

## Code of Conduct

### Dear parents/guardians:

**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 a suitcase. Your child will be in another country, where there are real cultural differences as well as similarities. How they react in each situation will depend on a number of factors: personality, attitude, personal likes or dislikes and their level of language skill, 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 child has realistic expectations for the program. Communicating in the foreign language will create some stress and frustration. The physical demands of jet lag and extensive walking tours can create fatigue. New foods will mean new taste sensations. The family stay requires participants to adapt and adjust according to another family's culture and routine.

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 their leader or family stay coordinator can be reached in case of any serious problem or emergency.

For the welfare of all participants and the success of the program, our expectation is that your child abides by the Xperitas Code of Conduct at all times. Please discuss the **Code of Conduct** below with your child. **Your child's teacher may also go through this with you and your child in person at a parent meeting.**

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### **Code of Conduct Agreement:**

(To be signed by the participant and a parent/guardian.)

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 Participant...

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).

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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/or drugs; I will not accept or transport any alcohol, tobacco and/or drugs.
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.
9. I will adhere to my teacher's guidelines set for phone and social media use and will refrain from using my phone when participating in group activities and during the family stay.
10. I will follow all Xperitas and host country's safety and health protocols/guidelines during the entirety of the program.
11. I am responsible to pay for any damage I cause to private or public property (hotels, restaurants, schools, host family homes, etc.).

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 Participant \*

Date: \*

Signature of Parent/Guardian\*

Date: \*

*If you are a non-student participant (over the age of 21), please sign your name in both fields.*