



PRIVACY POLICY

We are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy.

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OVERVIEW

When you use our site or contact us we may collect personal information about you. This Privacy Policy describes:

- What Personal Information We Collect About You
- How We Collect This Personal Information
- How We Use Your Personal Information
- Who We Share Your Personal Information With
- What Choices You Have About What We Can Do With Your Personal Information
- How Long We Keep Your Personal Information
- How To Access And Update Your Personal Information
- Who We Are And How To Contact Us

PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT WE COLLECT FROM YOU

We will collect personal information from you including:

- your full name, address, date of birth, email address and phone number
- your preferences, requirements, special assistance and if you tell us, information about your health that may affect your travel arrangements
- personal information as set out above about other party members in your booking
- Advance Passenger Information for flights
- your posts on our social media pages
- the communications you exchange with us
- information related to the products and services you purchase from us or our partners
- your feedback
- your image and likeness as captured in the photographs and videos that we take at our events
- your financial and payment details
- how you use our website

HOW WE COLLECT THIS PERSONAL INFORMATION

In most cases, we will collect personal information from you directly. We will collect personal information about you when you:

- contact us via email, telephone, SMS, instant messenger or otherwise communicate with us
- fill in forms on our site

- provide us with personal information about yourself in order for us to provide you with the services that you have requested
- attend one of our events and you speak to one of our Event Team whilst at an event
- place an order on our site or via telephone or email
- interact with us on social media
- where you have provided your personal information to a third party and have opted-in to other third parties, such as ourselves, to contact you
- enter a competition, promotion or survey

PERSONAL INFORMATION WE RECEIVE FROM OTHER SOURCES

Sometimes we work with third parties (including, for example, business partners, sub-contractors in technical, payment and delivery services, advertising networks, analytics providers, search information providers, credit reference agencies) who may provide us with personal information about you.

If you are a business customer, we may also collect information from other people within your business or your business contacts and from publicly available sources such as Companies House.

GROUP BOOKINGS AND LEAD BOOKERS

We will collect personal information about all persons travelling within a group (1 or more people). If you are booking or making an enquiry on behalf of someone else you must have their consent to allow us to collect and use their personal information in the ways described in this Privacy Policy. As such you should draw their attention to this Privacy Policy prior to submitting their personal information.

SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF PERSONAL DATA

To provide our products and services to you, we may need to collect information regarded as “Special Categories of Personal Data”. We only collect this information where you have given your explicit consent or where it is necessary to meet your requirements. Where the Special Categories of Personal Data are relevant to the provision of goods and services (for example, food allergies), we will need to provide that information to our service providers (for example airlines, hotels).

For example, you may provide us with Special Categories of Personal Data when you inform us of:

- a specific medical condition
- a requirement for special assistance
- specific dietary requirements
- your passport information

If you provide us with any Special Categories of Personal Data you explicitly agree that we may collect and use it in order to provide our products and services and in accordance with this Privacy Policy.

If you do not allow us to process any Special Categories of Personal Data, this may mean we are unable to provide all or parts of the services you have requested from us. In such circumstances you will not be entitled to cancel or obtain a refund of any price you have paid.

HOW WE USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

We use personal information held about you to:

- carry out our obligations arising from any contracts entered into between you and us and to provide you with the information, products and services that you request from us
- communicate with you and manage our relationship
- personalise and improve your customer experience
- provide you, or permit selected third parties to provide you, with information about goods or services we feel may interest you
- *existing customers*: we will only contact you by electronic means (email or SMS) with information about goods and services similar to those which were the subject of a previous sale to you or where you have consented to this
- *new customers*: where you permit selected third parties to use your data, we (or they) will contact you by electronic means (email or SMS) only if you have consented to this. If you do not want us to use your data in this way, or to pass your details on to third parties for marketing purposes, please leave blank the relevant box situated on the form on which we collect your data
- ensure that content from our site is presented in the most effective manner for you and for your computer
- administer our site and for internal operations, including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, research, security, site improvements, statistical and survey purposes
- communicate with you via email in the event that you have abandoned your online book now process before completing your booking
- measure or understand the effectiveness of advertising we serve to you and others, and to deliver relevant advertising to you
- notify you about changes to our service
- create and use marketing materials that contain videos and/or photographs of you which have been taken at our events or during the provision of our services

WHO WE SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH

Your personal information may be shared with other companies R&A Championships Limited (“**The R&A**”) and/or Two Circles Limited (“**2C**”). The R&A will be the owner of your data. To view how The R&A and 2C collect and use personal data, please see their privacy policy accessible on their website.

We will share your personal information with the following categories of third parties:

- Governing Bodies and Event Organisers
- Travel Service and Accommodation Providers Involved in Meeting Your Requirements
- Government and Enforcement Agencies
- Digital Marketing Tools
- Commercial Partners and Sponsors
- Regulatory Bodies
- Providers of Third Party Services
- Credit and Debit Card Companies

GOVERNING BODIES AND EVENT ORGANISERS

If you have purchased services from us we will need to give your personal information to the governing bodies or event organisers to provide you with the products and services you requested. This will be dependent on which product and service you purchase but may include: The R&A, and/or organising committees. This is primarily for ticket and event management purposes.

TRAVEL SERVICE AND ACCOMMODATION PROVIDERS INVOLVED IN MEETING YOUR REQUIREMENTS

All of the travel and accommodation services in our products and services are provided by third parties. We will pass your personal information to these providers solely for the purpose of providing you with the services which you have purchased. We will need to do this to provide you with the goods and services you have purchased.

If you purchase flights from us, we (or the airlines) may be required to provide your personal information to airport service providers at the airports that you are flying to or from. We will provide such airport with your personal information to the extent required to deliver the services and to comply with any laws or regulations.

If you sign up to marketing communications directly with any travel service or accommodation provider whilst using their services, then their use of your personal information shall be subject to their privacy policies. These are normally accessible on the providers website under 'privacy policy', often found in the footer of the website. If you have provided your consent to them and wish to withdraw, you should contact them directly.

PROVIDERS OF THIRD PARTY SERVICES

We use a variety of third party service providers when delivering our products and services to you. These third parties will include venues, excursion providers, merchandise suppliers, delivery partners, fulfilment warehouses, caterers and others (each a "Third Party Provider"). Where an element of the services that you have purchased from us include services delivered by a Third Party Provider we may be required to provide that Third Party Provider with your personal information. We will only pass your personal information to the Third Party Provider to the extent required to provide the services to you and ask them only to act in accordance with this Privacy Policy and/or our agreements with them.

TO PROVIDE OUR SERVICES TO YOU

To operate our business we use a variety of systems and services, these include sales management systems, email management and marketing services, booking systems and client management tools. We use these systems so that our business can operate smoothly and efficiently. Where required we will enter your personal information into these systems and services so as to be able to provide you the services and products that you have purchased and to manage your information as a customer or as someone who wishes to receive marketing communications from us. Some of these systems and services are operated by third parties, who operate them on our behalf and who will act only in accordance with this Privacy Policy and our agreements with them.

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD COMPANIES

When processing a transaction for the purchase of services we will need to send your personal information to credit and debit card companies as well as our payment processing provider, Secure Trading. In these instances your personal information will only be used to complete the purchase of the services that you have requested from us and/or for the prevention and detection of fraud and crime.

COMMERCIAL PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

Where you have provided consent for us to provide your personal information to the commercial sponsors of The R&A and/or an event organiser, for the purpose of receiving marketing

communications from these commercial partners, sponsors and event organisers, you agree for us to do so and transfer your personal information to them. A list of commercial partners and sponsors is available on The R&A's website. These can change from time to time. If you wish to unsubscribe from any marketing communications from a commercial partner or sponsor of The R&A or an event organiser you can do so at any time by contacting that commercial partner or sponsor directly.

REGULATORY BODIES AND INSURERS

We operate within the travel industry and are regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and ABTA. Should these bodies or any other regulatory body require us to provide your personal information to them for any reason then we shall be obliged to do so. We will only provide them with the personal information that they request for the purposes they require.

In the event of our insolvency we, or any appointed insolvency practitioner, may disclose your personal information to the CAA, and/or ABTA so that they can assess the status of your booking and advised you on the appropriate course of action under any scheme of financial protection. The CAA's General Privacy Notice is at <https://www.caa.co.uk/Our-work/About-us/General-privacy-notice/>. ABTA's Privacy Notice is at <https://www.abta.com/privacy-notice>.

We may be required to provide details to our insurers in line with our contract of insurance. We will only provide them with the personal information that they request for the purposes they require, which will be limited to performing their obligations under the contract of insurance.

GOVERNMENT AND ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

In order for you to travel overseas, we may be required to disclose your personal information to government bodies or other authorities in the UK and in other countries, such as those responsible for immigration, border control, security and anti-terrorism. Even if it is not mandatory for us to provide your personal information to such authorities, we may exercise our discretion to assist them where appropriate.

DIGITAL MARKETING TOOLS

Calendly

We use Calendly as an online scheduling tool. It allows us to share availability via a personalized link. Calendly integrates with popular calendar platforms (like Google Calendar, Outlook, and iCloud) and supports features such as automated reminders. More information on Calendly can be found at <https://www.calendly.com>.

DotDigital

To send our newsletters, e-mails and service messages we use DotDigital's services. More information on DotDigital can be found at <https://dotdigital.com/terms/privacy-policy/>. Whilst subscription to our newsletter is voluntary and you can elect not to receive these, we may still use DotDigital to contact you with service emails in order for us to fulfil our contract with you (for example collection of Advanced Passenger Information, or notifying you of a service message).

Elfsight

Elfsight helps us to use contact forms and pop-ups to collect client information directly from the website. We use it to display customer reviews from platforms like Google, Facebook, and Zillow to enhance credibility. It helps us to engage visitors with embed social media feeds, interactive maps, and chat tools to keep visitors engaged and informed. IT also uses pop-ups to highlight time-sensitive promotions or calls to action. More information on Elfsight can be found at <https://www.elfsight.com>.

Facebook Advertising

We use a number of Facebook business services including conversions tracking and custom audiences. You can find more information on how Facebook processes and uses data, and information on settings you can use to protect your privacy by accessing Facebook's privacy policy statement at <https://www.facebook.com/privacy/explanation>.

You may refuse to permit Facebook and its partners to place ads and can review and change settings at: www.facebook.com/ads/website_custom_audiences/.

Google Analytics and other Google Services

We use a number of Google services including analytics, adwords and tag manager. You can find out more information on these services together with information on Google's data privacy policy at: www.google.com/policies/technologies/ads.

Google Analytics

We use Google Analytics to collect information about how users use this site. Google Analytics collects information such as how often users visit this site, what pages they visit and what other sites they used prior to coming to this site. We use the information we get from Google Analytics only to improve this site. Google Analytics collects only the IP address assigned to you on the date you visit this site, rather than your name or other identifying information.

Google's ability to use and share information collected by Google Analytics about your visits to this site is restricted by the Google Analytics Terms of Use at: <https://www.google.com/analytics/terms/us.html> and the Google Privacy Policy at <http://www.google.com/policies/privacy/>. You can prevent Google Analytics from recognizing you on return visits to this site by disabling cookies on your browser.

Google Adwords

Google Adwords Conversion Tracking helps us determine how many people who clicked on our Google Ads end up contacting us through the website. This tracking cookie is set on your browser only when you click on a Google Ad and these cookies help us increase the website's effectiveness for our visitors. These cookies do not contain information that can identify you personally. Please refer to the Google Advertising Privacy Notice for more information about Google Conversion Tracking and the ability to opt out here: <http://www.google.com/ads/preferences/>.

Google AdWords Remarketing

Google AdWords Remarketing helps us to advertise our products and services across the Internet, in particular on the Google Display Network. Google AdWords Remarketing will display ads to you based on what parts of the site you have viewed by placing a cookie on your web browser. This cookie does not in any way identify you or give access to your computer or mobile device. The cookie is used to indicate to other websites that "This person visited a particular page, so show them ads relating to that page." Google AdWords Remarketing allows us to tailor our marketing to better suit your needs and only display ads that are relevant to you.

These cookies expire within 30 days and do not contain information that can identify you personally. Please refer to the Google Advertising Privacy Notice for more information about Google Conversion Tracking and the ability to opt out here: <https://www.google.com/policies/technologies/ads/>.

Google Tag Manager

We use Google Tag Manager to manage and deploy marketing and analytics tags on a website without modifying the code directly. We may use it to track user interactions—such as form submissions or button clicks—to better understand lead behaviour and campaign performance. More information on Google Tag Manager can be found at: <https://marketingplatform.google.com/about/tag-manager>

Hotjar

We use Hotjar in order to better understand our users' needs and to optimize our services and user experience. Hotjar is a technology service that helps us better understand our users experience (e.g. how much time they spend on which pages, which links they choose to click, what users do and don't like, etc.) and this enables us to build and maintain our service with user feedback. Hotjar uses cookies and other technologies to collect data on our users' behaviour and their devices (in particular device's IP address (captured and stored only in anonymized form), device screen size, device type (unique device identifiers), browser information, geographic location (country only), preferred language used to display our website). Hotjar stores this information in a pseudonymized user profile. Neither Hotjar nor we will ever use this information to identify individual users or to match it with further data on an individual user. For further details, please see Hotjar's privacy policy here: <https://www.hotjar.com/legal/policies/privacy>.

You can opt-out of the creation of a user profile, Hotjar's storing of data about your usage of our site and Hotjar's use of tracking cookies on other websites by following this opt-out link: <https://www.hotjar.com/legal/compliance/opt-out>.

Impact.com

Impact.com helps us to manage and optimise relationships with affiliates, influencers, and other partners. We may use Impact.com to discover new partners, track performance metrics, and manage campaigns that drive customer acquisition and revenue growth. The platform provides tools for reporting, communication, and contract management to support efficient and scalable partnership strategies. More information on Impact.com can be found at: <https://impact.com>.

Meta Pixel

We use Meta Pixel to monitor user interactions on our website after you engage with ads on Facebook or Instagram. We may use Meta Pixel to analyse visitor behaviour, retarget potential customers, and optimise advertising campaigns based on actions such as purchases, sign-ups, or page views. More information on Meta Pixel can be found at: <https://blog.hootsuite.com/meta-pixel>.

Mixpanel

We use Mixpanel to track and analyse user interactions on our websites and apps. We may use Mixpanel to understand customer behaviour, measure engagement, and optimise marketing and sales strategies based on real-time data insights. More information on Mixpanel can be found at: <https://mixpanel.com>.

Onesignal

Onesignal helps us to send targeted messages via push notifications, email, SMS, and in-app messaging. We may use OneSignal to deliver personalised communications based on your

behaviour, preferences, or location, helping to re-engage visitors and promote offers. More information on Onesignal can be found: <https://onesignal.com>.

Optinmonster

Optinmonster helps us to create targeted marketing campaigns such as popups, floating bars, and slide-ins. Sales agents may use OptinMonster to capture visitor information, promote special offers, and increase engagement by displaying personalized messages based on user behaviour and location. More information Optinmonster can be found at: <https://optinmonster.com>.

Trengo

We use the services of Trengo to enable us to live chat with our users and improve our user experience by offering an instant messaging response over different platforms (email, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, Instagram messenger and live chat). If you wish to receive more information on Trengo please visit <https://trengo.com/privacy-statement>. Please note that you may elect not to use the ChatBot.

Typeform

We use Typeform to help us collect data through interactive and visually engaging forms. We may use Typeform to generate leads, qualify prospects, and automate follow-up communications by integrating with CRM and marketing tools. More information on Typeform can be found at: <https://www.typeform.com>.

Our partners and service providers have their own privacy policies and terms of use over which we have no control. Whilst we carefully select these partners, we have no responsibility or liability for their privacy policies, terms of use or the way they process your personal information except as we set out in our agreements with them. Please ensure that you review the relevant privacy policies and terms of use of these partners prior to purchasing their goods or services, using their websites, apps or services or providing any personal information to them.

We may share your personal information with carefully selected third parties, including:

- Our business partners, suppliers, professional advisors and sub-contractors in order to carry out the services under any contract we enter into with them or you;
- Any member of our group, which means our subsidiaries, our ultimate holding company and its subsidiaries, as defined in section 1159 of the UK Companies Act 2006;
- Our site providers who need to see your personal information in order to keep our site up and running; and
- Analytics and search engine providers that assist us in improving your use of our site.

We may disclose your personal information:

- To regulatory and professional bodies and law enforcement authorities;
- If we sell our business or end our relationship with The R&A in which case the personal information that we hold will be part of the transferred assets and transferred to the purchaser or The R&A (as applicable); and

- If we are required by law, or in order to enforce or apply our terms of use. This includes exchanging information with other organisations for the purposes of fraud protection and credit risk reduction.

OUR MARKETING

We may provide you with information about products, services, special offers, and other news where we feel these may interest you.

Depending on what contact information you have given to us, we may contact you by email, text message, post or phone. We will only do this where you have consented to receiving such information from us or there is another lawful basis on which we are able to contact you.

We use third party systems and services to assist in sending marketing communications to you. Where we do send you marketing communications using third party systems and services, we will ensure that they only use your personal information for that purpose.

You can opt out of such marketing at any time and if you wish to do so, please email us at marketing@TheOpenExperiences.com.

COOKIES AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY ON OUR SITE

Our site uses cookies to distinguish you from other users of our site. This helps us to provide you with a good experience when you browse our site and also allows us to improve our site. For detailed information on the cookies we use and the purposes for which we use them see our Cookie Policy.

With regard to each of your visits to our site we will automatically collect the following information:

Technical

Including the Internet Protocol (IP) address used to connect your computer to the Internet, your login information, browser type and version, time zone setting, browser plug-in types and versions and operating system and platform

About Your Visit

Including the full Uniform Resource Locators (URL), clickstream to, through and from our site (including date and time), products you viewed or searched for, page response times, download errors, length of visits to certain pages, page interaction information (such as scrolling, clicks, and mouse-overs), and methods used to browse away from the page

WHERE WE STORE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

The personal information that we collect from you may be transferred to, processed and stored outside the European Economic Area ("EEA"). It may also be handled by staff working outside the EEA for us or for one of our suppliers.

We are committed to ensuring that our suppliers have appropriate technical, administrative and physical procedures in place to ensure that your personal information is protected against loss or misuse. All information you provide to us is stored on our secure servers or on secure servers operated by a third party.

Some of the organisations to which we may disclose your personal information are situated outside of the EEA. In order to provide you with the products and services you require, we may need to transfer your personal information to these countries some of which do not have laws that protect privacy rights as extensively as in the United Kingdom. If we do transfer your personal information to other territories, we will take proper steps to ensure that your personal information is protected in accordance with this Privacy Policy.

Unfortunately, the transmission of personal information via the internet is not completely secure. Although we will do our best to protect your personal information, we cannot guarantee the security of your data transmitted to our site and any transmission is at your own risk. Once we have received your personal information, we will use strict procedures and security features to try to prevent unauthorised access.

HOW LONG DO WE KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

We will keep personal information in line with our retention policy.

In summary, personal information used for the purposes of:

Marketing:

Shall be retained as long as the relevant consent or basis for processing remains valid or until it is withdrawn, whichever is sooner

Contract:

Shall be retained for the duration of the contract and for a minimum period of 7 years after

Customer Relationship:

Shall be retained as long as you remain an active customer of ours

Audit

Shall be retained for as long as necessary to demonstrate compliance with all applicable laws and regulations

Personal information will be retained in a secure environment and access to it will be restricted according to the 'need to know' principle.

ACCESS TO PERSONAL INFORMATION

The General Data Protection Regulation (the GDPR) gives you the right to access personal information held about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance with the GDPR.

If you wish to request access to your personal information you may do so by emailing marketing@TheOpenExperiences.com. or writing to The Open Experiences, Carter Court, 8 Davy Way, Quedgeley, Gloucester, GL2 2DE. To ensure the security of your personal information we may ask you to verify your identity, including providing identification and other documentation where we deem it necessary.

If we do hold information about you we will:

- give you a description of it;
- tell you why we are holding it;
- tell you who it could be disclosed to; and
- let you have a copy of the information in an intelligible form.

UPDATING YOUR INFORMATION

You can ask us at any time to change or update the personal information that we hold about you or ask us not to contact you with any further marketing information. You can do this by checking boxes on the forms we use to collect your information or you can also request that we change or amend your personal information by emailing us at marketing@TheOpenExperiences.com or writing to The Open Experiences, Carter Court, 8 Davy Way, Quedgeley, Gloucester, GL2 2DE.

CHANGES TO OUR PRIVACY POLICY

Any changes we make to our Privacy Policy in the future will be posted on this page and, where appropriate, notified to you by email. Please check frequently to see any updates or changes to our Privacy Policy.

ABOUT US

Mike Burton Travel Limited trading as The Open Experiences company registered in England and Wales 02616655 with its registered office of 4th Floor, Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester, England, M1 6EU operates www.TheOpenExperiences.com.

For the purpose of the GDPR, the data controller is Mike Burton Travel Limited, data protection register number: Z2600028.

CONTACT

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