

arendevious travel & leisure

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Booking Terms and Conditions

These terms govern the bookings made for Explore China for single travellers 'The Holiday' made with *arendevious travel & leisure* ("arendevious", "we", "our", "us" and "the agent") Travel Agent Licence No. 2TA08183.

In submitting a booking (whether online, by phone, email, post or via a travel agent) you agree to be bound by the booking terms and conditions and these terms and conditions constitute the agreement between *arendevious* and you. You accept these booking terms on behalf of all participants of your party.

Please read carefully the Booking Terms and Conditions and raise any queries before payment of any monies.

Booking Close Date	Monday 18 July 2011
Final Monies Due Date	Friday 12 August 2011
Deposit	\$600 per person (minimum \$400 non refundable)
Participant Ages	45 years & over at the time of travel (see 'Age of Participants' for more detail)
Minimum Group Size	10 persons
Tour Operator	This tour is operated by Helen Wong's Tours
Code of Conduct	These terms including a Code of Conduct that must be observed
Travel Insurance	It is a mandatory condition to have personal international travel insurance for this tour. See the final page of these terms for details.

Definitions

Website: refers to www.arendevous.com.au

Code of Conduct: means the Code of Conduct by participants on The Holiday

Customer/Client: any persons that has enquired or booked The Holiday.

Final Monies Due Date: the date by which all outstanding monies for the holiday must be paid in full.

Participants/Passengers/Guests: persons who have booked and paid in full for The Holiday.

Booking Terms and Conditions: means the terms and conditions for The Holiday.

1. Booking Terms & Conditions

No contract between you and *arendevious* shall come into existence until you are issued a booking confirmation by email, fax or post and a non-refundable deposit has been paid for The Holiday. All bookings are personal to you and may not be sold, assigned or otherwise transferred.

The payment of a deposit will reserve your booking (subject to availability) only until the final monies due date at which time all outstanding monies for your booking must be paid in full to reserve your place. If any payment due is not received by *arendevious* within 7 days of becoming due, you will be deemed to have cancelled your booking and the cancellation policy under the clause 'cancellation charges' will apply.

The Booking Close Date is not a confirmation of availability and you must wait to receive confirmation of availability from us. It is at our discretion to accept bookings after the booking close date.

In addition to any holiday booking terms and conditions from us, where a third party including but not limited to a tour operator is used to provide The Holiday, bookings will also be subject to the third party's booking terms and conditions.

2. Prices

Prices are quoted at today's rate and are subject to any changes in tour costs, airfares, tariffs and conditions imposed by airlines, wholesalers or other service providers. All costs are subject to currency fluctuations and/or price increases until paid in full. Furthermore, a fuel surcharge may be imposed by the tour operator on the cost of the tour as a result of significant increases in world fuel prices. As such, we have the right to pass on this surcharge to you at any time before departure whether your monies are paid in full or not.

3. Airfares and Airport/Security Taxes

In addition to any holiday booking terms and conditions from us, any airfares provided by us will also be subject to airline booking terms and conditions. Airport and Security Taxes for an airfare can vary from the time they are first quoted. They are confirmed at the time that final monies for the airfare are due. There may also be additional taxes at some international and/or domestic airports upon departure which must be paid by you at the point of departure.

Requests for changes to dates of travel for any air ticket provided by us must be made before departure and no less than seven days before your date of travel. No changes will be made by us once you have departed and any such changes should be made directly with the airline.

4. **Payment Methods**

Details of payment methods will be provided with a booking quote. The following fees may be incurred:

Cash payments over the counter to our bank account in excess of \$5000 will incur a bank fee of 0.25% of the total amount deposited. This charge will be added to The Holiday price.

Payment from an overseas bank account (outside of Australia) will incur a bank fee of AU\$35 per transaction. Please advise us if this is your preferred method of payment.

Payment by Credit Card; will incur transaction fees and will be advised with your booking quote. Note: Credit Card transaction fees may vary or in some instances be waived by certain airlines, wholesalers and other service providers.

5. **Cancellation Charges**

A cancellation must be made in writing to *arendezvous*. Each booking is subject to the following cancellation fees:

- Loss of \$400 when cancelled more than 90 days prior to date of departure
- Loss of \$600 when cancelled between 90-66 days prior to date of departure
- Loss of 35% of total price when cancelled between 65-31 days prior to date of departure
- All monies non refundable when cancelled 30 days or less prior to date of departure

In addition to the above, the following will also apply:

(ii) INTERNATIONAL AIR PORTION

Cancellation fees imposed will be subject to airline Tariff Regulations for the international air portion of any flight.

(iii) CHINA ENTRY/EXIT TRANSPORTATION

Cancellation of confirmed charter flight bookings or train/boat bookings will incur a cancellation fee of 100% of the applicable fare. No refunds are available after the holiday has commenced or in respect of lost or unused tickets, hotel coupons, meals or any other services not utilised.

In the event of your withdrawal from The Holiday after commencement for reasons of illness, you must obtain a medical certificate in support of any insurance claim. We make no representation or guarantees concerning reimbursements of funds paid by you under any insurance claim. The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credit will be given for services not used including but not limited to missed meals or sightseeing. Any amount forfeited, which has not then been paid to *arendezvous* by you may be recovered from you by *arendezvous* as a debt due and payable.

6. **Amendment & Other Fees**

- a. A \$50 late payment fee is applicable for any payment received after its due date.
- b. A \$75 amendment fee per person per change made once reservations have been confirmed (plus any additional charges incurred by airlines, wholesalers and other service providers).
- c. A \$75 late booking fee may apply for reservations made after the final payment date.
- d. \$100 cancellation fee per person for any cancellation of an airline ticket once reservations have been confirmed and full payment received plus any additional charges incurred by airlines, wholesalers and other service providers.
- e. Once documents have been dispatched, any amendment will incur a fee of \$150.00. Both these fees are in addition to any charges levied by ground operators, airlines, hotels, or other service provider.

7. **Transfers**

If you wish to transfer from one holiday to another, you must send this request in writing to *arendezvous*. On receipt of your transfer request we will inform you of any available options and any transfer fees that apply. We make no guarantee that a transfer is available. Any transfer request may only be made to another tour to commence within 12 months of your original departure date and the minimum following transfer charges will apply:

- Cancellation penalties from third party operators of The Holiday may apply and will be deducted from any monies that are transferred from The Holiday to another tour. These fees will be advised at the time of your request.
- An administration transfer fee of \$75 per person.
- If your notice is received less than 70 days prior to your original departure date a transfer is not possible.

Any transfer from one tour to another is subject to availability and the agreement in writing from us. Please note, the transfer of your place on The Holiday to another person is not permitted.

8. **Payment Default Clause**

- 8.1 Interest on overdue invoices shall accrue daily from the date when payment becomes due, until the date of payment, at a rate of two and one half percent (2.5%) per calendar month (and at our sole discretion such interest shall compound monthly at such a rate) after as well as before any judgement. At our sole discretion such interest shall compound monthly at the rate quoted.
- 8.2 If the Customer defaults in payment of any invoice when due, the Customer shall indemnify us from and against all our costs and disbursements including on a solicitor/client basis and in addition all of our nominees costs of collection.

9. Participant Personal Information

You agree to the best of your knowledge to accurately provide your personal information including your full name, gender, date of birth, residential address and contact telephone number. Room mate matching is only offered to persons of the same gender and failure to advise your gender correctly may result in a booking cancellation and penalties as per the clause 'cancellation penalties'.

10. Special Room & Dietary Requests

Special room and dietary requests will be accepted and passed on to the hotels but cannot be guaranteed.

11. Age of Participants

The Holiday is available for bookings by persons within the ages defined by The Holiday name. We have the right to make exceptions to this booking term. As a general guide, exceptions will be made when a participant's age is not more than two years outside the nominated age range for the holiday at the time of travel. Other exceptions may be made on a case by case basis and are at our sole discretion. As deemed necessary we have the right to vary the age group of the holiday.

You warrant that you are within the promoted age range at the time of travel. You agree to provide a copy of photo identification to confirm your age, if requested by us. We have the right to cancel your booking if a copy of your photo identification (if requested) is not provided by the final monies due date and the standard cancellation terms apply.

12. Cancellation Due to Group Size

arendezvous reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure in the event that there are too few people booked on a tour and in which case you will be given a full refund of the tour price paid by you. You will not be entitled to claim any additional amounts or seek any compensation for any injury, loss, expenses or damage (either direct or consequential) or for any loss of time or inconvenience which may result from such cancellation (including but not limited to visa, travel insurance, passport, medical or vaccination charges, gear purchases, airport and airline taxes). Please check the cancellation policy of travel insurance policies and airfares before purchase. In the case of The Holiday cancellation, you will be notified by seven business days after the final monies due date.

13. Room Mate Match Service

When you book a holiday with a room mate request for a twin share room no responsibility is taken by us for the outcome in regard to the personality or characteristics of your match except that you will be matched with a participant of the same gender. Once a room mate is finalised by *arendezvous* your first name and email address provided on your booking form may be provided to your room mate match prior to departure for the purpose of your introduction to your room mate match for this holiday. If you do not have an email address, with your permission we will provide your alternative contact details such as a mobile phone number.

If a room mate cannot be provided a 'forced single supplement' applies to your booking. This is a reduction on the published single supplement price and is advised with your quote.

Once a room mate match is confirmed, any request to change your booking from a room mate match to a single room booking would be at our discretion and subject to availability. If this change is confirmed additional room costs may apply and these would be advised at the time of reply to your request. Once you have departed on The Holiday changes to your room type and room mate match are not possible.

14. Twin Share or Triple Share Rooms with a Friend

In order to secure a booking for a twin share or triple share room with a friend or friends a deposit to the value of two persons for a twin share and three persons for a triple share room must be paid in full. For each person sharing the room a price will be quoted on a per person basis. Should any portion of the total booking value for all persons of a twin share or triple share room not be paid in full, all persons booked to share the room are liable for the outstanding monies due.

The booking information and personal details provided for a twin or triple share room booking with a friend or friends may be provided to all persons booked to share the room.

15. Fit to Travel & Health Requirements

FIT TO TRAVEL

Participants should be in good health. All participants must disclose any pre-existing medical condition including but not limited to; high blood pressure, diabetes, epilepsy, asthma, heart conditions, a mental illness or physical impairment. Passengers with disabilities are welcome, providing that they do not require special assistance from us or our tour operator personnel and if special assistance is required they must be accompanied by a person capable of providing the assistance and this travel companion providing assistance must pay the published price for the tour.

We or the tour operator both reserve the right to refuse to carry anyone where it is believed the person cannot cope with the requirements of The Holiday travel and who may require services and facilities that the tour operator cannot guarantee will be available. Passengers agree that they will not hold us or the tour operator liable for any decision by a third party service provider to refuse to carry them or to provide any facilities or accommodation to them or to provide any services to them.

You understand that we and the tour operator reserve the right to withdraw tour participation from anyone whose behaviour is deemed likely to affect the smooth operation of the tour, or adversely affect the enjoyment or safety of other passengers, and we and the tour operator shall be under no liability to any such person for refund, compensation, repatriation or any other matters arising.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of participants to familiarise themselves with any health or medical requirement applicable to areas they intend to visit and you are solely responsible for compliance with vaccination and other health requirements of governments in countries visited or transited. The Department of Health or medical practitioners will be able to assist with current health requirements and recommendations

CODE OF CONDUCT

The following is a code of conduct that must be observed by all participants:

- a. We require that all participants observe responsible consumption of alcohol and obey all local, state or country laws pertaining to the consumption of alcohol.
- b. We require all participants to obey all laws of the country.
- c. Participants are to respect the privacy of other participants and if a participant declines to provide any contact information requested by another participant, that this wish is respected.
- d. Participants understand that if they receive contact information from another participant of the group event that this is solely for their reference and is not to be provided to other participants of the event group without the express permission of the participant whose information it is.
- e. Participants are to refrain from offensive language or behaviour including sexist and racist remarks.
- f. Participants understand that should other participants provide personal contact information that this information is not to be used for unsolicited email or correspondence for the purpose of business exchanges or transactions unless with the express prior permission of participants.

Any behaviour contrary to the Code of Conduct may result in your removal from The Holiday.

16. Tour Leaders

A tour leader, who also may be referred to as a tour guide, tour director, tour escort or tour host is the person at any time given the task of leading or supervising any aspect of The Holiday. We reserve the right to change, at any time, the nominated tour leader. Any such change will not give rise to any right on your part to cancel The Holiday or claim any expenses, loss or damage which may be suffered.

17. Inclusions & Exclusions

The Holiday itinerary details the inclusions. In respect to The Holiday exclusions these are items not specifically referred to in the tour description including, but not limited to the following:

- a. Gratuities to Tour Guide or other service personnel (unless specified)
- b. International Airfares (unless specified that they are included with The Holiday package)
- c. Any air departure taxes payable at the point of departure.
- d. Optional excursions that may be offered while on The Holiday.
- e. Porterage
- f. Travel Insurance, visa fees and excess baggage.
- g. Medical expenses & emergency evacuation and/or emergency search charges.
- h. Additional expenses caused by delay, accidents or disruption of planned itineraries.
- i. Items of a personal nature such as laundry, postage, phone calls, meals, snacks and drinks not listed on The Holiday itinerary.
- j. Travel arrangements to and from your home town and departure city.

18. Itineraries, website content and promotional material

The information contained on our website, in brochures or similar, to the best of our knowledge is correct at the date of publishing. Where deemed necessary and within reason, itineraries and other Holiday information may vary from the original content as circumstances dictate.

19. Airlines and Other Transport Providers

In the event that an airline's proposed travel or fare schedule is amended or cancelled, such amendment or cancellation will not be considered a cancellation of the tour by *arendezvous* or its tour operators. Any flights or other transport forming part of the tour arrangements are subject to the conditions of the carrying airline or other transport entity, which in most cases limits the airlines' or other transport entity's liability to passengers in accordance with applicable international law and conventions. The liability of *arendezvous*, or any airline or other transport provider is limited so far as possible by the following conventions: Warsaw Convention 1929, as amended by the Hague Protocol and Montreal Protocol in relation to air travel; or Montreal Convention 1999; the Berne Convention for rail travel 1980; Athens Convention 1974 for carriage by sea; and the Geneva Convention for carriage by road 1978.

20. Baggage Regulations

In accordance with the International Airline Regulations, the free baggage allowance for economy class passengers is 20kgs (44lbs) plus limited cabin luggage. Excess baggage charges are the sole responsibility of the client. Regulations within China specify that all suitcases must have a locking device attached. Failure to follow this regulation may result in refusal by airport staff to load suitcases onto the aircraft. The carriage of bottled liquids of any kind (water or alcohol etc) is not permitted in your cabin baggage unless it is purchased after passing through the security area.

21. Force Majeure

If *arendezvous travel & leisure* is prevented either directly or indirectly from performing any of its obligations under this agreement by reason of act of God, strikes, trade disputes, fire, breakdowns, interruption of transport, government or

political action, acts of war or terrorism, acts of omissions of a third party or for any other cause whatsoever outside *arendezvous travel & leisure* reasonable control, we will be under no liability whatsoever to you and may, at our option, by written notice to you to cancel the tour.

22. Travel Documents

Your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months prior to the arrival home date to Australia. Your passport should have at least two blank/unstamped pages remaining. Each individual is responsible for ensuring that all necessary travel documents are current and valid. Each individual is responsible for correctly providing their name as it appears on their passport and failure to do so may result in ticket re-issue fees for any name changes due to omissions or errors.

23. Travel Insurance

Personal travel insurance is not included in the price of The Holiday.

It is a **mandatory condition** of booking The Holiday that all participants have international travel insurance for this tour.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are adequately insured for the full duration of the tour in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items and cancellation and curtailment. You must provide evidence to us that you have obtained personal travel insurance. You must ensure that your personal travel insurance covers all of the activities in which you expect to participate.

We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel insurance policy as soon as you have paid any tour monies for The Holiday, including the deposit.

24. Release and Waiver of Liability

In consideration of *arendezvous travel & leisure* accepting your application:

- You release *arendezvous travel & leisure* and the company A Rendezvous Group Pty Ltd and its officers, employees, agents and other representatives (hereafter "arendezvous and its personnel") from all cost, liability, loss or damage incurred or suffered by you directly or indirectly during the course of your travel and resulting from your personal injury, illness or death or damage to or loss of your property unless caused by the willful negligence or wrongful act of arendezvous and its personnel; and
- You waive any claims you have, or may at any time have, against *arendezvous* and its personnel and you agree, by accepting the inherent dangers and risks associated with any travel, not to make any claim against or seek any compensation from *arendezvous and its personnel* in respect of any personal injury, illness or death suffered by you or damage to or loss of property sustained by you as a result of your participation in an event.

To the extent permitted by law, section 74 of the Trade Practices Act 1974 does not apply to this agreement

25. Disclaimer

We reserve the right to refuse an application to book for any reason. Should a customer's application be refused, any monies paid will be refunded to the applicant. Places are limited for The Holiday and are allocated on a first come first served basis.

26. Privacy

The Customer agrees that Personal Data provided may be used and retained by *arendezvous* for the following purposes and for other purposes as shall be agreed between the Customer and *arendezvous* as required by law from time to time for:

- (a) provision of Goods and/or Services by arendezvous, its agents, affiliates, suppliers or distributors including but not limited to; the tour operator, airlines, transport companies and ticketing agents for the holiday.
- (b) marketing of Goods and/or Services by arendezvous, its agents or distributors in relation to the Goods and/or Services.
- (c) analysing, verifying and/or checking the Customer's credit, payment and/or status in relation to the provision of Goods and/or Services.
- (d) processing of any payment instructions, direct debit facilities and/or credit facilities requested by the Customer.
- (e) enabling the daily operation of the Customer's account and/or the collection of amounts outstanding in the Customer's account in relation to the Goods and/or Services.

27. All efforts are made to ensure accuracy for tour details on the website and other information about the tour however we accept no liability for errors or omissions in the description of any hotels, tours or services that are promoted as inclusions for The Holiday.

28. We reserve the right to change these terms from time to time.

29. Your booking is governed by NSW law and is subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the NSW courts. The booking confirmation and these terms represent the entire agreement between *arendezvous* and you.

30. Except as otherwise provided in these booking terms and conditions, your statutory rights are not affected.

31. Disputes arising out of, or in connection with, this contract which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration.