EAST INDIA
Temple Mythology &
Mountain Peaks

January 2-16, 2019

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ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
Dear Bryn Mawr Alumnae/i and Friends

Once again, we are pleased to offer the award-winning trip to East India first offered in 2015. Led by Michelle Francl, Chair and Professor of Chemistry at Bryn Mawr, you will visit three key states of this region: Orissa, West Bengal and Sikkim. This itinerary was recognized by National Geographic Traveler as one of the ‘50 Tours of a Lifetime’.

An important stop is Kolkata (Calcutta), the former seat of the British Raj and home of Nobel Laureate Rabinranath Tagore (Literature, 1913) and Mother Teresa (Peace, 1979). We will experience the cacophony of this city through the eyes and ears of locals as we meander the streets immersed in the arts and culture and, most importantly, by getting to know the people of West Bengal.

We make our way into the highlands of Darjeeling (still West Bengal and famous for the tea) and Sikkim—also known as Little Bhutan. These “hill stations” were once favored by the members of the elite class and British administrators seeking to escape the summer heat of the lowlands. The wide expanse of space, the towering mountain range of the Himalayas and Kanchanjunga and the spectacular sunrise and sunsets provide a stark contrast to the controlled chaos that typically defines India.

The world-famous temples that typify Odisha (formerly called Orissa) offer a view into Hindu mythology and temple architecture that make the state justly famous, a place where 21st century modernity meets thousands of years of history.

This program offers a unique experience by merging the academic and the aesthetic, by exploring the ancient history of the region and the modern society of today. We will offer several lectures on the trip. It will be further enhanced by local experts and guides.

We hope you will join us on this memorable program, and since space is limited, we encourage you to reserve your place quickly.

Sincerely,

Saskia Subramanian
President, Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association

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**Tour Highlights**

- Walk and experience a slice of Kolkata- the former seat of the British Raj in India.
- Explore the ornate temple architecture of Odisha and learn about the mythology of the Ramayana and Mahabharata.
- Visit Kumartulli- a town of famous potters and Bengali idol art.
- Witness the sunrises of the Himalayan mountain range as their peaks rise as if in prayer.
- Sample the famous tea of Darjeeling and Bengali sweets.
Michelle M. Francl is a Professor of Chemistry at Bryn Mawr College, where she has been on the faculty since 1986. She is a quantum chemist who explores the structures of topologically intriguing molecules, and teaches both chemistry and the occasional humanities course. Michelle is herself a writer whose essays on science, culture and policy appear regularly in Nature Chemistry and whose reflections on living a contemplative life in the midst of everyday chaos can be found in a number of print and online venues.

**PROGRAM ITINERARY**

**January 1, 2019 – Depart USA**
Depart the USA no later than January 1, 2019 for a guaranteed arrival by January 2. Any guest arriving earlier than January 2, and requires an early arrival hotel room, please contact the Tour Operator.

**January 2 – Arrive Kolkata**
Arrive Kolkata. First official day of the main trip. Day at your own leisure to explore your surroundings and connect with fellow alumnae and friends who are arriving. **Oberoi Grand Hotel (B)**

**January 3 – Trip Briefing and City Tour of Kolkata.**
Depart for a city tour of Kolkata. Experience the influence of the Chinese, Armenian, and Anglo Indians that make this city a melting pot of culture, an eclectic plate of culinary delights and a cacophony of sights, smells, and color all around. Part of the tour will be by foot making stops at the Marble Palace, Mother Teresa Mission and Kumartulli. This area is known for its internationally renowned artisans who craft the most beautiful idols from straw and clay, many of them specifically commissioned by neighborhood groups during large religious festivals. Often, it is a competition to see which neighborhood has the most elaborate idol. Learn how these images are crafted and the origins of the material used. For those who need to change their money, we will make a stop at a local foreign exchange bureau (bring cash and your passport with you).

We will make a brief stop for lunch (paid directly by the guests) before continuing on the excursion.

Return to the hotel to rest and freshen up before dinner. **Oberoi Grand Hotel (B, D)**

**January 4 – Kolkata to Darjeeling (West Bengal State)**
Early breakfast and check out. Please settle all bills for extra services directly with the hotel in a timely manner.

Meet in the lobby of the hotel for a timely departure to the airport for your flight to Darjeeling.

Arrive Bagdogra and travel to Darjeeling. The drive to Darjeeling is at least a 4-5 hour drive through scenic valleys and river ways. There will be a lunch stop (paid directly by guest).

Arrive at your hotel in the late afternoon/ early evening. Dinner at the hotel.

Darjeeling is a picture-perfect city that sits atop a ridge at approximately 7,000 feet. It is dotted with Buddhist monasteries, trekking trails, tea estates and inspiring mountain views. Under the British Raj, it became a summer getaway and one of the most well known hill stations in the country. **Mayfair Hotel (B, D)**

[B- Breakfast   L- Lunch   D-Dinner]
January 5 – Darjeeling

An early wake-up call.
Meet in the lobby of the hotel for a timely departure to visit Tiger Hill to watch the sun rise over Mount Kanchenjunga (weather permitting). Return to the hotel for a hot breakfast and relaxation.
Visit to the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and Tibetan Refugee Center.
Dinner at the hotel. Beverages to be purchased by the guest.  
*Mayfair Hotel (B, L, D)*

January 6 – Darjeeling

Breakfast at the hotel.
Meet in the lobby of the hotel. Bring out your inner-child with a short ride on the famous toy train to Ghoom— the pride and joy of the city. This is a wonderful introduction of hill stations and the mountainous landscape so often visited by the aristocracy and now by modern tourists. We will also visit a tranquil monastery, one of the many so prevalent in the area.
Return to the hotel for lunch.
Tea estate visit. Although harvesting and processing is already complete for the season, you will have an opportunity to wander the estate. Your guide will explain to you the various processing methods.  
*Mayfair Hotel (B, L, D)*

January 7 – Darjeeling to Gangtok (State of Sikkim)

Approximately 6 hour scenic drive.
Breakfast and check out. Meet in the lobby of the hotel for a timely departure to Gangtok. A packed lunch will be provided en route to Gangtok.

*Nested in the lush greenery of the Himalayas is Gangtok, the small capital city of the State of Sikkim, where Buddhist prayer flags flutter in the mountain breeze, exotic orchids and chirping birds create a colorful melee. Visiting Sikkim is like going into an entirely different country due to the large Nepalese and Bhutanese population. This influence is experienced in their food, clothing and religion (predominantly Buddhism).*

Dinner at the hotel for dinner (all drinks paid directly by guests).  
*Norkhill Hotel (B, L, D)*

January 8 – Tour of Gangtok

Breakfast at the hotel.
Meet in the lobby for a timely departure. Visit the Rumtek and Enchey Buddhist Monasteries. The Rumtek ancient structure was built in 1717 and then re-built in the 1900s following the ancient designs of the Tibetan monasteries. Enjoy the stunning views of the Eastern Himalayas and on a clear day, the peak of Mt. Kanchenjunga is also visible.  
*Norkhill Hotel (B, L, D)*

January 9 – Gangtok to Kalimpong (West Bengal)

Breakfast and check out. Please settle all bills for extra services directly with the hotel in a timely manner.
Meet in the lobby for a timely departure.
Until the mid-19th century, the area around Kalimpong was ruled intermittently by the Sikkimese and Bhutanese kingdoms. It was also a trading route between India and Tibet. Check in and rest upon arrival. A packed lunch will be provided en route. Arrive in the mid-afternoon. Remainder of the evening at your own leisure to explore this small town. Your guides will be available to even take you on a walking tour of the main bazaar. Dinner at the hotel.  *Silver Oaks Hotel (B, L, D)*

**January 10 – Kalimpong**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Meet in the lobby of the hotel. We will take a short walking tour and visit the Zang Dog Palri Fro-Brang and Thongsa Gompa, Tharpa Choling Monastery and local flower nurseries that are one of their main exports.  *Silver Oaks Hotel (B, L, D)*

**January 11 – Kalimpong to Kolkata**

Early breakfast and check out. Please settle all bills for extra services directly with the hotel in a timely manner. Meet in the lobby for your prompt transfer to the Bagdogra for your flight back to Kolkata. Arrive Kolkata and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the evening is at your own leisure with suggested activities and recommended restaurants provided by our tour escort.  *Oberoi Grand Hotel (B)*

**January 12 – Kolkata to Bhubaneswar (Odisha)**

Breakfast and check out. Settle all bills for extra services directly with the hotel in a timely manner. Meet in the lobby of the hotel for your departure to the airport and group check in process. Arrive Bhubaneswar. Met on arrival and transfer to the coastal town of Puri. There will be a brief stop for lunch (paid directly by the guests) and site seeing along the way.

Dinner at the hotel (drinks paid directly by guest).

The State of Orissa—on the Bay of Bengal—prides itself on being a rich realm of culture, including a sumptuous artistic legacy, deeply rooted religious beliefs, and where dance and art dominate the languid way of life. The city of Bhubaneswar, which once boasted of more than 2000 temples, is also popularly known as the “Temple City of India.” Hundreds of temples dot the landscape where you can follow a time line of temple building activities of Orissan—style from inception to its culmination extending over a period of more than one thousand years.  *Mayfair Wavés (B, D)*

**January 13 – Jaganath Temple & Konark Sun Temple**

Breakfast at the hotel.

We will visit the sleepy town of Konark (a World Heritage Site) for a ‘must-see’ visit to the Sun Temple. Return to the hotel for lunch (paid directly by the guests).

Meet in the lobby. In Puri, explore the medieval lanes and narrow side streets that converge at the heart of the Jagannath Temple. Admire the temple spires from a bird’s eye vantage point and watch the flurry of worshippers that encircle their place of worship. Note: Non-Hindus are not allowed inside the Jagannath Temple complex, however the intricate temple is best observed form the outside. Dinner at the hotel (drinks paid directly by the guest).  *Mayfair Wavés (B, D)*
Land package only: $6,270 per person (shared basis)

Single room supplement: $2,125

Tour price is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is limited due to hotel occupancy. Maximum tour size is 24 participants.

INCLUSIONS:
• Accommodation & meals mentioned above.
• All transportation
• Services of English speaking professional local guides
• Full time Immersion Journeys Tour Director throughout the trip
• Entrance fees to Monuments
• Domestic flights

January 14 – Puri to Bhubaneswar
Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Settle all bills for extra services directly with the hotel. Meet in the lobby of the hotel for a timely departure to Bhubaneswar. Explore animated medieval temples and broad tree lined avenues to unearth the spirit behind the city. The highlights of the tour are the famous and intricately carved Mukteshwar Temple and the Parasuramesvara Temple.
Visit the Udaigiri and Khandagiri Caves– one of the earliest groups of Jain rock-cut shelters, the caves command a unique position in the history of rock-cut architecture, art and religion. If time permits, we will visit Dhauli– the site where the legendary King Ashoka went through a religious transformation to Buddhism after witnessing the appalling horror of war.
Brief lunch stop will be included (paid directly by the guest).  

Trident Hotel (B)

January 15 – Bhubaneswar - Kolkata
Early breakfast and check out. Please settle all bills for extra services directly with the hotel. Meet in the lobby of the hotel for a timely departure to the airport for your flight to Kolkata. Met on arrival and transferred to the hotel for check in. Meet in the lobby. Depart for Dhakineshwar Kali Temple– one of the more famous temple complexes in West Bengal. Return to the hotel to freshen up before your farewell dinner.  

Oberoi Grand Hotel (B, D)

January 16 – Depart
Check out and meet in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer to the airport or an extension (see selection next page).
**5 nights Royal Rajasthan & Taj Mahal Tour – January 16-21, 2019**

$2,119 per person (double occupancy)/ $550 single room supplement

Visit New Delhi- India’s capital and immerse yourself in the diversity of old and new. Wander the narrow lanes of Chandni Chawk; admire the magnificent Taj Mahal in Agra- a symbol of undying love; shop for gems in Jaipur- the ‘pink city’; climb aboard an elephant caravan to the top of a Mughal fort just how the powerful warriors once did.

This is an experience not to be missed by first timers to India.

**Itinerary**

Jan 16 – Fly from Kolkata to Jaipur. *ITC Rajputana (B)*
Jan 17 – Jaipur City Tour. *ITC Rajputana (B)*
Jan 18 – Agra/ Taj Mahal. *ITC Mughal (B)*
Jan 19 – New Delhi. *The Lalit (B)*
Jan 20 – Tour of New Delhi and Old Delhi. *The Lalit (B)*
Jan 21 – Depart

**Includes:** Kolkata to Jaipur flights, hotels and meal plan indicated above, entry fees to monuments and guided tours including visit to the Taj Mahal.

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**The Backwaters of Kerala – January 16-20, 2019**

$1,995 per person (sharing)/ $1,195 single room supplement

Visit Kochi. One of the oldest port cities in the world and part of the two-thousand-year-old spice route that once spanned 9,300 miles and thirty-one countries. Wander the historic streets and immerse yourself in the Chinese, British, French and Dutch culture that once thrived here. Visit the famous Kerala Backwaters, a complex maze of water channels that can be traversed by houseboat gliding past small farming villages and endless expanses of brilliant green rice paddies. Indulge yourself in the famous Kerala ayurvedic treatment.

**Itinerary**

Jan 16 – Fly from Kolkata to Cochin. *Brunton Boatyard (B)*
Jan 17 – Tour of historic Cochin- Mahabalipuram. *Brunton Boatyard (B)*
Jan 18 – Backwaters cruise on a house-boat & Kumarakom. *Coconut Lagoon (B)*
Jan 19 – Kumarakom. *Coconut Lagoon (B)*
Jan 20 – Return to Cochin and depart

**Includes:** Kolkata to Cochin flights, hotels and meal plan indicated above, entry fees to monuments and guided tours including visit to the Taj Mahal.

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**The Golden Temple of Amritsar – January 16-19, 2019**

$995 per person (sharing)/ $220 single room supplement

One of the most revered and holiest of places for the Sikhs, Amritsar is a must-see destination for anyone visiting India. The famous Golden Temple is actually a small part of a large complex. The temple features Sikh, Islamic and Hindu architectural styles.

**Itinerary**

Jan 16 – Fly from Kolkata to Amritsar. *Vivanta By Taj (B)*
Jan 17 – Tour of the Golden Temple. *Vivanta By Taj (B)*
Jan 18 – New Delhi. *Novotel Hotel (B)*
Jan 19 – Depart

**Includes:** Kolkata to Amritsar flights, hotels and meal plan indicated above, entry fees to monuments and guided tours including visit to the Taj Mahal.

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**EXCLUSIONS for the trips above:** Gratuities, beverages, other meals not included, person expenses.

*Note: Tour can be combined with other extensions. Custom designed itinerary available upon request. All extensions can also be done before the main trip.*
TOUR RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a space, please complete and return this form with your deposit of $1,000 payable to Immersion Journeys. Mail to 455 Main Street, Suite 5M, New York, NY 10044. Fax and Email 917-210-4093/ rumit@immersionjourneys.com. We will not process your deposit until you are assigned a place o the tour. Please contact 917-686-2620 or 302-743-7005 if you have any questions about the registration process.

☒ Enclosed is my/our deposit check of $_________ ($1,000 per person)
☒ Please charge my/our deposit of $_________ ($1,000 per person) to my: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card #: ___________________________ Expiration Date: ____________

Security Code (4 digits for AMEX/ 3 digits for others) ___________

Authorized Card Holder Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________

The balance of the trip is due on November 2, 2018 and is payable by check only.

Please sign me/us up for the following optional extensions: ☐ 5-night Royal Rajasthan & Taj Mahal Tour extension ☐ The Backwaters of Kerala ☐ 3-night The Golden Temple of Amritsar

Passenger Information

NAME 1 (as on passport):

Passport # ___________________________ Nationality_________________ Expiration ___________ (mm/dd/yy)

Date of Birth: ___________________________ Bryn Mawr Affiliation ___________________________

Street Address: ___________________________ City: ___________ State: ____ ZIP: ___________

Home Phone: ___________ Mobile: ___________ Work: ___________

Email (write clearly): ___________________________

NAME 2 (as on passport):

Passport # ___________________________ Nationality_________________ Expiration ___________ (mm/dd/yy)

Date of Birth: ___________________________ Bryn Mawr Affiliation ___________________________

Street Address: ___________________________ City: ___________ State: ____ ZIP: ___________

Home Phone: ___________ Mobile: ___________ Work: ___________

Email (write clearly): ___________________________

☒ I prefer single accommodations (due to limited space this is not guaranteed and if necessary you will be assigned a rooming partner of the same gender).
☒ I plan to room with ___________________________ ☐ Double ☐ Twin (separate beds)
☒ I prefer to share accommodations (if roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate)

Emergency Phone # & Contact Name (during trip): ___________________________

Special Needs (diet, health etc):

By submitting my/our deposit $1,000 per person, I/we am/are registering for the East India: Temple Mythology & Mountain Peaks and have read and agreed to the terms & conditions. I understand that portions of this trip will be moderately strenuous and may include unpaved paths. Traveling includes visiting regions with an altitude of at least 7,000 feet and hilly. I/we also agree to be in good physical shape and will be prepared to walk without a walking aid or wheelchair. I/we also take responsibility for purchasing our own supplemental travel insurance including medical evacuation coverage.

Signature ___________________________ Date __________________

Signature ___________________________ Date __________________
Your signature on our tour reservation form will signify your agreement with the following terms and conditions.

Introduction: These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Immersion Journeys LLC, Bryn Mawr College (collectively “Immersion Journeys”, Bryn Mawr, “we”, “us” and “our”). The terms “client”, “you” and “your” refer to each person who purchases and/or uses a tour package provided by Immersion Journeys.

Benefits of Tour Packages: Our tour packages offer services of a professional tour guide, accommodations, meals as outlined in the itinerary, transportation as specified in the itinerary and excursions and tours as outlined in the itinerary. Immersion Journeys may, from time to time, offer you optional services or benefits. By using those services and/or benefits when they become available, you agree to be bound by any supplemental terms applicable to those services or benefits. We will send final documents and tickets by overnight or registered mail approximately two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tour.

Rates and Exclusions: The rates and charges for tour participation are those established at the time the tour is booked with Immersion Journeys. We reserve the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs, taxes and V.A.T. received after prices are published and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Published rates and charges are typically “per person,” based upon double occupancy with en suite bath (unless otherwise stated). Single rooms are subject to a single room supplemental charges which are stated in the proposal. Expenses and terms not specifically identified in the applicable Immersion Journeys produced quotation are not covered. These include any paperwork or charges associated with: passports, visas, immunization, meals other than those specified, optional excursions, trip protection coverage, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor), all beverages excluding those provided in Immersion Journeys vehicles, telephone calls, room service, laundry, personal items, baggage handling, international airfare unless otherwise stated, gratuities and transportation to or from any departure gateway and any other costs that might be incurred not stated in tour package. Some governments charge departure taxes and/or fees. These fees are the responsibility of each passenger travelling to the designated country and are not included unless stated.

Payment: We accept the following forms of payment: major credit cards, bank transfer or checks drawn on a U.S. Bank. Credit cards will incur a service fee of 3-5% paid by the client.

You must promptly pay the following fees and charges for participation in an Immersion Journeys tour.

Airfare: Full payment per person is due in order to purchase airline tickets. Airline cancellation policy shall apply. Discounted airfare quote (if available) is subject to purchase of ground package.

Ground Package: A deposit of $850 per person per tour is required immediately to secure the tour and services. This amount may vary depending on the destination, accommodations and services.

Balance: The balance of the tour price is due 60 days before departure.

Cancellation by You: We must receive your cancellation notice in writing by email, fax, or overnight courier, and your cancellation date will be the date on which we receive your notice. Simultaneously with your notice, you must pay the following cancellation charge based upon the amount of notice provided. In addition, airline cancellation policies shall apply for cancelled tours involving air transportation:

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There is no refund for unused portions of a tour once it has commenced, and you are solely responsible for costs incurred by you due to missed, canceled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the tour due to State Department warnings, fear of travel, illness or any other reason will be deemed a cancellation. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the tour on the tour departure date and time, you will be considered a no-show, and we cannot provide a full or partial refund or credit toward a future tour, but you may join the tour late if you wish and must pay additional operational expenses if applicable such as, but not limited to special transport arrangements, hotel accommodations and local staff to assist.
Insurance: Immersion Journeys recommends that you purchase trip cancellation, medical, and baggage insurance to cover penalties and cancellation charges. Bryn Mawr Travel will send an insurance application upon receipt of reservation and deposit although you may select any insurer of your choice. However, any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. Once your registration is processed, you will receive information on trip cancellation from Bryn Mawr College. Please contact Carolyn Godfrey Wilson at cgodfrey@brynmawr.edu or 610-526-5225 with any questions.

Cancellation or Substitution by Us: We will make commercially reasonable efforts to keep the itinerary as it has been published; however, the final itinerary may vary due to availability and factors beyond our control. We may in our sole discretion substitute services such as hotels or goods of similar quality for any service or good stated in the itinerary. If a tour is cancelled, our liability is limited to a full refund of your payments, and we will not be liable for any other costs, damages, or refunds of any kind for any loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment, or expense whatsoever in such circumstances. If for reasons beyond our control, a tour in progress must be interrupted or cancelled, we will refund a portion of the price depending on our actual costs incurred.

Airfares: Airlines and airfares included in any brochure are subject to change without notice. Please check with Immersion Journeys or your travel agent for conditions applicable to your airline ticket. Even after you have paid, tours with scheduled air transportation within or from the United States are subject to supplemental price increases that may be imposed by the supplier and/or government. You hereby consent to any such price increase. We will not change your requested seat assignments on commercial aircraft without permission. However, airlines often change seat assignments to satisfy their loyalty members or because of equipment changes (aircraft type). We are not notified of these changes in advance, and often clients are not made aware of these changes until they arrive at the airport. We are not responsible for seat assignment changes made by the airline. Frequent flyer programs are private agreements between airlines and passengers, and we cannot be held responsible for mileage discrepancies involving airline loyalty reward programs.

Passports and Visas: International travel requires a passport valid 6 months beyond your intended return travel date. In many cases, you will also need to have multiple consecutive blank visa pages within your passport (the number varies depending on the destination(s)). Many destinations also require that visas be obtained prior to travel. Please speak with us if you are unsure about the visa requirements for your travel destination, but you are solely responsible for complying with passport and visa requirements.

Security and Safety: We are strongly committed to protecting your security and well-being. However, travel, safaris and sightseeing endeavors are inherently dangerous activities. Immersion Journeys strongly recommends that you exercise extreme caution when participating in tour events. Parts of your tour may involve high altitudes, hiking, cycling and/or driving over rough and dusty terrain.

All tour participants booking with Immersion Journeys certify that they are in good health, fit to travel and have no specific medical problems. It is the responsibility of each tour participant to obtain health and medical certificates, inoculations and vaccinations. Any physical disability that may require special attention or treatment must be reported in writing at the time your reservation is made. Passage may be refused to any person whose state of health or physical conditions render them, in the opinion of the tour company or its suppliers, unfit. Children under sixteen (16) years of age must be supervised by parent(s) or guardian(s) who will bear ultimate responsibility of their actions. Immersion Journeys recommends that you purchase insurance to cover medical expenses, trip cancellation and interruption, and loss of baggage. Please contact Immersion Journeys for further details.

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**Vendor Acts or Omissions:** We act only in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of the travel services named in your itinerary or otherwise providing services or goods in connection with the tour (the “Vendors”), such as airlines, hotels and other lodging providers, local hosts, sightseeing tour operators, bus lines, car rental companies, driving services, restaurants, and providers of entertainment. We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission of any of the Vendors or airlines providing flights to or from your tour.

**Conduct During the Tour:** You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

**Limitation of Liability and Damages:** In no event will we be liable for any injury, loss, claim, damage, or any special, punitive, exemplary, direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages of any kind, whether based in contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise, that arise out of or are in any way connected with the tour, even if advised of the possibility of such damages. In no event will our aggregate liability exceed the total tour price set forth in the itinerary.

**Force Majeure:** We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our exclusive control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation that causes you to miss all or any portion of the tour, acts of God, acts of government, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather extremes, or strikes. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of the Suppliers, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. You understand that health care standards, facilities, and services abroad may be different or even inadequate for treating health conditions. For information concerning possible dangers at foreign destinations, we recommend contacting the Travel Warnings Section of the U.S. State Department at (202) 647-5225 or www.travel.state.gov, and click on “Travel Warnings.” For medical information, we recommend contacting the Centers for Disease Control at (877) FYI-TRIP or www.cdc.gov/travel.

**Indemnification:** You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Immersion Journeys, Bryn Mawr College and its officers, employees, directors, suppliers and agents, in their individual capacities or otherwise, from and against any Losses arising out of: (i) your negligence; (ii) your failure to comply with applicable law; or (iii) your failure to comply with these terms conditions.

**Miscellaneous:** Immersion Journeys may assign its rights and/or delegate all or a portion of its duties under these Terms and Conditions to any third party at any time without the consent or permission of any parties to these Terms and Conditions. If there is a conflict between these Terms and Conditions and one or more terms contained in another agreement between you and Immersion Journeys, these Terms and Conditions will control. No alteration, cancellation, variation of, or addition to these terms and conditions shall be of any force or effect unless reduced to writing and signed by Immersion Journeys and the Client. If there is a conflict between any part of these terms and conditions and any present or future law, the part that is affected shall be curtailed only to the extent necessary to bring it within the requirements of that law.

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the limits on Immersion Journeys responsibility clause, to the brochure, to the proposal, to any information relating in any way to the trip, to the trip itself, or to any products or services related to the trip, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in the State of New York, in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, except that (a) in lieu of a personal appearance at arbitration, the arbitration may be conducted by telephonic means, (b) arbitration is the exclusive
forum for dispute resolution (no court actions), and (c) except as otherwise provided by statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses and an equal share of the arbitrator and administrative fees. You agree to present any claims against us within 90 days after the tour ends and to file any arbitration request within one year of the incident, and you acknowledge that this expressly limits the applicable statute of limitations to one year.

You hereby consent to our use of pictures or video of you in our marketing materials without compensation. Facsimile or scanned transmission of any signed document shall be deemed delivery of an original.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE: You understand and acknowledge that, if you participate in activities during your trip, certain risks and dangers may arise, including, but not limited to, the risk of accidents in remote places without access to medical facilities, transportation, or means of rapid evacuation and assistance; the hazards of traveling in unsafe or politically unstable areas or under unsafe conditions; the dangers of civil disturbances, war, extortion, kidnapping, and terrorist activities; Tour activities that may involve increased risks including, but not limited to, gorilla trekking and walking safaris; dangers and risks inherent in activities in underdeveloped countries; dangers of local law enforcement activity; attacks or bites by animals, pests, or insects; quarantine; epidemics; injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or third parties; sickness; lack of appropriate medical care; or criminal activity. YOU DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL OF THESE RISKS AND DANGERS, AND YOU DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY AGREE TO FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD US AND OUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATES, AFFILIATED COMPANIES, GUIDES, GROUP LEADERS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS HARMLESS AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTIONS, SUITS, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF ANY AND EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER WHICH YOU NOW HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR TRIP OR PARTICIPATION IN ANY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE.