



→Carefully read and initial all sections in 1-4 before signing. Return original signed copy to Academic Experiences Abroad, LLC, and keep a copy for your records. Please initial each paragraph. If you will be a minor (under 18) during any portion of this program, a consenting parent or guardian must initial each paragraph and sign at the bottom as well.

PART 1: ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

____ 1.
I, _____, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied for this trip/ program/ tour named **THE INNOVATE CONFERENCE** (the Program), from **MARCH 10- MARCH 21, 2010**. I also understand that there are unavoidable risks in foreign travel, and I may subject myself to dangers over which Academic Experiences Abroad, LLC, (the Company) and its agents have no control. I have made my own investigation into the countries I am going and am willing to accept the risks associated with this program, including: forces of nature; terrorism; civil unrest; war; accidents; and transportation including land vehicles, boats and aircraft. I also assume risks associated with criminal behavior or negligence by others; exposure to contaminated food; normal health problems; altitude sickness; safety and maintenance of buildings; physical exertion; and alcohol consumption, knowing that access to evacuation and/ or suitable medical supplies and support may not be available. By signing this document, I agree to take full responsibility for my own actions, safety and welfare. I also understand that I will be a member of a group and will conduct myself in a way that will not endanger the group or myself. I understand that if I fraudulently represent myself as fit for this trip, I may be removed prior or during the trip at my own expense. I agree to these statements by placing my signature here:

_____ on _____ (m/d/y).

PART 2: LIABILITY RELEASE FORM:

____ 2.
In full appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with international travel, I _____, release and discharge the Company and its insurers, officers, employees, and contractors (its “agents”), from all actions, claims, demands, damages and liability that might arise from the Program and my participation in it. I agree that this release will be legally binding upon myself, my heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives; it being my intention to fully assume all risk of travel and to release the Company from any and all liabilities associated with the Program.

PART 3: RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

____ 3.
I agree to adhere to the laws of countries in which I am a visitor/ student. I understand that I must be sensitive to the host culture and agree to behave appropriately.

____ 4.
I am aware that if I separate from the group’s planned activities, I am on my own, am solely responsible for my well being, and will hold harmless the Company for any unfortunate circumstances that should arise during that time.

_____5.

I agree to provide the Company with any medical, health and/or dietary issues/ history/ needs that I have so that the Company and its agents are best prepared to handle any such circumstances that might arise. I understand that I am required to have an insurance policy that covers medical services and treatment, including medical evacuation and repatriation, during the period of study in the Program. I take full responsibility for knowledge and understanding of any limitations in my insurance policies that pertain to travel abroad. I am also aware that the Company is in no way be responsible for the health care delivered to any student or participant

_____6.

I agree not to abuse alcohol, or mix drugs with alcohol on this program. I agree to take any and all medications that are prescribed by my doctor.

_____7.

I authorize the Company and its agents to contact my University, or my parents or a guardian, in connection with my general welfare abroad if necessary. **I agree to allow the Company and its agents to care for my welfare in the event that I am not able to do so, for example in a medical emergency, in the event that my family or emergency contacts are not available or not willing to do so.**

_____8.

I have considered carefully and take responsibility for any physical limitations that might interfere with my achieving a successful and safe experience abroad. I understand that I cannot expect and may not receive the same medical/ health/ customer services and conditions abroad that I normally enjoy while in my home country.

_____9.

I release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify the Company 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 while participating in the Program.

_____10.

I agree to comply with the rules, standards and instructions for my behavior as stated at my University, all host institutions and the Program. The Company 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 the Company or its agents and contractors consider to be incompatible with the interest, harmony, comfort and welfare of other students or the host institutions. If I am expelled from the program, I agree to be sent home at my expense and acknowledge that there will be no refund.

_____11.

I consent to the use of photos and comments that I submit to the Company during and after the program to be used by the Company for publicity.

_____12.

The Company disallows all participants from operating vehicles while participating in its Program. Traffic congestion and different traffic laws and regulations, civil and criminal, can make driving motor vehicles abroad extremely dangerous. Insurance requirements and other financial responsibilities vary from country to country. If, however, I decide to operate a motor vehicle or ride in a vehicle or ride a form of transportation including a bicycle while abroad, the Company assumes no financial responsibility for legal aid or for my care should I be involved in a violation or an accident.

_____13.

I understand that the Company makes every effort to insure that all aspects of the program are understood and included by third parties, but I also understand that the Company cannot control the acts or omissions of any host institution, host family, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of goods or services involved in the Program. I understand that the Company is not responsible for matters that are beyond its control.

_____14.

I understand that the Company and its affiliated entities and its directors, employees or agents, neither own nor operate any person or entity, which is to, or does, provide goods or services for these trips, programs, or tours. Because the Company does not maintain direct control over the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers, the Company assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of 1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the tour suppliers, or other employees or agents, 2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, instrument owned, operated or otherwise by any of these suppliers, or 3) any wrongful, willful, or negligent act or omissions on any part of any other party not under the supervision or control of the Company.

PART 4 AGREEMENT & RELEASE FORM

Participant Statement:

I have read and understand the terms and conditions set forth in Part 1, including specifically the release in Part 1, paragraph 1 (all of which I have had a full and fair opportunity to consider), and I understand that those terms and conditions, including the release, constitute my agreement with the Company. This agreement is effective upon my admission to the Program. I understand that the laws of the State of Texas govern this agreement, and I agree further that any claim I may ever have arising in any way out of the Program must be filed in a Texas court.

Signature: _____

Print Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Release Statement:**

I have read and understand the terms and conditions set forth in Part 1, including specifically the release in Part 1, paragraph 1 (all of which I have had a full and fair opportunity to consider), and I understand that those terms and conditions, including the release, constitute my agreement with the Company. This agreement is effective upon my son/daughter's admission to the Program. I understand that the laws of the State of Texas govern this agreement, and I agree further that any claim I may ever have arising in any way out of the Program must be filed in a Texas court.

***Parent Signature is Mandatory if the participant is under the age of 18.*

Signature: _____ Print Your Name: _____

Date: _____