

TOUR SPECIALISTS

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# GCTYO Deutschland

9-day Performance Tour

Featuring Rhine River, Cologne, Bonn, Eisenach, Leipzig, Dresden, Berlin, & Potsdam

July 2-10, 2024

## TOUR BROCHURE

### KUONI TUMLARE

### INCLUDING

Roundtrip international flights from New York/JFK Full-time bilingual professional tour manager Private deluxe motorcoach Accommodations in 4\* star hotels, in twin/double occupancy Hotel city taxes

- 2 nights Cologne, NH Collection Koln Mediapark
- 2 nights Leipzig, Seaside Park Hotel
- 3 nights Berlin, Estrel Berlin Hotel

#### Daily breakfast (7)

Lunches (0) – independent, under own arrangements Dinners (5) – 3-course, including starter/entrée/dessert, tap water and bread; (2) independent, under own arrangements Entrances & excursions, per the itinerary (subject to change) Local guides in Bonn, Cologne, Eisenach, Leipzig, Dresden, Berlin and Potsdam

Optional Student Deluxe & Student Deluxe CFAR (cancel for any reason) protection plans; see schedule of coverage and services for complete details; must be elected and paid prior to final payment deadline

Standard tipping for tour manager, local guides, and drivers

### PERFORMANCES

2 Formal Concerts, with warm-up rehearsals prior to each performance

• Cologne and Berlin

### **REGISTER NOW**

**<u>CLICK HERE</u>** for direct access to online registration





### \$4999 PER PERSON

Based on a minimum of 50 paying participants.

#### **OPTIONAL FEES/DISCOUNTS**

Single Room Supplement \$520 Alternate Return Flight \$200+ Land-only Discount -\$1200 Student Deluxe Protection Plan \$135 Student Deluxe CFAR (cancel for any reason) Protection Plan \$202.50



# REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

Registration and payments must be made online (or by mail for checks); directions provided during registration.

\$300 deposit – upon booking \$900 – September 21, 2023 \$900 – November 16, 2023 \$900 – January 25, 2024 Final Payment – March 29, 2024

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### 9-DAY ITINERARY

#### KEY

Meals are abbreviated as breakfast (B), lunch (L), dinner (D) Inclusions/entrances bolded in **black**; performances bolded in **blue** Itinerary subject to change, pending final confirmation of services

day 1: Juesday, July 2, 2024

#### **OVERNIGHT FLIGHT**

Welcome GCTYO! Your curated performance tour begins with today's overnight trans-Atlantic flight to Europe from New York.

## day 2: Wednesday, July 3, 2024

#### **RHINE RIVER/COLOGNE (D)**

Arrive at Frankfurt's International Airport, where your full-time bilingual **tour managers** (one per coach) will greet you in the Arrivals Hall and welcome you to Germany! Begin exploring right away, as you transfer to the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia. View the Rhine River from aboard a **boat ride** from Rudesheim am Rhein, with romantic towns and castles dotting the coast. Your cruise ends in Sankt Goar, with entrance to **Rheinfels castle ruins**. There is free time for lunch on your own, before continuing to the cultural hub of Cologne. Check-in, refresh, settle in, and enjoy **dinner** at the hotel.

day 3: Thursday, July 4, 2024

#### BONN/COLOGNE (B/D)

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning, and each day of your trip. Transfer to nearby Bonn for a morning walking tour in the footsteps of Ludwig van Beethoven. **Local guides** will lead your stroll through the city center's points of interest, including the **Beethoven Haus**. There is free time for lunch, before returning to Cologne for a **guided** panoramic sightseeing by coach, and walking tour of Old Town including the 13<sup>th</sup> century **Cologne** 

**Cathedral**, to learn of the city's 2000-year old history. **Prepare for your area performance, with a two-hour rehearsal. Dinner** is served at a local restaurant. **Present your concert at a local venue, custom selected for the youth orchestra.** 

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### day 4: Friday, July 5, 2024

#### **EISENACH/LEIPZIG (B/D)**

**Breakfast** at the hotel, followed by check-out and a full day's journey across Germany. Enroute, visit Eisenach, birthplace of composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Tour the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Wartburg Castle** with **local guides**, setting for the legendary <u>Sängerkrieg</u> minstrel contest, as dramatized by Wagner in the opera **Tannhäuser**; and also host to Martin Luther, Wartburg's most famous resident. There is free time in the Old City center for lunch on your own. The day ends in Leipzig, check-in to your hotel, and enjoy a stroll with your tour managers to introduce your new neighborhood, before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant.

## day 5: Saturday, July 6, 2024

#### LEIPZIG (B)

**Breakfast** at the hotel. Join **local guides** for a walking tour of Leipzig, including a variety of composer sites. During your stroll, entrances are provided to the **Mendelssohn House**, **Bach Haus**, and the **Thomaskirche**, where J.S. Bach served as Choirmaster of the St. Thomas School for 27 years. Here you will find Bach's final resting place. There is free time for you to explore the pedestrian friendly Old Town. Alternatively, enjoy an optional **hiking opportunity** in the area with **local guide**. This evening there is time for an independent dinner, under your own arrangements.

day 6: Sunday, July 7, 2024

#### DRESDEN/BERLIN (B/D)

**Breakfast** at the hotel, before making your way to Germany's capital city. Along the say visit Dresden, where upon arrival, meet with **local guides** for a short walking tour, including entrance to the **Frauenkirche** to learn of J.S.

Bach's role as Royal Court Composer under the reign of Augustus III. There is free time for an independent lunch. This afternoon visit the **Semperoper** for a behind-the-scenes tour, subject to availability. The Semper Opera House has hosted more than 40 world premieres in its history, and their orchestra, Staatskapelle Dresden, is Germany's oldest continuous orchestra. Your day ends in Berlin, where you can check-in to your hotel. This evening enjoy **dinner** at the hotel or a local restaurant, followed by a visit to the top of the **Berliner Fernsehturm** (Berlin TV Tower), the city's tallest structure; included is **skip-the-line access** to the observation deck for views of the city's landmark attractions.



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### day 7: Monday, July 8, 2024

#### **BERLIN (B)**

**Breakfast** at the hotel. Berlin is the historic and reunited capital of Germany, devastated in WWII, and then divided by the Allied powers. The Berlin Wall was built in 1961 and Germany was formally reunited in 1930; Berlin has since maintained a frenzy of building and is a dynamic hub of activity. Meet your **local guides** for a walking and coach tour; highlights include including intact portions of the Wall, Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial, and the Reichstag. Visit **Checkpoint Charlie Museum**, including an eyewitness lecture. After free time for lunch, enjoy a **guided tour** of the **Philharmonie Berlin** including the Philarmonie and the Chamber Musica Hall – learn of the architecture, acoustics and history, and also a visit of the **Musikinstrumenten-Museum**. **Prepare for your area performance, with a 90-minute rehearsal. Dinner** is under your own arrangements. **Present your concert at a local venue, custom selected for the youth orchestra.** 

day 8: Juesday, July 9, 2024

#### POTSDAM/BERLIN (B/D)

**Breakfast** at the hotel. This morning travel outside the city to discover the city of Potsdam with **local guides**, once home to Prussian kings and the German Kaiser. Encounter royal history, see stunning palaces and gardens, and learn of Prussian history through to World War II. Included are entrances to the **Rococo Sanssouci Palace**, and the stunning **Sansscouci Gardens**. There is time included for an independent lunch. Return to Berlin for additional sightseeing and entrance to the **Pergamon Museum**. Celebrate with a **dinner finale** with traditional German food and atmosphere.

day 9: Wednesday, July 10, 2024

#### DEPARTURE (B)

**Breakfast** at the hotel, before transferring to the airport for your return flights home to the United States. Your tour managers will assist with airport check-in, and there is time for one last goodbye.

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### **ALTERNATE RETURN REQUEST**

#### Would you like to stay in Europe at the end of your tour and continue traveling on your own?

We offer the option of changing your return airline ticket, to the date and gateway of your choice. We anticipate the summer season of 2024 to be very popular, and recommend that you make plans well in advance, to access the best flight and fare availability.

**ALTERNATE RETURNS** – are available at the end of a tour program. Print legibly in ink, and return this single page form a minimum of 130 days prior to your group's departure (Friday, February 23, 2024), and as early as possible to access the best flight and fare availability. Individuals who select an alternate return are responsible for their own ground transportation, beginning with the end of their group's tour program, and including return transfers to their newly selected airport.

**AVAILABILITY** – individuals may choose their new return date; alternate gateways are generally available to all destinations in Europe, but are dictated by the specific air contract of each tour program. Group flights must be confirmed prior to reviewing an individual's alternate return request.

**FEES** – a \$200 air deviation charge applies to any individual wishing to extend their stay, plus any applicable change in air fare related to your requested change. Air deviations are subject to availability of group rates.

#### Greater Connecticut Youth Orchestras Scheduled group return: July 10, 2024 – Berlin to New York/JFK

Participant's Name:

Daytime Phone Number:

Email Address:

Alternate Return Date:

Day of the Week:

Alternate Return Departure City/Airport:

Additional Comments:

**SIGNATURE** – by signing this form, I acknowledge acceptance of Kuoni Tumlare's General Terms and Conditions, as well as the specific conditions listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_(print) (date)

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### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

These terms and conditions explain a contractual arrangement between you and Kuoni Tumlare relating to the group booking. Any group booking made shall be deemed to be an offer by your agency to purchase the relevant accommodations and/or travel products subject to these terms and conditions.

These terms and conditions explain a contractual arrangement between \_\_\_\_\_\_ ("you") and Tumlare Corporation ("Kuoni Tumlare") relating to your Group Booking (as defined below). Any group booking made shall be deemed to be an offer by your agency to purchase the relevant accommodations and/or travel products subject to these terms and conditions. Kuoni Tumlare and Customer may hereinafter be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties.". By signing this Agreement, a legal contract is formed between Customer and Kuoni Tumlare.

WHEREAS, Customer desires to purchase the Group Booking which consists of one or more of the following (nonexhaustive) list: accommodation, air travel, rail transport, coach transport, tour manager services, interpreters, entrances, restaurants or tourist attractions, and any combination thereof, prepared by Kuoni Tumlare; and

WHEREAS, Kuoni Tumlare desires to provide such Group Booking to Customer;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

#### 1. General Terms

- a) Group pricing is based upon a minimum group size of 70 paying passengers. Should your group size fall below this minimum, Kuoni Tumlare reserves the right to adjust your tour pricing.
- b) Kuoni Tumlare reserves the right to adjust the tour price at any time before receipt of your final payment as a result of any of the following: (1) trade fairs; (2) a greater than 3% change in the relevant currency rates; or (3) changes in government taxation or fuel surcharges.
- c) All personal incidental charges incurred by each traveler must be paid directly to the supplier at the time of service.
- d) Coaches have limited capacity for luggage of 1 piece of standard airline baggage per person.
- e) Prices are valid only for a group transferring together in the same vehicle (unless otherwise indicated).
- f) In some cases, coach accessibility may be restricted at your destination.
- g) All necessary entrance documents (such as passports, visas, etc.) are the responsibility of the agent, group leader and/or individual travelers.
- h) Please advise if any travelers have special requirements. Any related arrangements are subject to availability and may incur additional costs.

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#### 2. Tour Planning and Payment Terms

- a) Payment Schedule:
- i. Individual Registration
   ii. 125 days prior to departure:
   iii. 95 days prior to departure:
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   iiii. 95 days prior to departure:
- b) Any prepayments related to hotels, air fare, or other inclusions may be required in addition to the above mentioned amounts. A different schedule of deadlines, payments, and terms and conditions may apply.
- c) Payment must be made in the quoted currency 1) by bank transfer; 2) by check, 3) online by credit card (Mastercard or Visa, may be subject to an additional management fee). A fee of \$200 will be charged to all late final payments. A fee of \$100 will be charged for all returned checks.
- d) Organizations AND participants are held liable for any and all credit card, bank transfer, and check payments, and agree to not dispute payments made in accordance with the agreed upon terms and conditions of your contract. Any fees resulting from a deviation from the terms and conditions are the responsibility of the payer and must be reimbursed to Kuoni Tumlare.

#### 3. Cancellations

- a) Cancellation fees will be charged based on the following schedule, unless otherwise indicated at the time of confirmation:
  - i. Registration Fee:
  - ii. 125 to 95 days prior to departure:
  - iii. 94 to 65 days prior to departure:
  - iv. 64 to 35 days prior to departure:
  - v. 34 to 0 days prior to departure:

\$200 per person non-refundable
20% of tour cost
40% of tour cost
50% of tour cost
100% of tour cost

\*If an individual in the group cancels and causes a roommate to be accommodated in a room for sole occupancy, single supplement fees will be charged to remaining traveler.

b) Services and/or additional deposits which have been prepaid by Kuoni Tumlare on behalf of the group may be subject to an additional cancellation fee (e.g. theatre tickets, non-refundable hotel deposits, airline deposits, etc.).

#### 4. Airline Policy (if applicable)

- If group size falls below 10 travelers, a surcharge will apply.
- Individual flight deviations will cost \$200 + difference in air fare.
- Deposit requirements, deadlines, and penalties will be advised at the time of confirmation.

#### 5. Amendments

- a) For amendments made to the Group Booking, additional supplier fees may apply (rail tickets, theater, etc.).
- b) Should you wish to alter the tour while on the road in any way, Kuoni Tumlare shall not be liable for any costs, loss, claims, expenses, or damage that may occur. Any alternative services arranged by Kuoni Tumlare on your behalf, will require payment in advance.

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#### 6. Claims

- Claims must be made within 30 days of completion of travel.
- Refunds cannot be issued for unused travel services arranged by Kuoni Tumlare.

#### 7. Release

- a) Kuoni Tumlare retains the right to document tours, groups, and individuals with still and/or video photography likenesses (the "Images"). Kuoni Tumlare will have complete ownership of such Images, including the entire copyright, and you will not have any future claim to them.
- b) These Images shall be used for the purpose of publication, promotion, illustration, advertising, or trade, in any manner or in any medium by Kuoni Tumlare.
- c) Kuoni Tumlare, its agents and employees will not film anything which reveals your personal data.
- d) You hereby release Kuoni Tumlare and its legal representatives for all claims and liability relating to said Images.
- e) You also hereby waive any and all rights to any compensation for the use of such Images.

#### 8. Force Majeure

- a) Kuoni Tumlare shall not be in breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement nor liable to Customer for performance, injury, damage, any loss, additional costs, or expenses connected with Kuoni Tumlare's delay and or inability to fulfil our obligations under this Agreement by reason of any Force Majeure Event (as defined below) and this Agreement may thereupon be modified or terminated in whole or in party by written notice. A "Force Majeure Event" for purposes hereof means any act or circumstance beyond Kuoni Tumlare's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably foreseen and avoided by the exercise of due care and diligence consistent with the exercise of reasonable business judgment, in whole or in part including, without limitation, the occurrence of any of the following which meet that criteria: fire, flood, earthquakes, strikes, explosion, acts of war, wars, riots, acts of terrorism, civil unrest, civil disorder, demonstration, disasters, government regulations, curtailment of transportation facilities, travel restrictions, disease or pandemics (as then announced by the World Health Organization or similar health agency) or other acts of God.
- b) If Kuoni Tumlare is so delayed or unable to perform its obligations as a result of such Force Majeure Event, in whole or in part, Kuoni Tumlare shall promptly notify Customer thereof in writing, explaining the reason for such delay or inability to perform. Extension of time for performance of this Agreement shall be subject to the availability and the terms and conditions of the vendors, suppliers, and subcontractors necessary to carry out the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

#### 9. Assumption of Risk

a) Customer is aware that travel such as what is described in the Group Booking may involve hazardous activities, some in remote areas of the world, with a risk of illness, injury or death which may be caused by forces of nature, animals, insects or flora, the negligence of Kuoni Tumlare, or other persons and companies known or unknown, or of willful or criminal conduct of third parties. Customer is aware that weather conditions may be severe, adverse and/or unpleasant. Customer is also aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible or consistent with standards in the United States during some or all of the time during which Customer may be participating on the tour and that when available may not be of the quality which exists in the USA.

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b) In order to partake of the enjoyment and excitement of this tour, Customer accepts the risks and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of the Group Booking and hereby accept and assume full responsibility for any and all such risks of illness, injury, inconvenience or death.

#### 9A. COVID-19

- a) The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization (the WHO). As is such, Kuoni Tumlare cannot prevent Customer from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 as it is not possible to wholly prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if Customer chooses to utilize Kuoni Tumlare's services, Customer may be exposing themselves to and/or increasing their risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. By signing this Agreement, Customer acknowledges the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assumes the risk that Customer may be exposed to or become infected by COVID-19 to which such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death by attending such an event.
- b) Customer hereby forever release and waive its right to bring suit against Kuoni Tumlare and its owners, officers, venues, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees, or its other representatives ("Kuoni Tumlare Representatives") in connection with the exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to utilizing Kuoni Tumlare's services, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. Customer understands that this waiver means that it gives up its right to bring any claims, including for personal injury, death, disease, property loss, or any other loss, and gives up any claim it may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen. Such waiver shall be effective unless such damage or injury results, in whole or in part, from the negligence or willful misconduct, acts or omissions of Kuoni Tumlare or Kuoni Tumlare's Representatives.
- c) As of the drafting of this Agreement, there are no requirements on entry regarding a COVID-19 vaccine. However, in the event that one exists in the future before/during the Tour, Kuoni Tumlare will provide the Customer with a notice of this new requirement as an addendum to this Agreement. Regardless of this future potential requirement, Kuoni Tumlare strongly recommends that all customers still obtain the COVID-19 vaccine if and when it becomes readily available.

#### 10. Liability and Indemnity

- a) Kuoni Tumlare shall not be liable for and shall be indemnified by Customer in respect of any loss (direct, indirect special or other consequential loss or damage) or third party claims (including any cancellation fees), whether based in contract, tort, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, that arises out of or is in any way connected with the performance or nonperformance by Kuoni Tumlare or any supplier, or any accident, death or injury to person or property due to an act or omission by any hotel or other supplier providing or rendering services included in the booking.
- b) Other than those warranties which, under the laws applicable to this Agreement, are implied by law, and are incapable of exclusion, restriction or modification, Kuoni Tumlare and Kuoni Tumlare's suppliers expressly disclaim all warranties and conditions, including implied warranties and conditions of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, title, non-infringement, and those arising by statute or otherwise in law or from a course of dealing or usage of trade.
- c) Customer agrees to defend and indemnify Kuoni Tumlare, its affiliates, and our respective officers, directors, employees and agents from and against any claim, cause of action, demand, loss, damage, fines, penalties or other costs of any kind, including without limitation reasonable legal and accounting

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fees, in excess of the liability described above term, in any action filed or commenced by any third party against Kuoni Tumlare as a result of (1) breach by the travel agent or traveler of these terms and conditions or the documents made part of these terms and conditions by reference, (2) violation of any law or the rights of a third party, or (3) any negligent act, omission or intentional misconduct of the travel agent or traveler.

#### 11. Governing Law and Arbitration

- a. The Parties agree that these terms and conditions are governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods will not apply to these terms and conditions.
- b. Any dispute, difference or claim with regards to or arising from the terms and conditions of this Agreement or its violations, termination, or invalidity (individually and collectively, "Dispute") shall be settled by amicable negotiation by the Parties. If the Dispute cannot be settled within thirty (30) days from the first date of consultation between the Parties, the Dispute shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of AAA ("Rules") for the time being in force by one (1) arbitrator appointed in accordance with the Rules. The language to be used in the arbitration proceedings shall be English and the seat of arbitration shall be Boston, Massachusetts. The written award rendered by the arbitration shall be final and binding upon the Parties.

#### 12. Miscellaneous and Disclaimers

- a) Kuoni Tumlare purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant, and other services from independent suppliers not under its control. Kuoni Tumlare will serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept any responsibility or liability for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of those independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants, or representatives.
- b) Kuoni Tumlare is not liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within its control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. Travel to certain destinations may involve greater risk than others. Kuoni Tumlare urges travellers to review conditions and the level of risk prior to booking travel to international destinations. Kuoni Tumlare is not responsible for injuries of any kind occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control. No liability shall be taken for baggage loss or personal injury.
- c) Information about hotel accommodations, amenities, transportation and other travel products or services are provided by our suppliers and may not be completed, current or applicable to your group's particular situation. Kuoni Tumlare assumes no liability or responsibility for any errors or omissions. The travel agent and travelers are responsible for evaluating the accuracy, completeness, and usefulness of any information about the travel products or services.
- d) Kuoni Tumlare reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the tour manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. If traveler(s) traveling with children, the traveler(s) is(are) solely responsible for their behavior and monitoring them throughout the tour. Kuoni Tumlare does not accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise.

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- e) Kuoni Tumlare is not responsible, and will not be bound by, representations made by third party representatives, travel agents, unaffiliated websites, or any other party. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers.
- f) Kuoni Tumlare shall make every effort to operate the tour as planned, but Kuoni Tumlare reserves the right to make itinerary changes as necessary, with good faith consultation with Customer. If unforeseen circumstances require Kuoni Tumlare to change a hotel, cancel a tour or is unable to provide all services due to circumstances beyond its control, Kuoni Tumlare will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality subject to written approval by Customer or will refund monies for those missed services.
- g) Neither Party may assign this Agreement, or any obligations hereunder, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other Party. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the Parties, their successors and permitted assigns.
- h) In the event any provision of this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the maximum extent possible.
- i) None of the provisions of this Agreement is intended to create, nor shall be deemed to constitute or create, any relationship between the Parties hereto other than that of independent entities contracting with each other for the sole purpose of effecting the provisions of this Agreement, and this Agreement does not grant either Party any authority to assume or create any obligation on behalf of or in the name of the other.
- j) The terms and conditions outlined in the above Agreement regarding Kuoni Tumlare's responsibility, indemnification, and any general provisions will survive any termination of this Agreement.

#### **13. Entire Agreement**

a) This Agreement constitutes the entire and only agreement between the Parties, supersedes any contemporaneous or prior proposal, representation, agreement or understanding between the Parties, and may not be modified except in writing signed by the Parties.

Upon acceptance of a quote, Kuoni Tumlare automatically understands that you have read and accepted the above Terms and Conditions.