

# AYS COMPANION TOUR

## Brazil Tour 2006

### May 29 – June 10, 2006

### Final Itinerary

May 8, 2006

Tour Director: Kristine Purrington

Total Number of Participants: 43 Persons (7 passengers will travel internationally, with AYS)

Total Coach Miles in Brazil: 899kms/555miles

Escort: Dieter Patsch

DATE	ORIGIN/ DESTINATION	TIME	EVENT
May 29 Monday	Albuquerque/ Atlanta/ (by plane) (Overnight flight)	10:00/10:00am	Assemble at Albuquerque airport. <b>36 Persons plus 1 Escort = 37 Persons</b> Check in Delta flight DL#1596.
		11:50/11:50am	Board the plane and depart Albuquerque. <b>Aircraft: 757</b> <b>Air miles: 1266</b> <b>Actual flight time: 3:05</b>
		16:55/ 4:55pm	<b>Meal(s): None</b> Arrive in Atlanta. Connect with Delta flight DL#105.
		19:45/ 7:45pm	Board the plane and depart Atlanta. <b>Aircraft: 767</b> <b>Air miles: 4653</b> <b>Actual flight time: 9:20</b> <b>Meal(s): Dinner and breakfast</b> Overnight on board the plane.

**Please note:**

When you check your luggage in Albuquerque, make sure that the luggage airline tag reads MAO, (Manaus).

### About Brazil . . .

Nowhere in South America is the catch phrase "land of contrasts" more appropriate than in Brazil. From one end to the other of this continent-size nation, you will go from tropical rain forest to urban jungle, from primitive native culture to modern high rises, from distressing poverty to embarrassing wealth. With the largest continuous coastline of any nation in the Americas (4,600 miles), Brazil differs itself from the rest of South America in that it is the only country to have been colonized by the Portuguese, therefore, the language spoken is Portuguese, not Spanish. To understand Brazil as a country, it is necessary to always keep in mind its awesome size. It ranks fifth worldwide: bigger than the continental United States, twice the size of India, and four times as large as Mexico but has only 176 million inhabitants.

May 30  
Tuesday

Sao Paulo ,  
**BRAZIL/**  
Brasilia/  
Manaus,  
**State of**  
**Amazonas**

06:05/ 6:05am	Breakfast on board the plane. Arrive at Sao Paulo's Guarulhos International Airport. Claim luggage and instruments. Clear Brazilian Customs. Connect with TAM Brazilian Airlines flight JJ#3744.
09:00/ 9:00am	<b>36 Persons plus 1 Escort = 37 Persons</b> Board the plane and depart Sao Paulo. <b>Aircraft: Airbus 320</b> <b>Air miles: 524</b> <b>Actual flight time: 1:36</b> <b>Meal(s): Snack</b>
10:36/10:36am	Arrive in Brasilia. Stay on board the plane.
11:20/11:20am	Depart Brasilia. <b>Air miles: 1201</b> <b>Actual flight time: 2:50</b> <b>Meal(s): Snack</b>
13:10/ 1:10pm	Arrive in Manaus. <b>ENTIRE GROUP IS TOGETHER – 43 Persons plus 1 escort = 44 Persons</b>
14:00/ 2:00pm	Board the coach and commence a 1 hour guided sightseeing tour of the city. Sightseeing tour ends at the theater of Manaus (entrance fee included in the tour price).
15:00/ 3:00pm	Board the coach and transfer to the local “ <i>mercado</i> ” for indigenous craft shopping.
17:00/ 5:00pm	Board the coach transfer to the “ <i>zona franca</i> ”, where you will have some time to shop.
18:00/ 6:00pm	Board the coach and transfer to the hotel. Check in the hotel.
20:00/ 8:00pm	Dinner at hotel. Overnight at: <b>Hotel Tropical</b> <b>Estrada da Ponta Negra, s/n</b> <b>69037-000 Manaus, AM</b> <b>Phone #:011 (55) 92 2123-5000</b> <b>Fax #: 011 (55) 92 3658-5026</b>

### About São Paulo. . .

As Brazil's largest city with 19 million inhabitants, *São Paulo* grew too fast for urban planners to keep up with, inciting many urban problems. Often called the “New York of South America,” the turn of the century drew immigrants from Italy, Portugal, Spain, Japan, Germany, and internally. This “melting pot” mentality has turned *São Paulo* from a sleepy Jesuit Mission Post into the financial hub of South America.

### About the Northern Region of Brazil...

The Northern region of the country, where the Amazon is located, occupies 45% of Brazil's total area. It comprises seven states – Acre, Amapa, Amazonas, Para, Rondonia, Roraima and Tocantins – with a total population of then million. The overall climate is equatorial, with high temperatures and humidity. Geographically speaking, in addition to Brazil, the Amazon also includes parts of Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Surinam and French Guiana – all of which (except for Equador) border Brazil.

May 31                      Manaus/  
Wednesday                Lago Salvador/  
                                          **(By boat)**

08:00/ 8:00am  
09:00/ 9:00am  
10:00/10:00am

Breakfast at the hotel.  
Assemble at lobby, walk to the pier.  
Board the boat and depart Manaus. (Take overnight bag, not suitcase).  
Luncheon on board (included in the tour price).  
Arrive at Lago Salvador or vicinity. Indigenous programs vary each time. Each boat will have their own canoes (with life jacket for each person), which will be used to execute the indigenous program.  
Dinner at the restaurant *rainha da Selva*, situated (literally) in the middle of nowhere. During dinner you will be entertained by a trio from the region. They will sing, accompanied by guitars, songs synonymous of the area.  
After dinner board the boat. Boat will ride all night.  
Boat will anchor to allow you to board the canoe and commence your indigenous program. Remember, you are still on the Rio Negro, not the Amazon River.  
Return to the boat.  
Overnight on the boat.

23:00/11:00pm

12:00/midnight

**About Lago Salvador. . .**

The *Rio Negro* and the *Rio Solimoes* are the two largest waterways that form the Amazon River. Notice the quaint island right in the middle of the river's joining.

June 1                      Lago Salvador/  
Thursday                    Manaus  
                                          **(By boat)**

05:00/ 5:00am

When you wake up, the boat will be in a totally different area, much closer to the *Meeting of the waters*, where the Amazon river is born. You will be awakened by a knock on your cabin door. Then you will hear a very loud voice of Luciano Pavoratti, belting out some of his loudest songs!!!!!!

Board the canoe and embark on a special, very early morning sightseeing tour of a different kind. The guide will be a local who speaks fluent English. You will witness as the *selva amazonica*, awakens before your very eyes.

07:00/ 7:00am

Return to the boat for breakfast.  
This morning you will be for the first time on the Solimoes River. You will notice that the color of the water no longer is black but very red (mud like). Remember, we still have not seen the Amazon River.

12:00/ Noon

Luncheon on the boat (included in the tour price).  
At this time you should have finally arrived at the *Encontro das Aguas*, or the Meeting of the Waters, where the river Negro and Solimoes meet and "finally" form the Amazon River.  
Begin your ride back to Manaus and then to the pier where you started the journey the day before.

16:00/ 4:00pm

Boat arrives at pier. Walk back to the hotel.

18:00/ 6:00pm

Check into the hotel.

**19:00/ 7:00pm**

Dinner at the hotel.

**20:00/ 8:00pm**

**Board the coach and transfer to the theater, teatro de Manaus.**

**21:30/ 9:30pm**

**Concert begins.**

**Concert ends.**

Board the coach and transfer to hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

**About the boats...**

The boats used for this event are top of the line Amazon boats. They comply with all the safety rules necessary to run such an event. Each of the boats have their own cooks, and waiters. From the top deck you can watch life on the Amazon as it unfolds in the course of your trip. One or two stops will be made during the boat trip, to give you a chance to mingle with the locals. They are extremely friendly and are eager to answer all the questions you may have for them. Don't be shy, ask all the questions that enter your mind.....

June 2 Friday	Manaus/ Brasilia/ Belo Horizonte/ (by plane) Ouro Preto (by coach) (100km/62miles)	09:00/ 9:00am  11:30/11:30am  14:00/ 2:00pm  17:41/ 5:41pm  18:35/ 6:35pm  19:45/ 7:45pm 20:30/ 8:30pm 21:30/ 9:30pm 22:30/10:30pm  24:00/Midnight	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure for independent activities. Board the coach and transfer to the airport. Independent lunch at the airport. <b>36 Persons plus 1 Escort = 37 Persons</b> Check in TAM Brazilian Airlines flight JJ#3745. Board the plane and depart Manaus. <b>Aircraft: Air Bus 320</b> <b>Air miles: 1201</b> <b>Actual flight time: 2:41</b> <b>Meal: Lunch</b></p> <p>Arrive in Brasilia. Connect with TAM Brazilian Airlines flight JJ#3845. Board the plane and depart Brasilia. <b>Aircraft: Air Bus 320</b> <b>Air miles: 376</b> <b>Actual flight time: 1:10</b> <b>Meal(s): Snack</b></p> <p>Arrive at Belo Horizonte's Confins Airport. Board the coach and depart the airport. Dinner at restaurant <i>Faz de Conta</i> in the Belo Horizonte area. Board the coach and depart Belo Horizonte. You will have a 1.5 hour ride ahead of you. Arrive in Ouro Preto. Transfer to the hotel. Check in the hotel. Overnight at: <b>Estalagem das Minas Gerais</b> <b>Rodovia dos Inconfidentes, km 90</b> <b>Cep 35400-000 Ouro Preto</b> <b>Phone #: 011 (55) 31 3551 2122</b> <b>Fax #: 011 (55) 31 3551 2709</b></p>
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### About the Theater of Manaus. . .

The rubber boom ended abruptly in the 1920's with the emergence of a competitive Malaysian rubber market. The *Teatro Amazonas* was completed in 1896 to illustrate the opulence of the era, and still remains standing in the city of Manaus. The grandiose theater was restored to its former splendor through three major renovations, marking its culmination in 1990. Marble doorways from Italy, wrought-iron banisters from England, and French crystal chandeliers encapsulate the Italian Renaissance-style interior. Striking French tiles and Italian frescoes depict Amazon legends and provide a clear idea of the wealth and ostentation that marked the Amazon rubber boom. Caruso sang there, as did Carreras, Domingo and Pavarotti.

### About the Amazon. . .

For both outsiders and inhabitants of the Amazon, there is a mystical attraction to this legendary region and its two great constants, the river and the jungle. A flight over the jungle is an unforgettable experience; the jungle curves contours of the area's 1,000 rivers and is broken only occasionally by a clearing. From the sky, it is easy to believe that the Brazilian Amazon is the largest tropical rainforest in the world, larger than all of Western Europe and accounting for 60% of the nation's total territory. Despite its girth, the Amazon Region has only 16 million inhabitants, similar to the population of metropolitan New York. A trip on the Amazon River, especially between Belem and Manaus, is unmatched anywhere in the world. In some spots the Amazon is so wide that neither bank is visible, giving the impression of traversing an inland sea. At night, the only light that can be seen is that of the moon and stars, reinforcing the sense of being in one of the world's greatest wilderness areas.

June 3  
Saturday

Ouro Preto

09:00/ 9:00am  
10:00/10:00am

Breakfast at the hotel.  
Board the coach and transfer to the *Rodoviaria*.  
Walk the rest to downtown Ouro Preto (about 15 minutes).  
Commence a two hour guided sightseeing tour of the city.

10:30/10:30am  
12:30/12:30am

Beginning of guided sightseeing tour.  
Sightseeing tour ends.  
Independent lunch.

17:00/ 5:00pm

Afternoon at leisure for independent activities. Great town to shop.  
Board the coach and transfer to hotel.  
Resting time.

**19:00/ 7:00pm**

**Board the coach and transfer the *rodoviaria*.  
Board one of the 4 vans to take you to the theater Vila Rica.**

**19:30/ 7:30pm**

**Concert begins.  
No intermission.**

**20:30/ 8:30pm**

**Concert ends.**

21:00/ 9:00pm

Board one of the 4 vans and transfer to the restaurant Casa dos Contos.  
Dinner at restaurant.  
Board one of the 4 vans and transfer to the *Rodoviaria*.  
Board the coach and transfer to the hotel.  
Overnight at the hotel.

### About Casas dos Contos Restaurant. . .

This 18<sup>th</sup> century restaurant incorporates architectural beauty with the traditional dishes of the State of Minas Gerais. The building preserved in its original style, historically served as slavery quarters.

### About Minas Gerais. . .

Brazil's mountainous central region is dominated by the state of *Minas Gerais*, which means "general mines" in Portuguese. The name refers to its great mineral wealth, typified by its once vast reserves of gold, diamond and semiprecious stones. Exploration of Minas Gerais began in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, when bands of adventurers from coastal areas came in search of Indian slaves and gold. The explorers found a black stone near the town of *Vila Rica* that was later verified to be pure gold (the black coloring was the result of iron oxide in the soil.) *Vila Rica* thus came to be called *Ouro Preto* (black gold), and the 18<sup>th</sup> century provoked a gold rush that for a time made Ouro Preto the *de facto* capital of the Portuguese colony. The legacy of this period is preserved in allegedly historical sites scattered throughout the mountains, commemorating Brazil's first gold rush with an abundance of Baroque churches and artwork.

<p>June 4 Sunday</p>	<p>Ouro Preto/ Belo Horizonte (100kms/62 miles (by coach)</p>	<p>09:00/ 9:00am  10:00/10:00am 11:00/11:00am  11:30/11:30am 13:00/ 1:00pm  14:30/ 2:30pm 15:00/ 3:00pm 16:00/ 4:00pm  17:00/ 5:00pm 19:00/ 7:00pm</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at the hotel. Watch the AYS and their Brazilian counterparts play a “mean” game of Volleyball. The game will take place on the grounds of the hotel. Volleyball game begins. The Companion group will leave Ouro Preto. Coach will bring Brazilian volleyball players to the bus stop. <i>Capoeira</i> will be presented as well. Board the coach and depart Ouro Preto. Arrive at the restaurant almost in Belo Horizonte. Independent lunch at the restaurant <i>Faz de Conta</i>. Board the coach and transfer to the hotel. Check in the hotel. Board the coach and commence a 1 hour guided sightseeing tour. Guided sightseeing tour ends. Transfer to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Evening at leisure for independent activities. Overnight at: <b>Hotel Parthenon (Lifecenter)</b> <b>Rua Cicero Ferreira, 10 Serra</b> <b>30220-040 Belo Horizonte MG Brazil</b> <b>Phone #: 011 (55) 31 3280 3700</b> <b>Fax #: 011 (55) 31 3280 3735</b></p>
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**About Ouro Preto. . .**  
*Ouro Preto* is the best known historical city in Brazil and is preserved as a national monument and World Heritage Site. The former gold rush capital is situated just south of *Belo Horizonte*, and its 3,200 ft elevation make Ouro Preto a city of narrow cobblestone alleys built on steep hills. The true treasures of the city, however, are its 13 colonial churches representing the supreme achievement of *Mineiro*–Baroque architecture.

<p>June 5 Monday</p>	<p>Belo Horizonte</p>	<p>09:00/ 9:00am 10:00/10:00am  17:00/ 5:00pm 17:45/ 5:45pm 18:00/ 6:00pm <b>19:00/ 7:00pm</b> <b>20:00/ 8:00pm</b> <b>21:30/ 9:30pm</b></p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Morning half day excursion (tba). Independent lunch. Afternoon at leisure for independent activities. Board the coach and transfer to the restaurant <i>Xapuri</i>. Arrive at restaurant. Dinner. <b>Board the coach and transfer to the Palacio das Artes.</b> <b>Beginning of concert.</b> <b>Concert ends.</b> Board the coach and return to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.</p>
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**About Belo Horizonte. . .** Belo Horizonte is Brazil’s third largest city with a population of 2.5 million. It is also the state capital of *Minas Gerais*, a state known for its gold, gemstones, and iron ore. This modernized city lacks the historical value that nearby *Ouro Preto* offers, as it was founded in 1897, and is still considered to be a very young city. One of the most famous modern structures is the Chapel of St. Francis, *Capela de São Francisco*, which was completed in 1943 by famed Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer, designer the country’s capital *Brasilia*.

June 6 Tuesday	Belo Horizonte/ En route/ Rio de Janeiro <b>State of Rio de Janeiro</b> (499km/308miles)	07:00/ 7:00am 08:00/ 8:00am  12:00/ Noon 14:00/ 2:00pm 17:00/ 5:00pm  19:30/ 7:30pm 20:00/ 8:00pm  21:30/ 9:30pm 22:00/10:00pm 23:30/11:30pm	Breakfast at the hotel. Board the coach and depart Belo Horizonte. This morning you will pass by some very beautiful scenery. Paid luncheon at restaurant <i>Fartura</i> . Board the coach and depart. Arrive in Rio de Janeiro. Transfer to the hotel. Check in the hotel. Board the coach and transfer to the <i>Clube Plataforma</i> . Dinner at the restaurant next door to where the Samba Show will take place. After dinner walk upstairs and take your seat. Samba show begins. Samba show ends. Board the coach and return to the hotel. Overnight at: <b>Othon Hotel Copacabana</b> <b>Avenida Atlantica 3264</b> <b>Rio de Janeiro, RJ Brazil</b> <b>Phone #: 011 (55) 21 2525 1500</b>
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### About the Samba Show. . .

Transfer to *Plataforma 1 Rio Clube* and enjoy a beautiful live show of typical Brazilian Samba music and dance. The breathtaking costumes are made of colorful feathers only seen in *Rio*. By watching the show, it will give you a very good idea of what the most famous Carnival in the world – *Carnaval Carioca*, Carnival of Rio de Janeiro – looks like.

### About the Corcovado. . .

Visible night and day from most of *Rio's* neighborhoods, the powerful image of Christ with open arms crowns the summit of *Corcovado* Mountain. Standing 2,300 ft in height, the Corcovado Mountain is nearly twice as high as neighboring Sugarloaf Mountain, *Pão de Açúcar*. These mountains spur an eternal argument among Brazilians and tourists: which offers a better view? Whatever your pleasure, don't leave Rio without making the trip up to the top of Corcovado – or "hunchback" in Portuguese, referring to the mountain's shape. The statue of Christ the Redeemer has been a landmark of Rio de Janeiro since its inauguration in 1931 and stands 100 ft tall atop a 20 ft pedestal wired with powerful lighting to enhance the forceful presence of this unique image.

### About Rio de Janeiro...

Rio, the city most known outside of Brazil, is one of the former capitals and an important tourist and Latin American cultural center. With graceful urban architecture, mountain resorts and beaches lying between the rolling hills and Guanabara Bay, Rio has one of the strongest hotels systems in the country uniting the two principal forms of leisure sought by the tourist; sunny beaches and tropical evenings.

June 7                      Rio de Janeiro  
Wednesday

09:00/ 9:00am

Breakfast at the hotel.

Enjoy the location of the hotel. Across the street from the hotel, you will find the most famous beach in the world, *praia de Copacabana*, (Copacabana beach). In the evening the beach is illuminated with neon lights, which whiten the waves of the Atlantic ocean even more. Life on the beach at night is as busy as during the day.

Independent lunch in the area.

13:00/ 1:00pm

Board the coach and transfer to the *Corcovado Mountain*.

Ascent to the mountain (entrance fee included in tour price).

15:00/ 3:00pm

Board the coach and return to the hotel.

Resting time.

**18:30/ 6:30pm**

**Board the coach and transfer to the Candelaria Cathedral where the Albuquerque Youth Symphony will give a full concert tonight.**

**19:30/ 7:30pm**

**Concert begins.**

**20:30/ 8:30pm**

**Concert ends.**

Board the coach and return to hotel.

21:30/ 9:30pm

Dinner at Havana restaurant, next door to the hotel.

Overnight at hotel.

## About the Vendors. . .

Each evening after 7:00 pm the vendors set up their booths on the *Avenida Atlântica*, directly in front of *Copacabana Beach*. They close at 1:00am. Some of the most beautiful crafts, clothes, paintings and sculptures imaginable can be purchased at extremely fair prices. Do not forget to bargain, the vendors expect it.

June 8                      Rio de Janeiro/  
Thursday                      Petropolis/  
                                         Rio de Janeiro  
                                         (200kms/123 miles)  
                                         (by coach)

08:00/ 8:00am

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00/ 9:00am

Board the coach and depart Rio de Janeiro.

11:00/11:00am

Arrive in Petropolis, a very historic city.

Commence a guided sightseeing tour.

Guided sightseeing tour ends.

Independent lunch in Petropolis.

Afternoon at leisure for independent activities OR a visit to the Imperial Museum in Petropolis.

**17:00/ 5:00pm**

**Board the coach and transfer to the Cathedral Sao Pedro de Alcantara where the Albuquerque Youth Symphony will give a full concert in conjunction with about 40 Brazilian violinists.**

**18:00/ 6:00pm**

**Concert begins.**

**19:30/ 7:30pm**

**Concert ends.**

Board the coach and transfer to the *Churrascaria Lago Sul*.

20:00/ 8:00pm

Dinner.

21:30/ 9:30pm

Board the coach and depart Petropolis.

23:00/11:00pm

Arrive in Rio de Janeiro, transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at hotel.

Churrascaria Lago Sul  
Estrada Ayrton Senna, S/N  
Lago do Quitandinha –  
Petropolis, RJ  
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**About Petropolis. . .** Just an hour drive outside *Rio de Janeiro* is the *Cidade Imperial*, renowned as the former summer residence of Emperor *Dom Pedro*. His son *Dom Pedro II* first developed and founded this city, previously known as *Corrego Secco*. The town was originally depicted as a small miserable village, but with the help of Julius Koler, the Emperor of Brazil, and 2700 German colonists, the city was finally established as a German colony in 1845. Its growth was slow, but the Emperor's choice to make it his summer residence also attracted many wealthy residents, and aided the railway opening in 1854, and the road opening in 1883.

June 9 Friday	Rio de Janeiro/ Sao Paulo/ (Overnight flight)	07:00-10:00am	Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure for independent activities. Independent lunch.
		13:30/ 1:30pm	Board the coach and transfer to Rio de Janeiro's domestic airport called Santos Dumont. <b>36 Persons plus 1 Escort = 37 Persons</b> Check in TAM Brazilian Airlines flight #JJ3939.
		15:00/ 3:00pm	Board the plane and depart Rio de Janeiro. <b>Aircraft: Airbus 319</b> <b>Air miles: 228</b> <b>Actual flight time: 50 minutes</b> <b>Meal(s): None</b>
		15:50/ 3:50pm	Arrive at Sao Paulo's domestic airport called Congonhas.
		17:00/ 5:00pm	Board the coach and transfer to the International Airport of Guarulhos, situated on the other side of Sao Paulo.
		20:00/ 8:00pm	Arrive at Guarulhos Airport. Connect with Delta flight DL#104.
		22:55/10:55pm	Board the plane and depart Sao Paulo. <b>Aircraft: 767</b> <b>Air miles: 4653</b> <b>Actual flight time: 9:35</b> <b>Meal(s): Dinner, breakfast.</b> Overnight on board the plane.
June 10 Saturday	Atlanta/ Albuquerque (By Plane)	07:30/ 7:30am	Breakfast on board the plane. Arrive in Atlanta. Claim luggage, clear US Customs. Connect with Delta flight DL#587.
		09:35/ 9:35am	Board the plane and depart Atlanta. <b>Aircraft: M80</b> <b>Air miles: 1266</b> <b>Actual flight time: 3:20</b> <b>Meals(s): None</b>
		10:55/10:55am	Arrive in Albuquerque.

**MANY HAPPY MEMORIES**

## **Please note:**

All times listed are approximate and subject to change pending airline schedule, road conditions, etc. Times are based on average traveling speeds and are listed in the local time zone.

Each participant is limited to one suitcase per person not to exceed 62 dimensional inches (length+width+height) and not to exceed 50 lbs. Any charge levied by the airline and/or coach company due to excess baggage must be borne by the tour participant(s).

All hotels, concert venues and activities are tentative, subject to approval. Specific venues are to be confirmed after review, approval and commitment to the Contract, Tour Proposal and Proposed Itinerary. In the event proposed hotels and/or concert venues are not available, a suitable replacement will be offered.

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