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Trek to Bwindi, 'The Impenetrable Forest' home to the Mountain Gorillas of Uganda

This superb trekking itinerary is located in the Ugandan highlands and takes us from the Virunga volcanoes to 'The Impenetrable Forest' of Bwindi, home to Uganda's mountain gorilla population which numbers around 320, approximately half the total number remaining in the world.

Bwindi is located in the south western corner of Uganda where the terrain consists of volcanic mountains and deep valleys and is close to the borders of Rwanda and The Democratic Republic of Congo.

Our Gorilla Adventure Challenge offers a tough and varied trekking experience with the added bonus and 'must see' experience of a possible close encounter with mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. Found in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest the mountain gorillas are surrounded by an ecological treasure-trove of species that have populated this 25,000 year old forest.

Our final destination is the village of Nkuringo located on a hill-top and enjoying spectacular views over Bwindi's forest canopy and affords visitors magnificent 360 degree unconstrained views of the surrounding volcanoes.

This is an opportunity to take part in an adventure of a lifetime. If you have any questions or need further information please telephone the Dream Challenges events team on **01590 646410** or e-mail events@dreamchallenges.co.uk





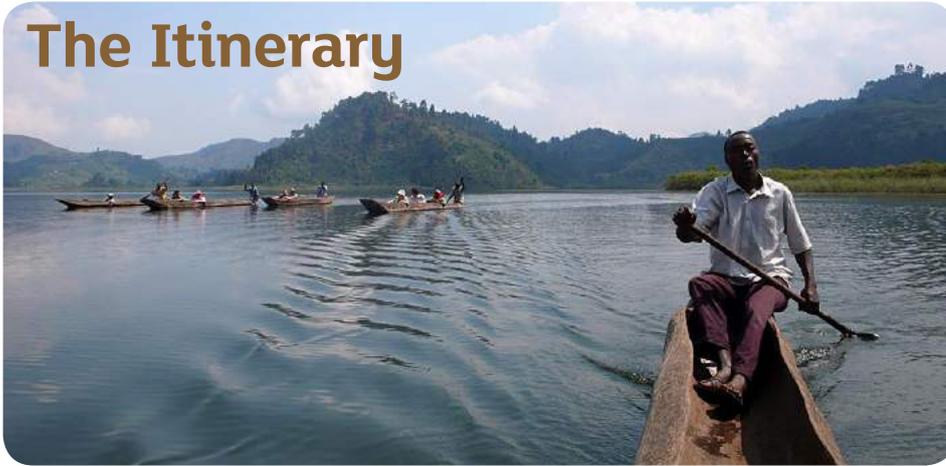
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The Itinerary

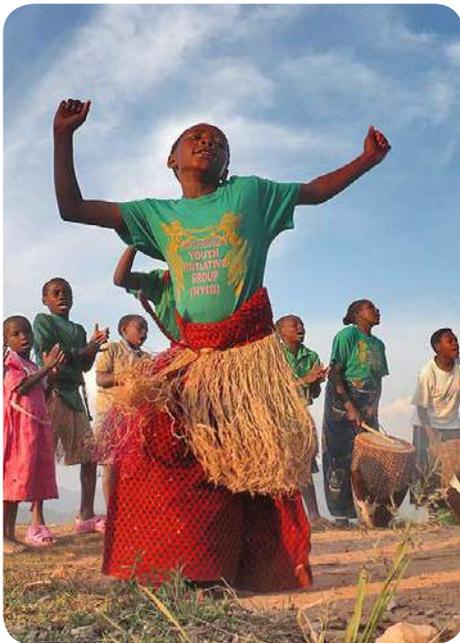


DAY 1

We take an overnight flight from London Heathrow to Entebbe.

DAY 2 ENTEBBE – MGAHINGA

On arrival in Entebbe we are met by our local ground handler and transfer by road to the south western corner of Uganda to the town of Kisoro where we have lunch at Gorilla Junction before continuing our journey to the start point for our trek at MgaHINGA Rest Camp, nestled at the base of the Virunga Volcano National Park our home for the next two nights. After dinner we will meet our local guides who will brief us on the adventure that awaits us.



DAY 3 GOLDEN MONKEY TRACKING APPROX 5 HOURS

Accompanied by Uganda Wildlife Authority guides we will trek onto the lower slopes of the dormant volcano MgaHINGA, which translates as pile of volcanic stones.

After around two hours we will reach the bamboo zone where we hope to find the Golden Monkeys, an endangered species that is only found in this remote part of Africa. Our permits will allow us to spend an hour in the company of these fascinating animals as they play and eat in the branches above us.

DAY 4 MGAHINGA CAMP – LAKE MUTANDA APPROX. 18KMS / 9 HOURS

After breakfast we break camp and begin our trek north towards Kisoro. Our trek today takes us through an area of volcanic craters some of the slopes of which are being cultivated by the indigenous Bakiga farmers and home also to the Batwa pygmies. As we walk we will gain a fascinating insight into the daily lives of local people. We will be greeted by lots of children and local people as they tend their fields and livestock and collect water from local springs. We enjoy a well-earned lunch at Gorilla Junction before continuing on to our overnight camp tonight on the shore of the beautiful Lake Mutanda.

If we are lucky we will see otters swimming close to the shore this evening along with a huge array of colourful bird life including kingfishers, weaver birds and cranes.

DAY 5 LAKE MUTANDA TO NKURINGO APPROX. 18KMS / 9 HOURS

This morning we continue in a northerly direction, at first in dug-out canoes, piloted by local tribesmen. The 2.5 hour canoe journey passes quickly as the spectacular beauty of the lake and its surroundings is revealed. We may see fishermen checking their nets, people taking produce to market by canoe and people cutting reeds to be used for construction. We disembark on the lakes' northern shore at Rwanjenje.

From here we start a six hour trek to the village of Nkuringo at 2161m on the Nteko Ridge high above the forest canopy of



Bwindi. The route takes us over and around many of the volcanic calderas that form this millennia old landscape. You will marvel at the agricultural terraces that cover these steep hillsides.





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The Itinerary (cont.)

Our expert guides will take great pleasure in pointing out a wide variety of flora and fauna. Our home for the next four nights will be Nkuringo Gorilla Camp which enjoys unobscured views across the Kinshasha River valley and the chain of volcanoes known as the Virungas which stretch across the borders of Rwanda, Uganda and the Congo.

DAYS 6, 7 & 8 GORILLA TRACKING

During the next three days we will undertake a wide variety of activities including a trek into Bwindi to experience an encounter with one of the habituated families of mountain gorilla in their natural environment. With luck we may get to see a silverback male which can weigh as much as 450lb. Feedback from previous visitors



describes these encounters as a truly emotional and life enhancing moment. Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is one of the most diverse habitats on earth and home to 120 species of mammals, 200 varieties of tree and more than 50 different reptiles.

The Batwa Trail

We will have the opportunity to trek through the Nkuringo Pocket Forest that straddles the Nteko Ridge and where we will be treated to an insight into the ancient ways and culture of the local Batwa Pygmy tribes.

Village Trek

We will also have the opportunity to walk to other local villages and enjoy a traditional lunch at one of the village homesteads. You can even help with the preparation and cooking of the food.

Singing Gorillas

We will be treated to performances by the local children that attend the music school set up the Singing Gorilla Charity. For those that wish to there will also be opportunities to spend a few hours gaining an insight

into local life by visiting and volunteering your skills or labour at nearby schools, the village clinic, the Music Group or an HIV Project.

In the evenings we will have the opportunity to swap stories over dinner or as we relax around the camp fire under the spectacular night sky.

DAY 9

After breakfast in camp we will say good bye to all the local staff to begin our journey home with the transfer to the airport in Entebbe for our return flight to London.

DAY 10

Arrive UK

This itinerary is complex and subject to change.





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Your questions answered

How does it work?

To take part you are required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of £299, which is used to administer the challenge to secure your seats with the airlines and to secure the various permits required in order to complete the challenge. You then have two options to fund your challenge:

Option One – Minimum Sponsorship

Select the charity closest to your heart or the Singing Gorilla project in Uganda, register for the challenge and then fundraise £3,500. Providing you have raised the funds by 25 August 2017 your charity will pay the tour costs (£1,699) on your behalf, with the remaining funds going directly to support the work of your charity. In return everything for the challenge will be provided; flights (excluding airport taxes and the fuel surcharge), food, accommodation, transfers, permits, guides and medical support.

Option Two – Self Funding with Sponsorship

Pay the tour costs (£1,699) yourself by 25 August 2017 and then fundraise as much as you can (or make a donation) to the charity of your choice or the Singing Gorilla project in Uganda. In return everything for the challenge will be provided; flights (excluding airport taxes and the fuel surcharge), food, accommodation, transfers, permits, guides and medical support.

How fit do I have to be?

This challenge is not designed for Olympic athletes – it is designed for those looking for the amazing goal to train and get fit for. A number of those that take part in this challenge will have very low levels of fitness when they sign up. Trek Uganda is a tough challenge that takes you into the heart of the countryside in order to reach the habituated Mountain Gorilla communities. The challenge ahead will provide you with the perfect motivation to get fitter, lose weight and

have an experience of a lifetime. Once you are signed up for the challenge we give you a realistic training programme to follow which gradually builds up as the event gets closer.

I'm worried about signing up on my own...

Please don't be! The majority of people sign up for this type of event on their own but you will soon meet people that become firm friends. Once the event is fully booked we will send you a contact list for people on your challenge. Often there will be someone in your area who you can meet up with to train or fundraise with. We also hold a training weekend, which is a great opportunity to meet people that will be joining you in Uganda.

Am I too old?

Absolutely not! One of the amazing things about these events is that people of all ages come together to do something special. The age range is likely to be 18 – 70.

Who organises all the travel arrangements?

All the travel arrangements are organised by Dream Challenges. We are a specialist travel company that is bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority ATOL number 10456.

Do I need special equipment?

You will of course need a variety of trekking kit and equipment. We will supply you with a list of everything you need to take with you on the event. If there are some items that you don't have or prefer not to buy, we have a partner arrangement with a company that offers our participants a discount on hiring trekking kit.

Where will I sleep overnight?

The part of Uganda that we will trekking through is very remote so we will be sleeping in two-person tents throughout this event. There will be the option at some campsites to upgrade your accommodation to huts or rooms.





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Your questions answered (cont.)

Will I have to carry my own kit?

Porters will carry your luggage, food and water so you will only need to carry a small day pack containing essential accessories and equipment. Employing local porters on this event enables us to contribute to the local economy and to encourage the creation of sustainable work opportunities for the indigenous people in the tourism industry.

Can I extend my stay at the end of the challenge?

It may be possible to extend your stay at the end of the challenge to explore Uganda further or to get involved with some more community work. Once the group flights are confirmed (11 months prior to departure) we will send you a flight extension form, which will enable you to apply for an extension.

What other costs will I have to pay?

In addition to paying your registration fee you will need to budget for your airport taxes and the fuel surcharge (currently £350 but subject to change), personal travel insurance, gratuities, pre-travel inoculations.

What about insurance and visas?

You will need to take out your own personal travel insurance covering health, accident, loss and repatriation. Dream Challenges has a recommended policy, details of which we will send you. British citizens require a visa to

enter Uganda, the current cost of which is £65. We will send you full details of how to apply for this. If you are a non-British citizen please contact us for advice.

How we support you

The Dream Challenges event team is here to help you achieve your challenge of a lifetime. From the minute you sign up we will be on hand to answer any questions that you might have about your training or the challenge itself.

Training

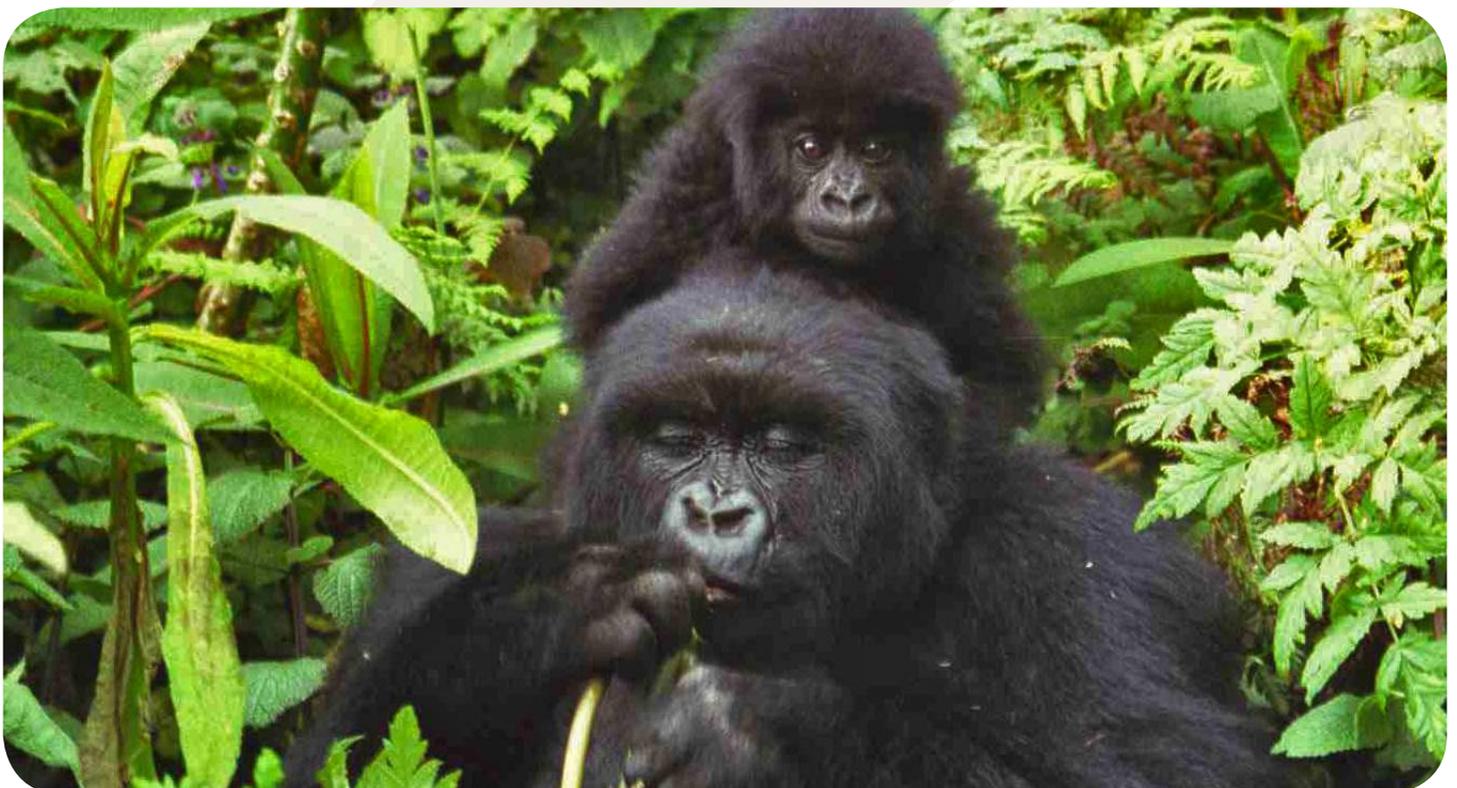
As soon as you sign up for the challenge we will send you a realistic training programme, which builds up as the event gets closer. The fitter you are for the challenge, the more you will enjoy it.

How do I sign up?

The best way to register is on our website:

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Alternatively you can complete the attached application form.





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Why not fundraise for the Singing Gorilla Projects in Uganda?



The Singing Gorillas Projects (Registered Charity: 1164315) was setup by Chris Read after he returned from taking part in one of our first Trek Uganda challenges in 2014. The Singing Gorilla Projects facilitate and fund community based projects in a remote part of Uganda that improve the welfare of communities and enrich the lives of individuals. Singing Gorilla Projects have set up a music school, installed water tanks, sponsored children to continue their schooling and is developing a Community Health Clinic. Singing Gorilla Projects works closely with the local communities who co-ordinate the work, mobilise the community to get involved and provide leadership and decision making. You will have the opportunity to get involved in some of the projects on your Gorilla Adventure in Uganda.





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Application form

Sign up now online www.actionforcharity.co.uk alternatively return this completed form with a cheque for your non-refundable registration fee of £299 (**payable to Dream Challenges**) to The Gorilla Adventure, Dream Challenges, Newcourt House, New Street, Lyminster, Hampshire, SO41 9BQ.

Personal Details

Title	Surname
Forenames	
Name by which you like to be known	
Address	
Postcode	Home Tel
Mobile Tel	Work Tel
Email Business	Email Personal
Occupation/job title	
Employer's name and address	
T-shirt size S/M/L/XL/XXL	

Passport Details

Full name as on passport	
Date of birth	Place of birth
Date of issue	Place of issue
Passport no	Date of expiry
Nationality	Marital status

Note: Your passport must be valid until six months after the event.

Next of Kin

Name	Relationship	
Address		
Postcode		
Daytime Tel	Home Tel	Mobile Tel

Room Sharing

Accommodation will be shared. Please give the name(s) of anyone with whom you specifically wish to share.

Name(s)

Special Dietary Requirements

Vegetarian	Vegan	Other (please state)
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How did you hear about the event?

Please give details

Have you undertaken an overseas challenge for charity before?	YES/NO
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If yes, please give details:



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Application form (cont.)

Name & address of the Charity you would like to fundraise for:

Fundraising Options Please tick the option you have selected below.

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Option Two Self funding with sponsorship
Pay the tour costs (£1,699) yourself by 25 August 2017 and then fundraise as much as you can (or make a donation) to the charity of your choice or the Singing Gorilla project in Uganda. In return everything for the challenge will be provided; flights (excluding airport taxes and the fuel surcharge), food, accommodation, transfers, permits, guides and medical support.

I have read, understood and agree to be bound by Dream Challenges booking conditions. I have enclosed my non-refundable registration fee of £299 (**payable to Dream Challenges**). I understand that my place is not guaranteed until my completed medical and insurance forms have been received by Dream Challenges.

Signed

Print name

Date

Please return to The Gorilla Adventure, Dream Challenges, Newcourt House, New Street, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 9BQ

Data Protection. Dream Challenges promises to respect your privacy. The information you have provided will be used by Dream Challenges for the purposes of administering the event. Your details will not be passed on to other organisations. The data we gather and hold is managed in accordance with the Data Protection Act (1998). We will not disclose or share personal information supplied by you with any third party organisations without your consent. Dream Challenges would however like to pass on your contact details to other event participants with your agreement and contact you about future charity events. Please tick the relevant box or boxes below if you do not wish us to do that.

I do not wish my details to be passed to other event participants. I do not wish to be contacted about future Dream Challenges events.

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Conditions of entry

1. A non-refundable registration fee of £299 is required to participate in this event and should be paid direct to **Dream Challenges**.
2. If you have selected:
Option One – You pay the non-refundable event registration fee direct to Dream Challenges when you register for the event. You must raise the agreed minimum amount of sponsorship as specified by your chosen charity, 100% of which must be sent to your charity at least ten weeks prior to the event departure date and will be used to cover your tour costs including air fare (excluding airport taxes and fuel surcharges), accommodation, food, transfers, guides and event support.
Option Two – You pay the non-refundable event registration fee direct to Dream Challenges when you register for the event. You must pay the full event costs of £1,699 which will need to be paid to Dream Challenges ten weeks before the departure date to secure your place on the event. You agree to raise as much sponsorship and / or make a personal donation for the charity of your choice.
3. Under Option One, If you are unable to raise the minimum sponsorship required you will forfeit your right to a place on the event or you could make up the shortfall yourself.
4. If you do not take up your place for any reason, you must inform Dream Challenges and your charity immediately. You must contact all your sponsors to ask if they wish to make a donation or have their sponsorship returned. You must send all sponsorship forms and sponsorship money collected to your charity.
5. The good reputation of your charity is paramount. You must agree to act lawfully and to follow the guidelines laid out by the charity you are supporting.
6. All participants taking part do so at their own risk. Dream Challenges has organised flights, accommodation, food, guides etc. and is fully bonded by the Civil Aviation Authority ATOL No.10456. In making these arrangements Dream Challenges is acting as your agent and is unable to accept liability for any loss or damage, however arising, or for cancellation of the event due to circumstances beyond their control.
7. Itineraries, schedules and accommodation may change and other alterations may occur which are beyond the control of Dream Challenges.
8. If you are refused passage/entry/exit to or from Uganda any additional costs incurred are your responsibility.
9. You must not be dependent on alcohol or drugs or have any criminal convictions.
10. Your passport must be valid for at least six months from date of return to the UK. You are responsible for ensuring that you have a valid passport and appropriate visa for the challenge. Passport control and other authorities will reserve the right to refuse entry.
11. Your travel insurance must cover health/accident/loss/repatriation during the event. You must supply proof of travel insurance 10 weeks prior to departure or you may forfeit your place on the event.
12. All participants take part at their own risk.
13. For health and safety reasons the tour operator, ground agents and/or medical staff reserve the right to stop any person from participating
14. The tour operator and local staff should not be subject to inappropriate verbal or physical behaviour. In any such case we reserve the right to exclude any person from the event.
15. You must agree to be bound by Dream Challenges Booking Conditions.
16. You must be at least 18 years of age before the departure date of the event unless permission has been given by Dream Challenges.

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This contract is governed by English Law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts. The event is operated by Dream Challenges. Flights and ground arrangements are ATOL bonded (10456) through Dream Challenges Ltd, Newcourt House, New Street, Lymington SO41 9BQ.



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Challenge event booking conditions 1

Open Challenges – Event Booking Agreement

The terms and conditions set out below will form the basis of your relationship with Dream Challenges Limited (DCL) of Newcourt House, New Street, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 9BQ (Company Registration No. 7648540) and the charity for which you may have chosen to raise funds ("the Charity"). Please read them carefully as they set out each party's respective rights and obligations. All bookings are subject to these terms and conditions.

Background

Challenge Events organised by DCL are used by charities for the purpose of raising funds. If you wish to use these events to raise funds for your chosen charity you must raise at least the minimum sponsorship monies applicable for the event selected. The Challenge Event cost is paid by DCL from your sponsorship monies and the remaining sponsorship monies are kept by your chosen charity. You may also choose to participate on the basis of paying the Challenge Event Costs yourself.

All parties agree to the following Definitions

1. In this Agreement, the following words will have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:-

- (i) "this Agreement" means this Agreement including all schedules, appendices, amendments, additions, brochures, itineraries and DCL website content.
- (ii) "the challenge event" means the event and all activities selected by you including flights, accommodation, vehicle hire and all other products and services.
- (iii) "the Organiser" means the organiser as defined by the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 (Statutory Instrument 1992 No. 3288) and any amendment or re-enactment of the same and all other legislation implementing the EC Directive on Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours (Council Directive 90/314/EEC).
- (iv) "the Registration Fee" means the registration fee payable to DCL for the challenge event. This is payable in addition to the Fundraising Target.
- (v) "the Fundraising Target" means the minimum amount of money that you must raise in order to take part in the Challenge Event.
- (vi) "the Challenge Event cost" means the cost of the challenge event due to the Organiser which forms part of the Fundraising Target, being the basic event cost plus the Registration Fee advised at the time of booking and all airline fuel supplements and taxes as referred to in Section C, Clause 5, together with any other amounts you agree to pay the Organiser for the challenge event.
- (vii) "you" and "your" means the participant named on DCL's registration form.
- (viii) "self funding" is the option to pay the challenge event Cost direct to DCL from your own funds.
- (ix) "supplier" means a company or person not employed by DCL who provides services related to your challenge event.

Section A

The Organiser

1. DCL is the Organiser of the challenge event and your contract for which is with DCL. Please note DCL's responsibilities are limited to the provision of the Challenge Event in accordance with this Agreement. Except in relation to monies paid to the Charity and held by them on DCL's behalf in accordance with clause 2.3, DCL has no responsibility for any payments made to the charity or for any act(s) or omission(s) of the Charity.

Payment Schedule

2. (i) You must pay the non-refundable Registration Fee direct to DCL at the time of booking.
(ii) You must pay the Fundraising Target direct to the Charity no less than 10 weeks prior to the commencement of the Challenge Event.
(iii) The Charity will pay the Challenge Event Cost to DCL no less than 8 weeks prior to the commencement of the Challenge Event provided the Charity has received sufficient amounts to cover the Challenge Event Cost from you.
(iv) If you are self-funding the Challenge Event the cost must be paid directly to DCL at least 10 weeks prior to the commencement of the Challenge Event.
- 2.1 If you wish to purchase the insurance offered by DCL all premiums must be paid as soon as possible as cover is not effective until these have been paid.
- 2.2 Credit Card payments. No credit card fee will be charged when paying the Registration Fee. A Fee of 2% will be charged on all other credit card payments made to DCL (for example the Challenge Event Cost). Credit Card charges on payments made to the Charity are at the discretion of the Charity.
- 2.3 For flight and non-flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to the Charity up to the full amount of the Challenge Event Cost will be held on DCL's behalf until they are paid to DCL or refunded to you. Monies paid to the Charity over and above the Challenge Event Cost belong to the Charity.

Failure to meet Payment Deadlines

- 3.1 If DCL or the Charity do not receive all payments due from you (including surcharges where applicable) in full and on time, your place on the Challenge Event is not guaranteed and further surcharges may apply. This includes the full Fundraising Target which must be paid to the Charity in full no less than 10 weeks before the departure date of the Challenge Event. DCL will be entitled to keep the Registration Fee paid. If you intend to cancel but have not notified DCL in writing of your intent to cancel by this date, you must pay the stated cancellation charges depending on the date DCL reasonably treats your booking as cancelled.
- 3.2 You will be liable for all additional costs incurred by DCL in the process of collecting all monies due.

Section B

Registering to Participate

- 1.1 You must complete and sign DCL's registration form and return with the appropriate payment as set out in Section A at the time of booking. Your completed medical questionnaire and appropriate insurance form should be returned within 10 days of receiving your information pack. When you register for a Challenge Event you must be 18 years old unless you are a minor of 14 plus years and a parent or guardian is accompanying you on a Challenge Event suitable for minors. (See 1.3)

- 1.2 Your place on an event is only confirmed when you return your registration form with the appropriate payment.
- 1.3 Some DCL Challenge Events are suitable for minors (14 yrs +) if they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. One parent/guardian can be responsible for the welfare and conduct up to two children and must accept these conditions on behalf of the child by signing the Booking Form and ensure all information supplied is correct and that the conduct of those children during the Challenge Event. Should a child be unable to complete the Challenge Event, the parent must abide by the decisions of the DCL Tour Manager and accompany the child if deemed necessary.

Registration Confirmation

2. On receipt of your Booking Form, Reg. Fee and medical questionnaire DCL will, subject to availability, confirm in writing your place on the Challenge Event. You must contact DCL immediately if information on the confirmation documents appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later.

Making amendments

- 2.1 If you wish to make changes to your booking, you must notify DCL and the Charity in writing. DCL does not guarantee to fulfill any such requests but an amendment fee of £55 per person/booking will apply as well as any costs incurred by DCL and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of DCL's suppliers.

Your responsibilities

3. You must not do anything or fail to do anything which could bring the Charity and / or DCL into disrepute whether before, during or after the Challenge Event.
- 3.1 You must ensure that all information given by you to DCL and/or the Charity in writing or otherwise is true and accurate. Failure to do so entitles DCL and/or the Charity to cancel your booking and DCL will be entitled to keep any Registration Fee paid. Depending on the date when DCL and/or the Charity discover that you have failed to comply with the provisions of this clause DCL will be entitled to charge the cancellation fees set out in clause 7. See also section on "DCL's Liability".
- 3.2 When you book with DCL you accept responsibility for any damage or loss caused by you. Full payment for any such damage or loss must be paid at the time to the supplier. If you fail to do so, you will be responsible for meeting any subsequent claims made against DCL (together with DCL's own and the other party's full legal costs) as a result of your actions.
- 3.3 Travel Insurance, including cover for baggage, is mandatory for participants on any DCL Challenge Event. Other than liability arising from negligence in respect of death or personal injury caused by DCL or its staff, you travel, together with your personal property, solely at your own risk. You are wholly responsible for arranging your own insurance. Joining the event without adequate insurance in place may result in your participation being terminated and you will have no right to a refund. You should ensure that you have adequate private travel insurance, with protection for the full duration of the Challenge Event in respect of at least medical expenses, injury, death, repatriation, cancellation and curtailment and you should ensure that there is no exclusion clause limiting protection for the type of activities included in the Challenge Event.
- 3.4. If you decide to obtain your own travel insurance then you will need to sign and return DCL's Insurance Indemnity Form before being allowed to travel. You will also need to provide DCL with a copy of your own personal travel insurance and failure to do so by its deadline may result in DCL charging you for its insurance.
- 3.5 If you purchase the specially arranged insurance cover from DCL you must satisfy yourself that any travel insurance arranged through DCL meets your requirements and you should arrange supplementary insurance if you deem it necessary. You are responsible for notifying DCL if you have not received insurance documentation after DCL has taken payment. Any claims concerning matters for which you are required to be or are insured must be directed to your insurers. You will be deemed to have read the insurance cover. All participants are personally responsible for informing insurance companies of any pre-existing conditions.
- 3.6 Clients taking their own bike or other equipment on a Challenge Event are responsible for any charge for transportation levied by the airline including excess baggage.

Medical Questionnaire

4. DCL requires a completed medical questionnaire from each participant. If you are aged 65 years or over or if you have any medical condition that could be adversely affected by exercise you must provide DCL with a signed medical questionnaire and further information as necessary from your doctor.
- 4.1 It is a condition of your participation that in cases of emergency a DCL representative has your authority to arrange any necessary medical or surgical treatments and to sign any required consent forms on your behalf.

Personal Information

5. DCL will provide its suppliers / agents with the personal details given by you for the purpose of marketing and administering the Challenge Event. This will include other bodies such as credit card and insurance companies that need to know them for processing payments and providing cover. Personal information is also provided to your chosen Charity. DCL will use your personal details to send you further information about DCL unless you advise us otherwise.

The Contract

6. A binding contract exists between you and DCL when we dispatch our confirmation letter to you. English Laws and the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description (and whether or not involving any personal injury) which arises between you and DCL must be dealt with by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between you and DCL governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not choose, English law will apply).



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Challenge Event Minimum Numbers

- Challenge Events require a minimum number of participants for their operation so DCL reserves the right to cancel any event due to insufficient numbers up to 56 days prior to departure. In these circumstances you will be offered an alternative Challenge Event (which may involve an additional payment) or a complete refund. (See Section C, Clauses 1b and 1c below). DCL will not be liable for any expenses incurred by you such as visas, vaccinations and non-refundable transportation bookings.

DCL's Right to Refuse Your Registration

- DCL reserves the right on reasonable grounds to refuse your participation without having to disclose the reason. DCL's decision in this matter will be final and binding but will exercise this right only when clear grounds exist. If these circumstances arise your Registration Fee and insurance premium will be refunded in full.

Section C Itinerary

- DCL plans Challenge Events many months in advance and details are published in good faith as statements of intention only. Itineraries are complicated and may be changed at short notice through factors out of our control. Whilst DCL endeavors to avoid itinerary changes we do not guarantee itinerary details and reserve the right to amend the itinerary of any Challenge Event as and when it becomes necessary to do so.

Occasionally DCL has to make a "significant change" which is a change made before departure which can reasonably be expected to have a major effect on the Challenge Event. Significant changes are likely to include; a change of accommodation area for the whole or a major part of the time you are away, a change of outward departure time or overall length of time you are away of twelve or more hours, a change of UK departure point to one which is less convenient for you and a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more major destinations substantially or altogether. Alterations to the airline, aircraft type or routing is not a significant change and DCL is under no obligation to notify you in advance. If DCL has to make a significant change or cancellation we will tell you as soon as possible. If there is time to do so before departure, DCL will offer you the choice of the following options:-

- Accepting the changed arrangements (for significant changes)
- Purchasing an alternative Challenge Event from DCL, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. DCL will offer you at least one alternative Challenge Event of equivalent or higher standard at no extra charge. If this Event is in fact cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference to you (if you are Self-Funding the Challenge Event Cost or to the Charity if we have received the Challenge Event Cost from them).
- Cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full and quick refund of all monies (including the Registration Fee) you have paid directly to DCL. Where the Charity has paid the Challenge Event Cost to DCL, DCL will refund those costs to the Charity (See "Refunds and Compensation" below)

Please note that the above options are not available where any change made is a minor one.

If DCL makes a significant change or cancellation we will as a minimum pay you reasonable compensation subject to the following exceptions:-

Compensation will not be payable and no liability beyond offering the above mentioned choices can be accepted where DCL are forced to make a change or cancellation as a result of circumstances beyond DCL's control or unusual and unforeseeable circumstances, the consequences of which were unavoidable even with all due care, or where DCL is forced to cancel due to the minimum number of participants required for the Challenge Event not being reached.

If DCL cancels because you fail to comply with any of the booking conditions, compensation will not be payable and the above options will not be available.

A minor change is one which, taking account the information you have provided when booking or which DCL can reasonably be expected to know as the Organiser, DCL would not reasonably expect to have a significant effect on the Event. As DCL does not control the management of Event accommodation, advertised accommodation may not be suitable or available on arrival in which case DCL will endeavor to provide accommodation of at least the same standard in the same area. If DCL deems it necessary to change the itinerary during the Challenge Event, the Challenge Event Leader will arrange the best alternative. The decision of the Challenge Event Leader in these circumstances will be final.

Very rarely, DCL may be forced by "force majeure" to change or terminate the Challenge Event after departure but before the scheduled end of the event. In these circumstances DCL will not make any refunds (unless refunds are obtained from suppliers) or pay you compensation or meet costs / expenses you incur as a result.

Challenge Participation and Responsibility

- Challenge Event itineraries often involve hazards inherent to the activities involved in it. These hazards increase the risk to participants of personal injury, death, illness, and/or loss or damage to property. By registering you acknowledge and accept the inherent hazards involved in the Challenge Event. Except as set out in this Agreement, DCL cannot accept any liability for any personal injury, death, illness, loss or damage to property or any other loss or damage you incur as a result of your participation. Any safety equipment supplied must be worn correctly at all times. Your cycling helmet should be worn at all times when you are cycling.

Flight delays

- DCL regrets it is not in a position to offer you any assistance in the event of delay at your outward or homeward point of departure. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments. DCL will not be liable for any delay which results from the behaviour of any other passenger on the flight.

Complaints

- If you have a complaint about any part of the Challenge Event, you must tell the relevant supplier and Challenge Event Leader at the time affording DCL the chance to put things right. Any complaints must be communicated to the Challenge Event Leader in writing immediately and to the DCL office within 28 days of your return from the Event.

Challenge Event Price Variations

- DCL reserves the right to make changes to and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your Challenge Event is confirmed. DCL will advise you of any error of which DCL is aware and of the correct price at the time of booking. You must check the price of your chosen Challenge Event at the time of booking.

The Challenge Event Cost you agree to pay consists of the basic event cost advised at the time of booking and any fuel supplement or taxes imposed by any airline providing flights for your Challenge Event together with any other amounts you agree to pay the Organiser. Due to their fluctuating nature, airline fuel supplements and taxes are not included in the basic Challenge Event cost advised at the time of booking, but are payable in full in the amount confirmed by the airline approximately 6-8 weeks prior to the commencement of the Challenge Event. This amount is not a surcharge as it is part of the total Challenge Event Cost you agree to pay at the time of booking, and the surcharge provisions set out below will not apply to it.

Once the Challenge Event price has been confirmed at the time of booking, DCL will only increase it in the following circumstances, passed on by way of surcharge. A surcharge will be payable, subject to the conditions set out in this clause, if DCL's costs increase as a result of transportation costs (e.g. fuel, scheduled airfares and any other airline surcharges) which are part of the contract between airlines (and their agents) and the Organiser or dues, taxes or fees payable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation fees at airports increasing or DCL's costs increase as a result of any changes in the exchange rates which have been used to calculate the cost of the Challenge Event.

Even in the above cases, only if the amount of the increase in DCL's costs exceeds 2% of the Challenge Event Cost (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), will DCL levy a surcharge. If any such surcharge is greater than 10% of the Challenge Event Cost (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your booking and receive a full refund of the Registration Fee and the Challenge Event Cost if you have paid these directly to DCL. DCL does not refund amendment charges. If DCL has received the Challenge Event Cost from the Charity, this will be refunded to the Charity. Alternatively you can purchase another trip from DCL as referred to in "itinerary" above. Please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place.

You have 14 days from the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice to tell us if you want to cancel or purchase another Challenge Event. If you do not tell DCL to do so within this period of time, DCL are entitled to assume that you will pay the surcharge. Any surcharge must be paid with the balance of the cost of the Challenge Event within 14 days of the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice, whichever is the later.

DCL promises not to levy a surcharge within 30 days of the start of the Challenge Event.

Changes and errors do occasionally occur. You must check the cost of your chosen event at the time of booking.

Flights

- The flight timings detailed in Challenge Event documentation are for general guidance only and are subject to change. You will be advised of the latest timings approximately two weeks before departure. In most cases your tickets will be given to you at the airport. You must check flight details very carefully to ensure you have the correct flight times. Flight times may be changed even within two weeks of departure – DCL will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs.

Cancellations or termination

- If you want to cancel your booking, you must notify DCL in writing. The effective date of cancellation will be the date such notice is received. Cancellation fees after registration has been made are as follows. Registration Fees, amendment fees and insurance premiums are not refundable in the event that you cancel.

Period before departure written notice of cancellation is received by DCL

More than 56 days prior to departure
56-29 days prior to departure
28-15 days prior to departure
14-0 days prior to departure

Cancellation Charge

Loss of Registration Fee only
Registration Fee plus 50% of the Trip Cost
Registration Fee plus 75% of the Trip Cost
Registration Fee plus 100% of the Trip Cost

If you have paid the Challenge Event Cost directly to DCL.

If you cancel your booking, the cancellation charges referred to above will apply. You will receive a refund of any monies paid by you directly to DCL relating to the Challenge Event Cost paid after deduction of the cancellation charges set out above.

If the Charity has paid the Challenge Event Cost to DCL.

If you cancel your booking, the cancellation charges referred to above will apply. DCL shall refund to the Charity any monies relating to the Challenge Event Cost paid by it to DCL after deduction of the cancellation charges set out above. You agree that the Charity shall be entitled to keep any such refunded monies and shall not be obliged to pay them to you.

If cancellation occurs in circumstances where recovery of cancellation charges is indemnified under your travel insurance, you hereby agree that you will co-operate in the recovery of these charges from the insurers and any sums recovered under the policy will be paid to the Charity.

With regards to any monies paid to the Charity over and above the Challenge Event Cost, no refund of these will be payable to you in the event of your cancellation of your booking as these monies were raised for charitable purposes.

- Transferring your place to another Challenge Event may be possible. You must make this request to DCL in writing. More than 56 days before departure, DCL will endeavor to transfer your Registration Fee, less £40 administration fee. Further charges may be deducted where costs exceeding this have been spent on your behalf and are irrecoverable by DCL. The Challenge Event you transfer to must depart within 12 months of the Challenge Event you transfer from and only one transfer is allowed per booking. You must



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immediately pay the difference to DCL if your new Challenge Event has a higher Registration Fee; where this is lower, DCL will deduct any difference from the Challenge Event Cost invoice to be paid by you or your Charity. You must accept and adhere to any differences in Challenge Event Costs and Fundraising Targets, and sign a new Registration Form when requested. If your request to transfer is made 56 or days or less prior to departure, DCL will be unable to transfer your Registration Fee and cancellation charges as above will be applicable.

Passports, vaccinations and visas

8. You must have a valid, full 10 year passport (minimum of six months validity required at the end of the Challenge Event) and hold appropriate visa and vaccination certificates. You will be liable for reimbursing DCL, if failure to obtain any such documents results in fines, surcharges or financial penalty being imposed upon DCL. Information given by DCL about these matters or related items (climate, clothing, baggage, personal gear etc.) is given in good faith but requirements may change and you must check the current position for the time of departure. You are responsible for obtaining vaccinations required for your Challenge Event.

Challenge Event Leader's Authority

9. Completing your Registration Form signifies your agreement to abide by the authority of the DCL appointed Challenge Event Leader. The decision of the Challenge Event Leader as to the conduct, itinerary and objectives of the Challenge Event is final. If the Challenge Event leader or any other person in authority feels that your behaviour or physical condition is detrimental to the safety, welfare and well-being of the group as a whole or that your general well-being will be put at risk by continuing with the Challenge, you may be asked to leave the Challenge Event without the right to any refund for unused services, receiving compensation or for meeting costs you incur as a result. Furthermore, you must meet any expenses incurred by DCL as the result of your behaviour.

Your Financial Protection

10. When you buy an ATOL protected air package from DCL you will receive a booking confirmation from us confirming your arrangements and your protection under our Air Travel Organiser's Licence Number 10456. Please note that Challenge events that do not include flights are not protected by the ATOL scheme. If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

DCL's Liability

11. DCL promises to ensure that Challenge Event arrangements it has agreed to make, perform or provide as applicable as part of its contract with you are made, performed with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, DCL will accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted Challenge Event arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result of the failure of DCL, its employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted Challenge Event arrangements. It is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used if you wish to make a claim against DCL. In addition, DCL will only be responsible for what employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work DCL had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).
- 11.1 DCL will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:-
i. the act(s) and / or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
ii. the act(s) and / or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your Challenge Event and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
iii. 'Force Majeure' as defined below
- 11.2 Please note, DCL cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of this contract with you. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities that your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised in DCL's brochure and DCL have not agreed to arrange them. In addition, regardless of any wording used by DCL on its website, in any of its brochures or elsewhere DCL only promises to use reasonable skill and care as set out above and DCL does not have any greater or different liability to you.
- 11.3 The promises DCL make to you about the services it has agreed to provide or arrange as part of its contract with you – and the laws and regulations of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred – will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead to a reasonable participant to refuse to take the trip in question.
- 11.4 As set out in these booking conditions DCL limits the maximum amount it may have to pay you for any claims you may make against it. Where DCL is found liable for loss of and / or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount DCL will have to pay you is £1500 (fifteen hundred) per participant affected unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under this clause or sub-clause 11.5 below.

For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if DCL are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount it will have to pay you is twice the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the participant(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under sub-clause (6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from the Challenge Event.

- 11.5 Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and / or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier or any stay in a hotel, the maximum amount of compensation DCL will have to pay you will be limited. The most DCL will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if DCL are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier or hotel keeper concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements or hotel stay in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or un-amended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and / or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by sea). Please note: Where a carrier or hotel would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable International Convention or Regulation in respect of a claim or a part of a claim, DCL similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, DCL are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the transport provider of hotelier for the complaint or claim in question. Copies of the applicable International Conventions and Regulations are available from us on request.
- 11.6 Please note, DCL cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to DCL by you concerning your booking prior to DCL accepting it, DCL could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if DCL breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by DCL or its employees or, where DCL are responsible for them, its suppliers. Additionally DCL cannot accept liability for any business losses.
- 11.7 You must provide DCL and its insurers with all assistance it may reasonably require. You must also tell DCL and the supplier concerned about your claim or complaint as set out under Clause 10 "Complaints" If asked to do so, you must transfer to DCL or our insurers any rights you have against the supplier or whoever else is responsible for your claim or complaint (if the person concerned is under 18, their parent or guardian must do so). You must also agree to cooperate fully with DCL and its insurers want to enforce any rights which are transferred.
- 11.8 Force Majeure: Except where otherwise expressly stated in these conditions, DCL regrets it cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage or loss (as more fully described in clause 18(1) above) as a result "Force Majeure". In these Booking Conditions, "Force Majeure" means any event which DCL or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include war or threat of war, riot, civil strife, actual or threatened terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, fire and all similar events outside our control.

Conditions of Suppliers

12. Many of the services which make up the Challenge Event are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions (see "Liability" above). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from DCL or the supplier concerned.

Special Requests

13. If you have any special requests you must advise DCL in writing at the time of booking. DCL will pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier although we regret that we cannot guarantee any request will be met unless we have specifically confirmed this. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability.

DCL regrets it cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfillment of a particular request.

Price and Brochure Accuracy

14. Information and prices shown in DCL promotional materials may have changed by the time you book your Challenge Event. Whilst every effort is made to ensure accuracy, errors do occasionally occur. You can ensure that your information is accurate by checking all details of the Challenge Event with DCL at time of booking.

Promotional Material

15. DCL reserves the right to use any photographs and images taken on a Challenge Event or related occasion by its employees or forwarded by any person on the Challenge Event or connected to the Challenge Event, on its website, in its social network marketing activities or for use in any other relevant promotional material.

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