



**Lakani**  
World Tours



# 2024 ONE OF A KIND ESCORTED GROUP TOURS **NEPAL & BHUTAN**

Membership Limited to Maximum 10 Travelers  
One of A Collection of 2024 Travel Experiences



## A Letter From The President

*Dear Friends,*

*It is with great pleasure that we present to you our Small Group Tour to Nepal & Bhutan in 2024, visiting inspiring destinations and including extraordinary experiences. Discover stunning panorama and encounter unforgettable cultures as you step back in time to tour the Himalayan kingdoms of Nepal and Bhutan. See the glory of Mount Everest on a flightseeing adventure. Visit Nepalese temples and stupas to learn about their traditions, then travel to Bhutan to experience their colorful cultural heritage. Hike to see the incredible view from the famed Tiger's Nest.*

*In true Lakani style, enjoy deluxe accommodations throughout, comprehensive sightseeing with a window seat for everyone in superb vehicles, and all meals – including Lakani's signature Dine by Choice wherever it is possible. Hand-picked excellent English-speaking guides join you in each location to help you to learn the relevant history and culture of the sites and region. Of course, you will have ample opportunities to interact with the locals. And you may delight in exclusive encounters and performances organized just for your intimate party.*

*Accompanied by a Lakani Tour Manager to take care of all the details along the way, perhaps giving you a sense of comfort and security. The departure is limited to just 10 guests, and we expect this departure with such a small membership will fill up quickly. Won't you join us?*

*With best traveling wishes,*

*Heidi Lakani*

Heidi Lakani



## One of a Kind Travel Experience

Be inspired. Indulge in an exclusive and unique opportunity. Lakani's "One of a Kind Escorted Group Tours" celebrates special moments at each destination – with usually only one departure at the optimum travel time. Keeping in mind your valuable time, each tour is designed to give you flexibility and personalization. By traveling in private chartered aircrafts and utilizing luxurious vehicles, it allows you just the right amount of time at each site. Your journey with an intimate party of like-minded travelers and your Lakani Personal Concierge (Tour Manager) will be one you will remember for many years to come.

## Why Lakani?

After many decades of providing extraordinary journeys, the team at Lakani are consummate tour planners. With Heidi Lakani at the helm, you can be sure that your experience will be nothing less than spectacular. She has traveled around the world accompanying the most discerning travelers, learning what makes them happy and how to exceed expectations. That's why you will find exclusive events and private visits in just about every itinerary. The small group size allows for a much more personalized vacation. You will never be nicked and dimed. Your time is valuable, so you don't need to worry about the details. Just enjoy the journey.







# NEPAL & BHUTAN

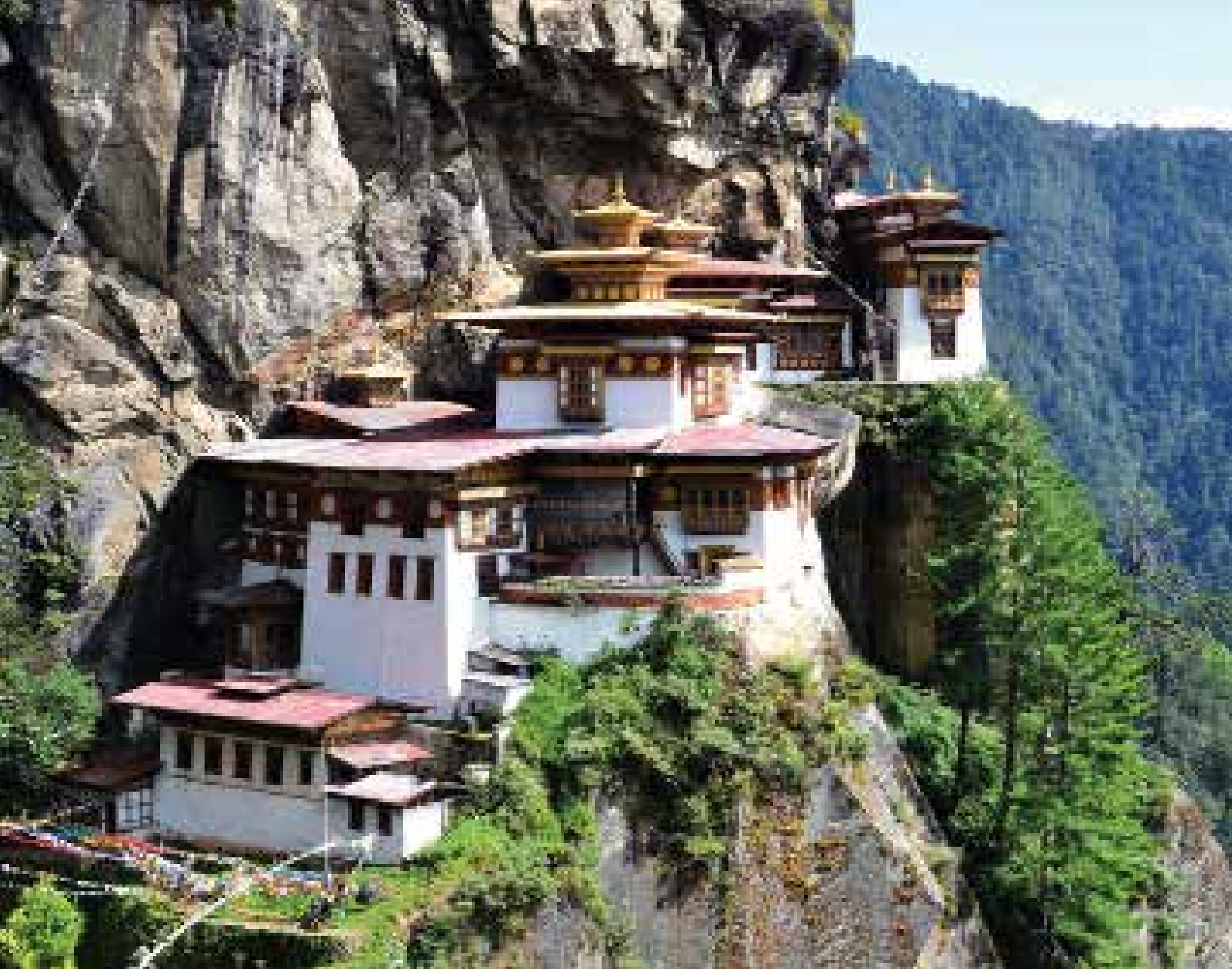
**October 16 – 26, 2024 | Begins: Kathmandu Ends: Kathmandu**

Discover stunning panoramas and encounter unforgettable cultures as you step back in time to tour the Himalayan kingdoms of Nepal and Bhutan. See the glory of Mount Everest on a flightseeing adventure. Visit Nepalese temples and stupas to learn about the traditions, then travel to Bhutan to experience their colorful cultural heritage. Hike to see the incredible view from the famed Tiger's Nest. Accompanied by an expert Lakani Tour Manager, this adventure promises to be life changing and unforgettable.

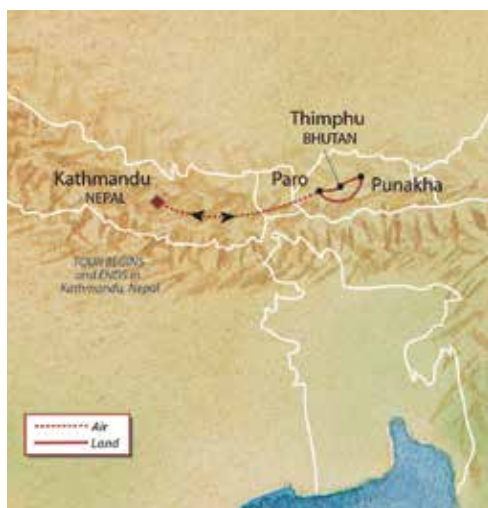
**Land Cost: \$15,395 Per Person, Double Occupancy | Single Supplement \$5,870**  
**Intra Tour Air – Business Class: \$1,050**

## ALL-INCLUSIVE FEATURES

- Professional tour manager from start to finish
- Expert local guides in each destination
- Private car transfers from/to airport/hotel for inbound/outbound flights
- VIP Service on arrival and departure to assist with immigration and luggage collection
- Accommodations at Luxury hotels with top deluxe rooms
- Internet access at all hotels
- All meals on a la carte basis including room service – no restrictions
- Dine by choice opportunities at local eateries
- Comprehensive sightseeing with guaranteed window seat for optimal viewing
- All entrance fees
- Insider access
- All gratuities to guides, drivers, restaurants and hotel staff
- "Luggage-One-Touch" from arrival city until departure city
- Gala welcome and farewell receptions
- Leisure time to enjoy the fabulous facilities and explore on your own



*Tiger's Nest*



## 2024 NEPAL & BHUTAN

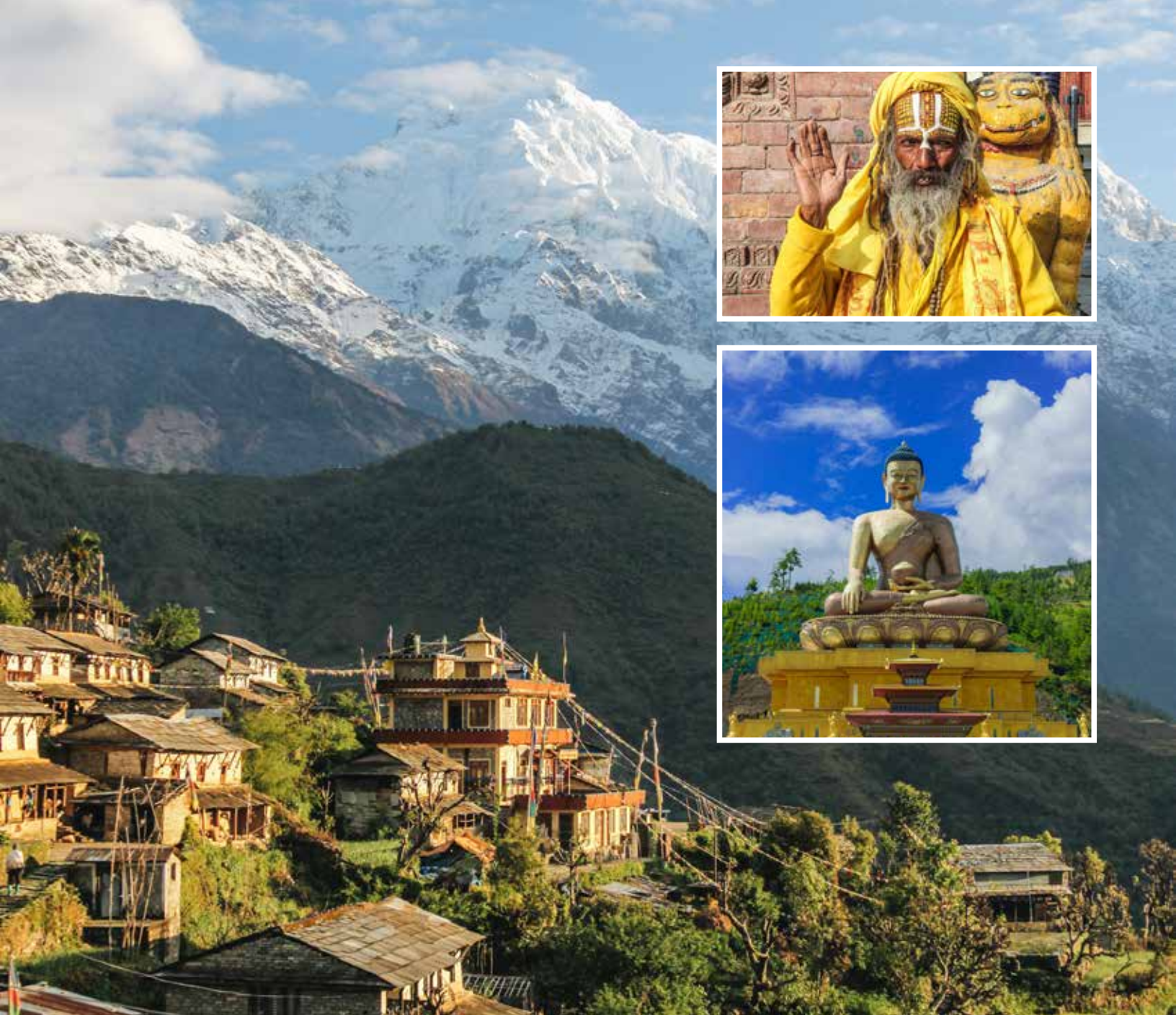
KATHMANDU • THIMPHU • PUNAKHA • PARO • KATHMANDU

**October 16 – 26 | Starts/Ends: Kathmandu, Nepal**

Accompanied by a Lakani Tour Manager, discover the fascinating and colorful cultures and beauty of the Himalayan region. Discover stunning panoramas and encounter unforgettable cultures as you step back in time to tour the Himalayan kingdoms of Nepal and Bhutan. See the glory of Mount Everest on a flightseeing adventure. Visit Nepalese temples and stupas to learn about their traditions, then travel to Bhutan to experience their colorful cultural heritage. Hike to see the incredible view from the famed Tiger's Nest.







**KATHMANDU, NEPAL**  
**OCT. 16, 17 & 18**  
**DWARIKA'S HOTEL**

Arrive in Kathmandu where you will be met and transferred to your luxury hotel, and begin your tour in the unique and fascinating capital of the Royal Kingdom of Nepal. It is a deeply spiritual land isolated by the Himalayas. Embark on a full day tour of Kathmandu to include Bhaktapur City – “the city of Devotees and Culture”, Swoyambhunath Stupa, which is said to be 2000 years old, and Kathmandu Durbar Square with its array of temples overlooked by the Hanuman Dhoka and the ancient place of the Nepalese Royalty.

One of the must-see landmarks of Nepal is of course the highest peak in the world – Mount Everest. One awe-stricken silence can come close to matching the experience of going on a mountain flight to encounter the tallest mountains on earth.

**THIMPHU, BHUTAN**  
**OCT. 19 & 20**  
**PEMAKO HOTEL**

This morning board your flight to Paro, Bhutan. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel in Thimpu, the capital and largest city in Bhutan. The culture of Bhutan is fully reflected in Thimpu's literature, religion, customs, and national dress code, the monastic practices of the monasteries.

Visit the National Memorial Chorten, built in 1974 in the memory of the third king Jigme Dorji Wangchuk, who was regarded as Father of Modern Bhutan. It serves as an important place of worship for Thimpu residents. Continue to Tashichho Dzong, a medieval fortress, and the Institute of Zorig Chusum, known as School of arts and crafts, and the textile museum.





## PUNAKHA, BHUTAN

OCT. 21 & 22

### **&BEYOND PUNAKHA RIVER LODGE**

Drive to Punakha enroute stopping at Dochu LaPass to visit the 108 stupas built to honor the fallen Bhutanese soldiers. After a lunch stop, visit Punakha Dzong, constructed in 1637 for a view of the Khamsum Yuelley Namgyel Temple.

Next morning visit the Khamsum Yuelley Namgyel Chorten which was recently building by her Majesty the Queen Ashi Tshering Yangdon for the protection of the country and the king. In the afternoon drive to visit the Lkhhang Nunnery.

## PARO, BHUTAN

OCT. 23 & 24

### **COMO UMA PARO**

Drive through the high mountain countryside to Paro, enroute visiting the incredible cultural collections at the National Museum. Also visit a Bhutanese farmhouse which are very colorful, decorative and traditionally built without the use of a single nail.

The next day drive to Ramthankha, hike to the sacred and awe-inspiring Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest) a jewel overlooking the Paro Valley. Enjoy a lesson in archery, the national sport, and experience a blessing by the Chief Monk at Kyichu Lhakhang Temple. Delight in a colorful Bhutanese Folk Dance performance.





KATHMANDU, NEPAL

OCT. 25 & 26

**DWARIKA'S HOTEL**

Return to Kathmandu today for an afternoon at leisure and some personal pursuits. Bid farewell to your newfound friends before your return back home the next day.





# ONE OF A KIND HAND SELECTED LUXURY ACCOMMODATIONS

Indulge in sumptuous luxury and fling open the curtains for views of the mountains, lakes, sea, city, or garden. With Lakani you can rest assured that the accommodations in each place have been chosen with your ultimate enjoyment and comfort in mind. Experience these intimate and charming boutique hotels, which will add a unique element to your travel experience.



**KATHMANDU**

## **Dwarika's Hotel – Jr. Suite**

Beautifully decorated with traditional woodwork.



**THIMPU**

## **Pemako Hotel – Luxury Suite**

Nestled in the heart of Thimphu Valley.



**PUNAKHA, BHUTAN**

## **&Beyond Punakha River Lodge – Tented Suites**

Tucked deep in the lush green Punakha Valley and draped on the banks of the Mo Chu River.



**PARO**

## **Como Uma Paro – One Bedroom Villa**

The most exclusive private villas in Bhutan.



## Escorted Group Tours

An all-inclusive, fully escorted and highly personalized travel experience to exotic locations perfectly describes the Lakani Group Tours. Intimate parties of no more than 14 people travel under the leadership of an experienced, knowledgeable, service-oriented Tour Manager. When Lakani says all-inclusive, we mean all-inclusive, from the time you arrive – until the last day of the tour. All sightseeing, accommodations and meals are included in the cost, except for caviar and alcohol. Bottled water, soft drinks, coffee or tea are provided with meals. And gratuities to all but the tour manager are included in the price.

## Luggage One-Touch

Enjoy the best that your vacation has to offer without any worries about your luggage. Lakani's exclusive "luggage one-touch" service assures that once your luggage arrives in the first city of the journey, you won't have to handle it again until after your departure from the last city of the tour.

## Dine by Choice

Touring with Lakani is personal and flexible due to opportunities like the "Dine by Choice" program. Enjoy a private dinner for two at a local eatery of your choice, join traveling companions in the hotel's fine dining restaurant or relax in your room and order room service. Fancy breakfast in bed? It's your vacation and you deserve the luxury of choosing your own way of dining on your Escorted Group Tour. And it's included in the cost of your tour!

## Comprehensive Sightseeing

Join a Lakani Escorted Group Tour and you will never be expected to purchase optional excursions along the way. Lakani has already done the research and included the most interesting sights with entrance fees all paid for. While other tour companies leave these as options to purchase en route, Lakani includes these must-see sights in the cost of your tour.

Additionally, you have the advantage of enjoying these highlights in the company of expert English-speaking guides specially chosen for your journey.







# Lakani

World Tours



The Lakani World Tours logo is intentional in its design. The four directional points represents our experience in travel to the far corners of the world, as well as the four fundamental principles which guide each program we create.



Every Lakani World Tours program includes the best sightseeing and services that the area has to offer. While we recognize that quality does not come cheaply, we provide value through our experience and strong relationships with proven suppliers.



The Lakani team provides honest answers, objective advice and strong commitments. We also offer the usual industry assurances and safeguards: we are a registered California Seller of Travel. Naturally, references are available.



The Lakani team of seasoned industry veterans draws from their experience and their never ending quest to uncover new and unusual sights, activities and lodging to share with travelers.



We believe that attitude is everything. Service begins the first time you call us and continues throughout your entire journey. The Lakani Travel Specialists and its team of expert Tour Managers consistently endeavor to anticipate the desires and expectations of every Lakani traveler.





# TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Reservations and Payments:** Deposits and payments for our Select Escorted Group Tours vary according to the individual itinerary. We may require a non-refundable planning fee that will automatically be credited to your final payment. Exact deposits and final payment instructions will be mailed for each program at booking time. Payments may be made by check, wire transfer, American Express, VISA or MasterCard. Each journey will have their own terms and conditions and will be sent out at time of booking with the detailed itinerary.

**Refunds & Cancellation Policy:** All requests to cancel confirmed reservations must be received in writing. Cancellation fees are applicable to land, charter air, single supplement and extensions of any extra services. Any other special policies will be advised at time of booking.

## **Journeys that do not include Chartered Aircraft:**

<b>Cancellations received:</b>	<b>Cancellation fee:</b>
90 days or more before departure	\$500.00 per person
89 to 60 days before departure	25% of program cost per person
59 to 30 days before departure	50% of program cost per person
29 days or less and en route	100% of program cost per person

## **Journeys with Chartered Aircraft in itinerary:**

<b>Cancellations received:</b>	<b>Cancellation fee:</b>
120 days or more before departure	10% of program cost per person
119 to 90 days before departure	25% of program cost per person
89 to 60 days before departure	50% of program cost per person
59 days or less and en route	100% of program cost per person

## **Lakani Tour price includes:**

**Hotels:** Based on two people sharing a room in deluxe or best available hotels. Single supplements apply for each journey for those requiring single accommodations and will be quoted at time of booking. Lakani reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in the brochure when necessary.

**Meals:** Three meals per day on an a la carte and DINE BY CHOICE basis, wherever available and practical. Lakani Dine by Choice allows flexible dining in restaurants of the travelers' choosing. Bottled water, coffee and tea are included with meals.

**Tour Manager:** The services of the Lakani Tour Manager from arrival in the first city until the departure at the end of the tour.

**Sightseeing:** All sightseeing shown in the itinerary with English speaking guide via deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach where available or practical. Four-wheel drive vehicles may be used for sightseeing or safaris in certain areas such as Africa, as indicated in the itinerary. Entrance fees are included throughout.

**Transfers:** Individual arrival and departure transfers between airport and hotel to join and leave the journey.

**Luggage:** Transportation and transfer of two medium suitcases, except where by private charter air. Tours that include private charter air will have restrictions, and exact specifications on these tours will be sent at booking time.

**Gratuities:** All gratuities to hotel, restaurant and train staff, local guides and drivers.

**Port Taxes:** All port taxes on cruise portions of itineraries

**Lakani Tour price does not include:** Air transportation and related fees (except as indicated in the itinerary); airport taxes; passport and visa expenses; personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone calls, and alcoholic beverages; discretionary end of tour gratuity to the Lakani Tour Manager; and any other items not specifically noted as included.

**Travelers' Responsibility:** Lakani Escorted Group Tours are considered to be active, requiring participants to be in good health and capable of moderate to strenuous exertion. Travelers are responsible for assuring that they do not have any physical or other condition that could endanger themselves. Some excursions may include long walks and climbing stairs, and is sometimes an essential part of your journey. All travelers are expected to be in good health. Riding in 4WD vehicles on rough terrain or unpaved paths can aggravate back conditions. Flying aboard small aircraft is required in some areas. Please advise us in writing of any health issues or limitations at the time of making your reservations. Lakani World Tours reserves the right to decline to accept anyone on a journey.

**Passports / Visas:** You are responsible for obtaining any travel documents/visas and verifying entry requirements necessary for each country of travel and/or transit on your selected journey. Requirements vary with respect to each traveler's citizenship. Lakani will not assume responsibilities for notice of countries' current requirements. You are responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of the delays or itinerary changes related to your lack of appropriate travel documents. Lakani will provide visa information applicable to your selected journey, however it is your responsibility to obtain the necessary visas for the countries visited.

**Unused Services:** Refunds will not be made for any missed/unused services or meals

**Smoking Policy:** Smoking is prohibited at group meals, on buses and during all group activities.

**Airfares:** International air is not included and therefore Lakani is not responsible for any air ticket cancellation fees due to itinerary or departure changes or cancellation.

**Airline Baggage Regulations:** Each airline has its own rules regarding baggage allowance. Number, size and weight limitations of suitcases can vary by airline, class of service and frequent flier status. It is recommended that all travelers check with the individual airlines and/or their websites for up to date information. Luggage exceeding the maximum restrictions is subject to expensive overage fees or is at risk of being left behind. Luggage allowance may be restricted within a country by regional airlines or air charter companies. Please refer to your final credentials for those restrictions. Lakani World Tours cannot be held liable for fees or inconveniences imposed by the airlines.

**Prices:** Lakani Group prices include planning, handling and operational charges, and are based on current exchange rates, tariffs and taxes as of August 2023. Lakani World Tours reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs after prices are published, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Lakani is under no obligation to provide a breakdown of costs involved in any group tours.

**Travel Insurance:** recommends all travelers purchase travel insurance.

**Health & Inoculations:** Inoculation requirements and recommendations often change, therefore we strongly recommend that you contact your personal physician, local Health Department, or the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, and advise them of the international destinations you will be visiting. (404) 322-4559 or [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel))

**Responsibility:** Lakani World Tours cannot be held responsible or liable for loss, damage, or theft of luggage or personal belongings, nor for personal injury, accident, or illness. Lakani will only reimburse according to this cancellation policy. Lakani World Tours and its employees, independent contractors and representatives act only as agents in arranging hotels or lodging, transportation, ground handling, restaurants, or other travel services and in no way shall be held liable in the event of failure by any person or company to render services to travelers, nor shall they be held liable for any negligent or willful act by any such person or company. Furthermore, neither Lakani World Travel Inc (DBA Lakani World Tours) nor its employees, independent contractors or agents shall be held liable or responsible for any injury, loss, death, or damage to personal property in connection with any goods or services provided, resulting from force majeure, acts of God, civil unrest, acts of war, terrorist activities, labor strikes, or mechanical failure of transport while traveling. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, Lakani World Tours reserves the right, without notice, to withdraw any or all parts of a tour and or to make such changes as may be necessary. The extra cost, if any, for such changes will be the responsibility of the traveler. In regard to credit card payments for travel services to Lakani World Tours, the traveler (and or cardholder or cardholder's authorized representative) will hold Lakani World Tours and its employees, independent contractors or representatives harmless for any or all charge-backs exercised by them or their credit card companies, originating from any complaints regarding travel services or involving refund requests of monies paid when insurance was not purchased, or for any reason whereby the traveler did not utilize any portion of the prepaid travel services, or any other reasons whatsoever.

**Arbitration Resolution:** Any controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to, any services arranged by Lakani World Tours shall be resolved solely by binding arbitration in Orange County, California, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Acceptance of initial travel services and payment of monies to Lakani World Tours will constitute agreement by the traveler(s) of these Terms & Conditions.

California law requires sellers of travel to be bonded. Lakani World Tours is bonded through Great American Insurance and is a participant in the California Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, TCRC fund.

**Agreement:** Your payment to Lakani World Tours constitutes your acceptance of the aforementioned terms and conditions and the information stated in the pre-departure tour documentation.

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