



**Acknowledgement of Risks & Hold Harmless Agreement**  
**Heightened Travel Risk Region**

I am a University of Pennsylvania student or employee in \_\_\_\_\_  
(school/department/center). I acknowledge that I have voluntarily and freely elected to travel to  
\_\_\_\_\_(cities/countries)  
from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (dates). In consideration for being allowed to participate  
in this program and for the sponsorship of my participation, I affirm and agree as follows:

1. I acknowledge that I have been made aware that I am traveling to a location of heightened risk according to International SOS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the U.S. Department of State. Despite the heightened risk, I have voluntarily made the decision to travel to \_\_\_\_\_(cities/countries).
2. I acknowledge that my travel may expose me to significant risks, including, but not limited to, crime, terrorism, war, exposure to communicable diseases, the hazards of travel by airplane, vehicle and foot, serious bodily injury or death, property damage and other risks that may not be foreseeable. I understand that the University of Pennsylvania assumes no responsibility for my safety.
3. I assume full responsibility for all risks associated with my participation in this program and, for myself and my heirs and assigns, I agree to hold harmless, release and forever discharge The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and its trustees, officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all claims, demands and causes of action of whatever kind that I may have including, but not limited to, illness, bodily injury, death, and loss of personal property, or the consequences thereof, resulting from or in any way connected with my participation in this program and associated activities or my travel to and from \_\_\_\_\_(countries) unless such loss or damage is caused by the sole negligence or misconduct of the University. I also agree that the University shall not be responsible for my negligence or misconduct.
4. I understand that the University organizer reserves the right to change and/or cancel the Penn-affiliated portion of my travel, including the itinerary, travel arrangements, or accommodations, at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and the University shall not be responsible or liable for any expenses, financial losses, or other losses that I may sustain because of any such change or cancellation. I also understand that the program organizer reserves the right to discontinue my participation in the program if my behavior, in the sole discretion of the organizer, is determined to impede or obstruct the progress of the program in any way.
5. For abroad programs for academic credit, I understand that I receive Penn academic credit and grades based on grades issued by the host institution upon program completion. As grades are issued by the host institution, I recognize that I may or may not receive academic credit if a

program is cancelled or otherwise disrupted. I acknowledge that I should confer with my academic advisor regarding the academic impact and potential loss of course credit in the event of program disruption or cancellation. I understand that the University assumes no responsibility for any academic consequences resulting from program disruption or cancellation and that there is no guarantee that I will receive a refund of tuition or other fees paid for study abroad in the event of such disruption or cancellation.

6. I certify that I have consulted with a travel medicine professional and have received information about the specific health risks associated with my travel. I agree to review the [travel medical insurance](#) provided by The University of Pennsylvania to ensure my eligibility. I understand that if I am not eligible for Penn's coverage or if the level of Penn's coverage is not adequate for my program or activities, I am responsible for procuring appropriate health insurance with international coverage.
7. I have read and understand the terms of this Acknowledgement of Risks and Hold Harmless Agreement and, by my signature below, affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and am signing it voluntarily and with the intent to be legally bound.

### **Student Responsibility and Personal Conduct**

I understand and accept that, as a participant in the experience, I am required to observe the laws of the country in which I will be residing, and all academic and disciplinary regulations in effect at the host institution. I further understand and accept that as a degree candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, I agree to adhere to the University's Code of Academic Integrity and the Code of Student Conduct. I may be asked to withdraw from my study abroad program for violation of these codes and/or for academic failure or disciplinary matters. I may also be asked to leave the program for violations of my host institution's academic and disciplinary regulations. Furthermore, I understand that if my conduct is determined to be detrimental to the safety and well-being of me or other students participating in the program, or to the running of the program, I may be asked to withdraw from the program. If I am asked to withdraw from a study abroad program, I am not entitled to any refund of tuition or fees. I recognize that I am responsible for any costs associated with required withdrawal from the program and return to the US.

Misconduct of any kind may be referred to the University's Office of Student Conduct; students may be subject to discipline at Penn and at the host institution.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_