Student & School Group Code of Conduct

Purpose & Agreement

Hammock Expeditions is committed to providing safe, respectful and rewarding travel experiences for students, educators and other members of our school groups. A successful program depends on everyone working together, respecting one another and the communities we visit, and following the guidance of those responsible for the group.

All students and accompanying adults are expected to conduct themselves responsibly throughout the program and to follow the instructions of teachers, group leaders, Hammock Expeditions representatives, guides, instructors and other authorized personnel. Participants are also expected to comply with applicable laws, regulations, safety requirements and established rules at accommodations, transportation providers, activity sites and other venues visited during the program.

Before departure, students and their parent or legal guardian should review this Code of Conduct together. For travelers registering directly with Hammock Expeditions, the parent or legal guardian will be required to acknowledge these terms during the registration process. When a program is booked or arranged through another tour operator, school, organization or third party, participation in a Hammock Expeditions-operated program remains subject to this Code of Conduct, whether or not registration is completed directly with Hammock Expeditions.

Respectful Conduct

All participants are expected to treat fellow travelers, teachers, group leaders, Hammock Expeditions representatives, guides, instructors, suppliers, local residents and other members of the public with respect and courtesy at all times.

Behavior that is disruptive, threatening, intimidating, discriminatory, harassing or otherwise inappropriate will not be tolerated. Participants are expected to respect cultural differences, local customs, personal boundaries and the property of others, and to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on their school and traveling group.

Participants must also respect the rules and expectations of hotels, transportation providers, restaurants, educational institutions, activity providers, attractions and other facilities visited during the program.

Care of the Places We Visit

Participants are expected to treat every destination, activity site and facility with care. Before leaving an activity, venue, accommodation, transportation vehicle or other location, participants should collect their belongings, dispose of trash appropriately and leave the area in the same or better condition than it was found.

Students should remember that their conduct reflects not only on themselves, but also on their school, their traveling group and future student travelers. Respectful behavior helps preserve positive relationships with the communities, organizations and activity providers that welcome our groups.

Following Instructions & Safety

The safety and well-being of the group depends on everyone following instructions and making responsible choices throughout the program. Participants are expected to promptly follow directions provided by teachers, group leaders, Hammock Expeditions representatives, guides, instructors, transportation personnel and other authorized professionals.

Participants must comply with all safety requirements associated with transportation, accommodations, activities and program venues, including the proper use of seat belts, safety equipment and protective gear when required. Instructions provided by qualified guides or instructors during specialized activities must be followed at all times.

Participants should never intentionally place themselves or others at risk, enter restricted areas, tamper with safety or emergency equipment, or misuse emergency services. Any participant who becomes aware of a safety concern, accident, illness or potentially dangerous situation should notify a teacher, group leader or Hammock Expeditions representative as soon as possible.

Student Supervision

Students are expected to remain with their assigned group or buddy system and within the supervision arrangements established by their school or group leaders throughout the program. Students may not leave the group, accommodation property, activity site or other designated area without permission from an authorized group leader.

Teachers, chaperones and other designated adult leaders are responsible for establishing and communicating appropriate supervision arrangements for their students, including meeting points, check-in procedures, room assignments and any approved periods of independent or small-group activity.

Students must follow established curfews, meeting times and check-in requirements and must ensure that group leaders know their whereabouts whenever required. When circumstances allow students limited independent time, students are expected to remain within designated areas, follow the instructions provided by their group leaders and return at the specified time.

Hammock Expeditions representatives, guides and activity instructors support the safe operation of the program; however, they do not replace the supervisory responsibilities of the school's designated teachers and chaperones.

Hotels & Accommodations

Participants are expected to respect accommodations, their employees, other guests and the property itself. Hotel and accommodation rules must be followed at all times, including requirements relating to noise, access to facilities, restricted areas, room occupancy and use of amenities.

Unless otherwise advised by a teacher or group leader, the standard student curfew is 10:00 PM. Students must remain in their assigned rooms following curfew and may not leave their rooms or enter another student's room without the permission of a teacher or group leader. When scheduled program activities result in the group returning after 10:00 PM, participants are expected to exercise particular care to remain quiet and avoid disturbing other guests.

Guestrooms should be kept reasonably clean and orderly throughout the stay. Participants are responsible for their personal belongings and must promptly report any damage or maintenance concerns to a teacher, group leader or Hammock Expeditions representative.

Participants and/or the traveling group may be held financially responsible for damage, excessive cleaning, unauthorized charges or other costs resulting from their actions. Deliberate damage, tampering with equipment or entering restricted areas may also result in disciplinary action.

Teachers and group leaders may establish additional rooming, curfew and accommodation expectations appropriate to the age of their students and the requirements of their school.

Transportation

Participants are expected to behave responsibly and follow all instructions provided by drivers, flight crews, vessel crews, teachers, group leaders and other transportation personnel.

Seat belts or other passenger restraints must be worn whenever provided and required. Participants must remain seated when instructed, keep aisles and emergency exits clear, and follow all safety requirements associated with the vehicle or mode of transportation being used.

Participants should respect transportation vehicles and the people operating them. Personal belongings should be kept secure and out of aisles, and participants are expected to remove personal items and dispose of trash appropriately before leaving any vehicle.

Students may not leave a transportation stop, terminal, station or other designated meeting area without permission from a teacher or group leader. Participants are responsible for being at designated departure points at the required time so that the group's schedule is not unnecessarily delayed.

Alcohol, Drugs & Prohibited Substances

Students may not purchase, possess, consume or distribute alcohol, illegal drugs or other prohibited substances at any time during the program, regardless of the legal drinking age or other regulations that may apply in the destination being visited.

The misuse of prescription or over-the-counter medications is also prohibited. Students who require medication during travel should follow the medication procedures established by their school, parent or legal guardian and any applicable program requirements.

Smoking, vaping, tobacco and nicotine products are not permitted for students during the program.
Students may not possess weapons or other items prohibited by the school, transportation provider, activity provider, accommodation or applicable law.

Any violation involving alcohol, drugs, prohibited substances or weapons will be treated as a serious behavioral and safety matter and may result in disciplinary action, including removal from an activity or the program as appropriate.

Property, Equipment & Financial Responsibility

Participants are expected to treat all property, facilities, equipment and materials made available during the program with care and respect. This includes accommodations, transportation vehicles, activity venues, educational facilities, rented or borrowed equipment and personal property belonging to others.

Participants must use equipment only as instructed and for its intended purpose. Any damage, loss or malfunction should be reported promptly to a teacher, group leader, instructor or Hammock Expeditions representative.

Participants and/or the traveling group may be financially responsible for costs resulting from deliberate damage, misuse, negligence, loss of rented or borrowed equipment, unauthorized purchases or other charges attributable to their actions.

Students should not handle, remove or use property or equipment unless they have been given permission to do so.

Serious Misconduct & Consequences

Hammock Expeditions and the school reserve the right to take appropriate action when a participant's behavior threatens their own safety or well-being or that of others, significantly disrupts the program, violates this Code of Conduct, or fails to comply with the reasonable instructions of teachers, group leaders or authorized program personnel.

Responses to behavioral concerns will depend upon the nature and seriousness of the situation and may include a warning, notification of the participant's teacher or group leader, removal from an activity, restriction of privileges, notification of a parent or legal guardian, or other appropriate action.

Serious or repeated misconduct, or circumstances in which a participant can no longer safely or appropriately continue with the group, may result in removal from part or all of the program. A parent or legal guardian may be required to travel to the destination to assume responsibility for the student and arrange for the student's return home.

The parent or legal guardian will be financially responsible for all additional expenses resulting from the student's behavior, removal from the program, or required early return. These expenses may include, but are not limited to, airfare or other transportation for the student and parent/legal guardian; ground transportation; accommodations; meals; change fees; additional supervision; and expenses incurred if a teacher, chaperone, Hammock Expeditions representative or other authorized adult must separate from the group or alter travel arrangements to supervise, assist or accompany the student. Hammock Expeditions will not be responsible for these additional expenses.

When behavior or circumstances present an immediate concern for the safety or well-being of the participant or others, Hammock Expeditions, the school, activity providers or other authorized personnel may take immediate action without following a progressive disciplinary process.

If the actions of one or more participants result in the traveling group being removed from an accommodation, activity, venue, transportation service or other program facility, the traveling group will be responsible for all additional costs resulting from that action. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, replacement accommodations, transportation, meals, supplier penalties, forfeited payments, change fees and other expenses required to continue or modify the program. Hammock Expeditions will not be responsible for refunds, replacement costs or additional expenses arising from a participant's violation of this Code of Conduct or the rules of a program supplier or facility.

Acknowledgment

By agreeing to this Student & School Group Code of Conduct during the registration process, the parent or legal guardian confirms that they have reviewed these expectations and responsibilities and have discussed them with their student.

The parent or legal guardian acknowledges that participation in the program requires the student to comply with this Code of Conduct, the policies and expectations established by their school, and the reasonable instructions of teachers, group leaders, Hammock Expeditions representatives and other authorized program personnel.

The parent or legal guardian further acknowledges and accepts the financial responsibilities described in this Code of Conduct, including expenses that may result from a student's misconduct, required additional supervision, removal from an activity or program, early return home, or circumstances in which participant behavior results in additional costs for the traveling group.

For travelers registering directly with Hammock Expeditions, completion of the required online acknowledgment confirms the parent or legal guardian's understanding and acceptance of these terms on behalf of themselves and their student. When a program is booked or arranged through another tour operator, school, organization or third party, participants remain subject to this Code of Conduct as a condition of participation in a Hammock Expeditions-operated program.

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