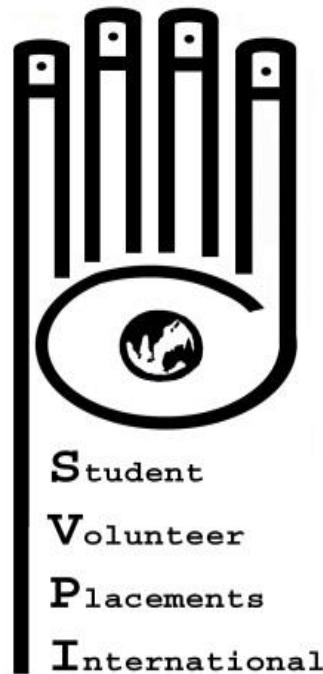




Student Volunteer Placements International (SVPI)



"The world can be changed by those of us still willing to get our hands dirty."



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The SVPI volunteer program is based in the Chitwan region of Nepal and works in close collaboration with the Nepal-based Children's Welfare Organization of Nepal (CWON). (Website: cwon.org.au)

The founder of CWON, Keshab Khanal, is a local of the Chitwan area and has been working tirelessly to help his community for over 15 years. Through on-going consultation with Keshab and other Chitwan locals we identify the needs of the villages we seek to work in and ensure that the money we raise has maximum effectiveness. We endeavour to allow our volunteer program to be highly flexible in order to be able to adjust to the needs of the villages.



SVPI volunteers work in the Chitwan region of Nepal. Chitwan is located in the lowlands in the South of Nepal, close to the Indian border.

Kolbhanjyang is an isolated village in the Chepang Hills, Chitwan. It is only reached after a strenuous 8 hour trek from the trail head. It represents a forgotten region of Nepal, missing out on the help provided to more popular and accessible areas.

Our team will be returning to Kolbhanjyang in January 2018 to deliver a program that focuses on vaccinating up to 400 people in this remote village, providing family planning/hygiene education (and birth control pills), first aid and medical treatment and distributing much needed menstrual kits to the women.

If you're keen on joining our team you will need to be able to cope with very basic sleeping, food and hygiene conditions for about a week and hike up to 8 hours over steep and rough terrain. The program is designed for healthcare people at least third year nursing students/RN's or final year med students/MO's. There are also some opportunities for people without healthcare qualifications that are keen to help out with health and hygiene education programs.





Student Volunteer Placements International Professional Volunteer Program- Healthcare in the Hills

The main objectives of the program are:

- To supply and administer basic vaccinations to 400 people
- To provide health and hygiene education program
- To provide basic first aid and medical treatment to village
- To implement birth control pills and education
- To distribute menstrual kits and provide education program (Days for Girls kits)

The immunisation program will involve SVPI volunteers working alongside Nepali medical personnel and to help with the treatment of various medical conditions. Vaccination will be an ongoing focus of our stay. In addition our volunteers will provide basic medical care and first aid training to the locals.

For any serious illness arrangements can be made to transport the patients into town to receive appropriate care.

Volunteers also participate in women's and men's health forums. The objective of these sessions is to identify the major issues facing women and men in rural Nepal and to share knowledge that may help to overcome some of these problems. Issues identified in previous years have already led to new programs targeting the areas of midwifery and sexual health. Contraceptive pills and menstrual kits will be distributed.

As Kolbhanjyang village will most likely have just received a reliable water source, a major focus of the expedition will involve health and hygiene training for the locals.

The remote nature of this village will no doubt provide some interesting challenges for us. Working in partnership with our Nepali friends we will do our best to resolve these issues and provide positive outcomes.

IMPORTANT INFO

Trip Dates: 4th Jan 2016 - 25th Jan 2018

Trip duration: 3 weeks (21 nights)

Trip cost: \$1500 AUD plus a \$400 AUD donation (this will fund the vaccinations and other medical supplies).

Accommodation: 3-4 star hotels in Kathmandu, Sauraha and Pokhara.

Homestay in the hills.

Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive at Kathmandu Tribhuvan International Airport. You will be transported to your hotel in Thamel, the bustling heart of the Kathmandu tourist area.

Day 2 After breakfast we will spend the morning exploring some of Kathmandu's main tourist attractions 'Swayambhunath', the 'Monkey Temple' and Boudhanath. In the afternoon you will have free time to explore Thamel, before meeting back up with the group for the official welcome dinner in the evening.

Day 3 Day trip to the old city of Kirtipur. Traditional Newari lunch will be provided.

Day 4 Bajae's famous Old town tour.

Day 5 We depart Kathmandu on the tourist bus at 6.00am, arriving in Chitwan early to mid-afternoon. We will spend the afternoon relaxing, exploring Sauraha and getting to know the friendly staff who will be looking after us during our stay.

Day 6 Village tour.

Day 7 Prepare for trek.

Day 8-13 Trek / health program.

Day 14 Rest Day.

Day 15-16 Chitwan activities: you will get to participate a full day jungle jeep safari in the Chitwan National park and a day trip to the holy Hindu site of Devghat.

Day 17 Depart Chitwan and travel to Pokhara by bus.

Day 18 Van to Peace Pagoda Boat across the lake and walk to lakeside.
Free afternoon.

Day 19 Visit Tibetan Refugee village. Free afternoon.

Day 20 Today is a free day – maybe paragliding, a paddle in the lake a massage or any of the exciting things that Pokhara has to offer.

Day 21 Travel via bus from Pokhara to Kathmandu. Farewell Dinner.

Day 22 Depart Kathmandu.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS:

- 21 nights accommodation on twin share basis in 3-4 star hotels and village homestay accommodation
- Welcome and farewell dinners in Kathmandu and all meals in Chitwan
- All transfers and transport costs
- Entrance fees for sightseeing activities
- SVPI escorts (Australian and Nepali)

NOT INCLUDED:

- Return international airfares + taxes
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Visa and vaccinations (including Hep B- compulsory)
- Meals in Kathmandu & Pokhara (except for welcome and farewell meals)
- Extra drinks
- Laundry, telephone calls and other personal expenditure



CHECKLIST and TIMELINE

- Fill in application for at: <http://svpi.org.au/new-application-form/>
- SVPI will them be in touch with login details for our online portal. Here you will find payment details and a questionnaire to fill in.
- Submit deposit and questionnaire.
- Once your deposit is received we will send you a 'Welcome pack' with more information about the program. At this stage you will also be invited to join our online facebook group to interact with and get to know the other volunteers.
- The remaining payments for the trip can be made in instalments at any time. Full payment is due 8 weeks prior to departure.
- 8 weeks prior to departure SVPI will also need from you: travel insurance details (company name and contact details and policy number) and flight details.

***Please note that once paid the deposit is non-refundable, although it can be put towards a different program at a later date. Other payments are refundable only up to 8 weeks prior to the commencement of your program.

HELP and SUPPORT

Becoming a SVPI volunteer is a life changing event. Your relationship with Nepal and other volunteers will last for years if not a lifetime. From your first fundraiser to the emotional rollercoaster of development work we are all here to help and support each other.



Q&A'S

Is Nepal a safe place to visit?

Nepal is probably one of the safer destinations to travel within Asia, but like anywhere, when you travel basic precautions should be taken (especially in Thamel and other tourist areas). Be aware that fellow travellers and backpackers are usually worse than the locals. Use your common sense and you will be fine. Any situation that may impact upon our stay will be monitored by group leaders and will take appropriate actions if needed. If in doubt ask a group leader. See also <http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/Nepal>

What about vaccinations?

Organizing appropriate vaccinations prior to your trip is your responsibility and which vaccinations you choose to get is a personal choice. Check with your G.P at least 6 weeks before departure. SVPI recommends that you are up to date with Hepatitis A (& possibly B), tetanus and typhoid. Dukoral is a vaccine that helps to prevent traveller's diarrhoea caused by enterotoxigenic *E. coli* and cholera. It is also recommended. Also keep in mind that you will be coming into contact with people who could have conditions that you would not expect in the general population (e.g. TB).

Malaria is not a big problem in Chitwan; some people take precautions and some don't. See also <http://ciwec-clinic.com/index.php> Other mosquito-borne diseases such as Dengue fever are only a small risk during the monsoon season.

Rabies is present in Nepal and presents a low risk in rural areas, however during this trip you will mostly be a few hours away from the major International Hospital where immediate treatment can be obtained. Please discuss the risks with your GP prior to departure.

What if I get sick?

You may develop a tummy bug at some point. Inexpensive medicines are easily available without prescription. Group leaders and any nursing volunteers can suggest a course of treatment. For anything serious there are good local doctors and major hospitals are close by.

Do I need a visa?

Yes, all travellers need a visa. A tourist visa is available on arrival at the airport. It is currently \$40 USD for a 30 day visa. You will need a passport size photos and **cash** (equivalent to US \$40- most common currencies accepted). We will email you visa application form and other details prior to your departure.

Is there internet access?

Nepal generally has slow and unreliable internet, however if you are patient you can manage. Many hotels and restaurants have free WIFI. Internet cafes are pretty cheap so you will be able to stay in touch but may be a bit intermittent due to electricity shortages in Nepal.



What about money?

The currency in Nepal is the ‘Nepalese Rupee’ (NRP). At the time of writing the exchange rate is 72 NRP to \$1 AUD. There are ATMs in Kathmandu and Sauraha, the fees can be a bit steep and they can be unreliable due to power outages. A supply of \$US is a good option for spending money and extras. You can change \$AUD and \$USD in Thamel and sometimes in Chitwan.

What about phones?

Nepal has a surprisingly good mobile network, but landlines are not so good. If you have an unlocked mobile you can buy a local sim card for approximately \$5 AUD and get very cheap calls and data.

What will the weather be like?

Chitwan is down in the lowlands and doesn’t experience the extreme cold of the mountains in the rest of the country. However the evenings, mornings and nights will be chilly. The mornings and evenings will be misty, which is very pretty, but it takes a long time for the sun to break through. A warm jumper and jacket will be needed. When the sun does emerge the days will be pleasant and sunny (mid-20s). T-shirts and long pants/skirts are recommended.

Personal products?

While most common items are readily available in Nepal for a cheap price some personal products can be hard to find. It is best to bring any personal products you might need. Ear plugs are strongly recommended!

What are the toilets like?

Our hotels and most tourist restaurants will have western-style toilets that are clean. However public toilets vary from bad to disgusting. Most will be squat toilets and there won’t be any paper. When we are in the villages basic facilities will usually be available however sometimes we will be isolated. Golden rule – go before you go anywhere. Hand sanitiser and wipes are a good thing to carry with you at all times.

What is the food like?

‘Dal bhat’ is the national dish consisting of lentils, rice and curry – and you can eat as much as you like. In Thamel you can get anything you want and it is generally tasty and safe to eat. In Chitwan our hotel serves great food. You may get invited to someone’s home for dinner and the food will be fresh and safe.

Is the water safe?

No. Bottled water is available everywhere we go but every plastic bottle will either float down a river or be burnt! Nepal does not have a waste disposal system so please take as much as possible (e.g. batteries) back home with you – and please avoid plastic bags!!!

We recommend bringing a aluminium drinking bottle (these are also available at trekking stores in Thamel). At our hotel in Chitwan there is unlimited treated water available to fill your bottles as needed.



How should I deal with beggars and scammers?

Cheap charity breeds beggars but does not solve their basic problem. Therefore please do not encourage beggary by being benevolent. However, there are some situations where it is culturally appropriate, old people around temples, genuine religious people and cripples. As a guide watch what the locals are doing.

Common scams in Thamel:-

- Women with a baby and bottle asking for milk - they will sell the milk back to the shop.*
- Young children asking for food or a packet of biscuits - they will sell them and buy glue.*
- Discourage children approaching taxis and buses on the roadway – shooing them away may save their lives.*
- Come and see my orphanage – most orphanages in Nepal are scams.*

Beware of touts who claim to be representatives of companies and offer to take you bargain shopping.

Use hotel safety boxes for your valuables. Do not leave cash and other valuable things lying around in the room. Be aware that the tradition is to tip your guide and porters. It is expected that you give a tip on completion of your journey.

Finally, don't be mean- treat bargaining with good humour and as a game. The amount you are bargaining over won't buy you a coffee at home. You are bargaining for fun – it's not about the money!

Religion and politics.

Like in any country these topics should always be discussed respectfully. SVPI has a policy of being apolitical and non-denominational. Regardless of personal beliefs we hope that our volunteers will be open-minded and respectful to others.

Nepal is a Hindu country with many other religions represented (Buddhist, Christian, Islam). Nepalese people are very tolerant of other religions however it is illegal in Nepal to convert people to a different religion. If a volunteer is overheard trying to convert a local to their own religion they will be asked to leave the program immediately.

In regards to the countries political situation- although relatively stable these days the civil war is still very fresh in peoples minds. Many people lost friends and family during this time so please discuss these subjects respectfully.

....But don't be scared to ask questions- we are there to learn about the Nepali way of life and vice versa. Nepali people are very open and friendly and will be happy to teach you about their culture.





VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISING

SVPI understands that some students need to raise some of the money to cover the cost of the volunteer experience and we are here to help you achieve your goals. Fundraisers that target family and friends are a great place to start.

For more information email us: info@svpi.org.au

Ideas you can try:

- Donations instead of birthday and Christmas gifts.
- Open a separate bank account and add a small amount to it each week. You won't miss it too much as it will grow steadily over the year.
- A Nepalese-themed donation dinner party instead of going out for dinner. Email us for a copy of 'Baje's Nepalese cookbook'.
- A garage sale (get rid of your stuff – a very Buddhist thing to do).
- Facebook friends – ask all your friends to make a small donation.
- Take a workplace collection.
- Do a charity challenge with donations from family, friends and work colleagues.
- Personal self improvement challenge – everyone wins! Stop drinking, smoking, eating fast food or any other bad habit and get sponsors
- BBQs at your university, workplace or sports club.
- Wine sales – There are many businesses that specialise in fundraising wine.
- Chocolate drives- There are many businesses that specialise in fundraising chocolate.
- Events - trivia nights, silent auctions, slide nights, movie screenings etc... We have a documentary that you can screen. Email us for a copy.
- If you have any friends or family in bands ask them to help out by putting on a free fundraising concert for you.
- Raffles - ask local businesses for donations to be used as prizes and sell tickets to your friends, family, work colleagues, students, neighbours etc...

Student Volunteer Placements International - Australia Booking Terms and Conditions

Please read carefully these terms and conditions of contract. In completing the application form and submitting the deposit, you agree to be bound by these conditions which constitute the agreement between the Student Volunteer Placements International Inc ABN 98 149 912 414 and you. No purported variation of these conditions will be effective unless in writing and signed by a person so authorised by Student Volunteer Placements International. In these terms and conditions reference to "Student Volunteer Placements International representatives" means tour leaders and staff of Student Volunteer Placements International and its officers, employees, agents, licensees, guides and other third parties and representatives and the land management authorities in each country in which the tour is conducted, or any of them.

1. How to Book

To reserve your place on one of the volunteer trips, you should complete the Application Form and submit it online, along with a non-refundable deposit of \$300 AUD per person per trip. It is strongly recommended that you take out a travel insurance policy also at the time of booking, which covers you for the type of activity you will engage in and for remote locations/evacuation.

2. Payment

The full balance of the tour price is payable to Student Volunteer Placements International 6 weeks prior to departure. If payment of the balance of the tour price is not received by Student Volunteer Placements International by the required time you will be taken as having cancelled the tour and cancellation charges in accordance with condition 3 will apply.

3. Amendments & Cancellations

CANCELLATIONS: If you wish to cancel your tour, you must notify Student Volunteer Placements International in writing. Once Student Volunteer Placements International receives your notice, cancellation will take effect subject to the following:

If cancellation takes place more than 6 weeks prior to your departure date your full deposit will be forfeited.

If cancellation takes place less than 6 weeks prior to your departure date 100% of the tour price will be forfeited.

The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credit will be given for services not used. Any amount forfeited, which has not then been paid to Student Volunteer Placements International by you, may be recovered from you by Student Volunteer Placements International as a debt due and payable.

4. Health & Fitness Requirements

You must be in good health and be physically fit to undertake the trip. The trek is strenuous and some prior training is recommended.

5. Medical Disclosure

You declare and warrant that;
you are in good health and mental and physical fitness at the time of booking this tour;
you have disclosed to Student Volunteer Placements International every matter concerning your health and mental and physical fitness of which you are aware, or ought reasonably be expected to know, that is relevant to Student Volunteer Placements International' decision to permit you to go on the adventure tour immediately upon any adverse change in your health or fitness that may be likely to affect Student Volunteer Placements International' decision to permit you to go on the adventure tour, you will notify Student Volunteer Placements International in writing of any such adverse change;
Student Volunteer Placements International are permitted to disclose medical information to medical professionals in event of emergency.

If you fail to comply with the duty of disclosure in this condition and if Student Volunteer Placements International would not have permitted you to undertake the tour, or continue participation of the tour, had you made full disclosure under this condition, Student Volunteer Placements International will not be liable, except to the minimum extent required by law, for personal injury, death or property damage or loss incurred by you.

6. Tour Leaders

In this condition, 'nominated tour leader' includes both the nominated tour leader and any other nominated person given at any time the task of leading or supervising any aspect of the tour. Student Volunteer Placements International' nominated tour leaders take their responsibilities seriously and if for any reason a nominated tour leader believes, in his or her absolute discretion, that you should not participate in the tour, before your departure, even if you pass your medical, he/she may exclude you from the tour. In this event, but subject to condition 5, you will be offered the option of taking another tour considered suitable for you or a full refund. If for any reason during a tour the nominated tour leader considers you should not participate further due to you committing an illegal act, or in the opinion of the nominated tour leader, your behaviour is causing or is likely to cause danger, distress or annoyance to others, or your fitness or health is inadequate, he or she may direct you not to continue and you must follow the nominated tour leader's instructions. In this case you will not be entitled to any refund. Travel insurance may compensate you depending on the circumstances.

Student Volunteer Placements International reserves the right to change, at any time, the nominated tour leader of any tour. If that happens, Student Volunteer Placements International will try to ensure that the alternative tour leader has expertise commensurate with that of the nominated tour leader. Any such change by Student Volunteer Placements International will not give rise to any right on your part to cancel the tour or claim any expenses, loss or damage which may be suffered.

7. Cancellation due to tour booking numbers

Student Volunteer Placements International reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure in the event that there are too few people booked on a tour in which case you will be given a full refund of the tour price paid by you. You will not be entitled to claim any additional amounts or seek any compensation for any injury, loss, expenses or damage (either direct or consequential) or for any loss of time or inconvenience which may result from such cancellation (including but not limited to visa, passport and vaccination charges, or departure, gear purchases, flights, airport and airline taxes).

8. Route changes, Postponement, Cancellation or Delay

Student Volunteer Placements International reserves the right to:
cancel or modify any routes within the tour or objectives set out in the itinerary; or
substitute different or equivalent routes within the tour in place of cancelled or modified routes, or
postpone, cancel or delay (either in relation to the departure or arrival times or the duration of the tour)
any such aspect of the tour if, in the absolute discretion of Student Volunteer Placements International,
it is necessary to do so due to inclement weather or conditions that are otherwise likely to be hazardous
or dangerous or due to any other adverse or threatening conditions whether political or military or
terrorist or otherwise or if, in the absolute discretion of Student Volunteer Placements International,
there is a likelihood of any such event occurring which may impact upon the safety of the participants,
or if an act or omission of a third party prevents the tour or the aspect of the tour being undertaken in
accordance with your booking or for any other reason considered necessary by Student Volunteer
Placements International. In the event of any change, modification, cancellation postponement or delay
under this condition, you acknowledge that you will have no right of refund of the tour price (whether
in whole or in part) and no right to claim compensation for any injury, loss or damage or other
additional expenses incurred by virtue of the change, modification, cancellation postponement or delay.
Student Volunteer Placements International also reserves, in its absolute discretion, the right to cancel
any tour due to any government travel warning or advice, or any change in such warning or advice. In
this event, travel insurance may compensate you depending on the circumstances.

9. Itineraries and brochures

Itineraries and other details are published in good faith as statements of intention only and reasonable
changes in the itinerary and related items may be made where deemed necessary or advisable by Student
Volunteer Placements International. The information contained in Student Volunteer Placements
International' brochures, itineraries, and internet site is, to the best of Student Volunteer Placements
International' belief, correct at the date of publishing.

10. Insurance

Personal travel insurance is not included in the tour price. It is a condition of booking a tour with
Student Volunteer Placements International, and your responsibility to ensure that you are adequately
insured for the full duration of the tour in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal
items and cancellation and curtailment. You must provide evidence to Student Volunteer Placements
International that you have obtained personal travel insurance. You must ensure that your personal
travel insurance covers all of the activities you expect to participate in and includes additionally, remote
rescue/ activities at altitude if required and emergency evacuation cover

11. Proof of citizenship or information required to travel

It is your responsibility to obtain proper identification or proof of citizenship as required by the
authorities of the destination to which you are travelling. You will not be entitled to a refund if you are
denied boarding or entry on any basis, including without limitation, improper documentation or failure
to provide information. It is recommended that your passport is valid for six months beyond the date
of your return home to your home country.

12. Airlines and other transport providers

Any material published by Student Volunteer Placements International, the Application Form and these conditions of contract are not issued on behalf of, and do not commit any airline whose services are used or proposed to be used in the course of the tour. In the event that an airline's proposed travel or fare schedule is amended or cancelled, such amendment or cancellation will not be considered a cancellation of the tour by Student Volunteer Placements International. Any flights or other transport forming part of the tour arrangements are subject to the conditions of the carrying airline or other transport entity, which in most cases limits the airlines' or other transport entity's liability to passengers in accordance with applicable international law and conventions. The liability of Student Volunteer Placements International, any airline or other transport provider is limited so far as possible by the following conventions: Warsaw Convention 1929, as amended by the Hague Protocol and Montreal Protocol in relation to air travel; or Montreal Convention 1999; the Berne Convention for rail travel 1980; Athens Convention 1974 for carriage by sea; and the Geneva Convention for carriage by road 1978.

13. Tour Prices

Package prices are based on ground costs, fuel prices, exchange rates and assumptions made at the time of printing the brochure. Student Volunteer Placements International tries its utmost not to increase tour prices (in full or part), however sometimes increases are outside its control. Student Volunteer Placements International reserves the right to amend tour prices (or any part) without notice at any time before and including the departure date. Amendments may be necessitated for many reasons including, but not limited to, exchange rate fluctuations, increased fuel costs, airfares, airport charges, increases in ground operator service fees, or the need to engage alternative air or ground operators. Any increase in tour prices must be paid prior to the departure date.

14. Exclusions from tour price

Without limitation, the following items are excluded from the tour price:

personal travel insurance;

visa, passport and vaccination charges;

departure, airport and airline taxes and on some tours internal domestic flights;

extra meals, transport costs, accommodation costs, or other expenses not included in the itinerary;

laundry, postage, personal clothing, medical expenses & items of a personal nature; emergency evacuation and/or emergency search charges;

additional expenses caused by delay, accidents or disruption of planned itineraries;

tips, on-board beverages and excess baggage charges.

Refer to our tour notes for full details.

15. Force Majeure

If Student Volunteer Placements International is prevented (directly or indirectly) from performing any of its obligations under this agreement by reason of act of God, strikes, trade disputes, fire, breakdowns, interruption of transport, government or political action, acts of war or terrorism, acts or omissions of a third party or for any other cause whatsoever outside Student Volunteer Placements International's reasonable control, Student Volunteer Placements International will be under no liability whatsoever to you and may, at its option, by written notice to you either cancel the tour or take any other action as specified in condition 8.

16. Assumption of risk

You acknowledge that:

by the very nature of adventure travel tours, they are more challenging and demanding with a commensurately higher level of risk compared with conventional holidays, and involve potential exposure to injury and possibly death; and in the countries and regions in which adventure travel is undertaken, standards of accommodation, transport, health care, hygiene, safety and service provision generally are often not as high as those standards in your country of residence and may require flexibility and patience on your part; and operational control of the tour may be in the hands of a third party and that your right of action in regard to any shortcomings of that third party's performance is against the third party and not against Student Volunteer Placements International; and the additional dangers and risks associated with adventure travel may include extremes of weather, including sudden and unexpected changes; political instability; remoteness from normal medical services and from communications; and evacuation difficulties in the event of illness or injury; and the enjoyment and excitement of adventure travel is derived in part from the inherent dangers and risks associated with adventure travel and that those inherent dangers and risks are a reason why you wish to undertake the adventure tour, and you have submitted your booking for the tour after giving due consideration of relevant travel information including, without limitation, any relevant information or advice given by the governments of Australia, New Zealand and Canada, the British Foreign Office and US Department of State and that it is your responsibility to acquaint yourself that information or advice, for the above reasons you therefore accept the inherent and increased dangers and risks associated with the proposed adventure tour and the accompanying risk of injury, death or property damage or loss.

17. No Liability

You acknowledge and agree that:

- * where Student Volunteer Placements International acts as a booking agent for third-party tour operators it accepts no liability for the acts or omissions of those third-party tour operators and does not authorise any suppliers including hotel management to promise refunds on our behalf; and
- * operational control of the tour may be in the hands of a third party and that your right of action in regard to any shortcomings of that third party's performance is against the third party and not against Student Volunteer Placements International; and
- * Student Volunteer Placements International will not be liable for any breach of any law by any person with whom you travel on the tour; and
- you may not rely on any representations concerning the tour made by Student Volunteer Placements International which are not contained in these conditions.

18. Release and discharge from all claims

To the extent permitted by law, by accepting the additional inherent dangers and risks associated with the tour, you release, waive and discharge all Student Volunteer Placements International representatives from all claims, actions or losses for personal injury or death, property damage, loss of services, loss of profits, consequential, exemplary, indirect or punitive damages or otherwise which may arise out of or occur during your travel in connection with the tour or any activities conducted in conjunction with the tour unless caused by the reckless conduct of Student Volunteer Placements International representatives, or in connection with any optional activities which you may undertake during the course of your tour but which do not comprise part of your tour itinerary and you accept that any assistance given to you by Student Volunteer Placements International representatives in arranging such optional activities will not render the Student Volunteer Placements International representatives liable to you in any way.

19. Australian Consumer Law

Under the Australian Consumer Law, statutory guarantees apply to the supply of recreational services of the kind offered by these terms and conditions. “Recreational services” is defined as including activities that involve a significant degree of physical exertion or risk undertaken for the purposes of recreation, enjoyment or leisure. These guarantees mean that Student Volunteer Placements International, as the supplier, is required to ensure that the recreational services it supplies to you are rendered with due care and skill and are fit for their intended purpose.

Under the Australian Consumer Law, Student Volunteer Placements International, as supplier, is entitled to ask you to agree that these statutory guarantees will not apply to you. If you sign this form you will be agreeing that your rights under this agreement, if you are killed or injured because the services provided were not rendered in accordance with these statutory guarantees, are excluded, restricted or modified in the way set out in this condition.

To the extent permitted by law, you hereby exclude, release and forever discharge all Student Volunteer Placements International representatives from all liability for any and all claims, loss, damage, cost or expense arising from your death or your suffering physical or mental injury or any other condition, occurrence, activity, form of behaviour, course of conduct or state of affairs as specified in section 139A of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (except in the case of liability arising from the reckless conduct on the part of the Student Volunteer Placements International representatives) and connected with your participation in the recreational services which comprise the tour.

20. Privacy

You permit Student Volunteer Placements International to collect personal information from you, or from your medical practitioner, regarding your health and medical condition. You acknowledge that this personal information may be disclosed to Student Volunteer Placements International representatives in order to ensure your safety and well being but will not be used by them for any other purpose.

21. Waiver

A party will not be deemed to have waived any of its rights or remedies under these conditions or at law by allowing any time or indulgence or by not exercising any right or remedy arising out of any default by the other party.

22. Severance of conditions

If any part of a condition is illegal, unenforceable or invalid, it is to be treated as removed from the conditions, however, the remainder of the conditions are not altered.