

**Grand Rapids Community College
College Sponsored Student Travel
Assumption of Risk and Release Form**

I, the undersigned, accept my participation in this College Sponsored Student Travel experience and understand that I am accountable for all program fees. I acknowledge that an official hold may be placed on my records until all financial responsibilities are fulfilled. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my personal conduct and that I can be dismissed from the College Sponsored Student Travel experience for violation of rules.

1. **PERSONAL CONDUCT.** Grand Rapids Community College, through its official representatives, including, but not limited to, a College Sponsored Student Travel Coordinator/Leader, has the authority to establish rules of conduct necessary for the operation of the travel experience during the entire period of the travel experience, including free time. The illegal use of drugs and/or alcohol during the entire period of the program, including free time, is strictly prohibited. Should an official representative of GRCC decide that a participant must be dismissed from the program because of violation of any stated rules or the College's published Code of Conduct, for disruptive behavior, or for any conduct that might bring the program into disrepute or its participants into legal jeopardy, that decision will be final. Dismissal from the travel experience will result in the loss of all academic credit. Persons dismissed from the travel experience will remain responsible for all travel experience costs incurred on their behalf and any additional costs resulting from their dismissal and early departure.

2. **LOCAL LAWS AND CUSTOMS.** I agree to respect and adhere to the laws and customs of the host country or countries and understand that the intentional violation or disrespect for those laws and customs may result in my dismissal from the travel experience as defined above. Furthermore, I acknowledge that the violation of such laws and customs may have legal ramifications with consequences beyond the control of the GRCC representatives and the U.S. Government.

3. **ORIENTATION.** I understand that I am required to attend all orientations and pre-departure meetings. It is my responsibility to make arrangements to attend these meetings.

4. **INSURANCE COVERAGE. I understand that GRCC does not provide any health, accident, or hospitalization insurance for students participating in College Sponsored Student Travel experiences.** While not required for domestic travel, I have been encouraged to have health, accident, and hospitalization insurance during my participation in the travel experience, and to carry a valid medical insurance card while participating in the travel opportunity. For foreign travel, I understand that I am required to have health, accident, and hospitalization insurance, and the policy must include coverage for expenses relating to sickness, injury, medical evacuation, accidental death and repatriation. Proof of such insurance coverage for foreign travel must be indicated on GRCC's College Sponsored Student Travel Health Insurance Form and furnished to Grand Rapids Community College prior to departure.

5. **MEDICAL TREATMENT.** I understand that all health and physical or physiological conditions must be described on GRCC's College Student Sponsored Travel Health Information Form. In the event of illness or injury to me to such an extent that I am unable to make decisions relative to my immediate medical condition, I authorize any official representative of GRCC to secure emergency medical treatment on my behalf, including surgery and the administration of an anesthetic, and I accept all financial responsibility for such treatment.

6. **RESPONSIBILITY DURING FREE TIME.** I understand that during free time within the period of this travel experience and after the period of the travel experience, I may elect to travel independently at my own risk and expense. I agree to inform an official representative of GRCC of my travel plans and understand that neither GRCC nor its official representatives are responsible for me while I am traveling independently during such free time.

7. THEFT AND OTHER CRIMES. I agree to release GRCC and its official representatives from any liability for damage to or loss of my possessions, injury, illness, or death arising out of intentional acts of third parties during the period of the travel experience.

8. POLITICAL UNREST. I recognize that in cases of political unrest, an official representative of GRCC will take reasonable measures for the protection of program participants. I understand that GRCC and its official representatives assume no responsibility for damage to or loss of property, injury or death arising out of political unrest.

9. TRAVEL. I understand that I will be traveling during the travel experience by various modes of transportation including but not limited to airplane, train, bus, or van, and I release GRCC and its official representatives from any responsibility for loss of property, injury or death during such travel.

10. WITHDRAWAL. I understand that I will be held accountable for the entire cost of the travel experience. In the event that I notify Grand Rapids Community College in writing of my intent to cancel my participation or withdraw for reasons beyond my control, I understand that I will forfeit my deposit and I will remain responsible for all unrecoverable travel experience costs incurred on my behalf.

11. GENERAL RELEASE AND WAIVER. In consideration of participating in the College Sponsored Student Travel experience offered through Grand Rapids Community College I, the undersigned, in full recognition and appreciation of the dangers and hazards inherent in traveling and to which I may be exposed during my enrollment and/or participation in this activity/ travel experience, do hereby agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the travel experience or any independent activities undertaken as an adjunct thereto; and, further, I do for myself, my heirs, and personal representative(s) hereby defend, hold harmless, indemnify and release, and forever discharge all its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, and actions, or causes of action, on account of damage to personal property, or personal injury or death which may result from my participation, and which result from causes beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of Grand Rapids Community College, its officer, agents, or employees during the period of my participation as aforesaid.

In addition, I understand that any claims, actions, or causes of action related to the College Sponsored Student Travel experience against the College or its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, students, representatives, agents, or contractors be determined pursuant to the law of the state of Michigan and that sole and exclusive jurisdiction shall be the courts of the state of Michigan.

I have read this release, thoroughly understand it, and have asked questions if I did not understand it. My signature below indicates my complete and willful consent.

NAME of Participating Student (Please print) _____

SIGNATURE of Participating Student _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

(Required for minors who are participating in domestic travel opportunities)

Student ID _____

DATE _____