

These Terms and Conditions form the participant's contract with the Bird Ringing Forever course. In signing the Bird Ringing Forever Application Form, the participant accepts these Terms and Conditions. In these conditions 'the Course' refers to the Bird Ringing Forever course, which is part of the Fauna Forever family of initiatives and is co-managed with the Center for Ornithology and Biodiversity (CORBIDI). 'The Participant' shall mean the Bird Ringing Forever course member and is the signatory on the Bird Ringing Forever Application Form mentioned above.

All participants on the course must provide their own health and medical insurance and waive all rights and claims against Fauna Forever, CORBIDI their management teams and the organisations affiliated to them.

## 1. THE CONTRACT

Once a participant has been accepted onto the course a place can be confirmed when:

- The participant has completed, signed and returned the relevant Application Form and agreed to the Terms and Conditions via the signing of said form;
- The participant has paid a non-refundable deposit of US\$200.00 or its equivalent in another currency, e.g. GB£;
- The participant has acknowledged receipt of a confirmation invoice sent by the management team.

## 2. PAYMENT

Payments may be made in United States Dollars (US\$) or Great Britain Pounds (GB£) by bank deposit or bank-to-bank transfer as detailed in the acceptance letter and invoice sent to the participant.

The non-refundable deposit is payable **at least 3 months** prior to the start date of a course in order to secure a place, and after the participant has been accepted on the course and received an Acceptance Letter and invoice from the management team.

The remaining balance is payable **no later than 2 months prior** to the start date.

Within 30 days of the start date the full amount for attending the course is payable immediately, once the

participant has been accepted on the course.

Failure to pay within the specified times gives the management team the right to cancel the place and offer it to another applicant.

## 3. CANCELLATION

In the event of cancellation by the participant, such cancellation shall only be effective from the date that written (email) notification is received and acknowledged by the management team. The following refunds will be made:

Period prior to start date	Refund
More than 60 days	100%
43 - 59 days	50%
29 - 42 days	25%
0 - 28 days	Nil

Any deposit paid is non-refundable.

## 4. MAJOR CHANGE OR CANCELLATION

The course management reserves the right to make a major change or cancel the contract after it has been made, but before the start date, when the participant will have the choice of:

- Accepting the cancellation or changed arrangements;
- Joining another course (subject to availability) - if this is more expensive the participant must pay the difference, but if it is cheaper the course management will refund the difference.

If a course is cancelled for any other reason than a Force Majeure, the management team will refund any payment made towards the cost of the course, excluding the non-refundable deposit.

In the event that the management team cancels a course it will not be liable for any additional costs incurred by participants with regards to the purchase of flights, insurance, or any other related expense.

Force Majeure means unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of the course management, the consequences of which the course management could not avoid, including but not limited to war, riot, civil strife including strikes and industrial disputes, internationally declared epidemics, terrorist activity,

natural or nuclear disaster, fire, flood, adverse weather conditions or the threat of any of these. In the event of a Force Majeure the course management may cancel the event and refund any monies paid subject to the cancellation details made earlier.

## 5. ITINERARY

Itineraries are planned with great care, although, for operational reasons, it may be necessary to change the sequence of activities or the intended routes taken, and though such cases are rare, in general itineraries should be treated only as a basic guideline.

## 6. CHANGES TO TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The course management reserves all transport and accommodation in advance to ensure availability and standard pricing and cannot offer either full or partial refunds in the event that the participant wishes to change the transport arrangements stipulated in their itinerary.

Participants are therefore liable for the cost of any changes they make to the pre-defined transport plans laid out in their itinerary.

## 7. MEALS

Participants must notify the course management of any specific dietary requirements and/or allergies on the Application Form. The course cannot guarantee the provision of specialised food and requires that participants discuss this issue with the management team before any deposit is made.

## 8. COURSE FEE

A course fee is required to participate in the course. This includes:

- All accommodation at field sites (ecotourist lodges and research stations);
- Food (3 nutritious meals per day) and clean drinking water. Bottled water and other beverages are available for purchase;
- All training provided by the team of instructors;
- All transport from the Puerto Maldonado airport and the field sites (includes airport welcome on day of arrival and send-off on day of departure);

**The course fee does not include:**

- International flights to Lima, Peru;
- Domestic/internal flights between Lima and Puerto Maldonado;
- Travel and medical insurance (this is compulsory for all course participants);
- Airport taxes;
- The US\$10 entrance fee to the Tambopata National Reserve
- Personal spending money.

**9. HEALTH NOTICE**

A Yellow Fever vaccination is recommended for travel to the area. Certificates are sometimes checked on arrival in the airport in Puerto Maldonado. Malaria is present in the Peruvian Amazon, and the course management recommends participants consult a doctor to get advice on relevant medication.

Leishmaniasis is also present in the Peruvian Amazon. It is a protozoan skin disease transmitted by a small biting fly (Phlebotomus spp.) similar to a sand fly. It can be treated by a course of injections. The best form of prevention is to wear trousers (long pants) and long-sleeved shirts at all times when in the forest, especially after dark, and to sleep under a mosquito net.

**10. HEALTH & SAFETY DISCLAIMER**

The Bird Ringing Forever course management team, and anyone else working in association with us, cannot be held responsible for any accident or mishap that may occur in connection with any part of, or services connected with your visit. In the absence of more qualified medical assistance, course staff will, to the best of their knowledge and ability, provide first aid support when needed. By signing the Application Form you agree to these Terms and Conditions and agree not to take any legal proceedings against the course management, Fauna Forever, CORBIDI or its employees as a result of any first aid treatment, advice, information, medicines given or administered during your visit.

**11. INSURANCE**

It is the participant's responsibility to obtain sufficient personal travel and health insurance prior to their travel

to Peru. The participant is willing to accept full responsibility for insurance up to limits that the participant may require. This insurance should cover personal accident, medical expenses, air ambulance, loss of effects, repatriation costs and all other expenses which might arise as a result of loss, damage, injury delay or inconvenience occurring to the participant. It is compulsory that all participants have personal travel insurance. When obtaining travel insurance the participant must ensure that the insurer is aware of the type of travel and activities to be undertaken.

**12. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & ADVICE**

The participant must be in possession of a valid passport and all visas required for the whole of the journey and the participant accepts responsibility for obtaining the same. Any information or advice given by the company on visas, vaccinations, climate, clothing, baggage, special equipment, etc is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of the company.

**13. AUTHORITY**

At all times the decision of the course management team and official representatives will be final on all matters likely to endanger the safety and well being of participants. The participant must at all times strictly comply with the laws, customs, banking, foreign exchange and drug regulations of Peru. Should the participant fail to comply with the above, or should the participant interfere with the well being of other course participants, then a course representative may order the participant to leave without recourse to any refund.

**14. RESPONSIBILITY**

The course and its management and affiliated organisations shall not be liable for any damage or loss if the failure to abide by these Terms and Conditions and is: 1) attributable to the participant; 2) attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and the event is unforeseeable or unavoidable; 3) due to unforeseen and unusual circumstances beyond the course's control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had to be exercised; 4) due to political disputes, industrial action, climate or other matters of a similar nature and any other force majeure; and 5) due to an event which the course management, even with all due care and attention could not foresee or

forestall. Any liability is limited to the full course fee paid by the participant. In all cases the course specifically excludes all liability for indirect or consequential loss or expense including loss of profits.

**15. CLAIMS AND COMPLAINTS**

If a participant has a minor complaint against the course or service providers (e.g. by lodges) the participant must first inform the Course Manager in order that the matter be discussed and rectified. Official complaints must be put in writing within 7 days of the end of the course.

**16. LOCAL CONDITIONS**

Due to political and cultural differences, as well as generally tougher physical conditions, travel to the areas used for the course involves risks other than those we take in our daily lives. It is important participants make themselves aware of the risks involved, and are responsible for making their travel plans and insurance decisions accordingly.

**17. PHOTOS**

Participants should be aware that they may be photographed and/or filmed while participating on the course. The course management reserves the right to use such material for any publications or marketing uses and promotional literature. If the participant is opposed to this, they must provide written notification to the course management before their placement start date.

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