Hold Harmless

Risk Acceptance: I understand that participation in this off-campus activity is voluntary and it may involve risks relating to or arising out of associated activities such as all manner of crime, transportation risks, terrorist actions, acts of third parties or other students, substandard medical care, natural disasters, fire, wildlife attacks, disease, and other unforeseen risks. I am aware that the risks involved may include the use of chartered, private and/or rented passenger vehicles not owned or controlled by Cornell University. I also understand that my participation involves risks of injury and illness that may arise due to my participation in this off-campus activity and that it is not possible to specifically identify every individual risk of injury or illness. I agree to assume all risks and responsibility for my health, safety, and property while participating in this off-campus activity. I fully understand that Cornell University is not responsible for, and cannot guarantee, my safety while participating in this off-campus activity, including during free time, transportation to, from, and during the off-campus activity.

Hold Harmless: In exchange for my participation in this off-campus activity, I hereby for myself and on behalf of my heirs, family members, assigns, executors, personal representatives and next of kin, agree to defend, indemnify and HOLD HARMLESS, Cornell University, its’ respective trustees, officers, agents, volunteers, and employees (collectively, “Released Parties”) from any liabilities, damages, expenses, causes of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever, including any claims of negligence, on account of personal injury or illness (including but not limited to COVID-19), property damage, death, or accident of any kind, however caused, related to my participation in this off-campus activity.

COVID-19 Risk Acceptance & Liability Waiver: The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a highly infectious, life-threatening disease declared by the World Health Organization to be a global pandemic. There is no current vaccine for COVID-19. COVID-19’s highly contagious nature means that contact with others or contact with surfaces that have been exposed to the virus, can lead to infection. Additionally, individuals who may have been infected with COVID-19 may asymptomatic for a period of time or may never become symptomatic at all. Because of its highly contagious and sometimes “hidden” nature, it is currently very difficult to control the spread of COVID19 or to determine whether, where, or how a specific individual may have been exposed to the disease.

Being aware of the foregoing, I am voluntarily participating in this off-campus activity. I further understand that Cornell University cannot guarantee a COVID-19-free environment on this off-campus activity. By signing this Agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, the fact that it can be difficult to identify in another, and the inherent risks of exposure during the off-campus activity to those who may be infected with COVID-19. I voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in the off-campus activity, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and/or even death.

I agree not to make any claim against Cornell University with respect to any exposure I may have to COVID-19 as a result of my participation in this off-campus activity, and I agree that if any such claim is made, I will indemnify and defend Cornell University with respect to any such claim. I further acknowledge that I have asked for and/or been given any information that I may need to determine the risks associated with participating in this off-campus activity, and to make an informed assumption of those risks, and waiver of claims.

Cancellation of Travel: I understand that Cornell University reserves the right to make cancellations, changes, or substitutions in cases of emergency or changed conditions or in the interest of the group or
individual participant. Should Cornell University cancel this off-campus activity, full refunds of monies paid directly to Cornell University will be made unless the cancellation is due to political, natural, technological, or other problems beyond its control, in which case Cornell University will refund uncommitted and recoverable funds.

**Changes to Logistics:** I understand that Cornell University shall not be responsible for any delays, substitutions of equipment, changes in services or accommodations, or other acts or omissions on the part of providers of transportation or operators of facilities described in this off-campus activity or for any changes in the itinerary deemed necessary or appropriate for the safety or convenience of the participant(s).

**Voluntarily Leaving:** I also understand that if I voluntarily leave this off-campus activity for any reason, the applicable refund schedule will apply. I further understand that should I choose to remain in the off-campus activity location or other applicable Cornell campus location, instead of returning as scheduled to Ithaca, NY, I am solely responsible for my actions and anything that might happen to me due to my elected extended stay. If I choose not to return on the provided transportation (if applicable), I understand that I am responsible for my own transportation back to Ithaca, NY or other applicable Cornell campus location.

**Use of Registry Information:** We will use the information provided in this registry, including the contacts listed in the “Emergency Information” above, as we determine necessary to care for our travelers. All travelers should inform those listed as emergency contacts and we recommend that all travel plans be shared with those contacts. By registering travel, you also agree to receive alerts and advisories pertinent to your travel itinerary which are designed to help you stay informed about the situation into which you have decided to travel. These alerts are solely for your information and convenience and are not a substitute for your own research and vigilance. While every effort has been made to provide accurate and complete information, Cornell cannot guarantee that there will be no errors, and does not assume any liability for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of the information contained in such alerts.

**Insurance:** Cornell University provides insurance for Cornell travelers on Cornell-related business. The Cornell plan covers accidents, sickness, emergency care, and medical evacuation. Refer to the Global Cornell page on [Insurance for International Travelers](http://example.com) for details. There are student travel situations where coverage is not provided. If you will need insurance because coverage does not apply to your situation, for ongoing treatment, or counseling for a pre-existing condition during your time abroad, contact your domestic insurance provider to ascertain benefits under your existing plan, and any need for supplemental coverage. I hereby agree that I am financially responsible for all expenses related to benefits not covered under the Cornell plan referenced above or any supplemental plan I choose to purchase.”

I have read and understand the terms of this Agreement and agree to all terms and conditions on behalf of myself, heirs, representatives, executors, or administrators. I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this affirmation and release; that I understand the terms herein are contractual and not mere recital, and that I have signed this document of my own free will.

**SIGNATURE:** __________________________________________________________

**DATE:** __________________________

**FULL NAME (please print):** ____________________________________________