**INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND RELEASE**

**Participant Full Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Destination(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Program Description/ Purpose of Travel: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Travel Dates:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Participant, who is currently enrolled as a student at Villanova University (“University”), voluntary desires to participate in the educational trip to the above Destination(s) for the Program Description/ Purpose of Travel during the above Travel Dates (“Travel”).

Participant understands that certain potential risks to personal health and safety are associated with travel, residence in the Destination(s), and participation in the Travel, and that Participant should not travel unless Participant is willing to accept those associated risks. Neither Villanova University, its Board of Trustees, officers, directors, agents, employees, students, volunteers, and representatives, (together “University Parties”) nor Villanova University travel partners (“Travel Partners”) **can** guarantee the health and safety of persons while traveling or eliminate all risks from the Destination(s).

**1. Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks**

* 1. Participant understands that there are certain risks associated with travel and residence in the Destination(s), and Participant accepts responsibility for researching and identifying these risks. Participant understands that neither the University Parties nor Travel Partners can control these risks. Participant accepts sole responsibility for any and all risks, whether known or unknown, including without limitation those related to COVID-19.

1. Participant understands and acknowledges that the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to be a pandemic, which may pose additional risks to the personal health and safety of Participant, or result in restrictions on or additional requirements for travel.
2. Participant understands that these risks may include exposure to potentially serious health and safety hazards such as: transportation accidents; storms, floods, earthquakes, and other natural disasters; exposure to communicable and/ or contagious viruses, infections, diseases, illnesses, epidemics, or pandemics (including without limitation COVID-19 and its variants); inadequate or unavailable medical care, remote access to medical treatment, or medical facilities at capacity; dehydration; sunburn, frostbite or other heat or cold related illnesses; contact with and allergic reactions to poisonous plants, insects, wildlife, and animals, and the infectious diseases they may carry; allergic reactions to food, food sensitivities and intolerances; crime; civil unrest; armed insurrections; and terrorist activities. Participant understands that many of these risks are unpredictable and all are wholly outside of the control of the University Parties and Travel Partners, and may change and increase beyond what is known, anticipated or expected.
3. Participant understands and acknowledges that Participant is responsible for researching and evaluating the risks Participant may face, which includes without limitation reviewing the travel information provided by the U.S. Department of State (<http://travel.state.gov>) including without limitation Travel Advisories, Country Information, State Department Consular Information Sheets, and Public Announcements; Overseas Security Advisory Council Consular ([www.osac.gov](http://www.osac.gov)); International SOS [(https://www.internationalsos.com/)](https://www.internationalsos.com/); and the Center for Disease Control (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>) and remaining informed of any changes prior to and during Travel.
4. Participant understands Participant is solely responsible for researching and meeting any and all requirements related to travel to or residence in the Destination(s) and is responsible for remaining informed of any changes prior to and during the Travel.
5. Participant understands that certain locations, including the Destination(s), may at any time enact restrictions, including, but not limited to, mandatory quarantine, entry bans, and lockdowns related to COVID-19 or otherwise. Furthermore, Participant understands that Participant may be required to quarantine upon Participant’s return to the United States, Participant’s country of residence, and/or to the University’s campus should governmental authorities or the University deem it necessary.
6. Participant understands that the University’s property insurance only covers property that is owned by the University. Participant further understands that the University’s property insurance **does not** cover damage to or theft of Participant’s personal property. Participant accepts all risks of damage or theft of personal property related in any way to the Travel, including without limitation lost baggage when flying, and understands that the University will not be responsible for such damage or theft.
7. Participant understands and hereby acknowledges that Participant knowingly and voluntarily assumes all risks associated with participating in the Travel.

**2. Release**

**In consideration of being permitted to enroll and participate in the Travel, Participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby releases the University Parties from any and all claims arising out of or in any way connected with the Travel including, but not limited to, the risks as outlined herein, whether or not caused by the negligent acts (whether characterized as gross or otherwise), errors, or omissions of the University Parties. Participant understands and recognizes that this means Participant is giving up, among other things, rights to sue the University Parties for illness, injury (including death), damages, or losses Participant may incur. Participant also understands and recognizes that this binds Participant’s heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, as well as Participant.**

**3. Health and Safety**

1. Participant has consulted with a medical doctor with regard to Participant’s personal medical needs and about the Destination(s).
2. Participant is aware of all applicable personal medical (including medication) and dental needs. Participant has arranged, through insurance or otherwise, to meet any and all needs for payment of medical or dental costs while participating in the Travel, including without limitation copays and deductibles, that do not directly result from an emergency, injury, or sickness occurring during the Travel. Participant recognizes that the University is not obligated to attend to any of Participant’s medical or dental needs, and Participant assumes all risk and responsibility therefore. If Participant requires medical treatment (including ambulance transportation or hospital care) or dental treatment during Travel, Participant agrees that neither the University Parties nor Travel Partners are responsible for the availability or quality of such treatment or care.
3. Participant certifies that Participant is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (two or more weeks have passed since receipt of the second dose in a two-dose vaccine series, or two or more weeks have passed since receipt of one dose for a single-dose vaccine) or has received an approved accommodation. Participant grants permission to the University Parties to provide Participant’s vaccination status to Travel Partners, or any other organization or individuals involved in the Travel. **At all times during the Travel, Participant agrees to have acceptable, valid evidence of Participant being fully vaccinated (i.e., either the readable paper COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, a clear, readable electronic copy of both sides of the COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, or other acceptable evidence as provided by the vaccination provider), or other evidence as required for Travel with Participant and available at any time to show as evidence of such vaccination unless Participant has received an approved accommodation.** Participant understands and acknowledges that Participant may be required to show evidence of vaccination to the University, Travel Partners, or any other organization or individuals involved in the Travel, and Participant agrees to provide such evidence unless Participant has received an approved accommodation. If Participant fails or refuses to provide valid evidence of vaccination upon request, Participant may be expelled from the Travel unless Participant has received an approved accommodation.
4. Participant understands and acknowledges that Participant may be required, as a condition of being permitted to participate in the Travel, to complete pre-departure COVID-19 testing and receive negative results. Participant further understands and acknowledges that Participant may be required, as a condition of being permitted to participate in the Travel, to complete additional COVID-19 testing during the Travel or after returning from the Travel. Participant will provide evidence of the results of such tests upon request.
5. Participant acknowledges and understands that there may be a risk of contracting certain infections, illnesses, and/or diseases in connection with travel to the Destination(s) and Participant voluntarily agrees to release, discharge, indemnify, and hold harmless the University Parties from any and all costs, liabilities, expenses, claims, demands, or causes of action on account of any loss or personal illness or injury (including death) that might result from such risk. Participant certifies that Participant has reviewed the Health Information for Travelers for the Destination(s) provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which includes recommended vaccines and medicines (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>). Should Participant decide not to be vaccinated (excluding the required COVID-19 vaccination unless Participant has received an approved accommodation) and/or take the course of prescription drugs recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Participant voluntarily agrees to release, discharge, indemnify, and hold harmless the University Parties from any and all costs, liabilities, expenses, claims, demands, or causes of action on account of any loss or personal injury (including death) that might result from Participant not being vaccinated or completing the course of prescription drugs.
6. The University and/ or Travel Partners may (but neither is obligated to) take any action it/they considers to be warranted under the circumstances regarding Participant’s health and safety including rescinding permission for Participant to participate in the Travel and/ or recommending the Participant return home from the Destination(s). Participant agrees to pay all expenses relating thereto or reimburse the University if any expenses are advanced on Participant’s behalf, and releases the University Parties and Travel Partners from any liability for any actions in this regard. If the University and/ or Travel Partners rescind its/their permission for Participant to participate in the Travel and/ or recommends the Participant returns home from the Destination(s) and Participant continues to travel and/ or does not return home, Participant understands and acknowledges that Participant will be solely responsible for all expenses related to continued travel and may be required to reimburse the University for any funding advanced to Participant or on Participant’s behalf for the Travel, and releases the University Parties from any liability for any actions in this regard.

**4. Photo Release**

Participant grants permission for the use of and hereby fully releases the use of Participant’s image in any photographs, recording (including video and/ or sound) or other media containing Participant’s image (“Images”) made in connection with the Travel to the University. The Images may be used without restriction for the benefit of the University in any and all publications or media, in any form, including on any of the University’s web sites or social media sites, without further consideration, and Participant acknowledges the University’s right to so use the Images at its discretion, including, without limitation, the right to print, publish, display publicly, distribute and sell drawings or prints of the Images throughout the world and the right to license, sell, distribute or otherwise dispose of the following rights in the Images: publication and sale of the Images in clothbound and paperback books; publication and sale of the Images in cards, posters, pictures, brochures, dramatic, video (sight and sound), broadcast (television) and electronic, mechanical or visual reproduction rights (including intranet, internet, microfilm and computer), advertising materials, and admissions materials; and any and all future and other rights not specifically enumerated for the benefit of the University. This statement of release also covers the use of any quote and/or testimonial given by Participant about or during the Travel.

**5. Revocation and Termination**

The University and/ or the Travel Partners have the right to make cancellations, substitutions, or changes in case of emergency or changed conditions or in the interest of the Travel, or to revoke permission for Participant to participate in the Travel at any time before or during the Travel, in its/their sole discretion, for reasons including, but not limited to, inappropriate conduct or other behavior by Participant deemed detrimental to the best interests of the Travel in the University’s or the Travel Partner’s sole discretion, health or safety considerations, or changed conditions. Participant accepts all responsibility for Participant’s travel arrangements and accommodations and for any loss or additional expenses incurred due to delays; changes in, cancellation or substitution of the Travel; revocation of Participant’s participation in the Travel; the University’s and/ or the Travel Partner’s recommendation to return home; sickness; weather; strikes; or other unforeseen causes. Participant agrees to be responsible for any and all costs arising from Participant’s voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the Travel prior to its completion, including withdrawal caused by illness/ injury or disciplinary action. University will not be liable for any fees or expenses incurred by Participant. In the event the University and/ or Travel Partner revokes its permission or terminates Travel or if Participant is expelled from the Travel, Participant understands and acknowledges that Participant is be solely responsible for all expenses related to continued travel and may be required to reimburse the University for any funding advanced to Participant or on Participant’s behalf for the Travel.

**6.** **Travel and Activities During or After the Travel Dates**

Participant is responsible for Participant’s actions. Any activities Participant participates in during the Travel, whether as a component of the Travel or separate from it, will be considered to have been undertaken with Participant’s approval and understanding of any and all risks involved. If applicable, this includes risks associated with the consumption of alcoholic beverages and loss, illness, injury, or death related to the consumption of alcoholic beverages including without limitation traffic accidents, assault, and theft.

**7.** **Personal Conduct and Academic Integrity**

1. Participant understands that Participant is required to observe the laws of the Destination(s) country(ies) and all regulations, laws, and all academic and disciplinary regulations, laws, regulations and policies of the University and Travel Partners. While Participant is participating in the Travel, Participant will continue to be subject to the University’s Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Code, and other University policies. Participant understands that Participant may be expelled from the Travel for violation of these codes or policies and/or for academic failure or misconduct, as well as subject to sanction under the University’s policies.
2. Participant shall not engage in inappropriate conduct including the use of physical or verbal violence, open abuse of the customs or mores of the community, and unauthorized absences from the Travel.

c) Participant acknowledges that Participant is not permitted to participate in the Travel if Participant currently stands charged or is charged prior to the beginning of the Travel with a violation of the University’s Code of Student Conduct or Academic Integrity Code, or if Participant is on academic or disciplinary probation.

**8. Miscellaneous**

1. It is Participant’s sole responsibility to arrange for automobile insurance in the Destination(s) if Participant must drive while on the Travel. Participant must also verify, prior to driving in the Destination(s), that Participant is properly licensed in the Destination(s).
2. Participant confirms Participant has reviewed the travel information provided by U.S. Department of State (<http://travel.state.gov>), Overseas Security Advisory Council Consular ([www.osac.gov](http://www.osac.gov)), International SOS [(https://www.internationalsos.com/)](https://www.internationalsos.com/); and the Center for Disease Control (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>) for the Destination(s) and will remain informed of any changes prior to and during the Travel.
3. It is highly suggested that Participant download the International SOS Assistance App (<https://www.internationalsos.com/assistance-app>) prior to departing on the Travel.
4. Participant confirms Participant has registered for the daily newsletter on OSAC (<https://www.osac.gov/Application>).
5. It is highly suggested that Participant confirms Participant’s cell phone with be operable while traveling or make other arrangements.

This Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks and Release shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, without regard to choice or conflicts of law provisions, and if any portion is held invalid or unenforceable, the balance continues in full force and effect.Except as stated in the preceding sentence, the language of all parts of this Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks and Release shall in all cases be construed as a whole, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any party.

Participant certifies that Participant has read and understands the above statements and that they are true and accurate, and that the signing of this Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks and Release is completely voluntary. **Participant certifies that Participant is 18 years of age or older.**

Printed Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(Please sign in ink. Typed, digital, and electronic signatures are not acceptable.)*

Printed Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Banner ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Participant’s Emergency Contact Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Participant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Participant’s Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL PAGES INCLUDE THE PARTICIPANT’S NAME AND INITIALS AT THE BOTTOM.**

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