

Terms and Conditions

Upon or before confirming your holiday, please read these booking conditions which apply to inclusive holidays of Irish Ferries. These holidays are provided by Irish Continental Group Plc trading as Irish Ferries Holidays.

In these Booking Conditions the word "Organiser" means the person who arranges your transport, accommodation etc. and who offers it as a holiday. "Consumer" means you, the person who takes or agrees to take the holiday or any person on whose behalf you agree to purchase the holiday and who is listed on the reservation, or any other person to whom you transfer a holiday which you have bought. The "Retailer" is the person who sells or offers to sell the holiday to you, he is not responsible for organising the sailing, accommodation or other component parts of the holiday.

1. THE CONTRACT - (a) No contract shall arise until the Organiser has (i) supplied the Consumer (either via a Retailer as the agent of the Organiser or by the Organiser) with a copy of these Booking Conditions; (ii) received a deposit or full payment of the holiday; and (iii) has issued written confirmation of its acceptance to the Retailer as the agent of the Organiser or to the Organiser. THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CONSUMER AND THE ORGANISER ARE CONTAINED SOLELY IN THESE BOOKING CONDITIONS, THE ORGANISER'S CONFIRMATION, THE ORGANISER'S BROCHURE OR OTHER DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL, ANY ACCOMMODATION OR SAILING TICKET ISSUED, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY SUPPLIERS OF SERVICES AND THE ITINERARY ISSUED BY THE ORGANISER.

(b) The Organiser reserves the right to terminate the contract with the Consumer if the behaviour or conduct of the Consumer either prior to or during a holiday is likely to endanger the safety or well being of other Consumers in his company or that of the Consumer himself, the Organiser, or that of the Organiser's representatives, contractors, agents or employees and the cancellation charges as provided for in Clause 9 of these Booking Conditions are payable by the Consumer. Further, where, as a result of the Consumer's actions or the actions of any other person who is listed on the reservation either or both of the following incidents occurs:

(i) there is a delay or diversion to the means of transportation the subject of this contract;
ii) the accommodation in which the Consumer is staying is damaged; the Consumer, hereby agrees to indemnify the Organiser against any claim (including legal costs) made against the Organiser in relation to the occurrence of such incidents.

2. DISABLED PERSONS - It shall be the Consumer's responsibility to disclose to the Organiser any physical or mental condition of a member of his party which may be relevant and no liability shall attach to the Organiser for the provision of an unsuitable holiday for a disabled person where disclosure of the disability has not been made to the Retailer or to the Organiser where the booking has been made directly with the Organiser. The Organiser reserves the right to decline to provide a holiday for a disabled person where in the Organiser's opinion that holiday would be inconsistent with the special needs of a disabled person.

3. SPECIAL REQUESTS - Special requests (e.g. Accommodation near amenities, etc.) shall be communicated by the Consumer in writing to the Organiser or Retailer at the time of making the booking. The Organiser shall use reasonable endeavours to fulfil such requests. The Organiser shall only be obliged to provide services in accordance with special requests where it specifically commits itself in writing to do so. No liability shall attach to the Organiser for failure to comply with a special request which has not been confirmed by it in writing.

4. PRICE VARIATION - All prices quoted are stated in euro and are based on tariffs current and appropriate at the time of publication. If any of these vary the cost of the holiday may increase or decrease accordingly. Any such increase/decrease must be paid by or refunded to the Consumer. However, no variations shall be applied where their combined effect would result in an increase/decrease of less than 2% of the cost of the holiday. During the period of twenty days prior to departure date, the price specified in the contract shall not be increased by the Organiser.

The circumstances in which the price may be varied shall only be to allow for changes in:

(a) transport costs, including the cost of fuel, or
(b) dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports.

5. THE CONSUMER'S RESPONSIBILITIES - (a) The Consumer shall check all travel documentation immediately it is furnished to him. If the Consumer considers any document to be incorrect or has a query in relation to its contents, he shall forthwith notify the Retailer or the Organiser of his concern and the Organiser shall respond as soon as possible.

(b) The Consumer is solely responsible for ensuring that he presents himself at the port of departure in sufficient time prior to the designated departure time to complete embarkation requirements. If the Consumer arrives after the check-in time stipulated in the travel documentation provided to the Consumer, the Organiser shall not be obliged to carry the Consumer and shall be entitled to treat the holiday as having been cancelled by the Consumer.

(c) The Consumer is restricted by regulation of carriers and executive authority with regard to the weight, type and contents of baggage which he may take on board the craft and/or vehicles which will be used in connection with the holiday. The Consumer shall be responsible for ascertaining any limitations which apply in this regard and shall not present himself at the port of departure with any prohibited item in his luggage or on his person or with items which exceed weight or dimension restrictions applicable.

(d) The Consumer hereby agrees that he shall abide by all instructions or directions given by a member of the Organiser's staff or any crew member of carrier's craft or vehicle used in connection with the holiday and hereby agrees to indemnify the Organiser against any loss or injury suffered or incurred by any other person as a consequence of the Consumer's failure to act in accordance with any such direction or instruction.

6. LIABILITY - The Organiser shall not be liable for any damage caused to the Consumer by the failure to perform the contract or the improper performance of the contract where the failure or the improper performance is due neither to any fault of the Organiser or Retailer acting on the Organiser's behalf nor to that of another supplier of services because:

(a) the failures which occur in the performance of the contract are attributable to the Consumer;

(b) such failures are attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for, and are unforeseeable or unavoidable; or

(c) such failures are due to (i) unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of the Organiser, the Retailer acting on his behalf or other supplier of services, even if all due care had been exercised; or (ii) an event which the Organiser, the Retailer acting on his behalf or the supplier of the services, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall. In the case of damage other than death or personal injury or damage caused by defamation or by the wilful misconduct or gross

negligence of the Organiser the amount of compensation which will be paid to the Consumer will be limited to, in the case of an adult an amount equal to double the inclusive price of the holiday to the adult concerned and in the case of a minor an

amount equal to the inclusive price of the holiday to the minor concerned. The Organiser's liability will not exceed any limitation applicable under any international convention governing or relating to the provision of the service complained of in the place where they are performed or due to be performed, even if that convention has not been ratified or applied in the Republic of Ireland.

7. COMPLAINTS - (a) Without prejudice to the Consumer's rights under clause 8(b) below, if the Consumer wishes to make a complaint in relation to a holiday, he must immediately inform the Organiser's representative at the location where the

Consumer is when the complaint arises and shall if the Organiser requires, complete a form setting out the detail of the Consumer's complaint. If the Consumer fails to comply with such requirement, the Organiser shall be entitled to recover the cost from the Consumer of any additional expense incurred by it in carrying out subsequent investigation of a complaint, which is found to be unjustified.

(b) The Consumer shall be obliged to notify the Organiser in writing of any complaint not later than 28 days after his return to the port of departure or termination of the holiday whichever is the earlier and no complaint received thereafter shall be entertained.

8. GOVERNING LAW - The terms of the contract (as provided for in clause 1(a) of these Booking Conditions) is to be interpreted under and is subject to the laws of the Republic of Ireland.

9. PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS - The holiday must be paid for in full at least 8 weeks before the scheduled date of departure. If it is not paid by that date and unless otherwise instructed in writing by the Consumer not to do so, the Organiser

shall have the option to charge the Consumer's debit/credit card if present on the booking. The Organiser shall also have the option to cancel the holiday. If the Organiser exercises that option or if the Consumer cancels the holiday (which cancellation must be notified in writing to the Organiser) the following cancellation charges are payable, per party, by the consumer:

More than 42 days before the departure date any deposit paid shall be forfeited.

Within 29-42 days of departure - 30% of the cost of the holiday is forfeited. Within 15-28 days of departure - 50% of the cost of the holiday is forfeited.

Within 8-14 days of departure - 75% of the cost of the holiday is forfeited. Within 0-7 days of departure - 100% of the cost of the holiday is forfeited.

All cancellation charges apply to each person covered by a booking. Any insurance premium paid is not refundable. After booking confirmation, any amendments consisting of change to date, park, travel, name or accommodation will incur a EUR30.00 charge per change plus any additional increase to holiday cost.

10. INCLUSIVE HOLIDAYS DEPOSIT - a non-refundable and non-transferable booking deposit is required of 20% per party which excludes recommended personal insurance.

11. USE OF YOUR HOLIDAY HOME - Only those people listed on the booking can occupy the accommodation booked and use the facilities of the Park. If this legal requirement is not met, your booking will be terminated and you will be asked to leave, with no refund made.

12. SUBSTITUTION - (a) Where the Consumer is prevented from proceeding with the holiday, he may transfer his booking to a person who satisfies all the conditions required to be satisfied by a person who takes the holiday, having first given the Organiser or Retailer reasonable notice in writing of his intention to do so before the departure date (such notice shall not be less than 21 days prior to the date of departure). The transferee of the Consumer must submit his request in writing and comply with any other requirements of the Organiser applicable to the holiday. (b) A Consumer who transfers a holiday booking shall be jointly and severally liable with the transferee to the Organiser or Retailer for payment of any balance due in respect of the holiday and for a substitution fee of EUR150 per party. (c) Insurance is not transferable. (d) In accordance with the terms of Clause 1(a) the Consumer who transfers a holiday booking and the transferee should be aware that some suppliers, such as carriers, impose cancellation fees and apply restrictions which are not within the control of the Organiser and for which the Organiser shall not be held liable.

13. HANDLING FEE AND FUEL SURCHARGE - Irish Ferries reserve the right to effect changes in schedules and fares (particularly in the increase of fuel oils) without prior notice.

14. ALTERATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS BY THE ORGANISER - (a) Without prejudice to the Consumer's statutory rights, the Organiser reserves the right to alter, change, curtail or cancel a holiday. (b) If as a consequence of "force majeure" (as defined in sub-paragraph (f) of this clause), the Organiser is obliged to curtail, alter, extend or cancel a holiday, the Consumer shall not be at liberty to maintain a claim for compensation or otherwise for any loss arising as a consequence of the said curtailment, alteration, extension or cancellation of the holiday. (c) If the Organiser has specified a minimum number of bookings required for a programme of holidays in its published information relating to that programme, the Organiser's obligation to provide that programme shall be contingent upon the Organiser receiving and maintaining that minimum number of bookings. In the event that the Organiser does not receive the minimum number of bookings or having received such minimum number has that number reduced by reason of cancellations or transfers by Consumers or otherwise, the Organiser shall notify the Consumer, in writing, within seven days of any cancellation or curtailment necessitated by the foregoing circumstances.

(d)(i) If prior to the departure date there is a cancellation, alteration, change or curtailment relating to a holiday, which results in more than 18 hours change in the time of departure, or a change of resort or in the type of accommodation offered, or some other change which fundamentally alters the holiday, the Organiser shall, if practicable, offer an alternative comparable holiday of at least similar standard or shall refund the Consumer all monies paid. Unless within seven days of issue of the offer of an alternative holiday it is accepted by the Consumer in writing, the Organiser shall assume that the Consumer has declined such offer and the Consumer shall only be entitled to return of payments made. (e) Further, where the Organiser cancels, alters, changes or curtails the holiday as contemplated in clause 14(d)(i) the Consumer shall be entitled to receive compensation in accordance with the scale set out in this sub-paragraph. No compensation shall be payable where the alteration is for the reasons referred to in clauses 14(b) or 14(c).

Notification period prior to departure date compensation per adult:

Within 8 weeks; EUR13.

Within 6 weeks; EUR19.

Within 4 weeks; EUR25.

Within 2 weeks; EUR38.

(f) In accordance with the provisions of Clause 1(a) the Consumer should be aware that some suppliers, such as carriers, impose cancellation fees and apply restrictions which are not within the control of the Organiser and for which the Organiser shall not be held liable. In these booking conditions the term "force majeure" means unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of the Organiser, the Retailer or other suppliers of services, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised or an event which the Organiser, the Retailer or the supplier of services even with all due care could not foresee or forestall, including, Acts of God, natural disasters, adverse weather conditions, fire or other destruction of any vessel, craft or vehicle to be used in connection with a holiday, riots, acts of war, civil commotion, exercise of legislative, municipal, military or other authority, strikes, industrial action, requisition of equipment, mechanical breakdown, shortage of fuel, insolvency or default of any carrier or service supplier connected with a holiday, fraud perpetrated against the Organiser or any other reason beyond the control of the Organiser.

15. INSURANCE - It is strongly recommended that the Consumer is covered either by the travel insurance scheme arranged by the Organiser or covered by another travel insurance scheme which furnishes the Consumer with at least the same level

of cover as that afforded by the travel scheme arranged by the Organiser. It is the responsibility of the Consumer to check that the insurance scheme provides the Consumer with his desired level of cover. In so arranging insurance cover for the

Consumer the Organiser is acting as the agent of the relevant insurer and shall not be responsible to the Consumer for any default by the insurer under that policy. All claims made against the insurance policy shall be made directly to the insurer.

The Consumer shall be responsible for making any special or increased insurance arrangements which he deems necessary.

16. FERRY TRAVEL BY IRISH FERRIES - (a) Carriage of passengers and their accompanied luggage, vehicles and domestic animals is subject to the Company's Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Passengers' Accompanied Property, copies of which are available on application. The said Conditions incorporate the 1974 Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, which in most cases limits the carrier's liability for death or personal injury or loss of or damage to luggage (including a vehicle) and makes special provision for valuables. The Athens Convention presumes that luggage has been delivered undamaged unless written notice is given to the carrier (i) in the case of apparent damage, before or at the time of disembarkation or re-delivery or (ii) in the case of damage which is not apparent or of loss, within 15 days from the date of disembarkation or re-delivery or from the time when such re-delivery should have taken place.

(b) TRAVEL BY OTHER LAND OR SEA CARRIERS Passengers travelling by land or sea on services provided by carriers other than Irish Ferries but under arrangements made as part of an inclusive holiday are carried subject to the general conditions of carriage of the carrier concerned. In the case of travel by sea the carriers liability for death, bodily injury, illness or loss or damage to luggage (including motor vehicles) is limited by International Convention e.g. the Athens Convention for carriage by sea.



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