

Checklist for choosing a group tour

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Compare between group tour operators...

- Minimum and maximum group size
- Itinerary schedule (how dense are activities, meal times, relaxing periods...)
- Average group characteristics: age, gender, singles or couples, children etc.
- Highlights of the tour
- Standard of accommodation
- Standard of meals
- Variety of transport
- Level of adventure
- Possible departure dates
- Consideration of special needs such as dietary requirements, health or disability issues
- Payment options, payment dates
- Deposit for operator and hotels
- Cancellation by operator: refund
- Probability of departure: bookings so far
- What is included in the price:
 - Airfares and transfers
 - Airport tax
 - Entries to museums, attractions etc.
 - Meals and drinks
 - Changes due to travel delays
 - Other services
- Additional costs:
 - Higher cost if minimum group size is not reached
 - Single traveller surcharges
 - Late booking fee
 - Revision fees
 - Cancellation fee
 - Price changes due to floating currency rate
- Are terms and conditions clear?

Enquire about...

- Any discounts with membership cards
- Expected tipping
- Required fitness level
- Dress code
- Recommended footwear
- Do bedrooms have twin or double beds, do single travellers have to share rooms, upgrading possibilities etc.
- Insurance against cancellation of trip
- Insurance against operator bankruptcy
- How and when are the travel documents issued
- Special safety precautions
- Baggage restrictions
- Smoking restrictions

Things to bring or consider...

- Leave an itinerary with hotels and contact numbers for your family at home
- Bring your favourite games
- Take books and magazines
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