



INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION, WAIVER, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

THIS DOCUMENT IS TO BE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY BY BOTH THE STUDENT TRAVELER AND A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT BEFORE SIGNING. SEE ACCOMPANYING LETTER/EMAIL FOR TRIP DETAILS.

Student Traveler Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

I, the student, have voluntarily decided to participate in a My Motherland sponsored international travel program to be held in _____ (trip country destination, "the Program Location") from _____ to _____ (dates). In consideration for being permitted by My Motherland to participate in the Program, I agree to the following terms and conditions.

Rules and Requirements:

As a condition of my participation in the Program, I understand that I must observe the laws of the country in which I will be traveling. I also agree to comply with My Motherland's policies and procedures. I understand that foreign countries may have customs and standards that differ from those to which I am accustomed, including dress, manners, morals, politics, and behavior. I understand and agree that I will be expected to comply with standards of acceptable behavior and appropriate conduct in the host country, as discussed during pre-departure and on-site orientations and outlined in pre-departure materials. I acknowledge that any violation of these requirements may constitute grounds for expulsion from the Program (which may result in my being sent home before the end of the Program), and the referral of any violations to My Motherland for further action at its sole discretion. I understand that I will be responsible for any costs or expenses related to my expulsion from the Program.

As a condition of my participation, I also agree to disclose any physical or psychological concerns that may impact me, my ability to participate, or others. I understand that personal medical insurance coverage is required. General medical requirements will be addressed in separate documentation, and I understand that I am required to submit a health form as a condition of my participation.

Informed Consent:

I understand that international travel, particularly to developing countries, involves certain inherent risks, including physical injury, damage, or even death. These risks can arise from various factors, including, but not limited to, crime, civil unrest, terrorism, traffic accidents, disease, quarantine, natural disasters, and other hazards. I understand there are also risks associated with travel to and from the Program Location and while in-country. I acknowledge that the availability of medical care, first aid, and emergency services in the Program Location may not meet the standards of care I am accustomed to in my home country.

I agree to learn about the risks associated with travel to, from, and within the Program Location. I agree to carefully review the current travel information and advisories provided by official sources such as the Bureau of Consular Affairs – U.S. Department of State website (www.travel.state.gov). I understand that unforeseen political, environmental, or social events may increase the risks associated with this travel. Knowing these risks, I still choose, knowingly and voluntarily, to participate in the Program.

Release and Waiver of Liability:

I hereby RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, and DISCHARGE My Motherland, including its board members, officers, employees, trip leaders, agents, and volunteers (collectively termed “My Motherland”) from any and all liability, claims, demands, or causes of action for injuries or damages arising from my participation in the Program, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INJURY, DAMAGE, OR DEATH OCCURS WHILE TRAVELING TO, FROM, OR DURING THE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, UNLESS SUCH INJURY IS CAUSED BY GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OF MY MOTHERLAND.

I further understand and agree that My Motherland shall not be held responsible in any way for any injury, death, or other damages that may occur as a result of my participation in the Program, unless caused by My Motherland's gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

Indemnification:

I agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS My Motherland from any loss, liability, damage, or costs, including court costs and attorney fees, that may arise from my participation in the Program, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF MY MOTHERLAND OR OTHERWISE.

Assumption of Risk:

I understand the risks associated with participating in this Program and agree to personally assume all risks related to my participation. I understand that My Motherland is not responsible for any injury or damage caused by my actions or omissions.

Delays and Losses:

I acknowledge that My Motherland is not responsible for delays, loss, damage, or injury to person or property caused before departure, during travel, or while participating in the Program.

Release of Information:

I agree that My Motherland may disclose necessary information about me for my safety, health, or welfare, as well as for the operational needs of the Program.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS RELEASE, WAIVER, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT BY READING IT BEFORE SIGNING, AND I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

Student Traveler's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If the participant is under 18, a parent or legal guardian must also sign:

I, (printed name) _____, am the parent or legal guardian of the participant. I have read and understand this document and agree to its terms on behalf of the participant.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____