

Academic Tours and St. Ignatius Retreat House

I, the undersigned (and/or my parent or guardian if I am under 18), an applicant for a program sponsored by Academic Tours (hereinafter referred to as AT) and St. Ignatius Retreat House (hereinafter referred to as SIRH), agree to the following understandings:

1. I waive any claims against AT & SIRH and its agents or contractors, domestic and overseas, arising from any death, injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregular or expense to a person or property incurred from the use of any vehicles or service strikes, warm weather, sickness, guarantee, government restrictions or regulations or arising from any act or omission of any, steamship, airline, railroad, bus company, sight-seeing operator, hotel or any other service of transportation company, firm, individual or agency. I also release AT & SIRH and its agents, servants, employees, officers, assigns, or contractors from any financial obligations or liabilities.
2. I understand that the air carrier's liability for loss or damage to baggage, or for death or injury to person or property is limited by their tariffs and/or by the Warsaw Conventions. AT and SIRH are not responsible for loss, theft or damage to my belongings or to the belongings of any other person, including passport and travel documents.
3. I understand that AT and SIRH are not responsible for my well-being during such periods of time that I may be absent from AT supervised activities, as during times of independent travel, visits to friends and relatives and so forth.
4. I understand that this is a supervised program and agree to maintain any such group standards as AT may set forth and further indemnify AT & SIRH and its agents or contractors against any consequences which may ensue as a result of my refusal to comply with such regulations. I agree that AT & SIRH reserve the right to enforce the rules, standards and instructions specified in the AT & SIRH "Code of Conduct" and that my participation in the AT & SIRH program may be at any time terminated by AT & SIRH in light of my failure to follow these regulations, or for any other reason which the officer of AT & SIRH may deem in the best interest of the group concerned in such a case. I agree to being terminated from the program at my own expense and waive the right to any refund of program fees.
5. If I become ill or incapacitated, I grant AT & SIRH or any of its officers, staff or agents, full authority to take whatever action they feel is warranted under the circumstances in regard to my health and safety, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. I further release any of these people from any liability for such decisions or actions which may be taken on my behalf. AT & SIRH cannot be held accountable for the quality or timeliness of any such medical care received, or for any expenses incurred.
6. I understand that AT & SIRH and or the airlines reserve the right to make changes in tour itineraries and departure dates to substitute airlines and equipment to make cancellations for insufficient participation or for any other reason.
7. I understand that in the event of cancellations or changes being made, refunds will be given in the amount of whatever was paid to date at the time of cancellation. I understand that if I wish to cancel my reservation in an AT & SIRH program, I must do so in writing. The refund to which I will be entitled will be as per AT & SIRH "Terms and Conditions." Furthermore, I realize that the prices quoted by AT & SIRH are based on applicable tariffs, rates of currency exchange and government regulations and for this reason are subject to change depending on those tariffs, rates and regulations in affect at the actual time of departure. I certify that I have read the AT & SIRH "Price Guarantee" and if I opt not to pay according to this plan, I agree to pay any necessary price adjustment as stipulated in "Terms and Conditions," of the Academic Tours' and SIRH literature.
8. I agree that any film likeness of me taken while participating in an AT & SIRH program and any of my comments or statements may be used in future material published by AT & SIRH.
9. I understand and accept that it is my personal responsibility to obtain all visas and required documents in order to enter all countries on my itinerary and participating in the AT & SIRH program. Further I shall hold AT & SIRH harmless in the case where I may not obtain the necessary documents for participating in the program and understand that the inability to obtain the necessary documents does not constitute grounds for withdrawal with refund.
10. I understand that this agreement includes the entire agreement between AT & SIRH and me with reference to the subject matter referred to herein and I do not rely upon any promises, inducements or agreements not contained herein, including but not limited to any oral statements made to me by any agents or employees of AT & SIRH. This agreement may only be modified in writing by Academic Tours & SIRH.
11. This agreement becomes effective when my application is accepted by AT & SIRH and I understand that this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York which shall have sole jurisdictionally, I (and/or my parents/guardians, if I am under the age of 18) consent to exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Queens County, New York in any action or proceedings hereunder and irrevocably appoint any employee of AT & SIRH as agent for the undersigned service program conditioned that all papers served upon said agent be forwarded to the undersigned. No modification, renewal, extension or termination of this agreement shall affect said appointment and choice of forum. The terms and conditions of this contract supersede those of any previous AT & SIRH publications. This form cannot be changed or altered without expressed written consent of AT & SIRH.
12. I certify that I am in good physical and mental health and that I have no special medical or physical conditions, nor any special needs or requirements which would impede participation in the program, nor be of any harm or inconvenience to myself or the participants.

I certify that I have read and understand the "Terms and Conditions" and the tour information and that I accept all terms and conditions stated therein.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (If Applicable): _____ Date: _____