

## Hearthstone Travel Culinary & Cultural Journey in Oaxca • Nov. 14–22, 2014

### • TRAVEL RELEASE FORM •



Since it is important that participants are fully informed about all aspects of our programs, we ask that you **sign** this Travel Release Form confirming that you completely understand and agree to the terms and conditions of form and have read carefully and fully accept the conditions of application and participation as set forth on the Hearthstone Travel web site, including the tour description. Additionally, participant recognizes the necessity of thoroughly understanding and accepting all aspects of the tour outlined in additional confirmation packets on the trip sent prior to departure and certifies that he or she is mentally and physically capable of full participation in this tour.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE • CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** The \$500 Deposit is refundable for any participant who withdraws up to 14 weeks before the start date of their program (Aug. 8). The balance due for tuition, lodging, meals, and field trips is payable no later than 8 WEEKS before the start date of a program and is completely non-refundable and non-deferrable after 8 weeks prior to the start date and as noted below. Hearthstone Travel reserves the right to fill the space of any participant who has not paid the full fee by this date. **Cancellation must be received in writing. Additionally, tickets should not be purchased until formal confirmation of program status is received from our office.**

**VISIT TO A TRAVEL CLINIC:** Participant understands the necessity of visiting a Travel Clinic associated with a hospital prior to our trip and that such a visit is, in fact, a requirement of coming on the Hearthstone Travel Oaxaca, Mexico trip.

**RESPONSIBILITY, TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENROLLMENT:** The participant understands and agrees that Hearthstone Travel and its agents act only in the capacity of agents of the participant in all matters pertaining to travel by any means. Hearthstone Travel cannot accept any responsibility for losses, additional expenses, or on-site emergency planning due to sickness, weather, strikes, war, terrorist actions, quarantine, acts of God, or other causes beyond our control. All such losses, reconfiguration of plans and/or additional expenses shall be borne solely by the participant. The undersigned recognizes and accepts that there are many risks and uncertainties inherent in any travel tour and that Hearthstone Travel assumes no liability or responsibility directly or indirectly for procuring medical treatment during the trip, injury, damage, inconvenience, loss, accident, delay, death, illness or irregularity suffered to property or persons in connection with such services including, but not limited to, hazards of transportation, forces of nature, terrorism, war, theft, strikes, illness, and damage to person or property due to negligence or omissions of staff or others. On behalf of her or himself and dependents, heirs, executors and assigns, the undersigned agrees to release Hearthstone Travel and its owner, employees, representatives and agents from liability for personal injury, illness, death, No refund or exchange will be made should a participant cancel after the 14 week notification date or should a participant arrive late for or depart early from a program, for whatever reason, and any expenses incurred will be the sole responsibility of the participant. **We strongly suggest, as a protection against any loss, that participants purchase travelers' insurance.** The undersigned certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. The right is reserved to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of a program, even after final payment of all program fees, should Hearthstone Travel feel that such person's health, actions, or general deportment impede the operation of a program or the rights, welfare or enjoyment of other participants. In this event, there will be no refund of any program fees and Hearthstone Travel assumes no responsibility or liability for ticket cancellations, or change penalties, or cost of airline tickets. Personal possessions brought on any program are at the owner's risk entirely. It is each participant's personal responsibility to maintain his/her own insurance coverage for whatever purpose they desire. Hearthstone Travel reserves the right to cancel a program prior to departure, in which case the participant's entire payment to Hearthstone Travel will be refunded without further obligation on our part. Should a trip be canceled, Hearthstone Travel assumes no responsibility for ticket cancellation penalties levied by airlines or for payment of non-refundable tickets. **Again...travelers insurance, including trip cancellation protection, accident benefits, hospital sickness indemnity, and baggage insurance policies can be obtained through a travel insurance company for those desiring such coverage.**

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Registration Is Not Complete Until This Form Is Returned \***

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