

# TÜRKIYE

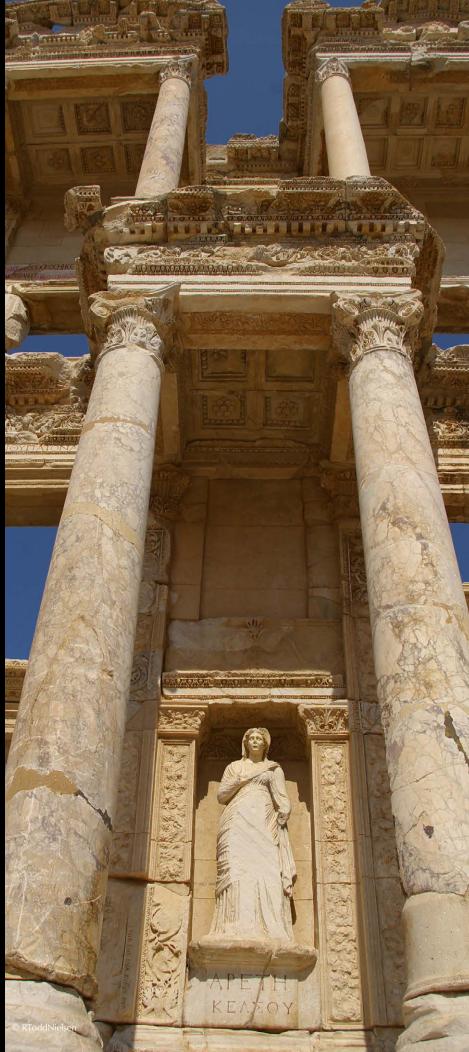
## CRADLE OF CHRISTIANITY

September 19-30, 2025 (12 days)

with Professor Pamela Reaves



Optional Post-tour Extension: ANCIENT SPLENDORS OF AEGEAN TÜRKIYE (5 days) September 30 - October 4, 2025



#### Colorado College Faculty Leader



Professor Pamela Reaves is a historian of religion in the ancient Mediterranean world, specializing in New Testament and early Christian studies. Her research centers on the construction of Christianity, in varied expressions, during its early, formative centuries. Pamela focuses on debates among early Christians and assertions of particular perspectives as authoritative, especially in relation to Christ, suffering, martyrdom, and baptism. She teaches courses such as The Bible: Myth and History, Greco-Roman Religions, The Archaeology of Ancient Judaism and Christianity, Gender and Sexuality in Biblical Traditions, Gnosticism, and Apocalypse. Pamela looks forward to discussing on the tour Christian origins, including the significance of the Council of Nicaea. She is also excited for the opportunity to travel in Cappadocia, a part of Türkiye that she has not yet explored. Pamela will be joined throughout the trip by an English-speaking Turkish guide, who is an expert on all periods of Turkish history.

Cover: (left) Church at Göreme Open Air Museum, (right) The Library of Celsus at Ephesus



Dear Colorado College alumni and friends,

Many of the most magnificent and best-preserved ancient Greek, Roman, and early Christian sites are in Türkiye. Join Colorado College Professor Pamela Reaves and an expert tour manager/guide to visit world-famous, plus little-visited yet spectacular, Greco-Roman sites, Byzantine churches, Crusader castles, and Ottoman palaces. This trip coincides with the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea. You will enjoy delicious cuisine, comfortable accommodations, and the company of a small group of like-minded fellow travelers.

Highlights are many:

- Enjoy five nights in Istanbul (ancient Constantinople), a remarkable historic city that spans two continents. Visit many extraordinary sites including the Underground Cistern, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Istanbul Archaeological Museum, Rüstem Pasha Mosque, Topkapi Palace, and the Grand Bazaar.
- Visit ancient Nicaea, today's Iznik, where 300 bishops attended the First Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325. The Council resulted in the first Nicene Creed, the defining statement of belief of mainstream Christianity.
- Fly to the Cappadocia region in central Türkiye, where early Christian settlers carved chapels, churches, and dwellings into amazing landscapes of soft rock that was formed, over time, from volcanic ash.
- Fly to Izmir (ancient Smyrna), Türkiye's third-largest city, with a lively art scene. Visit the Roman Agora, the open-air museum, the Kemeralti Bazaar, and Kizlaragasi Hani for a variety of local foods.
- Visit Ephesus, one of the greatest and largest cities in the ancient Roman and early Christian world, and (time permitting) explore the Ephesus Archaeological Museum.
- Savor delicious cuisine and stay in centrally located hotels that provide generous comfort.
- Throughout the program, Professor Reaves plus your expert tour manager/guide will offer talks and informal discussions about the remarkable sites you are visiting.
- An optional, post-tour extension is available that includes several splendid ancient sites along the Aegean coast: Pergamum, Miletus, Didyma, and Bodrum.

Sincerely,

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Cindy Hyman '82 Associate Vice President for Engagement



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul



Maiden Tower on the Bosphorus, Istanbul

#### **ITINERARY**

(B)=Breakfast, (L)=Lunch, (R)=Reception, (D)=Dinner

#### Friday, September 19, 2025: Depart home for Istanbul, Türkiye Saturday, September 20: Arrive Istanbul | Transfer to hotel | Introductory meeting

Upon arrival at Istanbul International Airport (IST), you are met and transferred to our hotel in Sultanahmet, the oldest district of Istanbul and the center of the ancient Greek colony of Byzantium, founded in 700 B.C. This became Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine Empire for 1,000 years, and then the capital of the Ottoman Empire for 500 years. "Historic Areas of Istanbul" are a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Almost all of the major sites we will see are within walking distance of our hotel, whose rooftop terrace and indoor restaurant provide splendid views. Gather for a brief introductory meeting before enjoying an evening and dinner at leisure. *Five nights at the 4-star <u>Armada Hotel</u>.* 

#### Sunday, September 21: Istanbul: Underground Cistern, Hippodrome, Hagia Sophia, Archaeological Museum, Welcome dinner

Spend the day exploring ancient monuments of Istanbul on foot, beginning with Yerebatan Saray, one of the grand underground cisterns that were important sources of water for the city during Byzantine and Ottoman times. Sensitively restored, the cistern is now equipped with meandering walkways above the water plus atmospheric illumination and music. Stroll through the ancient Hippodrome, a Byzantine-era chariot racing arena, to the majestic church of Hagia Sophia. Now a mosque, Hagia Sophia was built by the Byzantine Emperor Justinian in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and reigned as the grandest church in Christendom for nearly 1,000 years, until the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople in 1453. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore the Archaeological Museum, which features one of the world's richest collections of Greco-Roman antiquities, including an extraordinary collection of sarcophagi, as well as a number of antiquities from the first two millennia of the city's history. Enjoy a reception overlooking Istanbul and the Sea of Marmara before our welcome dinner. (B,L,R,D)

**Monday, September 22: Istanbul | Iznik (ancient Nicaea) | Istanbul** After a morning lecture/discussion, we drive across the Bosphorus Strait that separates Europe and Asia. We continue driving through lush farmland to Iznik, ancient Nicaea, situated on the eastern shore of Lake Iznik. Here, we visit the site of the First Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325. At the Council, attended by 300 bishops, a solution was sought to resolve the controversy over the divinity of Christ. We will drive around the extensive ancient city walls, visit the new archaeological museum with a curator, and visit the site of the church constructed in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, where it is claimed the First Council of Nicaea was held. We will also see the kilns where the famous Iznik tiles were made, and a contemporary tile workshop with shops. After a lunch overlooking Lake Ascanius, where nearby is an ancient sunken Christian basilica, we return to Istanbul, freshen up, and gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, September 23: Istanbul: Rüstem Pasha Mosque, Spice Market, Blue Mosque, Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art, Kariye Mosque** Today we visit the small, but exquisite, 16<sup>th</sup> century Rüstem Pasha Mosque, an example of the Ottomans' best architecture and tile work; and then visit the atmospheric Spice Market, featuring a vast array of spices, sacks of henna, oils, herbs and, of course, the world's very best Turkish Delight (confection). Continue on to visit the Blue Mosque, one of the most prominent landmarks in Istanbul. It has the most splendid exterior of the city's imperial mosques, with a graceful cascade of domes and semi-domes,





Photos from top: Church in Iznik; Blue Mosque and wares in the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul

six slender minarets accentuating the corners of the building, and the courtyard. Next we visit the Ibrahim Paşa Museum (Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art) with a wealth of art dating from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The collection ranges from calligraphy and paintings to a spectacular selection of antique rugs, with items from across the Middle East. We end the day with a visit to the Kariye Mosque (formerly the 4<sup>th</sup>century Byzantine Church of St. Saviour in Chora), renowned for its stunning, 14<sup>th</sup> century mosaics and frescoes. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B,L)

#### Wednesday, September 24: Istanbul: Topkapi Palace, Grand Bazaar

This morning we explore the imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans, Topkapi Palace, including a visit to its Harem. Topkapi is the most extensive and fascinating monument of Turkish civil architecture in existence in that, besides its historical and architectural interest, it houses

extraordinary collections of porcelain, armor, fabric, jewelry, miniatures, calligraphy, and many other precious objects that once belonged to the sultans and their court. After lunch at Topkapi, continue on to Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, with time to wander on your own through its enormous labyrinth of covered streets lined with thousands of shops selling hand-woven carpets and kilims, gold and silver jewelry, hand-painted ceramics, leather goods, and more. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B,L)

#### Thursday, September 25: Fly to Cappadocia | Göreme Valley

This morning we fly to Cappadocia to explore a lunar-like landscape of soft, porous rock called tuff, or tufa, that was formed over time from volcanic ash. Erosion over the centuries formed fantastic geologic shapes, and early Christian settlers carved chapels, churches, dwellings, and numerous other structures into the soft rock. In the Göreme Valley, explore the Göreme Open Air Museum, comprising more than 30 rock-carved churches and chapels with some superb frescoes dating from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> centuries. Unremarkable from the outside, the interiors are in a typically Byzantine style, with a central dome and a floor plan in the shape of a cross or a rectangle. Check-in to our unique, cave-style hotel. *Three nights at the 4-star Utopia Cave Cappadocia*. (B,L,D)

#### Friday, September 26: Cappadocia: Optional dawn balloon ride | Choice of visiting Kaymakli Underground City OR Mustafapaşa Village | Ihlara Canyon | Whirling Dervish ceremony

Optional, early morning, hot-air balloon rides are available to admire this extraordinary landscape from above at sunrise (additional cost). This is no doubt one of the most popular early morning activities in Göreme Valley. Typically, these rides last around an hour and a half and literally go wherever the wind may blow in the valley. The balloon carriages hold approximately ten people with the pilot, following the air currents and floating along the valleys, often below the ridge line and close to the famous natural phenomena – the chimney rocks. Land and transfer back to your hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast, you have a choice of exploring the Kaymakli Underground City or Mustafapaşa Village. Kaymakli Underground City is one of the deepest and most fascinating multilevel settlements of Cappadocia with underground courtyards, stables, churches, and wineries, all intertwined in an extensive network of tunnels. (This option is for those who are not claustrophobic and are quite physically flexible and fit, ready to stoop through low, narrow tunnels.) Alternatively, one can explore the open-air museum of Mustafapaşa, an old Anatolian Greek Orthodox village with a fascinating multi-cultural history. Visit magnificent historical mosques, madrasas, churches, monasteries, and stone mansions. Continue on together to visit scenic Ihlara Canyon, once the site of more than 4,000 residences ("troglodyte dwellings") and 100 cave churches decorated with frescoes very different from those elsewhere in Cappadocia. Late this afternoon we enjoy a Whirling Dervish Ceremony and then have dinner. (B,L,D)

## Saturday, September 27: Cappadocia: Zelve Valley, Pasabag Monks Valley, Pottery center

This morning we will explore the cliff dwellings in the three valleys of Zelve, which have chimney rocks formed in the volcanic tufa. Many such settlements were used for hiding by the first Christians trying to escape from the Roman soldiers. In these settlements, there are many abbeys and churches. Next to Zelve stands Pasabag Monks Valley, where Saint Simeon lived and home to the highest of the fairy chimneys. Continue to the village of Avanos, famous for its beautiful old houses, pottery, and onyx. Avanos has been the center of terracotta work since 3000 B.C. Here we will visit a workshop in a traditional family-owned pottery house. Before returning to our hotel, there may be an optional stop at an art and handicraft center to see craftspeople, possibly including a traditional rug workshop. Dinner is at our hotel. (B,L,D)

#### Sunday, September 28: Fly to Izmir | Izmir: Roman Agora, Kemeralti Bazaar, Kizlaragasi Hani

Fly to Izmir (ancient Smyrna), Türkiye's third-largest city, a melting pot of historical heritage and a 21<sup>st</sup> century metropolis with a young population, a lively art scene, and a very Mediterranean Europe feel. Along with Ephesus, it was one of the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse mentioned in the Book of Revelation. Visit the Roman Agora, the open-air museum of Izmir which was used as a square-shaped marketplace during the Roman rule of the city, followed by a visit to the historic Kemeralti Bazaar and Kizlaragasi Hani, where one can taste a great variety of delicious street food and local food. Nearby is the Clock Tower, the symbol of the city located in the heart of town, in Konak Square. Check-in to our hotel, located along the famous, seaside Kordon Promenade. *Two nights at the 5-star <u>Swissotel Buyuk Efes Izmir</u>. (B,L,D)* 

#### Monday, September 29: Ephesus | Basilica of St. John | Izmir | Farewell dinner

Depart early this morning for our day exploring Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, which provides compelling insights into life in Hellenistic and Roman times. Ephesus was the recipient city of one of the Pauline epistles, the Epistle to the Ephesians, the tenth book of the New Testament, and was also one of the seven churches of Asia addressed in the Book of Revelation. The Gospel of John may have been written here and it was the site of several 5<sup>th</sup> century Christian Councils. At its peak, it was the largest Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor with a population of 250,000 and an infrastructure that included street lights, running water, a huge stadium and theater, and the marble-paved Arcadian Way leading down to the Library of Celsus. Ephesus has been extensively excavated and restored. Take a private tour of its Terrace Houses-villas of the wealthy, filled with colorful wall frescoes and intricate mosaic floors. After lunch, drive past the one remaining column from the gigantic Temple of Artemis, and then visit the ruins of the Basilica of St. John. Time permitting, we will also glimpse the ruins of the Church of Mary and briefly visit the small Ephesus Archaeological Museum. Return to our hotel, freshen up, and gather this evening for our farewell reception and dinner. (B,L,R,D)

#### **Tuesday, September 30: Fly home OR begin optional extension** Transfer to Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport (ADB) for flights homeward, or begin the optional extension. (B)



Photos from top: Cappadocia, hot-air balloon ride in Cappadocia, Whirling Dervishes, looking down into the Kaymakli Underground City tunnels

#### Optional Post-tour Extension: ANCIENT SPLENDORS OF AEGEAN TÜRKIYE September 30 - October 4, 2025 (5 days)



Photos (from left): Pergamum, Didyma, Bodrum Museum of Underwater Archaeology

#### **ITINERARY**

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#### Tuesday, September 30, 2025: Pergamum | Izmir

We depart Izmir and drive two hours north to the impressive site of ancient Pergamum, home to a famously steep theater, the foundation of the Great Altar of Zeus, the Trajan Temple, the Serapeum, and more. This was the location of one of the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse mentioned in the Book of Revelation. We return to our hotel in Izmir for an evening and dinner at leisure. *Overnight at the 5-star Swissotel Buyuk Efes Izmir*. (B,L)

#### Wednesday, October 1: Miletus | Didyma | Bodrum

Depart Izmir for Bodrum, stopping en route at ancient Miletus, home of many famous Greeks such as the pre-Socratic philosophers Thales and Anaximander, and Isidorus, architect of Istanbul's Hagia Sophia. Next, we make a brief stop at Didyma to admire the gigantic Temple of Apollo, one of the leading oracles in the ancient Greek world. We check-in to our hotel in Bodrum (ancient Halicarnassus), a charming port with a rich history that spans thousands of years and the former site of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Gather this evening for dinner. *Three nights at the 5-star <u>Marmara Bodrum</u> hotel.* (B,L,D)

#### Thursday, October 2: Bodrum: AM Museum of Underwater Archaeology, PM at leisure

This morning we tour the famous Bodrum Museum of Underwater Archaeology, renowned for its wide range of fascinating artifacts from the 14<sup>th</sup> century B.C. to the 16<sup>th</sup> century A.D. in a myriad of atmospheric halls and galleries. The Museum is housed in the 15<sup>th</sup> century Castle of Saint Peter, built by the Knights of St. John as part of a network of fortresses to defend the southeastern Aegean. The remainder of the day and dinner are at leisure to enjoy Bodrum, a small city alive with Turkish artists and intellectuals, and a major boat building and yachting center. (B,L)

#### Friday, October 3: Bodrum: At leisure <u>OR</u> Optional gulet cruise | Farewell dinner

Enjoy a free day for independent exploration and relaxing at our luxurious hotel. Or, choose an optional, full-day sailing excursion (additional cost) on a traditional wooden sail boat (*gulet*) with an opportunity to swim and snorkel. We gather this evening for our farewell dinner. (B,D) (L with *gulet* option)

#### Saturday, October 4: Fly home

Transfer to the Milas-Bodrum Airport (BJV), which is approximately 45 minutes' drive north of Bodrum, for flights homeward. (B)

#### What to Expect



ACTIVE: Must be able to walk three or more miles per day on mostly uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants who are not able to walk, sit, or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. At the time of our visit you can expect pleasant weather, with daytime temperatures ranging from the mid-70s F to the high-80s F, and cool evenings in the 50s to 60s F. Accommodations and restaurants have been carefully selected to offer the authentic experience of true Turkish culture, ambiance, and hospitality. Complete predeparture details will be sent to participants.

#### **Flights and Transfers**

Airfare to Istanbul International Airport (IST) and from Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport (ADB) for the main tour, or from Milas-Bodrum Airport (BJV) for extension participants, is not included in the tour price. In-program flights are included in the tour price and will be booked for you. Complimentary group arrival and departure airport transfers (times TBD) are provided. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.



#### Main Tour Prices per person (10 nights)

Double Occupancy (17-20 participants) ... \$6,995 Double Occupancy (13-16 participants) ... \$7,545 Single Occupancy (*limited availability*) ........... \$1,295

Post-tour Extension Prices per person (4 nights)

Double Occupancy (15-20 participants) ...... \$2,545 Double Occupancy (10-14 participants) ...... \$2,845

Single Supplement (*limited availability*)......\$675

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability). With fewer than 13 participants on the main tour and 10 participants on the extension, a small group surcharge may be added.

#### Main Tour and Extension Prices Include:

- Colorado College faculty leader **Pamela Reaves**, plus a professional **tour manager/guide and expert local guides**
- Group airport transfers on program arrival and departure dates
- All ground transportation by private, air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary, with bottled water
- Personal listening audio devices during excursions
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- **Gratuities** to tour manager/guide, local guides, drivers, waitstaff for included meals, and porters
- Baggage handling at hotels and airports where available
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- Complete **pre-departure materials** including a suggested reading/ media guide, luggage tags, name badge, and packing suggestions

#### Main Tour Prices Also Include:

- **Ten nights' accommodations** in best available, 4- and 5-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- **Breakfast daily, 9 lunches, and 7 dinners**, as noted in the itinerary (with water, tea, and coffee at all meals), including a special welcome reception and dinner with cocktails, and a farewell reception and dinner with wine or beer
- **Two in-program flights**: Istanbul to Cappadocia and Cappadocia to Izmir

#### **Post-tour Extension Prices Also Include:**

- Four nights' accommodations in 5-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners, as noted in the itinerary (with water, tea, and coffee at all meals), including a special farewell dinner with wine or beer

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#### Main Tour and Extension Prices Do Not Include:

Airfare from/to home; all airport fees and departure taxes; independent transfers; passport and visa fees; cost of personal, trip cancellation and baggage insurance; emergency evacuation costs; transportation of excess baggage; meals or beverages other than indicated; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as medical expenses, laundry, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; other items not expressly listed as included.

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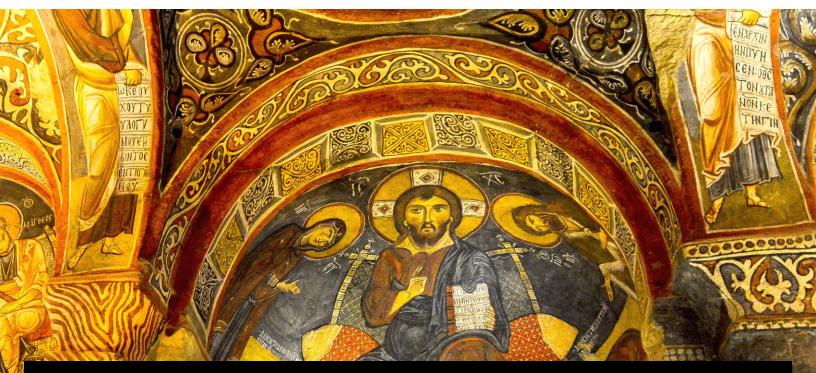


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Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. PRICES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to dispute resolution in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL: Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <u>https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices</u> and <u>https://travel</u> state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. MISCELLANEOUS: Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. <u>APPEARING IN PHOTOS</u>: Photos from Colorado College trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future Colorado College tour promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. <u>ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT</u>: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.