



## 2017 Event *Terms & Conditions*

(As of: 10 Oct 2017)

The 2017 travel world championship will take place between the dates of April 14 & May 6, 2017. The event will begin and end in North America.

All rulings and judgments made by GreatEscape2017: The Global Scavenger Hunt™ (GE2017/TGSH) Road Officials and Judges in the course of the 2017 travel adventure competition will be final. There will be no right of legal appeal. Teams will be required to abide by the official *Rules & Regulations* of the event.

Portions of the TGSH competition will be photographed and/or filmed for personal, commercial and promotional use, and as a result, all participants will be required to sign a basic appearance release/waiver as a Term & Condition of participating in GE2017. Our participant's videos and photographs may be used for promotional purposes by GreatEscape Adventures, Inc., (GEA Inc).

TGSH is limited to 15-two person Teams, plus the previous event's winning Teams that have already secured positions. There will be no exception to this exclusive limited participation.

Your Team as constituted when filing your *Application & Registration Form* may be changed at anytime with one Team member being substituted for someone else up to the point when airline tickets have been purchased (to be determined). No changes to Teams will be allowed after that date—or, there may be a significant rebooking fee charged extra to your team for those changes. You may not save, pass on, sell, or assign your accepted GE2017 Team spot to any other group or individual(s) for any reason. Successful single applicants must be paired up prior to that airline ticket purchase date in order to participate.

The Global Scavenger Hunt is a Team competition event and travelers must participate as a Team. If one Team member cancels, you are both *de facto* canceled, unless an approved substitute participant can be found--and there may be a significant rebooking fees charged to your Team for that change.

Some participants may be required to provide a medical certificate from their physician(s), and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the entire journey.

The GE2017 entry fee is \$25,000. (US Dollars & cash price) per Team—with two persons per Team—and is based on double-occupancy, that will also include: all international airfare between our official North American departure and arrival cities; a hotel room, suite or cabin (based on double-occupancy) in each mandatory GE2017 destination; some meals (over 40% in all previous events); some special events and hospitality parties; some ground transportation and airport transfers (usually from the airports to the hotel upon arrival); a pre-event travel goody bag (travel-related stuff, hats, and T-shirts, etc); as well as all event-related materials and pre-departure information. The Team entry fees are based on current tariffs and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices (We have never changed them, so far...*knock on wood again!*), if it is necessary to levy a surcharge, we reserve the right to do so, and notification will be given at the time of final invoicing, which if necessary, will be at least 45-days prior to our departure date.

The GE2017 entry fees **DO NOT INCLUDE**: any flight upgrades, any hotel room upgrades, single-room occupancy, most meals (including room service), personal excursions/side-trips, medical services, passports



renewals, country visas (mailed in, online pre-flight or visas-on-arrival), travel insurance, telephone calls, Internet usage, laundry charges, alcoholic beverages, gratuities, inoculations and/or medication costs of any kind, transport to and from your home port to/from the official GE2017 North American departure and return cities, excess baggage charges (you are allowed one (1) regulation carry-on and one (1) checked bag per person), airport departure fees & taxes (usually included in our ticket prices but some developing nations still charge extra), optional entrance fees to designated scavenges and your purchase of optional designated scavenger hunt items (which will be kept to the absolute minimum), most of your optional elective ground transportation and transfers, or any expenses resulting in delays due to bad weather, trail, river, and road conditions, sickness, accidents, government action, terrorist incidents, volcano eruptions, travel restrictions, air traffic control interruptions and delays, acts of Mother Nature, airline and airport flight delays, or evacuation expenses, unless specifically indicated. Teams are also responsible for their own frequent flyer award programs and for obtaining credit at the time of their flights—we cannot provide receipts. (***We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance.***)

After either your Team's application has been processed and formerly approved by GE2017 (Interviews will be conducted via the phone/Skype to insure every participant and Team's suitability for GE2017. And GEA Inc., reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone.) Each participant/Team will be asked to provide a 20% deposit (US\$5,000.) via personal, corporate check, cashier's check, money order, cash or electronic funds transfer within 10-days of the time of acceptance. (GEA Inc., also accepts Visa and MasterCard payments online for an additional fee of 4.0%—sorry, it's because of *PayPal's* charges to us for your convenience.) At that time your spot has been secured in GE2017.

All unpaid entry fees will be due in full 90-days prior to our April 14th, 2017 departure date by acceptable payment options. That is, all remaining and outstanding entry fees due must be submitted on or by January 15th, 2017—or you risk losing your secured position in GE2017 and previous deposit. Failure to receive any of the Teams final payments by those dates will be interpreted as your Team abandoning your limited GE2017 spot. At that time, all previously paid funds will be returned based on the below *Cancellation & Refund Policy*.

If your application is accepted within the window of 90-days prior to our departure, full and complete payment will be required within five (5) working days of acceptance and notification by GE2017. Failure to receive any Teams final payment by those dates will be interpreted as your Team abandoning your GE2017 spot. At that time, all previously paid funds will be returned based on the below *Cancellation & Refund Policy*.

Documents, including the final vouchers (most tickets issued now are all e-ticketless), *if any*, and airline tickets (between our official North American Departure and North American Arrival destinations), will only be issued upon receipt of final payment. Because of the nature of TGSB being *A Blind Date With The World™* travel adventure competition, and in an effort to decrease any potential competitive advantages any Teams could garner prior to the actual beginning of the competition on April 14, 2017, your Team's international airline tickets will be furnished following the *Bon Voyage Party* at our departing city all together as a group at least 4-hours prior to departure.

**Prizes:** The First Place Team of GE2017 will each win *The World's Greatest Travelers™* trophies and that Team will be automatically entered into the next around-the-world travel adventure competition event to defend their Team title—with all Team entry fees waived! (Although this is at least a \$25,000. value, this prize has NO cash value, it is NOT transferable, and both Teammates must participate for it to apply. The winning Team will



also have a special set of *Winners Terms & Conditions* to agree to and sign at least 90-days prior to the event to claim their free trip prize and participate in the next event.) All other GE2017 Teams will receive certificates and other good stuff, honors, and awards (2nd and 3rd place Teams will all receive medals) of participation. The winning Teams of the specific regional legs will be acknowledged and or/with special prizes. The Team that fulfills other "*Special Scavenges*" will receive special prizes. (We expect at least four such special scavenges.) Finally, any and all discounted entry fee participants/Teams will be ineligible to claim the free trip—but they can still win the title, trophies and accolades.

All GE2017 participants will be asked to assist the *GreatEscape* Foundation in raising additional funds and support for our noble causes. (Please note that participation is wholly OPTIONAL; all we ask is that you do your best.) Our GEA Inc., staff will assist you in every way possible in that regard. This, combined with our active press campaign, corporate sponsorships, and travel partner programs, will assist in our collective fundraising efforts. We hope that all those who apply for entry into GE2017 share our vision of a better world through travel that promotes empathy, understanding, and shared responsibility. We simply ask that you do the best you can in good faith to assist in our charitable efforts. If your Team does not wish to assist the *GreatEscape* Foundation's efforts, that is fine, but you will not be able to take advantage of either the potential tax-benefits associated with the Foundation's efforts, or win the free around-the-world trip in GE2017 for helping raise the most donations in 2017. (Please read *GreatEscape* Foundation's *Doing Good* webpage for complete details.)

*Non-Compete Clause:* During the below signee participants travels, and within a 48-month period following the conclusion of the GE2017 event, said signee participant agrees not to directly or indirectly engage in the business, organization, finance/capitalization, development, sale, or in the engaging of any travel service, that might be construed as, confused as, or resemble in any way, any and all similar aspects of the international travel-related event (*aka* the travel world championship) known as *The Global Scavenger Hunt™* travel adventure competition (a treasure hunt) that takes travelers on *A Blind Date With The World™* (to unknown destinations) and crowns *The World's Greatest Travelers™* (a travel adventure competition of any kind) after fulfilling various international cultural-related scavenges. Violation of this non-compete clause could result in payment of significant lawyer's fees (We know all the best, brightest and smartest ones!) and treble damages. By signing these *Terms & Conditions*, all participants hereby agree that this non-compete provision is reasonable and necessary to protect the legitimate interests of TGSJH travel adventure competition, and that any violation of this clause could result in substantial and irreparable harm to the owners, operators, and the sponsors of TGSJH. (Sorry, but we have had travel pros, and amateurs alike, try to steal, *err*, imitate, some of our great travel adventure competition ideas in the past—so once bitten twice shy, as they say!)

GEA Inc., makes every attempt to keep this website [GlobalScavengerHunt.com](http://GlobalScavengerHunt.com) as up to date as possible to ensure online accuracy. If you have any questions, or want to double-check any changes, facts, costs, or our related *Terms & Conditions*, please contact us at 310.281.7809.



## 2017 Event Cancellation & Refund Policy

(as of: 10 Oct 2016)

If a Team, or paid participant, has paid their entry fees in full and needs to cancel prior to GE2017's official April 14, 2017, start/departure date for whatever reason (All cancellation notices must be received in writing and will become effective as of the date of the postmark or confirmed by FAX date received. E-mail's and phone messages are not an accepted cancellation notice, as we are frequently traveling and out of the country.), the following cancellation charges may be applied at the full discretion of the GEA Inc:

90 Days or more before departure = a 10% cancellation charge of \$25,000 per person entry fee applies.

89-75 Days = a 15% cancellation charge of \$25,000 per person entry fee applies.

74-61 Days = a 33% cancellation charge of \$25,000 per person entry fee applies.

60-46 Days = a 50% cancellation charge of \$25,000 per person entry fee applies.

45-31 Days = a 60% cancellation charge of \$25,000 per person entry fee applies.

30-14 Days = an 80% cancellation charge of \$25,000 per person entry fee applies.

**13 Days or less before departure date = a 100% cancellation charge of \$25,000 per person entry fee applies. (30 March 2017)**

***Please Note Again:*** If any GE2017 Team or participant drops out for any reason after March 30, 2017, there will be NO refund. Leaving the event in progress, for any reason whatsoever, will NOT result in any refund, and NO refunds will be made for any unused portions of the event.

After being given plenty advance notice by GEA Inc., if a traveler fails to obtain the required proper entry visas or any other legal documents (visas, shots, shot papers, valid passport, etc.) that would make them ineligible to enter a country requiring such; it will be at their own personal cost to find alternative transportation to the next GE2017 destination (leapfrogging ahead) and to pay for any and all additional costs that result, including, but not limited to: hotels, food, ground and air transportation, visas, communications, as well as any financial losses inflicted on GEA Inc., as a result of their failure to comply.

Any supplemental upgrades (airline upgrades and/or single room or hotel suite supplements) will have their own, separate and applicable *Terms & Conditions* to be signed with extra costs applied.

GEA Inc., reserves the right to cancel any trip because of inadequate enrollment that makes the trip economically unfeasible to conduct or because of good-faith concerns with respect to the health, safety, and/or welfare of the Teams/participants and organizers (wars, acts of terrorism, extreme acts of Nature, global pandemics, death or sickness in families, etc.). If GEA Inc., cancels an event for whatever reason prior to departure, participants will receive a full refund of all moneys paid to GEA Inc., within 10-working days. GEA Inc., accepts no other liability.

The State of California has also asked us nicely to inform you of the following: Upon cancellation of GE2017, where the traveler is not at fault and has not canceled in violation of any *Terms & Conditions* previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the traveler, all sums paid to the GEA Inc., for services not provided will be promptly refunded to the traveler, unless the traveler advises GEA Inc., in writing, after cancellation. This provision does not apply where GEA Inc., has remitted the payment to another registered wholesale seller of travel or a carrier, without obtaining a refund, and where the wholesaler or provider defaults



in providing the agreed-upon transportation of service. In this situation, GEA Inc., must provide the traveler with a written statement accompanied by bank records establishing disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a wholesale seller of travel, proof of current registration of that wholesaler. (We don't know exactly what this actually means, but count on us to do it anyway!)

*For North American residents only:* GEA Inc., will offer you a supplemental and comprehensive insurance package upon request that covers you for trip cancellation/ interruption and baggage theft/loss. You may of course purchase your own policy from your own agent. Unfortunately, we cannot cover non-North American residents, so please contact your own insurance provider. (FYI: **We strongly recommend all Teams purchase trip and cancellation/interruption insurance** to protect your travel investment at the time of sending us your deposit. This coverage will help offset any cancellation charges you may incur in the event of illness before or during the trip. No one has ever needed it yet, but we strongly recommend it!) For a no-fee insurance quote, please contact TGS Event Coordinator at 1.310.281.7809.

California law further requires certain sellers of travel to have a separate trust account or bond. Please be advised that all GE2017 participation fees will be held in a GEA Inc., travel-related separate trust account as mandated by California law. These funds will only be used for direct travel related expenses (air, hotels, ground-transportation, etc.) or for direct Team/applicant refunds (minus any applicable cancellation fees stated above) under California law. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California or Governor Jerry Brown (and his successor).

I the undersigned agree with all the stated *Terms & Conditions* above as part of my participation in GE2017 event between the dates of April 14 & May 6, 2017.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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