



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRAVEL

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND GENERAL RELEASE FORM

Name of Participating Student: _____

Description of International Travel: _____

Course Number/Name (if applicable): _____

Faculty Trip Leader: _____

Destination (s): _____

Date (s): _____ MHID# _____

I am a student at Morehouse College ("Morehouse") and choose voluntarily to participate in the international student trip (the "trip") described above. The international student travel is understood to include all activities at the destination (s), and all travel to and from such destination(s). This agreement confirms my understanding of the following:

- Risks of International Travel: U. S. State Department Warning.** I understand that participation in the Trip and international travel may involve risks not found in study at Morehouse. These include without limitation risks involved in traveling to, from, and within international locations; foreign political, legal, medical, social and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; and local weather conditions. The country or countries to which I will travel may have health and safety standards that differ from those in the U. S., and I recognize that I may be subjected to potential risks, illnesses, injuries and even death. I have made my own investigation of these risks, understand these risks, and assume them knowingly and willingly.
- I also acknowledge that in working, living and traveling in cities abroad, I may experience problems associated with urban living, including increased crime, pollution, high population density or standards of living and health standards that are different from those to which I am accustomed in the U. S. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to take every precaution to safeguard my health and to protect my personal belongings from damage or theft. I acknowledge that Morehouse recommends that I never travel alone, particularly at night. Being alone, especially at night, may present additional danger to my safety and well-being.
- I understand that, although Morehouse has organized this Trip, it cannot eliminate all risks or guarantee my safety while I am abroad. I have read and understood all information on the U. S. State Department website (<http://travel.state.gov>) about the country or countries to which I am traveling, including, without limitation, the U. S. Department of State Consular Information Sheet and the State Department Warning (if applicable). I also have reviewed the U. S. Centers for Disease Control health advisory information relating to travel abroad found at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel>, and any additional information available from the World Health Organization website (<http://www.who.int/>). With knowledge of this information, I have made the independent judgment to participate in the Trip.

4. **Health Insurance; Medical Care; Health and Safety Concerns:** I understand that I am responsible for obtaining any recommended immunizations before traveling to my destination. I carry valid and current medical insurance and have a valid insurance identity card to bring. I have determined that this insurance is adequate to cover injuries or illnesses that I may sustain while participating in the Trip and international travel. I will be solely responsible for payment in full of all costs of medical care I may receive overseas.

I authorize Morehouse to obtain appropriate health care for me in the event that I need it. I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify Morehouse for all actions taken to provide necessary emergency medical care to me during the trip. I also understand and agree that if I experience serious health problems, suffer an injury, or am otherwise in a situation that raises significant health and safety concerns, then Morehouse may contact my parents or any other person whose name I have provided as my "emergency contact." I understand that Morehouse ordinarily will not initiate such contact without first having a discussion with me.

5. **Standards of Conduct:** I recognize that I assume an important personal obligation to conduct myself in a manner compatible with local laws and regulations; with Morehouse's policies for student conduct (including without limitation those set forth in the *Student Handbook* and in any Trip-specific materials); with the policies of my host institution/organization (if any); and with any instructions given by the Trip leaders. I promise to act responsibly and will become informed of, and will abide by, all such laws, regulations, policies and standards. I will comply with Morehouse's policies, standards and instructions for student behavior. I agree that Morehouse has the right to enforce all standards of conduct described above.
6. **Travel Arrangements:** I understand that Morehouse does not represent or act as an agent for any host family, employer, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of food, goods or services involved in the Trip. I understand that Morehouse is not responsible for matters beyond its control, and that it cannot warrant the safety or convenience of the circumstances under which I will be living or working.
7. **GENERAL RELEASE:** Knowing the risks described above, I agree, on behalf of my family, heirs and personal representative(s), to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Trip. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify Morehouse, its officers and Board of Trustees, directors, faculty, staff, representatives, employees and agents ("Released Parties"), from all liability and claims (present and future claims, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses) of any kind, to person or property, or for any other damage, which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person, related to my participation in the Trip (including periods in transit to or from my destination), resulting from any cause, including, but not limited to negligence on my part or on the part of any of the released parties. However, I understand that nothing in this paragraph shall act as a waiver of any rights I may have under the Georgia Workers' Compensation Act.
8. I certify that I am age 18 or older. I have carefully read and freely signed this Assumption of Risk and General Release Form. I understand and agree that no oral or written representations can or will alter the contents of this document. I understand that I have the right to consult an attorney of my choice before signing. I further understand that this document contains the entire agreement and no oral or written agreements limiting or modifying the effect of the terms of this agreement exist. I agree that if any part of this agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the balance of the agreement remains valid and enforceable. I agree that this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this agreement or the Trip.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Student Name (print) _____

Morehouse College Residential House Affiliation (if applicable): _____

If student is under age 18, the parent and/or legal guardian must sign below:

I, the undersigned parent and/or legal guardian of the student listed above (the "Student"), do hereby consent to his or her participation in the Trip and in international travel as part of the Trip. I, as the parent of the Student and on behalf of the Student, release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify Morehouse, and its officers, directors, faculty, staff, representatives, employees and agents, from and against any present or future claim, loss or liability for injury to person or property, costs and expenses for injury to person or property, or for any other damage, which I or the Student may suffer, or for which the Student may be liable to any other person, related to the Student's participation in the Trip (including periods in transit to or from the Student's destination), resulting from which I or the Student may suffer, or for which the Student may be liable to any other person, related to the Student's participation in the Trip (including periods in transit to or from the Student's destination), resulting from any cause, including but not limited to ordinary or gross negligence on the part of the Student or any of the released parties.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name (print): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

United States

First Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone (home): _____ Telephone (cell): _____

Email Address (es): _____

Second Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone (home): _____ Telephone (cell): _____

Email Address (es): _____