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Pierce College Travel Program - Informed Knowledge and Consent

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| PARTICIPANT NAME: | TRIP TITLE AND DATE: |
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Reservation and Deposits

Reservations for Pierce College travel are confirmed upon receipt of a completed registration form with non-refundable tour deposit, and a Pierce College Travel Program Informed Knowledge and Consent form with signatures from each traveler. Once we have received the required signed forms and deposits, we will send you a Guest Information form to complete to help us meet your needs. Shortly before the trip, we will provide you with orientation material including information on appropriate clothing and gear to bring, health and vaccinations recommendations, travel insurance, climate, spending money, cultural tips, and a list of recommended books and films.

Tour Pricing and Payments

Pierce College is committed to provide the services offered in the descriptive material for each travel program. While information is accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication, changes in program costs beyond our control can occur and we reserve the right to implement those changes that will preserve the overall quality of the program. Airline taxes and fees/surcharges are subject to increase until paid in full. You will be notified of the payment schedule for your individual trip once you have registered and made your deposit.

Cancellations

Pierce College reserves the right to cancel any tour if sign-up is inadequate to make the tour economically feasible for us to operate. If this happens, we will refund your deposit. If a tour is under-booked we will inform you before final payment is due. Pierce College is not responsible for additional expenses incurred by you for travel or services outside the packaged tour arrangements (e.g. non-refundable air tickets, accommodations or medical expenses).

If you cancel your tour for any reason prior to making the final payment you will forfeit the non-refundable deposit. Trip fees are non-refundable once the final payment has been made.

Medical Considerations

I understand that Pierce College staff are not medical professionals and are unable to accept any responsibility regarding medical advice, medications or inoculations that I or my doctor deem necessary for my safe participation. I am aware that Pierce College assumes no liability regarding provision of medical care while on the tour or any medical expenses incurred during the trip.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance policies generally provide coverage against personal accident, medical expenses, emergency repatriation and personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. I understand that it is up to me to decide if I wish to pay for travel insurance and to choose an insurance provider.

Participant Responsibilities

By participating in a Pierce College tour, I am aware that I assume certain obligations to Pierce College and the other tour members. It is my responsibility to:

Understand the conditions as set forth in the Pierce College itinerary and trip suitability descriptions.

Recognize my own personal limitations and be aware that touring involves standing, walking, climbing stairs, sitting for long periods during bus and airline travel and other physical activities that I may not be used to. Sites may have uneven walking surfaces and stairs and often temperatures are higher than I may be used to.

Select a tour (with the help of the Pierce College staff) that is appropriate to my interests and abilities and prepare myself for the tour by reviewing the itinerary and tour packet sent by Pierce College.

Be responsible (including any additional costs) for supervising and transporting my own luggage during check-in, between flights, when taking ground transportation or checking into hotels, when porter services are not included in tour fees or I bring more than the allowed number of bags.

Bring appropriate gear and clothing as advised by Pierce College.

Follow considerate standards of personal hygiene in order to reduce risk of contracting diseases.

Follow considerate social behavior with other group members and appropriate to the customs of countries visited.

Complete the tour itinerary as scheduled (or as adjusted by my tour leader as necessary).

Travel within a group may involve compromise to accommodate the diverse desires and physical abilities of group members. The tour leader will do his/her utmost to ensure that any problems are solved for the benefit of the group as a whole. Travel, hotel and tour services at the international level vary widely and may not conform to U.S. ADA policies. We regret that we may not be able to provide extra assistance to tour participants who have special mobility, dietary or other limitations while traveling with Pierce College outside the U.S.

Any portion of the travel program that a person is unable or chooses not to participate in is non-refundable. Signing this Liability Release Form signifies my acceptance of the leader's authority to make decisions affecting the group or individuals. For example, he/she may recommend an individual not participate in a particular activity that puts a person's health or safety at risk and may not be able to provide an alternate activity. Should the leader take such action, that person would not be entitled to any refund.

Changes in Itinerary and Accommodations

I acknowledge that travel on a Pierce College tour requires a degree of flexibility, and understand that the airline flight changes, changes in route, accommodation and modes of transport are all subject to change without prior notice due to local circumstances. The College reserves the right to make reasonable changes in the itinerary where deemed advisable for the comfort and well-being of tour members. These changes are binding and additional expenses will be charged to you if the reason for any alteration is outside the control of Pierce College.

Third Party Contracts and Services

I acknowledge that Pierce College contracts with a network of companies, government agencies and individuals to assist in the running of its tours. To the best of Pierce College's knowledge, these third parties are qualified to perform the duties they are contracted to perform. However Pierce College will not be held liable for any injury, damage, loss, delay or irregularity that may occur due to the behavior of these third parties. Any air travel that is part of any tour is subject to the conditions as stipulated by the airline concerned and liability is limited in accordance with International Convention. No employee, servant or agent of Pierce College has authority to vary these conditions.

Participants Under 18 Years of Age

Participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, who is responsible for supervision, and in the event of an accident or illness, is able to legally authorize medical treatment. I am aware that traveling with someone under 18 years of age may require that I provide additional legal documents in order to meet border and customs regulations for travel between countries and to obtain medical treatment.

Dispute Resolution and Jurisdiction

The terms and conditions of all agreements made with Pierce College shall be subject to, and governed by, the laws of Washington State. I agree to resolve any dispute related to my participation in this tour in the State of Washington.

If a dispute arises, I agree to first try and resolve it directly with Pierce College. If the dispute remains unresolved, I agree to go to mediation and will accept the solution provided by the mediator. If a mediator is not agreed or appointed, I and Pierce College agree to participate in arbitration as outlined by the American Arbitration Associate.

The terms of this agreement shall serve as a release and assumption of risk binding on my heirs, executor, administrator and all members of my family.

Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

I understand that, although the College will take steps to foster safety, there are inherent risks in many activities, and there are significant levels of personal responsibility that I must assume for myself. I understand that I am traveling to geographical areas where, amongst other things, the standard of accommodation, transport, safety, hygiene, cleanliness, medical facilities, telecommunications and infrastructure development may not be of the standard I am used to at home or would find on a conventional holiday. I have read and understood the itinerary and suitability description for this tour and have provided details of any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect my ability to fully participate in all tour activities.

I accept these risks and obligations and fully assume the risks of travel. I release Pierce College from any liabilities connected to these risks to the maximum extent permitted by law.

I understand that this is a release of liability and a contract between me and Pierce College and/or its contracted tour operators or affiliated organizations, and I sign this agreement of my own free will. If any part of this agreement is deemed unenforceable, all other parts shall remain in full force and effect.

Participant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If under 18 years of age: Being fully informed as to these risks, I hereby have the legal authority to consent to my child's participation in this trip.

Signature of Parent: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Parent's Name: _____ **Day Phone:** _____