

SAINT CHRISTOPHER JOURNEYS, LLC
WAIVER AND RELEASE
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER JOURNEYS, LLC
LIMITATION OF LIABILITY STATEMENT

In no event will Saint Christopher Journeys LLC be liable to participants or leaders for any loss or damages arising out of their participation in activities organized by Saint Christopher Journeys LLC. This includes:

1. Risks in traveling to, within, and/or returning from foreign countries and/or other U.S. cities, including, but not limited to, political, legal, social, and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety, and maintenance of buildings, public places, and conveyances; and local medical and weather conditions.
2. *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of any host institution, transportation carrier, host family, hotel, tour organizer/leader, or other provider of goods or services involved in the journey. *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* is not responsible for matters beyond its control. *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* reserves the right to cancel the trip without penalty or to make any modifications to the itinerary or academic program as it deems necessary.
3. *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* has no control over the actions of officers of any government, including immigration officials of any country, including the United States.
4. *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* is not obligated to attend to any participant's or leader's medical needs.

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER JOURNEYS, LLC
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS FORM BEFORE AGREEING. You must be at least 18 years of age and legally self-responsible to participate in a Saint Christopher Journey.

I hereby agree, as follows:

- **Payments:** I understand that all payments are non-refundable and non-transferable. In some cases, due to failure to register the goal number of participants, fluctuations in international exchange rates, increases in airfare or housing or other travel expenses, the final fee for a journey might increase. I agree that I will pay Saint Christopher Journeys all deposits and fees according to schedule. In many cases, payment is through a host organization, such as a university or church.
- **Risks of participation:** I understand that this journey involves risks in traveling to, within, and/or returning from foreign countries and/or other U.S. cities, including, but not limited to, political, legal, social, and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety, and maintenance of buildings, public places, and conveyances; and local medical and weather conditions. I have made my own investigation, have obtained materials from a variety of sources, and am willing to accept these risks. I understand that journeys involve walking on unpaved paths, using stairs, long rides and flights, limited menus, and not always with air conditioning.
- **Institutional Arrangements:** I understand that *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any host institution, transportation carrier, host family, hotel, tour organizer/leader, or other provider of goods or services involved in the journey. I understand that *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* is not responsible for matters beyond its control. I hereby release *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, or expense arising out of any such matters. I acknowledge that *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* reserves the right to cancel the trip without penalty or to make any modifications to the itinerary or academic program as it deems necessary.
- **Independent Activity:** I understand that *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* is not responsible for any injury or loss I may suffer when I am traveling independently or am otherwise separated or absent from any *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* -sponsored activities.
- **Passports and Visas:**
 - For international travel, I understand that it is my responsibility to have a current passport with an expiration date that meets the requirements of the countries I am visiting. (This is most often no less than six months after the end of travel, which is suggested even in cases where the country visited does not require it.)
 - I understand that it is my responsibility to research what kind of visa(s) is necessary for my journey and to obtain it at my own expense and effort unless otherwise specified. If I am not a U.S. citizen, I also understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that I have the appropriate visa for re-entry into the United States.

- I understand that *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* has no control over the actions of officers for immigration and customs for any country, including the United States.
- **Identification:** In the case of domestic travel, if I am boarding a flight, I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that the identification I will be using meets the requirements of the federal government (<https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>). I understand that commercial bus lines and Amtrak sometime check for identification to make sure that tickets match. In most cases, a student ID with photo should be acceptable. In some cases, they may ask for a government-issued photo ID. In addition to ID issued by one of the U.S. states, this can also be from a foreign government or a county or city. While TSA does not have an official presence with Amtrak stations or bus lines, local police may have a role. I understand that it is very important that I not present false identification or make false statements to staff or police. I understand that if I am prevented from boarding due to a problem with identification or police, there is no refund. (If you lack proper documents for being in the United States, there may be some risk involved in taking commercial bus lines or Amtrak. We suggest consulting with a center serving immigrants for advice. Please see: www.amtrak.com/planning-booking/tickets-id-safety-security/passenger-identification.html)
- In the case of travel to Cuba, I understand that U.S. government permission to travel to Cuba is subject to change. *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* cannot be held responsible for changes in U.S. government policy regarding travel to Cuba. I understand that US law requires that I am engaged in a *full time schedule* of activities that correspond with my reason for travel to Cuba, and the journey leader(s) is responsible for ensuring my *full time participation*. If I fail to follow the schedule (with the exception of illness or other reasonable causes), I understand that the journey leader(s) might order me to return to the US early and might possibly report my behavior to the US government.
- **Health and Safety:**
 - Regarding COVID, I agree that I will comply with policies to prevent transmission (such as wearing a mask and social distancing) in effect in institutions, local municipalities, businesses, the host organization (usually a university or church) and *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* while on this journey. I acknowledge that despite policies and vaccinations, it is still possible for me to contract COVID-19 and to become ill; I release *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* from any responsibility if I should contract a communicable disease.
 - I understand that COVID-19 and its variants continue to be a global threat to health and commerce. This may impact this journey, including delays and cancelation. *Saint Christopher Journeys* assumes no responsibility in government policies, airline actions, or the actions of other providers.
 - I understand that I may be required to take COVID tests for travel (outbound and return). I understand that it is my responsibility to take care of and pay for these.
 - I understand that travel/health insurance may have limitations on coverage related to COVID or other public health crises.
 - I have consulted with a professional health care provider with regard to my personal medical needs. I have no health-related conditions or problems that preclude or restrict my participation in this journey.

- I have read travel advice provided to me by *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* (“Crisis Management Plan” at www.saintchristopherjourneys.com/forms.html). I have consulted websites, books, or sources of information giving advice on travel, including travel to my destination. I have read the information regarding my destination provided at the Centers for Disease Control Travel website (wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel), the U.S. State Department travel website (travel.state.gov), the Transportation Security Administration website (<https://www.dhs.gov/domestic-travel>), and the Department of Homeland Security website (<https://www.dhs.gov/domestic-travel>).
- If traveling abroad, I understand that there are benefits to enrolling in the US State Department “STEP” program (<https://step.state.gov/step/>).
- I am aware of all my personal medical needs. I have arranged, through insurance or otherwise, to meet all needs for payment of medical costs while I participate in the journey. I recognize that *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* is not obligated to attend to any of my medical needs, and I assume all risk and responsibility therefore. If I require medical treatment in a foreign country or the United States, *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* is not responsible for the costs or quality of such treatment.
- *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* may, but is not obligated to, take any actions it considers to be warranted under the circumstances regarding my health and safety. I agree to pay all related expenses and release *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* from any liability for any actions. In case of a medical emergency occurring during my participation in the journey, I authorize in advance the representative of *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* and/or the host institution (usually a university or church) to secure whatever treatment is necessary, including administration of anesthetic and surgery. I release *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC*, and its officers, employees, volunteer leaders, and agents from all liability for any bodily injury or damage I sustain as a result of the medical care I receive directed by or recommended by a representative of *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC*.
- I understand that *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* and/or the host organization (usually a university or church) may purchase some limited travel/health insurance for me. It is still my responsibility to review the policies of such insurance and determine if it sufficient to meet my needs. I understand that *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* is not responsible for my medical or travel needs.
- I understand that Saint Christopher Journeys collects medical and health information *that I volunteer to share*. That information is compiled and provided to the host organization (usually a university or church), the journey leaders, and in some cases, with organizations at the destinations I will be visiting. While this information is handled carefully, its handling does not meet HIPAA standards for confidentiality.
- I agree to bring with me sufficient cash and credit cards to pay for any necessary medical emergency or change in travel. I understand that protecting my valuables while on the journey is my responsibility, and not that of *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC*.

- **Standards for Conduct:**
 - The purpose of *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* is “Educational Travel Focusing on Justice through a Catholic Lens.” As a participant in this journey, I agree that my behavior will conform to this purpose. I have read, and I agree to abide by the *Saint Christopher Journeys* “Code of Conduct” (at www.saintchristopherjourneys.com/forms.html).
 - I will not use illegal drugs on the journey. If I am not of legal drinking age at the locations visited on the journey, I will not consume alcohol. If I am of legal drinking age, I will only consume in moderation (see “Code of Conduct”).
 - I understand that each destination has its own standards of conduct, including dress codes, manners, morals, politics, drug use, and other types of behaviors. I recognize that conduct which violates these standards could harm *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* relations with those destinations and the institutions therein, as well as jeopardize my own health and safety. I will become informed of and abide by all such standards for each destination to or through which I will travel during the journey.
 - I will comply with *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* code of conduct, rules, standards, and instructions for behavior. I waive and release all claims against *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* that arise at a time when I am not under the direct supervision of *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* or that are caused by my failure to remain under such supervision or to comply with such rules, standards, and instructions.
 - I agree that *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* has the right to enforce the code of conduct, rules, standards, and instructions, in its sole judgment, and that it will impose sanctions, up to and including expulsion from the journey, for any violations or for any behavior detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, harmony, and welfare of *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC*, the journey, or other participants. I recognize that due to the circumstances of travel, procedures applicable to student disciplinary proceedings at universities do not apply. If I am expelled, I consent to being sent home at my own expense with no refund of fees.
 - I will attend to any legal problems I encounter with any destination nationals or government. *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* is not responsible for providing any assistance under such circumstances.
- **Program Changes:** I understand that *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* has the right to make changes, cancellations, or substitutions, in case of emergency, changed conditions, or in the interest of the journey. I accept all responsibility for loss or additional expenses due to delays or other changes in the means of transportation and other services; sickness; weather; strikes; or other unforeseen causes. If I become detached from the group; fail to meet a departure bus, airplane, or train; or become sick or injured, I will at my own expense seek out, contact, and rejoin the group at its next available destination. If I cancel my participation, I understand that I will receive no refund and that *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* may re-assign my flight or hotel accommodations to another person with no compensation to me. I understand that the persons I designate as my emergency contacts will be informed by *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* of changes in travel plans.
- **I understand that “Tagging along” is prohibited.** The host organization may (or may not) allow family and friends to join on a journey, but it is required that they are

participants and make their arrangements *through Saint Christopher Journeys*. Simply “showing up” and then expecting to partake in activities is really unfair to the paying participants.

- **Assumption of Risk and Release of Claims:** Knowing the risks described above, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the journey, I agree, on behalf of my family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all the risks and responsibilities related to my participation in the journey. To the extent permitted by law, I release and indemnify *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* and its officers, employees, volunteer leaders, and agents from and against any present or future claim, loss, or liability for injury to person or property that I may suffer or for which I may be liable to any other person, during my participation in the journey (including periods in transit to or from any destination where the journey is being conducted).

I have carefully read this document. No representations, statements, or inducements, oral or written, apart from the statements contained herein, have been made. This agreement shall become effective only upon receipt of my application and deposit by *Saint Christopher Journeys LLC* and shall be governed by the laws of the state of Missouri, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this agreement or the journey. If any portion of this release is held invalid, the rest of the document shall continue in full force and effect. By affirming, I acknowledge that I am at least 18 years of age and am legally self-responsible.