Standards of Conduct

**Relevant Laws and Policies:** While participating in this off-campus activity, I understand that I am subject to local laws regulations, guidelines and codes of conduct of the host partner or institution; and that in the event of violation of these, or behavior which is considered by the host partner or institution or its representatives to be detrimental to myself, or other participants, the host partner institution and its representatives shall have the right to dismiss me as a participant from the off-campus activity for failure to adhere to these standards of conduct while retaining all payments (if applicable). I agree to abide by these rules and regulations at all times during the off-campus activity.

**COVID-19 Compliance:** I further understand that such laws, regulations and guidelines may include health and safety rules and precautions intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, which rules and precautions may be updated at any time. While acknowledging that these rules and precautions may or may not be effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, I agree to comply with such rules and precautions which may include, but are not limited to, mask wearing, hand washing, hand sanitizing, and social distancing. I understand that failing to comply with these rules and precautions is a violation of the host partner or institution’s [student code of conduct](http://www.oria.cornell.edu/export/) and that failing to comply could subject me to sanctions up to and including expulsion from the off-campus activity.

**Use of Motorized Vehicles and Other Transportation:** I acknowledge that according to university policy, students traveling internationally on Cornell travel are prohibited from driving any type of motor vehicle, motorcycle, moped, etc., without explicit permission from the International Travel Advisory and Response Team (ITART). I also understand that the only aviation that is approved is as a fare-paying passenger on a scheduled or charter flight operated by a scheduled airline.

**Possession, Use, and Sale of Alcohol & Controlled Substances:** I understand that the manufacture, distribution, possession, use or sale of controlled substances as defined by New York State, Federal Law, or the laws of the off-campus location is prohibited during off-campus activities. I realize that I am solely responsible for ascertaining the legal age for the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the off-campus location. I understand that I will be directly subject to the laws and legal procedures of the off-campus location and the regulations of the off-campus activity as applied to the use, possession and distribution of illegal drugs and these will likely be strictly enforced by local authorities.

**Engaging in High-Risk Activities:** I agree to refrain from engaging in any sporting, recreational, or adventure activity against the advice or direction of the off-campus activity leader, local authorities, or a qualified instructor. When participating in a permissible activity, I agree to follow the rules and procedures of a recognized governing body for that sport or activity. I understand that my insurance may exclude coverage for any illness or injury sustained while engaging in a wide range of common sporting, recreational or adventure activities and that I am solely responsible for ascertaining what is covered or excluded.

**Firearms:** I will not possess firearms.

**Export-Import Regulations:** I will not attempt to leave off-campus locations or enter the USA with materials that legally require collecting, export, and/or import permits, [http://www.oria.cornell.edu/export/](http://www.oria.cornell.edu/export/), including but not limited to archaeological artifacts, geological structures such as rocks, and biological materials such as bones, teeth, feathers, seeds, etc.
Research involving human subjects: I will ensure any applicable research involving human subjects is either exempted from review or approved by Cornell’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) before it is initiated: https://www.irb.cornell.edu/

I understand that failure to adhere to these standards of conduct may result in my removal from the off-campus activity without appeal and without credit. I am aware that upon dismissal from the off-campus activity, participants must leave the off-campus site immediately at their own cost. I also understand that some offenses may also subject a participant to formal Cornell disciplinary procedures and/or criminal charges and jail time where the event occurred.

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): _____________________________________________________