

STUDENT POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS (PEAR)

carpe diem education

For any group of human beings to thrive while living together, there must be basic guidelines of behavior and expectation that all group members agree to abide by. The following are the basic *non-negotiable* rules that govern this small traveling community. While all of the rules are non-negotiable, we have created a tiered system to address any compromise of these rules. This system is based on the historical severity and potential outcomes and the effects such behaviors have on the group dynamic. Violation of a Tier 1 policy results in at least a written contract. Violation of a Tier 2 policy will result in a verbal contract. Continued violation of policies will increase from verbal contract, to written contract, and eventual expulsion. **Initial after each item, then sign at the bottom.**



IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL:

1. I understand that the program is a DRUG-FREE ZONE and that ANY drug use, purchase or possession, will result in immediate termination from the program. This includes abuse of prescription medication. I understand that past participants have been asked to leave the program for the above reasons, and that I may be subject to a drug test if I am found behind closed doors where drugs are present. Because the nature of this is illegal, this warrants an **IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL** from a Carpe Diem semester and is not given a tier level. _____

2. I understand that this is an ALCOHOL-FREE program. The use, purchase, or possession of alcohol while participating in the Carpe Diem program will result in dismissal from the program. Carpe Diem reserves the right, under unique and rare circumstances, to allow a student to continue with the program. In this instance, the student will be placed on a written contract, and any additional violation of the alcohol policy will result in immediate removal from the program. _____

TIER 1:

3. I understand that if I engage in behaviors that put the program, another group member, a trip leader or my own health or safety at risk, I may be asked to leave the program. This policy includes "adventure" activities like bungee jumping, sky diving, hang gliding, and riding on motorcycles, mopeds, or all-terrain vehicles. _____

4. I agree to stay the night at Carpe Diem-sponsored residences. I understand that Carpe Diem leaders may not allow local hosts to stay at Carpe sanctioned housing with the group. _____

5. I understand that the following are grounds for dismissal from the program: Unwanted sexual advances, verbal abuse, physical violence, property damage, theft, visits to strip clubs or prostitutes, breaking of any local laws, and violent language (this includes any language that creates an unsafe feeling of any group member). _____

TIER 2:

6. I understand this program is for those who are willing to challenge themselves physically, culturally and socially. I am willing to work hard, take on challenges, participate fully and make a difference. I am not doing this program as a vacation, party or escape. _____

7. I agree to treat all group members, leaders, and hosts/contacts with basic respect and consideration. _____

8. Because I desire an authentic cultural experience and carrying my home with me in my pocket in the form of a media device that grants instant gratification does not assist what is already a difficult goal. I understand that this program is designed to challenge me, my understanding of myself, and the culture. I may choose to bring a cell phone to the airport, but **I agree to abandon it for the entirety of the program.** This includes iPhones and Smartphones. In an effort to stay engaged in my program, I also agree to use media devices such as iPods, mp3 players, etc only for audio/music during downtime, when there is no group interaction potential, or as agreed upon within the group at that time. _____

9. If I create a "mess" (such as a physical mess, a problem for another group member, or any other problem that a responsible adult would take responsibility for rectifying) during the program, it will be my responsibility to make amends within 48 hours. I will restore harmony and make amends without the prompting of the group leaders. _____

10. I understand that cultural norms about behavior and dress are more discreet than they are in the US. For my safety and wellbeing, I agree to stay within the guidelines given to me by the program trip leaders and sponsors. _____

11. I agree to adhere to a curfew by my leaders or local hosts which will be given to me specific at each location, based on safety concerns and cultural norms. _____

12. Throughout the semester, I agree to abide by the agreements that are created specifically by my group. _____

I have read and understand the program guidelines. My initials indicate my willingness to abide by them during the semester. I agree to make positive changes in my behavior after receiving feedback about negative behaviors. I understand that if I am unable to do so, I risk being sent home. I also understand that if I am sent home, the program fee will not be refunded and I am not to contact the group until after the program ends.

Signature: _____

Date: _____