
TAIWAN KOM TOURS

Info Sheet for 8-Day March 2025 Tour

MARCH 25th - APRIL 1st / 2025 www.taiwankomtours.com



TOUR INFO

Destination: Taiwan

Fly To / From: Taipei, Taouyan

Group Size: 14 Riders Max

Pricing: \$2960 US +\$450
Single Room Supp.

RIDE DATA

Days Cycling: 7

Total Distance: 564 km

Daily Average: 81 km

Level: Challenging

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

1. Airport pick up / drop off
2. Van Support
3. Breakfast / 5 Group Dinners *
4. Taiwan Insurance *
5. Race Day Gels / Water
6. Taiwan KOM Jersey
7. Tour Leader Support
8. Taiwan KOM Challenge entry
9. All Accommodation
10. Mechanic Service

* Each participant must also purchase full insurance covering cycling in their home country.

* Lunch is generally grabbing a snack at a convenience store or stopping by the roadside for noodles or a rice bowl, very cheap yet good food.

* Coaching plans available, speak to Lee about the various packages for the KOM.

TOUR OVERVIEW

This is the ideal tour for riders who are looking to discover more of what Taiwan has to offer the adventurous cyclist. This 8-day, 7-night tour is designed to showcase the best cycling that Taiwan has to offer in the north, east and also in the central mountain range.

Over these seven days of cycling we will explore Yangmingshan National Park, just 20km north of Taipei Main Station, and then ride through the beautiful Pingxi and Shifen areas, then to the historic town of Jiufen. We then head to Yilan on the east coast, the start town of this year's 'new' Taiwan KOM Challenge. We will then take the opportunity to ride up the first section of the KOM route at a leisurely pace, and then descend back to Yilan. Day 6 offers the opportunity of a light ride or a day off, before we wake up early on Monday to head to the start line of the 2025 Spring Road to Taiwan KOM Challenge!



All in all this tour offers a great opportunity to see first hand why Taiwan is one of the world's premier cycling destinations and to truly get a taste of the wonderfully abundant nature of the island.

* Please note that routes may be subject to change due to weather / road conditions.

DAY 1 / OFFICIAL GREETING & LIGHT RIDE

Tuesday 25th March

Hotel Location: Taipei / Caesar Metro Hotel / <https://www.caesarmetro.com/en/>

Distance / Elevation: 45 km / 129m / <https://tinyurl.com/3vmmv2mb>

Ride Duration: 2.5-3 hours / Post-Ride: Welcome Dinner

Grading: Easy

Meeting Point: Hotel Lobby 12:15 pm

Arrival Day and an easy leg-opener ride along the bike path with a stop at the oldest traditional neighbourhood in the city, then out for our welcome meal.

DAY 2 / YANGMINGSHAN

Wednesday 26th March

Hotel Location: Taipei / Caesar Metro Hotel / <https://www.caesarmetro.com/en/>

Distance / Elevation: 128km / 2197m / <https://tinyurl.com/92828e4a>

Ride Duration: 5-6 hours / Post-Ride: Free Time

Route: Taipei Hotel - Yangmingshan National Park - Taipei Hotel

Grading: Moderate / Challenging

Meeting Point / Departure: Hotel Lobby 8am

Ride Info: Yangmingshan remains largely undiscovered by visiting cyclists heading to Taroko Gorge and the Taiwan KOM Challenge but it offers some of the best cycling on the island. This ride provides a great introduction to the delights of cycling in Taiwan: lush jungle, well-paved roads, light traffic, great views on the way up and awesome descents on the way down, and a ride along the coast in the middle.

DAY 2 KOM 2024

Cycling Route



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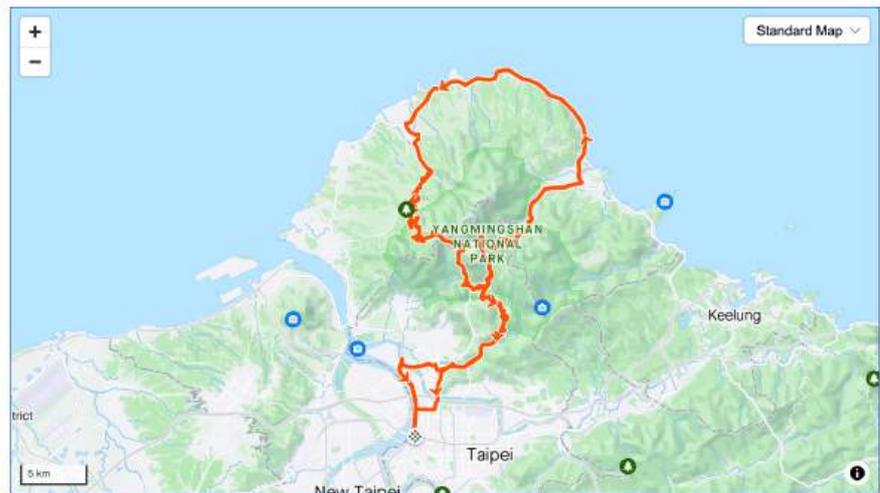
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DAY 3 / TAIPEI - JIUFEN

Thursday 27th March

Hotel Location: Jiufen / No website available

Distance / Elevation: 91 km / 2023m / <https://tinyurl.com/ycxe9px6>

Ride Duration / 5-6 hours / Post-Ride: Dinner

Route: Taipei - Pingxi - Jiufen

Grading: Challenging

Meeting Point / Departure: Hotel Lobby 8am

Ride Info: This route features the best cycling that the area south-east of Taipei has to offer, on quiet roads with mostly (note, mostly!) gentle ascents and flowing descents. The area by Fetsui Reservoir is stunning, and then we head to Pingxi and Shifen through deep jungle, accompanied by the hum of the wildlife within as we pedal along. Finally we roll

into the mountainside town of Jiufen, with its winding alleyways and myriad of tiny shops and stalls. We will spend the night here and see Jiufen at its most beautiful.

DAY 3 / KOM 2024 / TAIPEI - JIUFEN

Cycling Route



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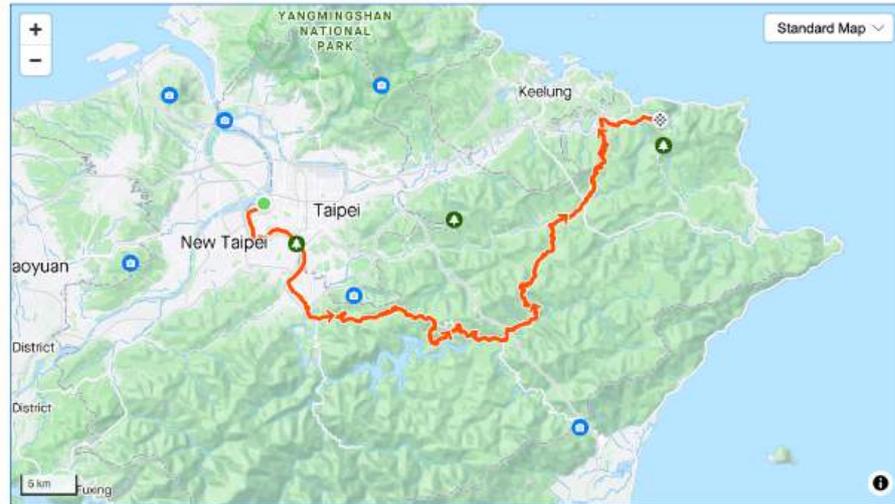
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DAY 4 / JIUFEN - YILAN - SUAO

Friday 28th March

Hotel Location: Lakeshore Suao <https://suao.lakeshore.com.tw/en/>

Distance / Elevation: 93km / 687m / <https://tinyurl.com/2da8z9au>

Ride Duration / 4 hours / Post Ride: Group Dinner

Grading: Easy

Meeting Point / Departure Time: Hotel Lobby 9:00am

Ride Info: An easy day to shake the efforts of the previous two days from the legs. We will head up and over the climb from Jiufen - a wonderful 5km climb, with great views to either side on the way up, and then down to the coast, riding through a 2.5km repurposed rail tunnel. Finally it's a flat run to Su'ao and our hotel.

DAY 4 / KOM 2024 / JIUFEN - LAKESHORE SU'AO

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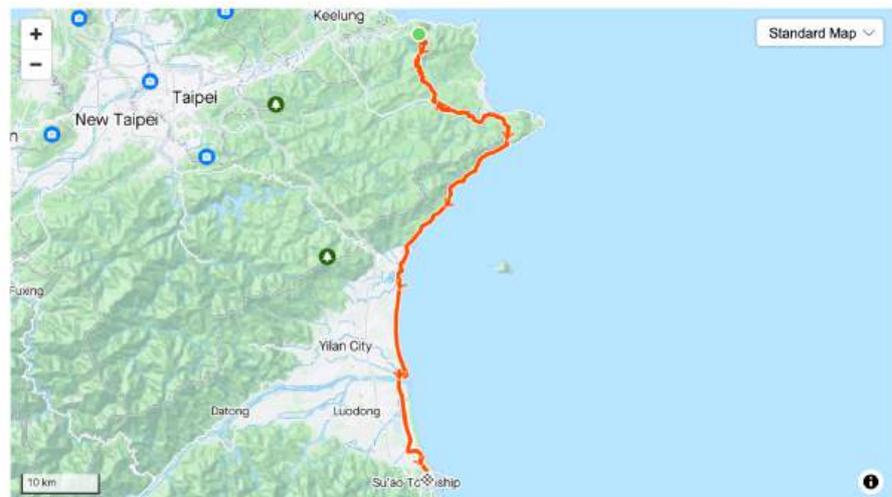
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DAY 5 / TAIPING - KOM ROUTE RECCE

Saturday 29th March

Hotel Location: Su'Aa Hotel - KOM Route - Su'Ao Hotel

Distance / Elevation: 60 km / 1492m / <https://tinyurl.com/y5r756tk>

Ride Duration: 4 hours / Post-Ride: Free Time

Route: Taiping - KOM Route - Taiping

Grading: Moderate (Climbing section is 4% average)

Meeting Point / Departure Time: Hotel Lobby 8:00am

Ride Info: Day 5 provides the opportunity to get on the actual Spring Road to Taiwan KOM Challenge route and see a portion of what is in store on the event day. We will drive out to the start point, gear up, and then head up the hill. Rather than set a firm distance on this ride, we will set a time to turn back and to head to the start point. This way, riders can choose their own pace and also how much climbing they want to do. It's not only a chance to see the route itself but also to take it all in a far more leisurely pace than that which will be set on the 24th!

DAY 5 / KOM 2024 / RACE ROUTE RECCE

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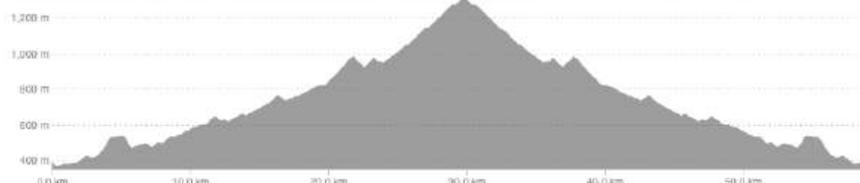
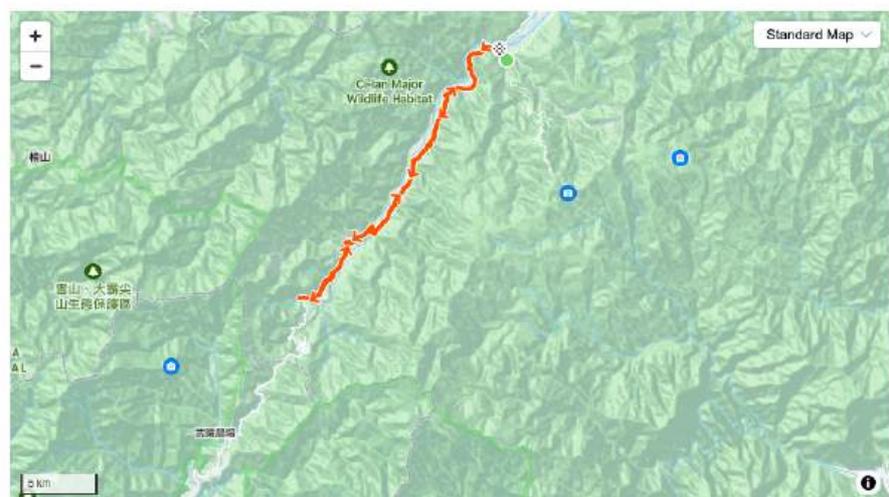
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DAY 6 / HOTEL - SU'AO - HOTEL / Or OFF

Sunday 30th March

Hotel Location: Su'ao - Fennliaolin Port - Yilan

Distance / Elevation: 38km / 771m / <https://tinyurl.com/4tsfubyf>

Ride Duration: 3 hours / Post-Ride: Group Dinner

Route: Hotel - Fennliaolin - Hotel - Transfer

Grading: Easy

Meeting Point / Departure Time: Hotel Lobby 7:30am

Ride Info: This day sees all riders gather at the race hotel to register for the KOM event and receive their numbers and day bags (we will have these for you all, not need to stand in line), and then to attend the Rider Meeting, which will be at 2pm. Each KOM Tour rider has the option of either taking this day off to save the legs for the race day, or to join us for a stunning climb (go at your own pace!) to this beautiful little port for a coffee, then back by to Suao, and in the van to transfer to the race hotel.

STAGE 6 / KOM 2025 / SUAO - FENNIAOLIN

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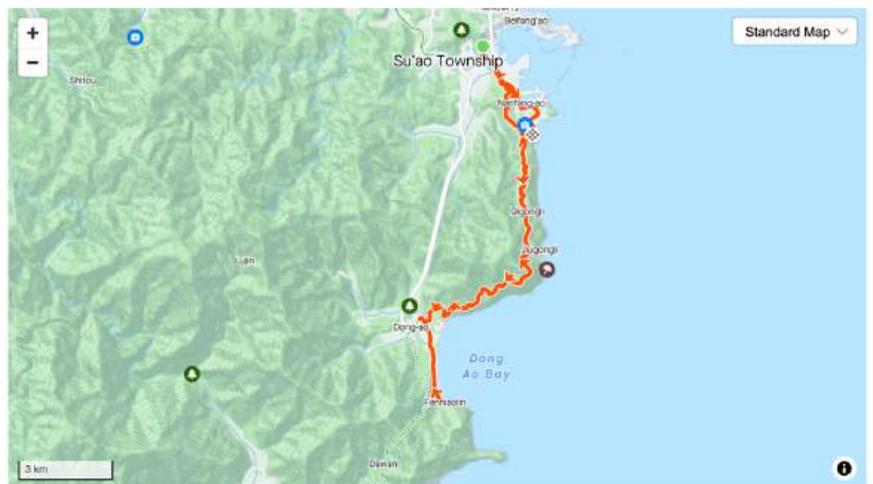
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DAY 7 / The SPRING ROAD to TAIWAN KOM CHALLENGE

Monday 31st March

Hotel Location: Taipei / Will be same hotel as Taipei 19th -21st

Distance / Elevation: 61 km / 2189m / <https://tinyurl.com/55ydhmnh>

Estimated Duration: 4.5-6.5 hrs / Post-Ride: Taipei, Farewell Meal

Grading: Challenging / Hard

Meeting Point / Departure Time TBD: Hotel lobby

Ride Info: Race Day! Some points to note: the route does NOT finish on the traditional KOMN summit of Wuling due to the road conditions near the summit. However, this is still a good chunk of climbing on a beautiful route, and there'll be a KOM medal waiting for all the finishers!

On this day we will have support vans and everything will be taken care of. Post-ride, we head back to Taipei for dinner.

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Cycling Route



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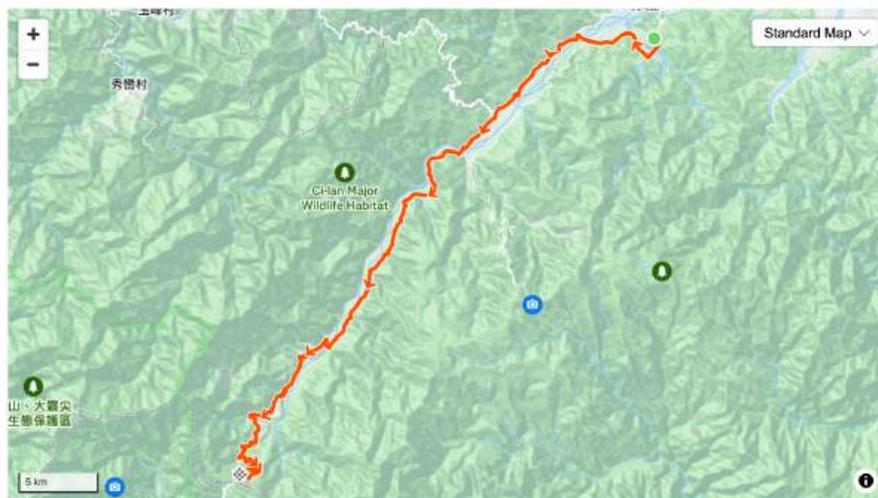
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DAY 8 / DEPARTURE DAY

Tuesday 1st April

The last day of the tour, where we will arrange transport to the airport. Please inform us of your departure times and flight numbers. For anyone thinking to stay on a few days in Taiwan, please let us know and we will assist you in any way we can.

WHAT'S INCLUDED in the TOUR PACKAGE:

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| 1. Airport pick up / drop off | 6. Taiwan KOM Jersey |
| 2. Van Support | 7. Tour Leader Support |
| 3. Breakfast / 4 Group Dinners * | 8. Taiwan KOM Challenge entry |
| 4. Taiwan Insurance * | 9. All Accommodation |
| 5. Race Day Gels / Water | 10. Mechanic Service |

* **Taiwanese insurance covers basics**, therefore each tour participant must purchase full insurance covering cycling in their home country.

* **Lunch** is generally grabbing a snack at a convenience store or stopping by the roadside for noodles or a rice bowl, very cheap yet good food.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

COACHING:

Taipei KOM Tours co-founder, Lee Rodgers, is also the official coaching provider of the KOM, and also Everesting and the Mongolia Bike Challenge. Contact lee@crankpunk.com for more details on the plans available - Taiwan KOM Tour clients receive a discount!

EXTRA NIGHTS:

Please inform us if you would like extra nights at the hotel in Taipei before or after the event.

BIKE BITS

Bike Rental:

We have a contract with a well-respected LBS that rents good quality bikes (carbon frames, good disc wheels, decent group sets) in all sizes, please enquire as early as possible so that we can book these.

Mechanic & Repairs:

We will have a mechanic with us who is capable and equipped for simple repairs (gear tuning, brake adjustment etc), but we are not equipped to deal with issues such as faulty bottom brackets. Taipei has several good bike stores and Yilan has one, but Jioufen and areas outside the major cities generally do not. Therefore we advise clients to bring spare tires, spare inner tubes and basic tools such as an Allen key set and puncture repair equipment, or to purchase in Taipei before the start of the tour. Also **lights, essential** to start the KOM.

On-Bike Nutrition:

We will provide water and some energy drinks throughout the tour and also have a supply of energy gels for race day if needed. If you favour a particular brand of gels we recommend you bring your own supply. Also, please bring your own hydration mix.

Off-Bike Nutrition:

Breakfast will be provided by the hotels. Lunch is not provided however there are many cheap and good options en route, such as noodles and dumpling shops, also convenience stores (if you have never been to Taiwan or Japan, these convenience stores, unlike their American counterparts, have a wide variety of nutritious foods and fruits, from rice balls to noodles, sweet potatoes and lots of coffee). We will have bananas daily, in the van. Four evening group meals will be covered by us, to offer clients the chance to have some time to explore own their own. Where necessary, we will provide a shuttle van to take you into town. Please note that alcohol bills are to be covered by the individual.

Please see here for more info on how to make your trip to Taiwan a rewarding and hassle-free as possible!

<https://www.taiwankomtours.com/blog-kom-tours/top-tips-for-your-taiwan-kom-challenge-adventure>

NON-BIKE BITS:

Passports & Visas:

A passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry to Taiwan is required. Several nationalities do not need a visa to enter Taiwan. These include Australia, North America and most of Europe. However, we recommend you do check to confirm the status of your particular country beforehand.

Health & Vaccination:

Before traveling to any foreign destination it is advisable to consult a doctor for advice and we recommend the same. Note that Taiwan is not malarial. Note also it is not recommended to drink tap water. Heatstroke and dehydration are issues to be concerned with, so please hydrate regularly and bring sun creams and hats, etc.

Please visit this website for more information.

<https://www.worldtravelguide.net/guides/asia/taiwan/health/>

Weather:

Taiwan lies on the Tropic of Cancer, and its general climate is marine tropical. The northern and central regions are subtropical, whereas the south is tropical and the mountainous regions are temperate. The average rainfall is 2,600 millimetres (100 inches) per year. The rainy season is in May and June. The entire island experiences hot, humid weather from June through September. Typhoons are most common in July, August and September. During the winter (November to March), the north experiences steady rain, while the central and southern parts of the island are mostly sunny.

However the weather can change suddenly, and with the majority of our tours happening on the east coast which is in close proximity to the mountains, we recommend bringing sufficient rain gear. A light rain jacket usually is enough. However, if climbing a major climb such as the KOM in October, we recommend bringing sturdier clothing to change into at the top of the mountain, when the race has finished.

Extras:

Please be sure to arrive with Taiwanese currency for any extras you may wish to purchase (can change money at Taoyuan Airport).

BOOKING:

To book, simply send us an email via our website (or to lee@crankpunk.com) and we will reply with details on how to pay.

Deposit:

We request half the tour fee to be paid no later than 60 days before the departure date including any single supplement fee and any hotel fee for extra nights. (You are also welcome to pay the full fee then when if you wish). The remainder of the tour fee must be paid no later than 45 days before the departure date of the tour.

Cancellation Policy:

From Your Side:

In the event you need to cancel your trip, the following policy applies:

More than 110 days before departure: 100% refund OR a 100% Future KOM Tour credit

91-109 days prior to trip start date: 75% refund OR a 100% Future KOM Tour credit

61-90 days prior to trip start date: 50% refund OR 75% Future KOM Tour credit.

31-60 days: 25% refund OR 50% Future KOM Tour credit.

30 days: No refund or Future Trip Credit

We understand things can happen unexpectedly, and while we respect what may be happening with your schedule, we simply ask you to respect what has gone on from our end to plan the trip. Hotels are arranged and confirmed with a deposit and depending on the time frame, may not be allowed a cancellation without penalty.

From Our Side:

Taiwan KOM Tours Inc. reserves the right to cancel any tour 30 days prior to start date, though we do our best to inform you as early as possible. In the event of cancellation, and due to the fact that the tours are in Taiwan where we are subject to tropical storms and typhoons, we have the following policy: Cancellation by us more than 30 days prior to the tour start date: 100% refund of tour cost.

Cancellation by us 15-29 days prior to the tour start date: 75% of the tour cost with whatever is remaining also refunded to the client (after our costs are deducted).

Cancellation by us 1-14 days prior to the tour start date: 50% of the tour cost with whatever is remaining also refunded to the client (after our costs are deducted).

(Cancellation at this last stage will only be due to severe weather warnings/earthquakes etc, that are out of our hands). We strongly advise to purchase transferable tickets as we will also offer those subject to cancellation the same or similar tours at a later date.

International Flights:

International flights, to and from the start and finish points are not included in the tour price. Please contact us for advice before arranging flights for the best arrival and departure times. We would only cancel a trip for an extreme circumstance, but in that case, where we cancel your trip, we cannot be liable for losses incurred relating to any flight booking you have made. Please claim any losses from your travel insurance that you acquired when you booked your holiday.

Many thanks for reading!

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