

## BRMI Baden-Baden "Medicine Week" Tour Terms and Conditions

**Included:** Price includes 6 nights hotel accommodations (evening of October 30 to morning of November 5, 2018); all group bus travel as per the itinerary; most meals during the tour (except as specified on free days); sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary (including entrance fees and English-speaking guides and miscellaneous gratuities).

**Not included:** Airfare, airport departure taxes, transportation from airport to hotel on your day of arrival, visa and passport fees; beverages; any meal not mentioned in the itinerary; all items of a personal nature (laundry, gifts, souvenirs, etc.); trip cancellation and medical insurance; all other items not mentioned specifically in the itinerary. You are, of course, free to extend your stay by arranging extra nights with the hotel(s) directly.

**Tipping:** The Bioregulatory Medicine Institute, a non-profit program of the Marion Institute (collectively, "BRMI") takes care of all group transportation tipping needs (bus drivers, et al). You are not required to leave tips at the end of your meal, since gratuities are already included as part of your bill - in Germany, however, one typically rounds off the amount (so please remember to have enough on hand to tip your waiters - these tips can be given in US or European currency).

**Payment:** Personal checks, money orders, bank transfers, and cashier checks are welcomed. Credit cards and Paypal are subject to a 3% fee to cover the costs of these services. Please make checks payable to BRMI. A non-refundable \$250 deposit is required to guarantee your reservation. The remaining balance is due August 15, 2018. If final payment is not received by that date, a late fee of \$200 will be assessed. We reserve the right to drop anyone (without any refund) who submits a late final payment.

**Cost increases:** Tour costs are printed well in advance of our actual travel dates. In exceptional circumstances, the cost of your international trip may be subject to increases which we cannot absorb, due to reasons such as currency fluctuations, fuel costs, tariffs, dues, taxes and fees overseas, the costs of services overseas, additions/adjustments to the tour program, or developments beyond our control. We regret this situation and do everything possible to avoid surcharges, but sometimes they are unavoidable. We reserve the right to adjust prices before the tour as these changes are made known to us. An increase in tour prices shall not be grounds for refund of all or any part of payments made towards a tour, and completing the tour registration form constitutes your acceptance of this provision.

Cancelled trips: BRMI reserves the right to cancel any trip due to inadequate sign-ups that make the trip economically infeasible to operate. While we make every effort to fill each trip to the point of maximum economy for everyone, and do everything possible to avoid canceling trips with low sign-ups, we can adjust the price of our journeys in order to guarantee departure with a smaller number of participants. The price adjustments imposed by a smaller number of participants are kept as low as possible, normally as little as 5%, and not more than 15% of an increase over the stated price. If trip cancellation becomes necessary, we will offer you future trip credit, or refund your payment in full. The refund of all payments received shall release BRMI from any further liability. BRMI is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred by members in preparing for the trip, such as non-refundable advance purchase airline tickets, visa and passport fees, equipment or medical costs. In circumstances where trip cancellations resulting from the inability for the trip to depart as scheduled (such as cancellations due to acts of war and/or terrorism, or nature) take place, BRMI is not liable for restitution.

**Cancellation and refunds:** All cancellations must be in writing, and are effective based on the date received in our office. Refunds will be granted based on the following schedule:

- Deposits are non-refundable.
- Up to 90 days days prior to departure: Full refund (or credit) minus original \$250 deposit.
- 89 60 days prior to departure: 50% refund of payments (or credit) over \$250 (non-refundable) deposit. (As payments are made according to the schedule, the money is sent on to secure hotels, buses and other services for your journey).
- Less than 59 days: No refund.
- No refunds will be issued for unused portions of the trip. We strongly recommend trip cancellation insurance.

**Responsibility:** BRMI and its agents and associates act only as agents for the Tour Operator(s). The various hotels, airlines, bus companies, railroads, ship lines, and sightseeing companies are called Travel Suppliers. They are independent agents who supply the accommodations, transportation, and other services. All coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts, tickets, etc. issued through BRMI are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the Travel Suppliers. Acceptance of BRMI travel program membership and/or such coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts, tickets, etc. acknowledges that BRMI and the traveling member are subject to any and all tariffs, terms and conditions under which any such Travel Suppliers, their owners or contractors or any persons in their employ may have established.

By utilizing the service of the Travel Suppliers you agree that neither BRMI nor any of its agents or employees shall be liable for any delay or change in flight or itinerary schedule, strikes, loss, damage, or injury to your property or person or that of those traveling with you including death caused by reason of others' negligence, wrongful or intentional acts, acts of God, terrorist acts, governmental or political actions, civil unrest or hostilities, fires, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantine, medical or customs regulations, accidents not withstanding any travel advisories or warnings, or for defects

of equipment of any Travel Supplier, for any expense or inconvenience caused by late arrivals of any conveyances of such Travel Suppliers or any changes of schedules, conveyances or accommodations determined by any Tour Operator, or for any cancellation or disruption of any such services provided by any such Travel Suppliers; or for any failure on the part of any such Tour Operator or Travel Supplier to perform by reason of financial difficulty or default, suspension of operation, or other reason; or for any refunds for Tour Operator or Travel Supplier, or not paid over by BRMI to any such Tour Operator or Travel Supplier.

Neither BRMI nor any of its associates, agents, or employees shall be financially responsible to any tour member in the event of cancellation of all or part of any tour due to acts of war, nature, governmental action, civil unrest or hostilities, or acts of terrorism, or for the default of any Tour Operator or Travel Supplier, or for any reason beyond the control of BRMI.

Travel Supplier(s)/Tour Operator(s) provide the travel services identified with this travel program, and the travel program member agrees to look solely to such Travel Supplier(s)/Tour Operator(s) for the provision of such travel services; the Tour Operator or Tour Director/Manager/Escort shall have the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a travel program member should such travel program member's health, mental condition, physical infirmity or general deportment impede the operation of the travel program or the rights, welfare, or enjoyment of other travel program members, and no refund can be given in such cases. The right is reserved to substitute tours or alter itineraries, and either the Tour Operator or BRMI shall have the right to cancel any travel program prior to departure or to increase prices where the costs shall rise.

BRMI is not responsible for any refunds should a presenter advertised as attending or leading a tour or conference cancel for any reason whatsoever. BRMI is not responsible for any physical, mental, emotional, or other reaction, trauma, or ailment during the trip or occurring afterwards, that participants may experience at the sites or from any leaders, workshops, or sessions of any kind, including private sessions with presenters. Attendance on the trip indicates acceptance of this and all other provisions of this responsibility clause.

BRMI has recommended the purchase of appropriate travel accident insurance, baggage insurance, tour operation carrier default protection insurance, and trip cancellation insurance, and has made available explanatory information and policies, and the travel program member has had the opportunity to purchase such insurance as protection against certain risks of travel to the planned destination. Travel program members are advised that travel insurance covers only what is included as stated as covered in the travel insurance brochure you receive from your personal agent.

Neither BRMI nor transportation companies concerned are to be held responsible for the late arrival of passengers at airports or other tour destinations, nor are they to be held liable for payment of, or any refund for, transfers or unused hotel accommodations or meals occasioned by such late arrival at the hotels holding rooms as confirmed itineraries. The passenger contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued, shall

constitute the sole contract between the airlines or transportation companies and the purchaser of this travel program and/or passengers.