

Parent/Guardian and Student Independent Travel Waiver

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Deadline for submission: Friday, 21st February 2025

Student Name _____

Academic Travel Destination _____

Travel Leader (Professor) _____

I _____ [the parent or legal guardian] hereby inform you that my student wishes to return on their own to Lugano, Switzerland from the Academic Travel destination following the official end of the travel period. I hereby certify that while my student is traveling independently, they will be personally responsible for their own well-being and personal expenses.

I _____ [the student] understand that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, local and national governments are enacting border, travel, and stay-at-home restrictions; and that the trajectory of the virus at the local, national, and international levels is unpredictable. Moreover, health care systems in many countries either are overwhelmed or are at risk of becoming overwhelmed by COVID-19 cases. I understand that all activities undertaken as part of independent travel must comply with all local/domestic travel restrictions, self-isolation/quarantine requirements, and lockdown orders.

In addition to the other risks described in this document, I recognize that my participation in independent travel means to be subjected to potential risks, illnesses, injuries, and even death as a result either of contracting COVID-19 or other communicable diseases or of any actions or omissions of governments, private entities or other parties with respect to the local health situation. I have made my own investigation of these risks, understand these risks, and assume them knowingly and willingly.

We release Franklin University Switzerland from all claims, responsibility and causes of action for damage while the student is traveling independently.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Student _____

IMPORTANT!

This form should be returned with parental signature directly to the student. Independent travel from the course destination is trip dependent and subject to professor approval. If the professor is allowing independent travel from the course destination at the completion of the course, the required form with parental signature must be submitted by the student directly to the professor by the deadline. Forms submitted after that deadline may be denied and the student will be expected to return with the group to Lugano. *The student is responsible for submitting the form to the professor.* Forms should not be sent directly from the parent to the professor, as the professor needs to meet with the student to approve the independent departure.