

PRIVATE FACILITIES
GUARANTEED ON
GOLDEN EAGLE EXPRESS

THE SILK ROAD

BY PRIVATE TRAIN

CHINA, KAZAKHSTAN, UZBEKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, RUSSIA



TOP LEFT: CHINESE MAN; FORBIDDEN CITY; REGISTAN SQUARE; ENTERTAINMENT; WAR MEMORIAL, VOLGOGRAD; ST BASIL'S CATHEDRAL

The Silk Road inspires the imagination of travellers who wish to delve into the extraordinary sights and history of this ancient region. Follow in the footsteps of Genghis Khan and Marco Polo to experience incredible wonders such as the Terracotta Warriors; The Great Wall of China; the Mogao Caves at Dunhuang; the desert towns of the Gobi Desert; the oasis city of Turpan; Almaty in Kazakhstan; the three great cities of the Silk Road – Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva; the contrasting ancient city of Merv and the modern capital Ashgabat in Turkmenistan; and the Russian cities of Volgograd and Moscow, with an option to visit St Petersburg. Your journey with The Captain's Choice Tour enhances your comfort and eliminates many of the hassles normally associated with travel along the Silk Road. Your Private Train features the finest sleeping cars available, ornate dining cars and a bar/lounge car. A Guest Lecturer will travel with the group to enhance your travel experience and piece together the many threads of the Silk Road.

TRAVEL DATES

- 23 March – 13 April 2012 (22 Days)
- 24 September – 15 October 2012 (22 Days)
- 24 March – 14 April 2013 (22 Days)
- 21 September – 12 October 2013 (22 Days)

DAY 1

UK – Beijing (China)

Overnight flight from UK to Beijing.

DAY 2

Beijing

We arrive in Beijing and check in to the luxurious Peninsula Beijing hotel, centrally located and with easy access to Beijing's major sights. Have the rest of the day at your leisure.

DAY 3

Beijing

► Enjoy a Hutong Rickshaw tour this morning and visit a traditional Beijing house. Return to the hotel for lunch. Alternatively, enjoy a free morning to allow time to relax after the long journey and enjoy the facilities of our luxurious hotel.

After lunch take a tour of the Summer Palace and Temple of Heaven before returning late afternoon. This evening we enjoy a special Peking Duck Welcome Dinner.

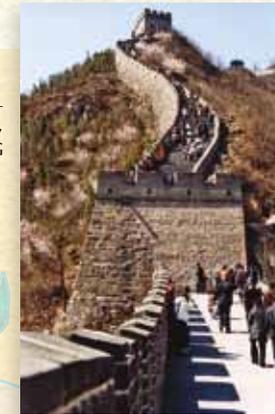
DAY 4

Beijing

Today we drive to the Great Wall of China and take a walk atop of the wall. Later today



FORBIDDEN CITY, BEIJING



GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, XIAN

we experience the spine tingling feeling of walking across historic Tiananmen Square. We also visit the Forbidden City.

► Choose from a selection of restaurants at our hotel for a dine-around dinner this evening.

DAY 5

Join Shangri-La Express – Xian

Enjoy a relaxing morning before joining the Shangri-La Express to commence our 11,226km journey to Moscow. Settle into your comfortable cabin and get to know fellow travellers. Throughout the journey our Guest Lecturer will give talks in the

lounge, this afternoon join a talk introducing the history of the Silk Road. Lunch and dinner are served in the dining cars and the bar/lounge car is the convivial social centre of the train. Complimentary wine, beer and soft drink are served with all lunches and dinners on the train.

DAY 6

Xian

After an early morning arrival into the ancient city of Xian we tour the highlights of the city, including the Great Mosque and the 14km city walls. This afternoon we visit the world famous Terracotta Warriors, discovered by peasants barely 30 years ago. The 6,000 Terracotta figures, arranged in row after row of warriors and horses, are one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th century.

► Alternatively, you may wish to visit Han Yangling Museum. This tomb, dating

back 2,000 years, with its adjoining museum is one of China's finest undiscovered secrets.

Early evening we head back to the city for dinner and an entertaining Tang Dynasty Show before rejoining the train for the overnight journey to Lanzhou in the comfort of your cabin.

DAY 7

Lanzhou

Morning arrival into Lanzhou, a vital city on the Silk Road due to its role as a principal crossing point of the mighty Yellow River. A visit to the Gansu Provincial Museum here provides evidence of the kind of goods that moved in an eastward direction along the Silk Road and the famous 'galloping horse' dating from the Eastern Han period that was found in a nearby tomb. A late afternoon departure is followed by dinner this evening onboard the train.

DAY 8

Dunhuang

We arrive in the small oasis city of Dunhuang to visit the fascinating Mogao Thousand Buddha Cave Complex.

Containing almost 500 grottoes, carved between 700 and 1,700 years ago, they are filled with an amazing collection of sculptures and murals depicting the evolution of Buddhist religious art over a 1,000-year period. Over 2,000 statues and 45,000 murals still remain. We have lunch with a local folk performance in this magical setting.

In the afternoon we take a camel ride to one of the natural wonders of the Gobi Desert, Crescent Moon Lake, which has been a source of water among the incredible sand dunes for thousands of years.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: DUNHUANG GROTTOES, JIAOHE (ANCIENT CITY) AND JIAYU PASS, CHINA

DAY 9

Turpan – Urumchi

This morning we visit Turpan with the Flaming Mountains as its stunning backdrop. We will see the centuries old underground irrigation system that feeds the rich orchards and vineyards, and the fascinating deserted sand city of Jiaohe. This afternoon we drive to Urumchi, which is located in a green oasis between the lofty ice-capped Bogda Peak, the vast Salt Lake in the east, the rolling pine covered southern hill and the alternating fields and sand dunes of Zunggar Basin in the northwest. It is the largest city and one of the most spellbinding in western China. This afternoon our city tour includes the renowned Mummies Exhibition in the Provincial Museum.

DAY 10

Golden Eagle Express – Alashankou

After a final breakfast onboard the Shangri-La Express, we pass through the dramatic mountain scenery of Druzhba before arriving in Alashankou, where border controls are carried out. Patience is a virtue

at this remote location. We transfer to the waiting Golden Eagle Express train for the continuation of our journey to Moscow.

DAY 11

Almaty (Kazakhstan)

Just after breakfast we arrive in the largest city in Kazakhstan, Almaty. The city is beautifully set in a valley in the foothills of the Tien Shen Mountains. We will have lunch in a 'Ger', a traditional Kazakh dwelling of the nomadic people of this region. After dinner this evening enjoy listening to the resident pianist in our comfortable Bar Car whilst enjoying a drink with new friends.

DAY 12

Tashkent (Uzbekistan)

Today we spend a relaxing morning onboard the train, socialising or maybe taking in one of the lectures and lessons on offer to give us a greater insight into this fascinating region. After lunch we arrive in the capital city of Uzbekistan and spend the afternoon touring this pleasant, modern, Soviet-style city, which was rebuilt after a devastating

earthquake levelled it in 1966. After visiting the Museum of Fine Arts we have dinner on the train as it departs for Samarkand.

**DAY 13
Samarkand**

Many words have been used to describe Samarkand including, 'the Paris of the Muslim World' and 'Rome of the East'. Its admirers include; Marco Polo, Tamerlane and Alexander the Great. Founded in the 6th century BC, its architecture gives an indication of its former status as one of the most important cities in Asia. We spend the day visiting the many fabulous buildings including the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, the Ulugh Beg Observatory and the awe inspiring Registan Square. Dinner is near the illuminated Registan Square, after which we return to our luxurious train for a late evening departure.

**DAY 14
Bukhara**

Traversing the Kyzylkum desert during the night we awake to the splendour of Uzbekistan's largest oasis city, Bukhara. Smaller than other cities in the country, it is perhaps just as, if not more, impressive than the larger Samarkand.

Like Khiva, UNESCO funded the renovation of much of the city for its 2,500th anniversary in 1999.

The highlight of our tour includes a visit to The Ark, the fortified residence of the Emirs of Bukhara, rulers infamous for their cruelty who survived into Soviet times.

Lunch is within one of the city's many madrasahs (beautifully tiled Islamic schools). We then travel out of the city to visit the Emir's Palace of the Moon and Stars before rejoining our train this evening. After dinner, sit back and enjoy a nightcap during your journey to Merv.

DAY 15

Merv (Turkmenistan)

We arrive into Mary in the morning and transfer by coach to the ancient city of Merv. In the 12th century, Merv was an important stop on the Silk Road and was briefly the largest city in the world. It was left to 'die' in 1794 after the Emir of Bukhara destroyed the dam, which the population depended upon for water.

On our tour we visit at least one of the five walled cities contained within the 130sq km area.

**DAY 16
Ashgabat**

We arrive in the 'Las Vegas of the Kara Kum' and the capital city of Turkmenistan, Ashgabat. A huge modern folly in the desert land which is a monument to the late President Saparmurat Turkmenbasy.

Situated between the Kara Kum Desert and the Kopet Dag mountain range the scenery that forms the backdrop to the city is one of extremes.

DAY 17

Khiva (Uzbekistan)

We cross back into Uzbekistan and leave the train in Urgench and transfer by coach to the 2,500 year old city of Khiva, once one of the most important trading centres at the crossroads of the routes between Mongolia, Russia, China and Persia.

Its former wealth is evident in the fabulous buildings, mosques, bazaars and minarets that are within the walled city and which have been restored with the support of UNESCO since 1991 for the city's 2,500th anniversary celebrations. Lunch is in the city before we rejoin the train for dinner.

DAY 18

Crossing the Kazakh Desert

A day to enjoy facilities of the Golden Eagle Express and the relaxed pace of life onboard whilst traversing the harsh terrain of the Kazakh Desert. Our Guest Lecturer will piece together the links between the cities of the Silk Road. We plan to pause at some remote villages along the way.



BUKHARA, UZBEKISTAN

DAY 19

Volgograd (Russia)

We enter Russia and arrive at the city of Volgograd, resting on the banks of Europe's longest river, the Volga. Formerly Stalingrad, the casualties during World War II were horrific and we will visit the remarkable War Memorial and War Cemetery.

This afternoon we depart for Moscow. Tonight is our final evening onboard the Golden Eagle Express and we mark the occasion with a farewell banquet.

DAY 20

MOSCOW

Breakfast and lunch are served on the train before we arrive in Moscow early this afternoon. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the city on our way to The Ritz Carlton.

► Choose from a selection of restaurants at our hotel for a dine-around dinner.

DAY 21

MOSCOW

Depart for a full day of Moscow sightseeing beginning with a private early entrance to the Kremlin grounds to undertake a tour of the famous Armoury Museum and its priceless treasures. We then continue our tour of Moscow, travelling to the suburbs to see the buildings of the Moscow University, the Sparrow Hills, Novodevichy Convent,

Peace Park and Gorky Park. Finally, enjoy our Farewell Dinner this evening.

DAY 22

MOSCOW – UK

► Choose a free morning or visit Lenin's Tomb in Red Square, where dwindling numbers of the faithful come to pay their respects.

Depart from Moscow this afternoon and arrive in the UK in the evening

► SHANGHAI OR ST PETERSBURG OPTION

Leave home three days earlier and explore the dynamic and bustling city of Shanghai or, at the conclusion of the main tour, spend three days and nights in St Petersburg. Explore Russia's former capital and cultural heart with its stunning palaces and home of The Hermitage. The extensions include accommodation, meals, transfers and sightseeing. Please enquire for further details.



THE HERMITAGE, ST PETERSBURG

TOUR COST

Based on twin share (Silver Class on train), per person from London.
Prices from other UK regional airports available on request.

ECONOMY CLASS	£13,125
BUSINESS CLASS	£14,545
FIRST CLASS (Not available on all services)	£16,495

(First Class passengers travel in Business Class between Moscow and London.)

LAND ONLY

(Join Beijing after dinner on Day 2, leave Moscow before lunch on Day 22)..... £12,395

SUPPLEMENTS *(Add to Main Tour cost)*

GOLD CLASS ABOARD TRAIN <i>(twin share, per person)</i>	£2,790
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT <i>(Silver Class & hotels)</i>	£4,280
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT <i>(Gold Class & hotels)</i>	£8,370

SHANGHAI OPTION *(Economy Class Shanghai – Beijing, enquire for Business Class price)*

TWIN SHARE <i>(per person)</i>	£1,045
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	£275

ST PETERSBURG OPTION *(Economy Class St Petersburg – London)*

TWIN SHARE <i>(per person)</i>	£2,230
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	£370

*This tour contains a medium level of activity and requires passengers to be of at least an average fitness level.
Prices apply to 2012 tours. Prices for 2013 tours will be set in May 2012.
Deposits for 2013 tours are refundable until 1 month after prices have been published.*

TERMS & CONDITIONS

It is our intention to set out clearly and simply the responsibilities which we at The Captain's Choice Tour have to you and which you, in turn, have to us when a contract is made between us. A contract will exist as soon as we issue a confirmation invoice in response to your booking and subsequent deposit paid to us. On our part, we have obligations to provide you with the tour you have booked on the terms clearly stated below and within this brochure. All holidays featured are operated by The Captain's Choice Tour, a trading division of Australian Pacific Touring (UK) Ltd with whom your contract is made, a member of ABTA (member no. V9080).

BOOKING YOUR HOLIDAY Bookings can be secured with a deposit of £1000 per person within 7 days from booking (£1500 per person single). If you are booking within 60 days of departure then full payment is required. Your booking is taken to be confirmed and accepted in respect of all persons travelling when we issue a confirmation invoice. All correspondence and communications will be sent to the address of the first person listed in the booking file unless you specify otherwise. Balance of all payments is required at least 60 days prior to departure from your country of origin. Children are not recommended to participate in an escorted tour and must be accompanied by an adult. NB: some cabins on selected cruise tours require a 25% deposit. This will be advised at time of booking. If the deposit and/or balance is not paid in time, we shall cancel your travel arrangements. If the balance is not paid in time, we shall retain your deposit. All monies you pay to the travel agent are held by him on our behalf at all times.

YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE We reserve the right to alter the prices of any of the holidays shown in our brochure. You will be advised of the current price of the holiday that you wish to book before your contract is confirmed. Changes in transportation costs, including the cost of fuel, dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports and exchange rates mean that the price of your travel arrangements may change after you have booked. However, there will be no change within 30 days of your departure. We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes any amendment charges. You will be charged for the amount over and above that. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 10% of the price of your travel arrangements, you will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if we are able to offer one (if this is of equivalent or higher quality you will not have to pay more but if it is of lower quality you will be refunded the difference in price), or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid, except for any amendment charges. Should you decide to cancel for this reason, you must exercise your right to do so within 14 days from the issue date printed on your final invoice. Should the price of your holiday go down due to the changes mentioned above, by more than 2% of your holiday cost, then any refund due will be paid to you. However, please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place.

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE PRICE The flights inclusive cost quoted in this brochure act as a suggested price for the published holiday. Changing airfares, fuel surcharges, and government taxes as well as changing airline flight schedules mean flight inclusive prices will be confirmed at time of booking. Some airlines insist on full flight payment, in this case an additional deposit will be requested at time of booking.

BROCHURE VALIDITY The itineraries and fares shown in this brochure are effective from September 2011 to December 2012. Please check at time of your enquiry or booking to ensure you are aware of any changes to your itinerary. This supersedes any previous brochure.

IF YOU DECIDE TO CHANGE YOUR BOOKING Should you wish to change your tour arrangements in any way after we have accepted your booking, we shall endeavour to meet your wishes, but a handling fee of £25 per person will be charged to cover administration costs. You may have to pay any additional costs incurred (such as the cost of a replacement visa, re-ticketing costs of scheduled transport etc.).

IF YOU CANCEL YOUR BOOKING If, after we have accepted your booking, you find it necessary to cancel or if you do not pay the balance when it becomes due, the deposits paid will be forfeited. A cancellation can only be accepted in writing from the person who made the booking. The cancellation will be effective from the date on which it is received at our offices. Cancellations received after full payment has been made will incur higher charges, to offset expenses and losses:

More than 120 days prior to departure.....Deposits forfeited
119 – 61 days prior to departure.....50% of tour price
60 days or less prior to departure.....100% of tour price

If tour has commenced, 100% of full tour price. There is no refund for unused services or if portions of the land arrangements are missed. Cancellation fees also apply to additional accommodation reserved prior to and after the tour. These cancellation fees are in addition to any fees that may be levied by your travel agent. All being subject to a minimum charge of deposit paid. If the reason for your cancellation falls within the terms of your insurance cover, you may be able to claim a refund of your cancellation charges from the insurance company.

AMENDMENTS OR CANCELLATION BY THE CAPTAIN'S CHOICE TOUR It is unlikely that we will have to make any changes to your tour, but it must be remembered that we plan the arrangements many months in advance, and sometimes, changes may be needed and we reserve the right to make them whenever it is necessary. Most of these changes are minor. Unless the change significantly alters the holiday, compensation will not be payable. As is normally the case with group tours, a minimum number of bookings is required in order for a tour to be financially viable and to have a pleasant group atmosphere. In the event that adequate numbers cannot be achieved, it may be necessary for The Captain's Choice Tour to cancel a scheduled departure and to offer the nearest possible alternative (or, of course, a full refund of the money paid). The date on which the decision is made about whether a

tour will operate is no later than eight weeks before the scheduled departure date.

Please note that carriers such as airlines used in the brochure may be subject to change. Such a change is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard. In accordance with EU Regulation 2111/2005, we are required to advise you of the actual carrier operating your flight/ connecting flight/transfer. We do this by listing carriers to be used or likely to be used as follows: British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Ethiopian Airlines, Iberia, Kenya Airlines, Korean Air, Lufthansa and Thai Airways. Any changes to the actual airline after you have received your tickets will be notified to you as soon as possible and in all cases at check-in or at the boarding gate. Such a change is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard.

THE CAPTAIN'S CHOICE TOUR LIABILITY If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed by us or our suppliers we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected the enjoyment of your travel arrangements. However we will not be liable where any failure in the performance of the contract is due to: you; or a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel arrangements and where the failure is unforeseeable or unavoidable; or unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall. Our liability, except in cases involving death, injury or illness, shall be limited to a full refund of the holiday tariff plus a maximum of up to £2000 per person affected unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under sub-clauses of this clause. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday. Our liability will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to

(a) The contractual terms of the companies that provide the transportation for your travel arrangements. These terms are incorporated into this contract; and

(b) Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of compensation that you can claim for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. We are to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of compensation contained in these or any conventions. You can ask for copies of the transport companies' contractual terms, or the international conventions, from our offices. Under EU law (Regulation 261/2004), you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/ or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from airlines. However, reimbursement in such cases will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday cost from us. Your right to a refund and/or compensation from us is set out in clause 7. If any payments to you are due from us, any payment made to you by the airline will be deducted from this amount. If your airline does not comply with these rules, you should complain to the Air Transport Users' Council on 020 7240 6061 www.auc.org.uk

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY – IS THIS HOLIDAY RIGHT FOR YOU? All passengers will be required to complete a fitness/activity questionnaire at time of booking. If you, or any member of your party have a medical condition or disability which may affect your ability to fully participate in the holiday, we ask that you please tell us before you confirm your holiday booking, so we are able to advise as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. Please note that many places visited on most of our tours are unsuitable for travellers requiring wheelchairs or walking frames because of the infrastructure of the destinations and/or the transport used. In any event, you must provide us with full details in writing at time of booking. If we reasonably feel we are unable to properly accommodate particular needs of the person concerned, we reserve the right to decline the booking after consultation with the Tour Doctor. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason. A doctor will travel with the group for the duration of the tour. The doctor may or may not accompany pre and post tour options. The doctor is an independent registered medical practitioner who is available to provide immediate but limited medical attention to tour guests should the need arise. The doctor carries his or her own independent professional indemnity insurance and carries a limited amount of medical supplies. The Captain's Choice Tour is not responsible or liable for any advice or treatment that may be provided by the doctor, or any failure to fully diagnose or treat any medical injury or condition which may arise or be identified during the course of the tour.

ITINERARIES The information contained within this brochure is, to the best of our knowledge correct at the time of going to print.

IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT If a problem occurs during your tour then you should tell a representative so that steps can be taken to resolve the matter on the spot. If you remain dissatisfied, any complaint must be made in writing to us within 28 days. Maximum compensation will only be considered where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday. The arbitration scheme is arranged by ABTA and administered independently by IDRS, part of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. It provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on you in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website. The Scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. Neither does it apply to claims which are

solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The Scheme can however deal with compensation claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,000 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. The application for arbitration and Statement of Claim must be received by IDRS within nine months of the date of return from the holiday. Outside this time limit, arbitration under the Scheme may still be available if the company agrees, but the ABTA Code does not require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, you may like to use the ABTA / Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Mediation Procedure. This is a voluntary scheme and requires us to agree for mediation to go ahead. The aim is to help you resolve your dispute in a quick and cost effective way. Details on request or from www.abta.com.

CONSUMER PAYMENT PROTECTION The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays booked from this brochure and for your repatriation in the event of our insolvency. We provide this security by way of an ATOL (number 6781) administered by the Civil Aviation Authority and a bond held by ABTA. If you book arrangements other than a package holiday from this brochure, the financial protection referred to above does not apply. When you buy ATOL protected air holiday packages from The Captain's Choice Tour you will receive a Confirmation Invoice from us (or via our authorised agent through which you booked) confirming your arrangements and your protection under our Air Travel Organiser's Licence number (6781). 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 at www.atol.org.uk. The price of our air holiday packages includes the amount of £1 per person as part of the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices (and will be shown separately on your confirmation invoice).

PASSPORTS/VISAS/TRAVEL DOCUMENTS A full passport is required. In the case of British citizens, this means a 10-year British Passport. Your specific passport and visa requirements, and other immigration requirements re your responsibility and you should confirm these with the relevant Embassies and/or consulates. We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements. Please enquire for details on how we can assist. Please ensure you carefully read your confirmation invoice, tickets and all other documents we send to you as soon as you receive them, and contact us, if any information appears to be incorrect. We regret that we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracy in any document within 14 days of sending it to you. While we will do our best to rectify any changes made outside this time, it is your responsibility for any additional costs which may be involved, except in the case of an error made by The Captain's Choice Tour and where there is reason for you not contacting us within the specified time.

FORCE MAJEURE Compensation will not be payable if we are forced to cancel or change your travel arrangements in any way for reasons of war, threat of war, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions or other circumstances amounting to force majeure. World weather is becoming more erratic and unpredictable and we cannot be held responsible for disruption to your holiday due to bad or unusual weather conditions.

DATA PROTECTION Please be assured that we have measures in place to protect the personal booking information held by us. However, in order to make your booking and ensure that your travel arrangements run smoothly, we need to use the information you provide and pass on to the operator or other relevant suppliers. The information may also be provided to public authorities such as customs or immigration if required by them, or as required by law. As your holiday with us may be outside the European Economic Area, controls on data protection may not be as strong as the legal requirements in this country. We will only pass your information on to persons responsible for your travel arrangements. This applies to any sensitive information that you give to us such as details of any disabilities or dietary/ religious requirements. (If we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, whether in the EEA or not, we will be unable to provide your booking. In making this booking, you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons.)

UNUSED SERVICES No refunds can be given for unused or partially used services during the tour programme.

GROUP TOUR It may be possible to make individual alterations to the itinerary away from the group (e.g. leave/return to the UK earlier/later) however these changes may be subject to an amendment fee.

PHOTO CREDITS Photographs or videos of the tour may be taken which may be used for promotional purposes. Completion of your registration/ booking form and acceptance documents indicates your acceptance and release for this material to be used for promotional or resale purposes. If you submit photographs to be included on the group's DVD of images we reserve the right to publish them in future promotional material.

INSURANCE Passengers are recommended to ensure that they have arranged for comprehensive travel insurance themselves, as this is not included.

TOUR COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE Passport and visa charges, vaccinations and on-tour suggested medications, items of a purely personal nature (laundry bills, bar bills, phone calls, etc), meals, tours and transport away from the group tour, excess luggage, beverages (alcoholic or otherwise except where specified), travel insurance, excursions not included in tours plus any other items not mentioned in this brochure.