

POLICY ON PRICING OF MPG TOURS & TREATMENT OF SURPLUS

MPG is a non-profit making society run by volunteers. The tours we offer are designed to run at cost, and MPG Management Committee members and others involved in the organising of the tours offer their services without charge and pay to attend the tours, with the following exceptions:

- where an MPG member is a professional whose services are being engaged as part of his or her normal business activity
- where a preliminary reconnaissance visit is needed, in which case the out of pocket expenses are included in the tour costs
- where an MPG member takes on substantial responsibility as tour leader or management committee representative, in which case a reduction of up to 50% on the normal cost of a single individual is available

MPG tours aim to break even, but in practice due to uncertainty in numbers of participants, unexpected expenses or savings, or many other reasons, this can seldom be achieved other than on the simplest of tours.

Any surpluses from tours will normally be retained, in order to provide funds to offset those that have a deficit and to reduce administration by MPG volunteers. However, if the surplus for an individual tour exceeds £80 per participant, then the surplus may be refunded to participants or taken as a donation, subject to the recommendation of the tour organiser in conjunction with the treasurer, depending on the circumstances that caused the surplus.

The calculation of the amount to be refunded will take into account any costs involved in making the refund, such as bank charges and adverse currency exchange movements, and rounded downwards to the nearest multiple of £10. If the original payment was made in Euros, then the refund offered will be in Euros, rounded down to the nearest multiple of 10 Euros. If the participant requests the refund be made in a currency different from that in which payment was made this may be done at the discretion of the Treasurer and a rate which he or she would advise.