provence a fond farewell, we'll make our way to the Riviera, arriving in Nice in late afternoon. The early evening light will beckon, and we'll take a walk along the world-famous Promenade des Anglais right into the heart of the old town for a bistro dinner. We will have four nights in Nice.

Day 8 Nice and the Côte d'Azur

We'll continue to enjoy the beauty of the city with a guided walking tour of Vielle Ville Nice (Old Nice), a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its maze of narrow streets, yellow and ochre façades, shops, and lively squares. Located in its heart, the Cours Saleya is classified as one of the exceptional markets in France. After our morning tour, we'll spend the afternoon enjoying a guided tour of both Musée Matisse, and Musée Chagall.

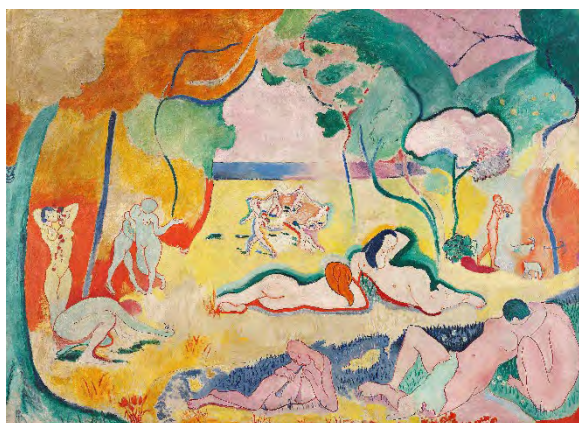


Figure 7: "The Joy of Life", by Henri Matisse, painted between 1905 and 1906. © Barnes Foundation, Public Domain.

Day 9 Cagnes-sur-Mer, Saint-Paul de Vence, and Antibes

This morning, we'll make a brief stop at Cagnes-sur-Mer to visit Renoir's home then continue on to Saint-Paul de Vence. Upon arrival, we'll enjoy a tour of the Fondation Maeght museum, followed by lunch at the museum. Then, what better way to work off our delicious lunch than with a walking tour around Saint-Paul de Vence? Our afternoon will continue as

we head to Antibes for the remainder of the afternoon, which will include a guided tour of the Picasso Museum.

Day 10 Monaco

We will journey up the coast to spend the morning in Monaco, where people and car watching happen on an epic scale. There will be free time for lunch and shopping, or a quick spin at the casino. In the early afternoon, we'll enjoy a winery tour and tasting at a château in the heart of the local AOC wine region. This evening, we'll savour our end-of-trip farewell dinner, complete with a gastronomic menu and wine pairings.

Day 11 Departures from Nice

After breakfast and hotel check out, a group transfer to Nice (NCE) airport will be available. See your ROMTravel Coordinator for details. Other individual transfers can be arranged on request.

Bon voyage et merci!

Hotels

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

Hôtel Le Vallon de Valrugues

4 nights

Aix-en-Provence

Hôtel Le Pignonnet

2 nights

Nice

Le Negresco

4 nights

Tour Escort and Local Expert

Our tour escort, Bryan Bonnah, is a part-time resident of Paris with more than 20 years of experience leading cultural tours around the world. Bryan is a passionate lover of the arts including opera, classical music, and film. He has attended multiple opera and classical music festivals across the UK and Europe. In Toronto, he is a longtime supporter of the Canadian Opera Company (COC) and is a contract employee with the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).

Cécilia Auber is a licensed art guide and lecturer with more than 25 years' experience. Based in Nice, since 2015 she has specialized in bespoke tours of the main museums and foundations of the French Riviera, including the Matisse, Chagall, and Picasso museums, Fondation Maeght, and the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Nice among many others.

Cécilia has lectured at the summer art exhibitions at the Grimaldi Forum in Monaco and at the Maeght in Saint-Paul de Vence. She is a regular speaker and member of the research team at the Francis Bacon MB Art Foundation in Monaco. In addition, Cécilia is a guest lecturer at numerous art associations and private members' clubs.

ROMTravel Coordinator

Margaret Magdziak is ROMTravel Co-Chair and an avid traveller and art enthusiast. She has led trips to Croatia in 2024 and Berlin and Warsaw in 2025. Margaret considers herself fortunate to have been able to visit France on many occasions.

Mobility Requirements

The itinerary includes extensive walking; therefore, participants must have good mobility. Please ask the ROMTravel Coordinator for more information if required.

Trip Cost Per Person

All quoted costs are in Canadian dollars.

International flight costs to and from your home are not included.

Double Occupancy: \$ 15,295

Single Supplement: \$ 3,500

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Application and Registration

The application deadline for this trip is October 31, 2026.

To apply and register for this trip:

- Contact the ROMTravel Coordinator to request the application form.
- Complete, sign and return ROMTravel's application form to ROMTravel. You may return the completed form by email or via Canada Post mail.
- The ROMTravel Coordinator will contact you to discuss the trip with you and will send you a secure digital link to the travel agency's online registration form. You must complete the online registration form and accept the travel agency's terms and conditions.

Terms and Conditions

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Please note that the living standards and practices at the destination and the standards and conditions there with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodation may differ from those found in Canada.

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Double Occupancy: \$ 15,295

Single Supplement: \$ 3,500

Trip cost does not include international flight costs between your home and France. G/Hardy Travel can assist with booking flights.

Trip begins at Hôtel Le Vallon de Valrugues in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence and ends at Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (NCE).

Trip Cost Includes

Shared accommodation in double occupancy hotel room with private facilities and free WiFi access throughout the hotels.

Meals: Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 6 dinners. Lunches include water, and coffee or tea. Lunch aboard the riverboat cruise in Avignon includes wine. Dinners include water, one glass of wine, and coffee or tea. Welcome reception with wine and finger foods in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence. Farewell dinner with wine pairings. Bottled water provided daily.

Ground transport in private air-conditioned coach or vans for transfers and excursions as per itinerary. Boat excursion as per itinerary.

Porterage of one standard sized suitcase per person at the hotels, where available.

All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees, and events as per itinerary.

All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, boat, hotels, restaurants, and guiding staff related to the basic trip.

Services of an English-speaking local expert in Nice and the Côte d'Azur, English-speaking local guides, a ROMTravel Coordinator, and a G/Hardy Travel tour escort.

Group departure transfer from hotel to Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (NCE) on Day 11.

Pre-trip orientations; post-trip reunion.

A trip handbook.

Not Included

International flight costs. Fuel surcharges.

Arrival transfer to Hôtel Le Vallon de Valrugues in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence on Day 1. G/Hardy Travel can assist with arranging for transfers to the hotel from airports or train stations.

Single supplement or room upgrades.

Internet access outside the hotels.

Items of a personal nature such as laundry or phone calls.

Airline baggage or video camera fees, if any.

Visa fees (Canadians do not require a visa) and European Union European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) travel authorization fees, if any.

Meals, snacks, beverages, and other services unless specified. Additional meals and accommodations due to delays for any reason.

Emergency evacuation costs.

Trip cancellation, interruption, baggage and out of province medical insurance.

Costs associated with any additional requirements for entry to France, Monaco or Canada (or transit points in between) to comply with COVID-19 or other infectious disease regulations.

Costs, Rates and Schedules

All costs quoted herein are based on supplier rates, fees, taxes, and exchange rates as of June 22, 2026. All costs and rates are based on current tariffs and exchange rates and are subject to adjustment in the event of changes therein, at the time of final payment. Schedules, departure dates, times and itineraries quoted by G/Hardy Travel are subject to change without notice. Any costs associated with changes must be borne by the individual. Any changes to itinerary will not result in eligibility for a

refund. No price increases are permitted after the customer has paid in full. If the price increase is more than 7% (except increases resulting from an increase in GST, PST, HST or other taxes), the customer has the right to cancel the contract and obtain a full refund.

G/Hardy Travel trips are non-refundable as per the payment schedule. G/Hardy Travel's travel consultation fees are 100% non-refundable in the case of cancellation for any reason. In some very unique instances, G/Hardy Travel might offer a voucher or credit for future travel and this voucher or credit will have specific conditions attached that will be disclosed at the time of issue. G/Hardy Travel is under no obligation to offer or issue a voucher or credit, and it is at the discretion of the travel advisor and the particular situation's unique circumstances. G/Hardy Travel reserves the right to charge a re-booking fee to use the voucher or future credit. G/Hardy Travel reserves the right to charge an hourly rate to resolve disputes pertaining to refunds and travel credits.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of Royal Ontario Museum. For a full list of membership levels and benefits, visit the ROM [website](#). Only one person per room must be a member.

Deposits and Final Payment

The application deadline for this trip is October 31, 2026.

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis by ROMTravel, who will then provide you with a secure digital link to register and reserve your spot with G/Hardy Travel.

Once the trip reaches a minimum number of 18 required participants, G/Hardy Travel will immediately process the initial deposit of \$ 3,280.00 per person. A second deposit of \$ 6,007.50 is due on March 10, 2027. The balance of payment of \$ 6,007.50 per person, and if applicable, the single supplement of \$ 3,500.00, is due on July 13, 2027.

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made or when it occurs, if later.

ROMTravel, G/Hardy Travel or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain anyone who may, in their sole judgment, require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations and Refunds

All cancellations must be made in writing by email to G/Hardy Travel.

All deposit payments and the final payment are non-refundable. Once each payment is made, that payment is 100% non-refundable.

No refunds will be given for unused services.

Travel Documentation

Passengers must ensure they possess valid passports for international travel, along with any necessary visas and/or proof of vaccination required by specific countries. Passports may need to be valid for a period beyond the return date (typically six months). It is the personal responsibility of travellers to acquire all required travel documents, including valid passports, visas, eTA, Permanent Residency Card, proof of Covid-19 vaccination (if required), etc. Passengers must provide their correct legal name as it appears in their passport at the time of booking. Failure to do so may result in denied boarding.

G/Hardy Travel is not responsible for errors in travel documents based on the information provided by travellers. Any costs arising from name changes, including airline surcharges and penalties, will be borne by the traveller. Additionally, any costs related to re-booking a ticket, including missed

connections on multi-destination trips, will be the responsibility of the traveller. G/Hardy Tours assumes no responsibility for passengers who fail to meet identification, visa, or passport requirements. No refund will be issued for incomplete travel documents, and any additional costs incurred, including denied entry, quarantine, health tests, etc., will be the responsibility of the traveller. It is important to note that entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete.

Canadians

You require a valid passport to travel, and failure to comply will result in denied boarding of the aircraft. Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond the date of your expected return. It is possible that you may require a visa for travel to one or all countries on your trip. G/Hardy Travel will advise if a visa is necessary. Please contact the appropriate Consulate or Embassy immediately, as it is your responsibility to acquire all necessary travel documents before departure. Failure to provide the necessary visa(s) may result in denied entry, and any costs incurred will be borne by you.

Non-Canadian Foreign Nationals

You require a valid passport to travel, and failure to comply will result in denied boarding of the aircraft. Your passport

may need to be valid for a longer period. It is possible that you may require a visa for travel to one or all countries on your trip. G/Hardy Travel will advise if a visa is necessary. Please contact the appropriate Consulate or Embassy immediately, as it is your responsibility to acquire all necessary travel documents before departure. Failure to provide the necessary visa(s) may result in denied entry, and any costs incurred will be borne by you. Re-entry to Canada: As of November 10, 2016, non-Canadian foreign nationals travelling to or via Canada require a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). Visa-exempt foreign nationals of approximately 50 countries, including Britain, Australia, and France, are required to apply for an eTA in order to return to Canada. An eTA can be obtained online. Failure to obtain an eTA will result in denied boarding of the aircraft for your return flight. All costs associated with obtaining an eTA and/or denied re-entry to Canada will be solely borne by you. For further information or to apply for an eTA, use your Internet browser to search for “Canada Electronic Travel Authorization”, and then click on “Electronic travel authorization (eTA)”. Note that citizens of the United States of America are exempt.

Canadian Permanent Residents

If you are a foreign national with Canadian permanent resident status you

must travel with your valid passport and any applicable visas for intended destinations (see above) as well as your valid Permanent Resident (PR) Card in order to return to Canada. You are not eligible to apply for an eTA, as your PR card is the necessary travel document. Failure to travel with your PR card will result in denied boarding of the aircraft for the return flight to Canada, and any costs incurred due to denied re-entry will be your responsibility. For more information, visit the [government website](#).

Dual Canadian Citizens

Dual Canadian citizens who have previously used a non-Canadian passport to travel to or transit through Canada must now use a valid Canadian passport for re-entry, as of November 10, 2016. Failure to carry your Canadian passport will result in denied boarding. Any costs associated with denied re-entry will be solely borne by you. For more information, visit the [government website](#).

Visa Assistance

G/Hardy Travel cannot schedule visa appointments. We can provide a travel agency letter outlining the nature of your trip and the urgency of obtaining a visa at least 120 days prior to departure. However, this letter does not guarantee visa approval or expedited processing, as visa issuance is at the discretion of

the respective embassy/consulate, and it may vary depending on your individual circumstances. Please contact the appropriate Consulate or Embassy immediately, as it is your responsibility to acquire all necessary travel documents before departure. Failure to provide the necessary visa(s) may result in denied entry, and any costs incurred will be borne by you. G/Hardy Travel is not liable for inadequate or additional travel documents required by any destination.

To determine if a visa is needed, travellers can use [Sherpa](#) for current up-to-date travel documentation and understanding entry requirements and restrictions worldwide.

Online Electronic Authorization Visas

This includes ETIAS in the EU and ETAs in the UK. It is the responsibility of each traveller to apply online individually and pay the requisite fee to the governing body. The price of electronic visas is not included in the tour price. Processing time for electronic visas varies from 3 to 7 days. It is the responsibility of all travellers to apply for electronic visas if required for entry to their intended destination well in advance of travel.

COVID-19 and Pandemics

You acknowledge that exposure to viruses or diseases, including COVID-19, is an inherent risk of travel that cannot be controlled by G/Hardy Travel. We bear no

responsibility for interrupted or cancelled travel plans caused by COVID-19 or related restrictions, and any costs incurred for rebooking or adjustments are solely the responsibility of the traveller. Travellers must comply with public health guidelines at their intended destinations (e.g., testing, vaccination requirements, mask mandates, social distancing, self-isolation protocols, and other requirements) and accept that guidelines can change rapidly. Failure to comply with local laws and regulations could impact the vacation, including termination of travel services at the expense of the traveller. G/Hardy Travel will advise travellers on entry requirements to their destination(s) and the return to Canada. The information and disclosures provided are not exhaustive and are provided as guidance to make an informed decision. Travellers must understand that their trip may be extended for an indeterminate amount of time in the event of a disease or pandemic, with additional expenses incurred. G/Hardy Travel bears no responsibility for any costs related to a traveller testing positive for any infection or disease, which may include self-isolation, quarantine, COVID tests, meals, beverages, airline rebooking fees, medical fees, and other incidentals.

It is strongly recommended that travellers purchase comprehensive

travel insurance to safeguard against unforeseen circumstances.

Publication of Contact Information

Your contact information will be published in the trip handbook unless you advise ROMTravel not to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMTravel and the travel agency. ROMTravel will not share such contact information with anyone else. For this trip, G/Hardy Travel will not publish a list of participants and will not use photographic images of you for future promotional purposes.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance can be purchased through G/Hardy Travel, which offers travel insurance from Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada (T.I.P.S.). Please contact G/Hardy Travel for a quote. Once purchased, travel insurance is non-refundable.

A ROMTravel waiver of insurance will be required to acknowledge your responsibility to purchase or to decline to purchase travel insurance.

Travel insurance is highly recommended and can be purchased from many insurance companies. When purchasing travel insurance, travellers should have travel medical insurance that covers COVID-19 or other transmissible diseases. All travellers who have travel

insurance must submit a copy of their insurance policy to both G/Hardy Travel and ROMTravel prior to departure.

All travellers should have comprehensive medical and trip cancellation / interruption insurance. At this time, travel cancellation insurance does not cover COVID-19, as COVID-19 and all variants are deemed a foreseeable event. G/Hardy Travel, ROMTravel and Royal Ontario Museum bear no responsibility or liability for cancelled or rescheduled travel plans due to COVID-19, any other pandemic, or a Canadian Level 3 or 4 Travel Advisory for any reason. G/Hardy Travel, ROMTravel and Royal Ontario Museum have no influence on insurance companies' claim departments, or the outcome of a policy claim. We strongly recommend all travellers have a travel insurance policy that meets their individual needs.

G/Hardy Travel, ROMTravel and Royal Ontario Museum do not endorse any particular insurance company. All travellers should do their research and have an insurance policy that meets their needs.

If you choose to extend your trip beyond the duration covered by the insurance policy you've purchased, such as deviating from a group trip and staying abroad longer, it is your sole responsibility to contact your insurance

provider and arrange for a policy extension.

In the case of insurance purchased through G/Hardy Travel, be aware that the insurance policy's coverage is exclusively valid for the trip dates as outlined in this brochure. You will assume full responsibility for liaising with the insurance provider and covering any additional costs required to extend the existing insurance policy or to acquire a new policy that aligns with your individual travel dates. G/Hardy Travel, ROMTravel and Royal Ontario Museum bear no responsibility if you fail to ensure you possess comprehensive insurance coverage for the entire duration of your stay abroad, including any extensions beyond the group trip dates.

If you decide to upgrade aspects of your trip, such as opting for business class airfare or a suite or cabin upgrade, after the initial purchase of your insurance policy, it is your responsibility to inform your insurance provider of the additional costs associated with these upgrades. G/Hardy Travel, ROMTravel and Royal Ontario Museum bear no responsibility if your insurance policy does not include coverage for the extra costs associated with upgrades due to your failure to inform your insurance provider.

Travel medical insurance does not provide trip cancellation or trip

interruption coverage. Insurance premium costs are not included in the trip cost.

If you choose to travel without medical insurance, you will be solely responsible for any additional costs related to medical issues that may arise while you are travelling. These costs may include, but are not limited to, expenses related to COVID-19 or other transmissible diseases, hospital and medical services, accommodations, medications, translation services, transportation including return to Canada, meals, quarantine, or any other incidental expenses. If you choose to travel without trip cancellation or trip interruption insurance, you will be entirely responsible for covering expenses associated with cancelling your trip before departure for any reason including medical issues, pandemics, and any unforeseen events that may occur during the trip. Liability insurance is the responsibility of the individual.

Limitation of Liability for The Royal Ontario Museum

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shall not be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, punitive, incidental, consequential damages relating to, in connection with, or arising out of, the group trip, including but not limited to, loss of enjoyment, lost profits, or travel expenses, whether such damages are based on contract, tort (including negligence and gross negligence), strict liability or any other legal theory, even if such damages could have been foreseen or prevented or if ROM was advised of the possibility of same and whether or not a representative of ROM accompanies the group trip. The maximum liability of ROM to the participant for any claims relating to, in connection with, or arising from, the group trip shall not exceed \$ 50.00. This limitation applies to all claims, including those based on breach of contract, tort (including negligence and gross negligence), or any other cause of action.

Governing Law and Jurisdiction

The Terms and Conditions are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario. Any disputes arising from these Terms and Conditions shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Ontario.

Responsibility and Jurisdiction of G/Hardy Travel

G/Hardy Travel and their agents act solely as agents for passengers

regarding all services provided by others, including but not limited to transportation, accommodations, restaurants, guides, and attractions. Therefore, G/Hardy Travel will exercise reasonable care in making arrangements and conducting the trip.

Limitation of Liability for G/Hardy Travel

G/Hardy Travel does not assume any responsibility or liability for any claims, damages, expenses or other financial loss whether to person or property arising out of injury, accident, death, cancellation, delay, alteration or inconvenience resulting from any act of omission, commission, or inadvertence of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, cruise line or other company or person rendering any of the services included in the tour or caused by weather, pandemics, sickness, strikes, quarantines, war, armed conflict, humanitarian crisis, “force majeure”, or the willful or negligent acts or any other cause whatsoever beyond the control of G/Hardy Travel.

Individual travellers must recognize there are inherent risks associated with certain activities, including but not limited to, swimming, sports, biking, adventure activities (e.g., ziplines, off-road vehicles, horseback riding, skiing, rappelling and hiking), water-based activities, (e.g., boating, swimming,

canoeing), and motorized vehicles (e.g., scooters, e-bikes, ATVs, jet-skis, helicopters, etc..). Participation in activities involves inherent risk, danger and hazards including but not limited to: accidents which occur in the water; slips, trips, falls; overturning or upsetting of watercraft; entrapment by trees, logs, deadfall and/or equipment; falling from watercraft; encounters with domestic or wild animals including bees and jellyfish; high winds or adverse conditions; equipment failure; failure of safety equipment; variation in water conditions, surfaces or currents; negligent first-aid; infectious disease contracted through viruses, bacteria, parasites and fungi which may be transmitted through direct or indirect contact; the negligence of other participants. It is the individual choice of each participant to engage in activities. G/Hardy Travel assumes no responsibility or liability for injuries, damages, or losses resulting from participation in activities. It is strongly advised that travellers review their travel insurance to ensure it provides adequate coverage for any high-risk or optional activities they choose to participate in.

By signing the Terms and Conditions you agree to waive your legal rights including the right to sue for negligence, breach of contract, breach of liability or claim compensation:

- Waive any and all liability against G/Hardy Travel including vicarious liability, except in circumstances of gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- Not commence or participate in any type of claim, lawsuit, or class action against G/Hardy Travel, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- Release, indemnify, hold harmless, and forever discharge G/Hardy Travel for any losses or injuries arising during their participation in the travel program, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct. In entering into this Release Agreement, you are not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by G/Hardy Travel staff, agents and suppliers with respect to water, mountain, jungle or desert conditions and safety of participating activities.
- Assumption of Risk: You must be aware that participation in water activities and other activities involves inherent risk, danger and hazards including but not limited to: accidents which occur in the water; slips, trips, falls; overturning or upsetting of watercraft; entrapment by trees, logs, deadfall and/or equipment; falling from watercraft; encounters with domestic or wild animals including bees and jellyfish; high winds or adverse conditions; equipment failure; failure of safety equipment; variation in water conditions,

surfaces or currents; negligent first-aid; infectious disease contracted through viruses, bacteria, parasites and fungi which may be transmitted through direct or indirect contact; the negligence of other participants. Communication on the water, mountains or other isolated territory is difficult and in the event of an accident rescue and medical treatment may not be available. you are aware camping, hiking, skiing and trekking involve risks and hazards including but not limited to steep slopes, eroded riverbanks, glaciers and crevasses, obstacles and hazards; uneven terrain that is not regularly patrolled; becoming lost or separated from the guide; risks associated with camp or forest fires.

In the event of a Canadian Government Level 3 or Level 4 Travel Advisory, G/Hardy Travel does not assume responsibility or liability for any losses arising from cancelled travel plans for airlines or bundled land services including but not limited to accommodations and transportation.

All tickets, coupons, and orders are subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the suppliers. If a performance or festival included in your itinerary is cancelled, the remainder of the trip will proceed as scheduled. If required to cancel, standard cancellation terms will apply.

In case of an accident or crime occurring during the land portion of the tour, the passenger must submit any claim therefore only to the competent judicial authorities of the jurisdiction where such accident occurred, to be determined exclusively in accordance with the laws of such jurisdiction. Airlines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract issued by these companies constitutes the sole contract between the companies and the purchasers of these tours and/or passengers.

G/Hardy Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary when necessary to ensure the safety and convenience of the participants. Changes may include adjustments to transportation, accommodations, restaurants, attractions, and excursions. Any additional costs arising from these changes will be the responsibility of the participants. Deposits and payments made by participants to G/Hardy Travel are allocated to the various service providers and are non-refundable for any unused portions of the trip. For group trips, no adjustments to the itinerary or group sizes will be permitted from clients after the final payment deadline, as such

changes can disrupt the integrity of the trip.

For trips that include airline group bookings, generic seating arrangements are provided by the airline when names are submitted for ticketing. G/Hardy Travel cannot guarantee specific seat assignments as seating is managed directly by the airline. Passengers may adjust their seating at the time of check-in, subject to availability.

Group airfares are based on a minimum number of travellers. Any requests to deviate from the group airline booking will be considered on a special request basis and are subject to availability. Travellers are fully responsible for any additional costs associated with booking a deviation. Deviation requests must be submitted at least 120 days before departure to be considered. Refunds or credits for unused group airfare are not guaranteed.

G/Hardy Travel, as the organizer of the group and its agents, reserves the right to decline, accept, or retain any participant or trip member at any time. G/Hardy Travel reserves the right to decline or remove any participant whose behaviour is deemed harmful to themselves and/or other group participants. Travellers agree to abide by the laws of the countries they visit, especially with respect to the use of

alcohol and drugs. It's important to note that while cannabis may be legal in Canada, its legality may differ in other countries. Participants agree to abide by the rules of hotels, resorts, and villas where they stay. All additional costs associated with early departure from the trip will be assumed by the participant, and there will be no refund for the unused portion of the trip. Any costs associated with room or property damage deemed intentional by hotel, resort, and/or transportation suppliers will be the sole responsibility of the occupants and individual travellers.

Any changes in health or medical status must be reported as soon as possible and in some cases may result in G/Hardy Travel withdrawing services and canceling the participant's trip. Group trips typically involve active itineraries, requiring participants to walk approximately 6 kilometres (about 4 miles) per day over uneven terrain including but not limited to: cobblestone streets, staircases, bridges and unpaved walking trails. Unless specifically arranged and agreed upon during the trip planning process, trips are not designed to accommodate physical disabilities or limited mobility. G/Hardy Travel reserves the right to cancel a participant's booking if significant changes in health or mobility occur between the deposit and the

commencement of the trip, compromising the participant's ability to complete the itinerary or affecting the group's overall experience. Any resulting losses or costs will be the sole responsibility of the traveller. G/Hardy Travel does not provide or make booking arrangements for mobility aids (such as scooters, walkers, or crutches) or a personal support worker. Any additional costs incurred due to reduced mobility or injury will be the sole responsibility of the traveller.

Participants are strongly advised to have adequate travel insurance, including coverage for trip interruption or cancellation due to health changes, including COVID-19 and other transmissible diseases, prior to departure.

Dietary restrictions and allergies must be disclosed at the time of registration. While G/Hardy Travel and individual restaurants will make every effort to accommodate these needs, not all requests can be fulfilled, and reasonable substitutions will be provided when possible. Travellers should be aware that meals in foreign countries often reflect local customs and may differ significantly from Canadian standards. Kosher or Halal meals cannot be guaranteed, and in such cases, vegetarian options may be recommended. G/Hardy Travel assumes no responsibility if meals do not fully

meet dietary requirements or in the event of an allergic reaction.

If a traveller requires a single-occupancy room for any reason, this must be disclosed at the time of registration. The additional cost of a single supplement will be the sole responsibility of the traveller. Similarly, if a traveller requires a personal support worker or assistant for any reason, all related costs must be covered by the traveller. G/Hardy Travel, including group trip leaders, do not provide personal support or assistance to individual travellers. Accommodation is assigned based on the "best in class" available at the time of booking. However, G/Hardy Travel cannot guarantee specific room views, amenities, bed configurations, or floor locations at individual properties.

The decision to travel is solely the participant's choice, and each traveller is accountable for their personal safety while abroad. Participants agree to take all reasonable precautions to protect their well-being during the trip, including but not limited to the proper use of safety devices and adherence to all posted signs, as well as verbal or written health and safety warnings. G/Hardy Travel and its third-party suppliers are not liable for any loss, injury, or damages resulting from a participant's failure to follow safety guidelines or warnings.

Additional Terms and Conditions

The Terms and Conditions concerning publication of a list of participants and use of photographic images of you supersede any such Terms and Conditions set by G/Hardy Travel.

G/Hardy Travel has specific [Terms and Conditions](#), which you must accept when completing G/Hardy Travel's online registration form.

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