



RAYJONSHARECARE

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RAYJON TRIPS

The Code of Conduct for Rayjon trips provides a standard for expected behaviors from all trip participants, and is intended to help minimize situations from arising that may adversely impact or compromise the trip experience.

I understand that:

1. I have elected to participate in Rayjon Trip # _____ to _____ and as such I am expected to comply with the Rayjon Code of Conduct at all times.
2. I am a part of a team and I understand that my participation in preparation activities and all scheduled Trip activities in the host country is expected.
3. I will observe all reasonable directives of the Trip Leaders. Failure to do so may result in my being returned to Canada at my own expense. In an extreme situation the Trip Leaders are authorized to make the decision to return me to Canada.
4. I need to be medically able and capable of participating in the student trip activities. I have completed the Health Information and Emergency Contact Form requested by Rayjon, and acknowledge that my physician or primary health care provider may be required to confirm that I do not have a medical condition that puts me or other members of the Trip at risk. I will carry any prescription medicine and allergy medication such as epi pens with me at all times. I will declare to Trip Leaders any changes that take place in my health prior to departure of the trip.
5. Activities carried out in a developing country with a change in climate, diet, living and working conditions may create emotional and physical stress which may affect how one adjusts to performing activities in the environment. If I find that I am stressed by a situation, or am experiencing difficulty adjusting to an activity, I agree that I will approach one of the Trip Leaders and discuss my concern.
6. I will take all necessary precautions to ensure my own health and safety, as well as the health and safety of all other participants during the trip.
7. The host country has its own culture and political and economic factors that may carry expectations for guests, and require adjustment in the manner of dress, interaction, and behaviour in public. At all times I agree to be an ambassador for Rayjon.
8. Any behaviour that is unsafe, disruptive, and/OR detrimental to the welfare of the Trip or creates a negative impression of the Trip or Rayjon, including but not limited to any excessive use or abuse of alcohol, may result in my being returned to Canada at my own expense.
9. For safety's sake, individuals or small groups will not be free to wander around alone and are expected to remain with the group unless otherwise directed by the Trip Leaders.
10. If a situation arises where my well-being is at risk, I hereby authorize the Trip Leader to contact and release information to the emergency contact name provided in the Health Information and Emergency Contact Form.

11. Smokers must be considerate to the non-smoking participants and to the people of the host countries, and should restrict smoking to the hotels/guesthouses or to situations approved by the Trip Leaders.
12. Individuals in another country may have time concepts and thought patterns different from our own. They may be dealing with various situations that prevent them from fulfilling certain scheduled obligations in a timely manner. I will be flexible and patient when these situations arise.
13. Participants should travel in a spirit of humility and with a genuine desire to learn more about the people of the host country. I will attempt to be sensitively aware of the feelings of others by avoiding offensive behavior, such as taking photographs without first asking for permission.
14. Rayjon trip participants are expected to refrain from making individual gift or handouts. While well-intentioned, these gifts may cause jealousy, danger or other unintended consequences and can interfere with local sustainability efforts.
15. Rayjon trip participants are asked to dress modestly, minimizing visible signs of wealth.
16. The consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited on Student Awareness Trips.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- The suggested bedtime is no later than 11:00 p.m., so participants are rested for the rigors of the following day.
- There will be an itinerary or schedule of daily activities. Participants must be prepared to be ready on time so that others are not kept waiting. If you have trouble rising in the morning bring an alarm and allow yourself plenty of time. Don't expect other members of the trip to get you going.
- Exposure to disease is always a possibility when travelling. Only drink beverages and eat food prepared for the group. Wash your hands frequently. **DO NOT GET SHOWER WATER IN YOUR MOUTH.** Use bottled water for brushing your teeth.
- Whenever necessary, the final authority is with the Trip Leader(s) and participants are expect to cooperate with leader directives. The Trip Leaders have a responsibility to address any behaviour that is unsafe, disruptive, or detrimental to the welfare of the group or creates a negative impression for Rayjon. Please show patience, respect and understanding to your leader.

PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

If your behaviour while on this trip breaches this Code of Conduct you may be required to return to Canada at your own expense. Rayjon Trip Leaders are authorized to make the above recommendation in the event of a breach of the obligations by you under this Code of Conduct.

I have read and understood and will abide by this Code of Conduct. I acknowledge that I have retained a copy of this Code of Conduct.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____