

# ARK OF THE COVENANT EXPEDITION & TIMKET FESTIVAL

PRE-TOUR: JANUARY 12 - 17, 2026 | JANUARY 16 - 25, 2026

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### Proper Documentation

All members of this tour must carry passports valid for at least six months beyond their scheduled date of return. At this time there are no Covid requirements for Ethiopia, in other words, no PCR tests and no injections. But, please note that things can also change. At this time, we have no way of knowing what could be implemented in the future. Please note that the vendors will have already accepted your booking knowing there is a current global threat. Therefore, if you book this tour, you are accepting the terms of the airlines, the TSA, the countries to which you are traveling, and/or other governing parties without fully knowing what they will be at the time that you actually travel.

### Air Tickets

All Airfare including domestic flights (if using Ethiopian Group Airfare from Washington Dulles): \$1,640 PP.

If arranging your own airfare round-trip to Addis Ababa, you will need to add approximately up to \$748USD, per person, for the multiple flights within Ethiopia.

Our international airfare will depart Washington, Dulles, on Ethiopian Airlines #501 on January 17 at 11:00AM, arriving in Addis Ababa on January 18 at 7:15AM. If arranging your own airfare, please be in Addis at 7:15AM or earlier on January 18. If taking the tour extension, the flight is exactly the same but departs Washington Dulles on January 12 and arrives in Addis Ababa on January 13.

Our return schedule departs Addis Ababa on January 25 at 10:50PM and arrives in Washington at 8:00AM on January 26. Ethiopian Airlines does offer Business Class at an upcharge of approximately \$2,700 per person. They also do standby upgrades at the airport that are around \$1,000 in each direction – you bid on them like an auction.

Reissuance of tickets that must be changed or reissued for any reason may be subject to charges or fees by the carriers and/or other vendors; such fees may be substantial. In the event of cancellations and if you have to fly differently due to unforeseen circumstances (weather, etc.) or take special transfers, costs incurred might be reimbursed by insurance.

### Limitations

The air carrier(s), group operators, and LP reserve the right to substitute equipment and properties and to add or delete en route stops at our discretion with or without notice. The hotels, airlines, ground operators, and other vendors used by LP reserve the right, in special circumstances, to substitute accommodations/transportation and sights of similar or better quality without penalty. This includes sites as noted on the itinerary. We will do everything we can to avoid any increases.

### Singles

We match roommates! If you are a single person or traveling alone, we do have others who would like to travel with us without paying the single supplement. We assign roommates approximately 2 weeks prior to departure. We cannot guarantee it, but it has worked well for many.

### Making Your Deposit / Reservations

- If depositing prior to October 4, 2025, a deposit of \$1000 per person is due (plus insurance) and your signed registration form. If booking after October 4, 2025, full payment is due within 7 days of your registration.

The final payment is due October 4, 2025. Payments not received by the due date are subject to a 5% monthly finance charge and possible cancellation of reservation.

- Please note we will continue to take bookings and reservations until our departure, as long as space is available, and we will do everything possible to make sure you can join us!
- You may use a credit card for your initial deposit and optional insurance and then pay the balance with cash or check and still receive the full cash discount.

### Changes / Revisions

We will try to accommodate name changes, but additional fees may be imposed and passed on by the carriers. If specific rooming requests are altered due to cancellation by one or more passengers, the passenger(s) still traveling may be required to pay the resulting applicable occupancy rate. Trip insurance may cover this additional cost.

### Cancellation and Refunds

In the event that you must cancel your reservation, or payments are not received by specified deadlines, refunds are made in accordance with the following schedule. Please keep in mind that if any airline tickets are issued, they are generally nonrefundable (unless trip cancellation insurance is purchased and provides refunds). All cancellations received after booking and deposit will incur a \$530 administrative fee plus the per-person cancellation fee below, if notice is received:

- 148-107 days prior to departure, the cancellation fee is \$1000 per person, plus any air costs incurred on your behalf, including air add-ons from domestic cities, pre- or post-options, and add-on travel you have purchased. Note, that air add-ons are usually always non-refundable.
- 107-68 days or more prior to departure, the cancellation fee is under a 65-percent penalty per person, plus any air costs incurred, pre- or post-options, and insurance or add-on travel you have purchased.
- 67 days and less the trip becomes non-refundable. Airfare is always non-refundable.

### Responsibility

LP has the responsibility of booking with airlines, hotels, transportation vehicles, ground operators, and tour guides to provide you with these services. The carriers, hotels, and other suppliers providing tour services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees, or servants of, or joint ventures with LP or its affiliates. All certificates and other travel documents for tour services issued by LP are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier and to the laws of the countries in which the services are supplied. Each participant agrees not to hold LP liable, in the absence of its own negligence, for any loss, act, or omission, whether negligent or otherwise, of any person or firm that provides goods or services for the trip and shall have no liability to the participant for the quality of services or the condition or cleanliness of accommodations or for any transportation delay, including but not limited to liability for inconvenience, shortened vacation time, additional expense, or any other kind of damage. LP is not responsible for government actions, weather, mechanical breakdowns, war, terrorism, acts of nature (secularly known as "Acts of God") denying entrance to a site due to political or other reasons, or other circumstances beyond its control. If a travel ban is imposed by the United States on any country we are scheduled to tour, we will attempt to secure

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another destination. We cannot be held accountable due to political decisions or any claimed requirements of any country or vendor for health reasons that are created. In the event of a delay, the airline or tour company, and not LP, determines delay procedures and the amenities/compensation, if any, to be offered. LP will not accept responsibility for additional charges incurred for expenses or lost wages as a result of changes to flight times, and/or missed vacation time. LP also cannot be held responsible for the closing or opening of sites at the discretion of the Ethiopian government.

### Activities

Participants may choose to engage in various activities including, but not limited to, climbing, camel-riding, 4-wheeling, hiking, swimming, and other "activities"; participants are hereby notified that these and other activities may be dangerous and may result in serious injury and that participation in these activities shall be at the participant's own risk. Living Passages (herein referred to as LP) shall not be liable for any injuries sustained by cruise/tour participants that are a result of participants engaging in such activities.

### Travelers Who Need Special Assistance

LP must be advised of a participant's special requirements at the time of booking and we will make every effort to accommodate special requests but cannot confirm a reservation until all travel suppliers have acknowledged that they can provide the services requested.

### Prepaid Tips

Most prepaid tips are included. There will be tips to guides and private meals outside of our group and we will provide some suggested tipping. Suggestions and guidelines will be mailed to you with your documents. Essentially, prepaid tips to the guide are the minimum amounts. If an amazing job is done, an additional form of gratitude would be very appreciated.

### Fuel Surcharges, Fees or Taxes

It is possible that the ground, vehicles, boats, and other operators will bill LP for additional fuel surcharges, fees, and or other taxes. You will be notified quickly and prior to being billed for final payment if any vendors make any of these types of increases. You may arrange your own air travel.

### Currency and Special Provisions

Pricing of our tour and event was based on currency that was in effect on January 2, 2025. You will be notified as far in advance as possible in the event the price of the tour needs to be adjusted. We do not foresee this happening, but, in today's economic climate, we must be prepared for any currency discontinuation, devaluation, or "reset" that can affect any of the countries we visit, transit, or to which we provide governance. We will do everything possible to not allow this to happen, but we must be mindful of the world's current political environment.

### Safety

The safety of passengers is a primary concern of LP but also of the owners and operators of the vessels, aircraft, camps, resorts, ground transportation, and other facilities being used. If safety is threatened by any factors the owners/ operators of other facilities and services reserve the right to make whatever changes to the itinerary or schedule they deem necessary for the safety of all. In the event of danger or war, we will do all possible to facilitate a change of dates, destinations, and vendor refunds. It all depends on timing

and geography. There is never a set standard of operation. In 20 years, we have never seen an entirely negative outcome for a group, but, we do live in interesting times. In the event that you choose to climb, hike, snorkel, dive, or take part in any activity, you are solely responsible for ensuring that you have the capabilities to perform the activities.

### Major Changes

Destinations and the sites offered here can be withdrawn at any time by government restrictions and other reasons beyond our control. COVID-blamed cancellations (or any of the new disease-related creations and acts of war), postponements, and such of any kind are not the responsibility of LP. You are booking the trip at your own risk and penalties will not be waived. If LP first knows of a major change less than 21 days before scheduled departure, LP's liability is limited to refunds that we can obtain on your behalf excluding insurance and any other nonrefundable airfare paid or visa fees, and nonrecoverable costs from our vendors but not for any COVID or other named health or vaccination mandate. LP contracts with certain hotels to supply accommodation. Occasionally, the accommodation reserved is not available for a variety of reasons (i.e., unexpected maintenance problems, guest stayovers, and over-booking by the hotel), and a substitute hotel of equal or greater quality is provided. In the event that your hotel standard is being substantially downgraded, a refund reflecting the difference in price will be issued. A change in currency or exchange is not considered a major change. The governing laws of the State of Idaho shall prevail and any dispute may be resolved in the City of Coeur d'Alene by means of arbitration. The prevailing party of any dispute will be entitled to recuperate pertinent legal fees and costs from the other party.

### Brochure Validity

This document cancels and supersedes any previous publications or advertisements to this same tour and cruise. For the most current brochure or terms, download online at [livingpassages.com](http://livingpassages.com) or call us at 1-888-771-8717.

### Living Passages Trip Protection (Trip Protection insurance)

Your payment for the optional insurance covers the cost of the Living Passages Travel Protection Plan. Your Travel Protection Policy will be sent to you along with the receipt of your deposit. Coverage can include trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency medical and emergency evacuation/repatriation, trip delay, baggage delay, and more. You may request a copy of the Policy prior to purchase by contacting Living Passages, or by going to the link below.

- The full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, are contained in the plan documents. To view/download the plan documents, go to <https://livingpassages.com/download/travel-insurance>. Trawick International, Inc. CA Agency License #0K02805. Trip Protection insurance is underwritten by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.

### Image and Sound Release

LP will often photograph, film, and record events throughout our tours. These images and recordings are sometimes used later in promotional materials, including printed or electronic publications. By completing the registration I authorize LP to use any images, videos, and audio of myself and my registrants listed above as well as our identities without compensation to me. Furthermore, I agree that all images, videos, and audio are considered the property of LP and therefore LP is released from any liability, restrictions, or conditions in their usage.