

ST. OLAF ALUMNI & FAMILY TRAVEL

TERMS & CONDITIONS 2025 THIRD CHAPTER RETREAT

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March 16–19, 2025

Your registration cannot be accepted until you read the following terms and conditions, check the "I agree" button on the online registration form, and pay the \$500 per-person deposit.

Tour Pricing, Inclusions, and Exclusions

The tour price is \$1,406 per person for single or double occupancy. There are a limited number of single occupancy spaces. You may also register without a roommate if you are willing to be paired with a same-sex participant.

Inclusions: discussions guided by Deanna Thompson, assistance on-site by Megan Nelson, three nights' accommodations at Spirit in the Desert, all meals from dinner on Sunday, March 16 through lunch on Wednesday, March 19.

Exclusions: Transportation to and from Spirit in the Desert is not included. Participants are solely responsible for all expenses not specifically included in the program fee. Examples of excluded expenses are: transportation to and from Spirit in the Desert, baggage insurance, travel insurance, gratuities, laundry, dry cleaning, phone charges, room service, or other items of a personal nature, expenses incurred during free time or non-group activities, meals other than those listed above, and items not specifically listed above as included.

Payments and Refunds

This schedule is based on payments St. Olaf College must make to tour vendors to guarantee group rates. We highly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance at the time of registration to recover your payments should you need to withdraw from the tour.

Deposit due: \$500 upon registration
Refund if you cancel: \$350 until July 31, 2024. If the deposit is made after July 31, 2024 there is no refund.

Balance due: December 1, 2024
Refund if you cancel: None, unless the tour is full and your place can be resold

Cancellations must be in writing.

Participant Requirements

Alumni & Family Travel tours vary in pace, but in general, they require you, the participant, to be capable, without assistance, of walking a minimum of five miles per day, standing for 2 to 3 hours at a time, of climbing stairs that may not have handrails, of climbing in and out of a variety of transportation vehicles, of keeping pace with an active group of travelers on long days of traveling, of dealing with the emotional highs and lows that can occur when experiencing a different culture, and of being capable of traveling with a group for several hours each day. St. Olaf has published specific requirements for each Alumni & Family Travel trip. You are responsible for reviewing the specific requirements for your tour and judging the appropriateness of these travel activities to your physical, mental and behavioral capabilities. Any participant who is unable to fulfill the tour requirements may have their registration cancelled. Any participant who has demonstrated an inability, in the opinion of the tour leader, of keeping up with the group or of safely participating in tour activities may be prohibited from participating in certain activities.

When it is possible to do so, St. Olaf strives to make reasonable efforts to accommodate disabilities and other special needs of tour participants if we are notified at the time of registration. If you have a special need regarding your participation in the tour or will need an accommodation, you should contact the Alumni & Family Travel Director as soon as possible. Unfortunately, St. Olaf may not be able to accommodate all special needs. St. Olaf reserves the right to refuse to make an accommodation when not required to do so by law.

You are expected to behave in a reasonable manner toward other travelers, tour leaders, staff and other persons with whom you come into contact during the tour. If you behave, in the opinion of the tour leader, in a way likely to disrupt the enjoyment or endanger the safety of other travelers, you will be expelled from the group and will have to make your own arrangements to return home. No refunds for the unused portion of the tour will be given.

Itinerary

St. Olaf reserves the right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary. If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or tours. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond St. Olaf's control. St. Olaf expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any St. Olaf Alumni & Family Travel tour. St. Olaf does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's over-booking of a flight or for any other reason unrelated to St. Olaf's actions. Site visits and the order of the itinerary may be rearranged or substituted at the discretion of St. Olaf. Photos shown on St. Olaf web pages are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary.

Single Travelers

St. Olaf always reserves rooms for single travelers. However, the number of single rooms available on a tour is limited. Therefore we recommend that you register early. A supplemental charge will apply for a single room. If you are traveling alone and wish to share a room, we will do our best to find someone of the same gender and smoking preference to share with you. If you are matched with a non-smoking roommate, it is mutually agreed that you cannot smoke in your hotel room. When a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement will be charged.

Baggage

Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. Although every effort is made to handle participants' luggage as carefully as possible, St. Olaf is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft, or wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling.

Photos

Participants may be photographed for the educational and promotional purposes of St. Olaf. You agree that St. Olaf is authorized to use for any purpose any pictures taken of the group and comments made on evaluation forms.

Other Terms and Conditions

In offering this tour, St. Olaf does not control or guarantee the personnel, equipment, operations or performance of anyone furnishing accommodations, products or other services in connection with these travel arrangements. Therefore, St. Olaf does not assume responsibility for injury, damage, expense, inconvenience or any other loss experienced to person or to property in connection with the products or services of such suppliers. The type of loss over which St. Olaf has no control and for which St. Olaf cannot be and is not responsible includes, without limitation: (i) any act or omission on the part of any supplier of products or services or other party who is not under the direct control of St. Olaf; (ii) any defect or failure of any vehicle, equipment, product or service which is owned, operated or otherwise used by a supplier; (iii) any financial problems of a supplier which causes non-performance by that supplier; or (iv) any other cause, condition or event which is beyond the direct control of St. Olaf.

During the tour, you may have the opportunity to participate in various optional activities, such as athletic activities or excursions. St. Olaf does not control any of these activities and will not be and is not liable for any injury, damage, expense, accident, delay, inconvenience or other loss arising out of or relating to participation in such activities.

Travel documents will not be issued until St. Olaf has received a signed original of these terms and conditions, the Release and Waiver, and the Traveler, Emergency Contact, and Health Information form from the participant.