



# WORLD EXPEDITIONS

OF SAN DIEGO

## Allied Achievers Expedition

### 2014 Educational Expedition Information

This document is your contract. Please read both sides.

All Lewis\* 8<sup>th</sup> Graders who wish to participate in this year's trip must register with World Expeditions. To register, each participant must fill out an **Allied Achievers Expedition Registration card** and return it with your first payment to World Expeditions, 4312 Witherby St., San Diego, CA 92103. Students are not registered until the registration card, first payment and grade contract are received by World Expeditions. *Do not turn in tour registration materials to school.*

**Eligibility:** Students must meet all requirements as specified in the *Parent/Student-World Expeditions Grade Contract*.

**Trip Behavior:** This is an educational-enrichment trip and students will be expected to be actively engaged in learning at all sites visited, and to adhere to rules similar to those at school and any other rules given by chaperones. Students who fail to do so may be disqualified in which case a parent will be required to come pick their student up.

\* *This educational tour is sponsored by World Expeditions of San Diego. Lewis Middle and the San Diego Unified School District assume no responsibility or liability. Any teachers who may participate as chaperone supervisors are off duty and not functioning as SDUSD employees. Funding is by private individual payment.*

**Tour cost is \$2530. Discounted cost is \$2480 if paying by check, cash, or money order.**

**Includes:** Round trip airfare with one checked bag, 7 nights hotel (quad occupancy: 4 students/2 beds), all ground transportation, breakfast and dinner each day except on flights, all sightseeing and admissions as listed, ticket to a Broadway Show, all taxes and gratuities, a customized *Educational Expeditions Guidebook*, security guard nightly in the hotels, and off-duty teachers as chaperones throughout the tour.

Payments:	Full	Discount	Due By	Cancellation Fees
First Payment	\$255	\$250	Oct. 18, 2013	Fully refundable until Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> , then \$200
Second Payment	\$612	\$600	Nov. 29, 2013	Cancel fee remains \$200
Third Payment	\$816	\$800	Jan. 10, 2014	Cancel fee increases to \$300
Final Payment	\$847	\$830	Feb. 14, 2014	Cancel fee increases to \$350 plus airfare

Anyone who registers for the tour after the Deposit date may be subject to paying a higher price.

**Payments Accepted:** Check, cash, money order and bank check. Also, American Express, Visa or Mastercard credit cards\*.

\* Discount price does not apply to credit card payments.

**Checks:** Make payable to **World Expeditions**. Mail with your Registration Card or top portion of statement. Please write your student's name and school in the memo section of the check or money order.

**Credit Cards:** Submit a note with Registration Card, or call in with this information: name of student, credit card number, expiration date, name and zip code of cardholder, and amount you are charging.

**Trust Account:** California law requires certain sellers of travel to deposit payments into a trust account. World Expeditions has a trust account at Union Bank of California. All deposits are insured up to \$100,000 by the FDIC.

**Insurance:** Each participant is covered by a health and accident policy while on tour and a \$500 medical emergency trip cancellation policy. Cancellation insurance takes effect 2 weeks prior to departure.

**Cancellation/Disqualification Policy:** All cancellations and requests for refunds must be submitted in writing and received in our office prior to the cancel dates. Prior to and including **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**, there is no cancel fee. After Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> a cancel fee of \$200 will be assessed for any cancellation (**including disqualification.**) The cancel fee increases to \$300 after the **Third Payment** due date. After the **Final Payment** due date the cancellation fee becomes \$350 plus the cost of airfare.

**Wait List: Registration for this tour is on a first-come, first-served basis.** Once the bus capacity is reached, all subsequent registrants will be placed on a wait list. You will be notified in writing if you are on the wait list. You may also be moved to the wait list based on not meeting the eligibility requirements. While you are on the wait list, you may cancel and receive a full refund. Immediately upon notification that you have cleared the wait list, the cancellation policy goes into effect.

**Questions:** Please email your questions to Steve Ewalt at: [expeditions@mac.com](mailto:expeditions@mac.com) or visit our website: [WorldExp.org](http://WorldExp.org)

# World Expeditions Contract Information and Conditions

This document is your contract. Read it carefully and save it for future reference.

**Health and Physical Requirements:** Travel in general and this tour specifically are physically demanding. All participants should be in good physical and mental health. Participants must have the maturity and capability of taking care of themselves on a daily basis. World Expeditions' employees, tour leaders, chaperones and tour guides are not able to provide full-time one-on-one assistance to participants with physical limitations. Under certain circumstances, adult chaperones will be able to administer medications. Any participant suffering from permanent or temporary illness, impairment or disability may be required to make their own arrangements (including payment) for the provision of assistance while on the tour. Any potential participant with such requirements must fully disclose their conditions at time of registration. Confirmation for the tour in such cases will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Most of the tour is wheelchair accessible. Tour leaders will make every reasonable attempt to make sure that all participants are included in all aspects of the tour.

**Confirmation:** Tour participation can only be confirmed after receipt of the initial payment and the Expedition Registration Card, providing that deadlines and conditions listed on this *Expedition Information* sheet are met. Receipt of the signed Registration Card verifies that the participant and parent have read and understand all conditions listed on the *Expedition Information* sheet and all other requirements set by World Expeditions and/or group leaders.

**Disqualification:** It is the participant's and parent's responsibility to know and abide by all conditions and requirements for participation. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the tour and loss of money paid.

**Payments:** Payments must be kept up to date. Initial registration and deposit deadlines, if any, must be met. Subsequent payments should be received within one week of the due date. In some cases, customized payment plans may be arranged.

**Late Payments:** Payments not received within one week of due date are considered late and participants are subject to the following:

1. World Expeditions reserves the right to place that participant at the end of the wait list.
2. World Expeditions and/or the group leaders may choose to disqualify anyone who is not fully paid within 30 days of departure. All cancel penalties will apply for such disqualifications.

**Itinerary:** A final itinerary and a list of hotel addresses and airline flights will be provided at a meeting to be held approximately one week prior to departure. The tour itinerary is subject to change at any time should circumstances make such change necessary.

**Price Increase:** The tour price is based on a minimum number of participants and a specific itinerary. Should the number of participants fall below the minimum, or should the itinerary be changed, the tour price is subject to increase. Anyone who registers for the tour after the First Payment or Deposit date (whichever is earlier) may be subject to paying a higher price. ***World Expeditions reserves the right to collect from the travelers the cost of a government or vendor imposed tax, fee or surcharge which goes into effect after the First Payment or Deposit date (whichever is earlier.)***

**Returned Check Fee:** There will be a \$10 fee for checks returned by your bank.

**Fundraising Money:** If you cancel or are disqualified from the tour, any fundraising money will be refunded directly back to the fundraising account, and will not be returned to you.

**Behavioral Release:** World Expeditions has the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of a tour at any time for any reason before or during the actual tour. Should the behavior of a participant endanger their safety or the safety of the group, or cause a significant adverse effect on the quality of the trip for the other participants, they will be eliminated from participation and returned home at their or their parent's expense.

**General Release:** World Expeditions' responsibility is strictly limited. World Expeditions and/or its representatives act as agents for the tour participants in all matters connected with hotel accommodations, sight-seeing, restaurants and transportation and as an agency holds itself free of responsibility for any liability occurring due to the performance of the independent contractors supplying services for this tour. Neither World Expeditions nor its agents or employees shall be liable for any accident, injury, property damage or personal loss, expense or inconvenience in connection with any accommodation, transportation or travel services that result directly or indirectly from any occurrence or conditions beyond their control including but not limited to, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, theft, delay or cancellation, late departures, change of schedule, strikes, acts of God, commercial frustration, acts of war or terrorism, or the willful or negligent act and/or omission by the provider of services or their respective representatives including without limitation, their failure to deliver, or inadequate delivery of travel services.

**Rights of the California consumer:** This business is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation (TCRC). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if you are owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which was not refunded in a timely manner by a seller of travel who was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale. The maximum amount which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to the seller of travel, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating seller of travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale.

You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 600, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001 or faxing a request to 415 927-7698.

**If the Tour is Canceled and no longer operates:** Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions listed on this *Expedition Information* sheet, all sums paid to World Expeditions for services not received by you will be promptly refunded by World Expeditions to you unless you otherwise advise World Expeditions in writing.