

Code of Conduct Parent Letter

Dear Parents:

Your child's departure date is almost here! We hope the long-awaited Xperitas experience has created a lot of excitement at your house! We also trust that your child has done his/her part to be well prepared by making a special extra effort in the target language class and by going through the Xperitas study materials provided by his/her teacher. **As this program is much more than just a tour, a lot more will be required of your child.** A commitment to do well and a positive attitude are more important than anything your child will pack in his/her suitcase.

A wide range of new experiences awaits your child! Your son/daughter will soon be in another country, where there are real cultural differences as well as similarities. How he/she reacts in each situation will depend on a number of factors: personality, attitude, level of language and personal likes or dislikes, to name a few.

At Xperitas, we have prepared a program where language skill should improve and where exposure to a different culture will provide something new to learn every day. It is very important that your son/daughter has realistic expectations for the program. Communicating in the foreign language will create some stress and frustration. The physical demands of jetlag and extensive walking tours can create fatigue. New foods will mean new taste sensations. The family stay requires participants to adapt and adjust.

If your child's itinerary includes a family stay, it's important to know that we normally do not schedule any group activities. We want your child to spend this time getting to know the host family and their way of life. Every student will have the telephone number where his or her leader or family stay coordinator can be reached in case of any serious problem or emergency. Please review the "Xperitas Guidelines for a Successful Family Stay" with your child.

For the welfare of all participants and the success of the program, our expectation is that your son/daughter abides by the Xperitas Code of Conduct. Please discuss the **Code of Conduct** on the reverse side. It should be signed by you and your son/daughter and returned to his/her group leader right away.

Wishing your child a memorable and positive learning experience abroad,

Your Xperitas Team

Please read and sign the "Code of Conduct" on the reverse.



Code of Conduct

I realize that while on the Xperitas program I am representing my country, my community, my school and my family. I will therefore strive to conduct myself in a manner appropriate to being a good ambassador. I accept and understand the Xperitas Code of Conduct as listed below and pledge myself to honor it.

As an Xperitas Student...

1. I will commit myself to improving my communication skills in the target language and will speak it as much as possible.
2. I will cooperate with my leader(s) and honor rules that they set for me (e.g. curfews, punctuality, sign-out procedures, behavior in hotels).
3. I will dress and act appropriately at all times and be sensitive to the impression I am conveying in a culture other than my own.
4. I will refrain from acquiring any tattoo or body piercing.
5. I will refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs; I will not accept or transport any of these.
6. I will refrain from romantic/sexual involvement of any kind and any behavior leading to it.
7. For my own safety I agree not to operate any motorized vehicle or be a passenger on any motorcycle.
8. I will not purchase or carry knives or any other article that may be considered a weapon.

Violation of this Code of Conduct abroad may result in the student being sent home at the parents' expense. You will be notified if such a decision has been made by the leader(s).

Signature of Student

Date

We have discussed the above issues with our son/daughter and accept the Xperitas Code of Conduct.

Signature of Parent

Date

Please give this signed and dated form to your leader.

