



SOL EDUCATION ABROAD

CONSENT OF RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

General Waiver and Release

I understand that, although Sol Education Abroad has made reasonable efforts to provide for my safety while participating in the Sol Education Abroad program (the Program), there are unavoidable risks in foreign travel, and I may subject myself to dangers over which neither Sol Education Abroad, its employees nor the academic host institution have any control. These dangers might include, without limitation: airline or motor vehicle accidents; criminal behavior or negligence by others; terrorist activity; natural disaster; exposure to contaminated food; and normal health problems.

I also understand that in the event I am injured or become ill, I may not be able to expect the same level of medical treatment in a foreign country as I might at home. In full appreciation of these dangers and risks, I release and forever discharge Sol Education Abroad and its insurers and employees (its "agents"), from all actions, claims, demands, damages and liability whatever that might arise from the Program and my participation in it. I agree to release Sol Education Abroad and its agents from liability for damage to or loss of my possessions, or for injury, illness or death resulting from crimes or from political unrest. I will not hold Sol Education Abroad responsible for the actions of independent contractors, host families, other students, external companies or personnel hired by either the academic institution (university or institute) or Sol Education Abroad.

Indemnity

I release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify Sol Education Abroad and its agents with regard to any financial obligations or liabilities that I personally incur, or any damage or injury to the person or property of others that I may cause or be accused of causing, while participating in the Program.

Advance of Money

In the event Sol Education Abroad or its agents advance any monies to me or incur special expenses on my behalf while abroad or in relation to the Program abroad, I agree to make immediate repayment upon receipt or notice of the debt.

Personal Safety

I understand that I am responsible for my welfare while abroad. I understand that neither Sol Education Abroad, nor its employees nor any of its agents serve as guardians or insurers of my safety. I agree to comply with the rules, standards and instructions for my behavior as stated by Sol Education Abroad, the academic host institution and the Program. Sol Education Abroad and its agents have the right to enforce appropriate standards of conduct and may at any time terminate my participation in the Program for failure to maintain these standards or for any conduct which Sol Education Abroad or its agents consider to be incompatible with the interest, harmony, comfort and welfare of other students or the academic host institution. **If I am expelled from the Program, I agree to be sent home at my expense and acknowledge that there will be no refund of my program costs or any other costs I incur to return myself or my belongings to my home country.**

Personal Conduct

I understand that I am expected to adhere to the laws of the host country and I am responsible to learn the laws of the host country. I acknowledge that, should I face legal problems while abroad, the Program will not be responsible for me financially or for legal representation. I understand that if I violate a law of the host country, I place myself in legal jeopardy and U.S. standards of due process may not apply. While the Program will do its best to assist you, the Program cannot guarantee what assistance can be provided under such circumstances. Violations of local law in the host country will be handled by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

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Personal Property: Damage/Theft Policy

Sol Education Abroad does not assume any liability for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property while on a Sol Education Abroad program. Sol Education Abroad will not honor any personal claim for property loss while on the program. If you would like insurance coverage for your personal belongings while abroad, you should obtain your own personal travel coverage.

Medical

I understand that it is my responsibility to have a medical examination to assure that I am physically fit and capable of participating in this program/contract, and I assume all risks for failing to do so. I understand Sol Education Abroad reserves the right to select candidates for study abroad. I have considered carefully and take responsibility for any physical or personal limitations that might interfere with my achieving a successful and safe experience abroad. I hereby release and forever discharge Sol Education Abroad from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first-aid treatment or other medical services rendered to me or to my companions in connection with an emergency or health problem during my participation in the Program.

I agree to disclose to Sol Education Abroad all medical conditions and limitations that I may have including, but not limited to, chronic or reoccurring issues, pregnancy, mental illness, heart conditions, back conditions, diabetes and allergies. I understand that if I do not disclose something, I cannot expect Sol Education Abroad to make any accommodations and that I am fully responsible for my health and well being regardless of what I disclose.

I grant Sol Education Abroad and its employees full authority to take whatever actions they may consider to be warranted regarding my health and safety, and I release them from any liability for such actions. I authorize Sol Education Abroad and its agents to contact my parents or guardian, as indicated on the Medical Background Form, in connection with my general welfare abroad. I authorize Sol Education Abroad and its employees, at their discretion, to place me for medical treatment at my expense, including anesthesia and surgery.

Assumption of Risk

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Program, I hereby personally fully assume all risks in connection with said Program, and I further release and hold harmless Sol Education Abroad for any harm, injury or damage which may befall me, including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseeable or not. Further, I understand and agree that neither Sol Education Abroad, nor agents thereof, may be held liable by me or my family, estate, heirs, or assigns, in any way for any negligence in connection with the Program which may result in my injury, death, or other damages. Likewise, I assume the risk of any medical issues I have whether known, pre-existing, disclosed, etc.

I further state that I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital; and that I have signed this document and knowingly assume the risks inherent in this Program. The terms of this document shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for me, my heirs, executor and administrators and for all members of my family.

Photo and Video Release

I consent to the use of photographs or video footage that I am in and my comments about the Program to be used by Sol Education Abroad for publicity purposes and to the distribution of information about the Program to my parents or guardians whom I have specified in my Sol Education Abroad paperwork. This release is in perpetuity and includes any and all intellectual property claims.

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Independent Travel

I understand that if I have a week day, weekend, or holiday, when there is no Sol Education Abroad excursion planned I am free to travel on my own or with friends. I understand that Sol Education Abroad, however, cannot be responsible for my health and safety during these times. Sol Education Abroad onsite staff will be available to assist in any way possible should something go wrong. It is my responsibility to let my resident director know my independent travel plans anytime I decide to leave the program city and travel on my own.

Use of Motor Vehicles

Sol Education Abroad strongly discourages students from operating vehicles while participating in its Programs and encourages students to take additional caution when biking, walking or utilizing public transportation.

Traffic congestion and different traffic laws and regulations, civil and criminal, can make driving motor vehicles abroad extremely hazardous. Insurance requirements and other financial responsibilities vary from country to country. If, however, I am of legal age to do so and I decide to operate a motor vehicle while abroad, Sol Education Abroad assumes no financial responsibility for legal aid or for my care should I be involved in a violation or an accident. I hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury, illness, death, monetary loss or property damage resulting from such circumstances during my participation with the Program, whether suffered by me personally or by any of my accompanying dependents or companions.

Other

Unless I notify Sol Education Abroad in writing, I consent to the distribution of my name and E-mail address to potential and current Sol Education Abroad students. I have fully informed myself of the contents of this affirmation and Consent of Release by reading it before I signed it. I acknowledge that this Consent of Release must be completed, signed and submitted before departure. I understand that if I am under 18 years of age my parent or legal guardian must sign this agreement. Furthermore, I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Consent of Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Consent of Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

By signing below I certify that I have carefully read, fully understand and accept the provisions within this document. My signature further acknowledges my acceptance of these terms now, during and after my official program dates. I am of sound mind and capable of understanding the contents of the document. If I am not of legal age to contract on behalf of myself, I will fully review with the parent who signs with me on this document. If I am of legal age to contract on behalf of myself, I will not hold Sol Education Abroad responsible for informing my parents as that is within my sole discretion.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date

[] CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER. If you are not, please have your parent sign below.

Print Parent Name (if student under 18)

Parent Signature

Date

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