



SA Ghana: Nkonsonkonson Tour II

February 17 - 24, 2018



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Emergency Contact (1)

Name _____ Contact Number _____

Emergency Contact (2)

Name _____ Contact Number _____

I, (_____), the undersigned student, wish to participate in the Study Abroad trip to Ghana: Nkonsonkonson Tour II, **February 17 - 24, 2018**. I understand that this Study Abroad Participation Agreement & Assumption of Risk and Release (the "Agreement") is the legally binding contract between parent/guardian and ABC Travels Inc. regarding this trip.

A. Program Information and Orientation

1. I acknowledge that I have researched and fully understand the Program description for the Study Abroad trip to Ghana: Nkonsonkonson Tour II. I further acknowledge that I have been directed to the following U.S. Department of State webpage to access country specific information for my study abroad destination, <https://travel.state.gov/content/studentsabroad/en/beforeyougo/csi/ghana.html> . I acknowledge that I have fully read and understand the U.S. Department of State Consular Information Sheet for my study abroad destination.

2. I acknowledge and understand that I must attend, and participate fully, in all pre-departure orientations and immersion sessions (in the months of July thru December). Additional meeting dates and times will be communicated via email. I acknowledge and agree that it is my obligation to read all pre-departure and orientation materials provided me by ABC Travels Inc.

3. I understand that the stated price of \$2750/student, \$3050/adult is based on the following details:

-A Minimum travel group size of 10 PAID participants

-Deposits/payments made in full according to the payment schedule detailed in section F1 of this Agreement

-Payment includes round trip flight to/from Atlanta, lodging in all cities, and guided tours. This fee does include the cost of extra meals, snacks, or other food items not included in itinerary. All participants are encouraged to budget for unforeseen expenses while traveling abroad.

Your payments lock in the price of this tour package; thus, the travel costs of \$2750/student, \$3050/adult is based on you making timely payments/deposits to your/your student's account. Your individual cost is subject to increase if payments fall outside of the payment schedule detailed in section F1.

ABC Travels Inc. may receive grants/scholarships to help fund the SA Egypt: Kings & Queens Tour. In this event, money will be allocated in this order: (1) credit will be applied to travel fees for current ALL students. (2) Any money left over will be applied equitably to the travel fees of other ALL students, and (3) then to adults traveling in this group. Please do not rely on grant money to pay for you/your student's trip! Payments should still be made according to the payment scheduled detailed in section F1 of this agreement until you have been notified that grant funding has been received.

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No one will be allowed to utilize family passes or buddy passes on this trip due to safety precaution reasons. By signing this agreement, you understand that you will solely be responsible for all travel and transfers to/from hotels and airports if you disregard the trip itinerary, rules and flight instructions given from ABC Travels Inc. Further, ABC Travels Inc. will not be held liable for any missed flights, missed connections, or costs associated with taxi, shuttle, or private transportation companies you may utilize during your travel if instructions aren't adhered to.

B. Travel Documents

1. I acknowledge and agree that I am solely responsible for obtaining a **valid passport**, all applicable **entry visas**, endorsements, and other documents that the host country may require. I further acknowledge that I am aware that the host country may at any time change entry visa requirements and application procedures and that any information that ABC Travels Inc. may provide the participants of the this trip is solely intended to assist the participants in research on and further verification of entry visa application requirements and procedures.

C. Academic Responsibilities

1. I acknowledge and agree that I am solely responsible for attending all scheduled meetings, following rules and procedures, and completing all assigned work that may be required by my school prior to me departing on this trip.

2. I acknowledge and understand that my parent/guardian is solely responsible for communicating with ABC Travels Inc. regarding excused/unexcused absences that may occur as a result of missing any regularly scheduled school days.

3. I acknowledge and understand that there are cultural and educational benefits to this study abroad opportunity that are likely to enhance my educational experience but that my participation in this Study Abroad is elective and that no one is requiring my participation in the trip.

D. Behavior Expectations

1. I acknowledge that I am fully aware of the behavior that is expected of me while participating in the Study Abroad trip. I further acknowledge and understand that I am aware that, as a foreign guest of another country there is certain inappropriate behavior that will be unacceptable and such behavior could lead to possible disruption- expulsion from the trip. I hereby assure ABC Travels Inc. that I shall conduct myself in a professional and appropriate manner at all times. Such behavior shall include moments when in the company of other ALL students, participants, staff in the host country, and moments when I may be physically separated from the group, participants or staff. I understand and agree that the Study Abroad may have in place specific rules and responsibilities or may promulgate the same from time to time and shall have the right to enforce such. I further understand and agree that ABC Travels Inc. may ***at any time terminate my participation for failure to maintain these standards or for any actions or conduct which ABC***

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Travels Inc. considers to be incompatible with the interests, harmony, comfort, and/or welfare of the Study Abroad trip or the students participating in the Program.

2. I agree to comply with ALL policy and conduct regulations as addressed in Study Abroad orientations and meetings throughout the duration of my participation on the Study Abroad trip.

3. If, for reason of a failure to behave appropriately, ABC Travels Inc. shall determine that I may not continue my participation on the, I consent to be returned to my home at my own or my parent's expense with no refund of any tuition, fees or living expenses.

E. Cancellation and Changes to Program

1. I understand that, although the ABC Travels Inc. will attempt to maintain the Study Abroad as described in its publications, brochures and email, he reserves the right to make cancellations, changes or substitutions to the study abroad, including the itinerary, travel arrangements, or accommodations, at any time and that neither ABC Travels Inc. nor its officers, directors, contractors, affiliates, agents and employees shall be responsible or liable for any expenses or losses that I may sustain because of these changes. ABC Travels Inc. reserves the right to make these changes or substitutions because of emergency, changed conditions, such changes or substitutions that are in the best interest of the study abroad trip or its participants, or the Organization. I understand that ABC Travels Inc. is not responsible for the cost of replacing airline tickets if the air carrier goes into bankruptcy.

2. ABC Travels Inc. reserves the right to alter or cancel this program if there is insufficient enrollment or unanticipated international events which have the potential to affect participants' safety and/or inhibit program administration. If cancellation becomes necessary and occurs after a deposit has been paid, all money advances by the participant shall be refunded within fourteen (14) days of cancellation. If the program is cancelled prior to departure due to unanticipated international events, the ABC Travels Inc. will make every effort to retrieve any recoverable costs. Unrecoverable expenses, such as airline tickets, however, cannot always be refunded. As refunds are not always possible, students may want to consider purchasing trip cancellation insurance that can be obtained through many travel or insurance agents.

3. ABC Travels Inc. reserves the right to suspend approval of any program or individual study abroad by students in a country under a U.S. Department of State or Center for Disease Control issued travel warning or for any other reason or condition that, in the Organization's sole determination presents unnecessary or significant risk.

F. Termination of Participation

1. I understand and agree that my participation in the Program is contingent upon making all payments towards the total trip amount of \$2500/student & \$2800/adult by the stated due dates, and completing and submitting all required forms. (Please note: Minimum monthly payment is stated per person)

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Ghana: Nkonsonkonson Tour II Adjustment and Payments

May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

Trip date: March 31 – April 7, 2018	\$2750 \$2850 \$2900 \$2950 \$3000 \$3100 \$3200 \$3500*							
Program Fee	\$3050	\$3150	\$3200	\$3250	\$3300	\$3400	\$3500	\$3800*
Minimum deposit amount	\$500							
By June 13, 2017	\$350							
By July 15, 2017	\$350							
By August 18, 2017	\$350							
By September 21, 2017	\$350							
By October 20, 2017	\$350							
By November 17, 2017	\$350							
By December 25, 2017 → Balance of due	Balance of trip due Balance of trip due							
After December 26, 2018 = \$3500	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$

March 31 – April 7 Trip refunds will be based on the calendar month of cancellation.

\$250/person cancellation fee	Cancellation made in May – July 2017
\$400/person cancellation fee	Cancellation made in August to September 2017
\$800/person cancellation fee	Cancellation made in October to November 2017
\$1200/person cancellation fee	Cancellation made in December 2017
\$1500/person cancellation fee	Cancellation made January 2018
No Refund – No Exception	Cancellation made February 2018

I further understand that failure to submit forms of payments by the aforementioned due dates may result in late enrollment penalties or my separation from the Program.

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2. I understand and agree that if I terminate my participation in the study abroad trip before February 3rd, and/or before final payment has been made, I may transfer any payments made to date to a family member's account at no charge.

3. I understand and agree that if I terminate my participation in this Study Abroad trip for any reason, including illness after February 3rd, and/or after final payment has been made, the following cancellation penalties will be assessed:

4. I understand that I will be responsible for any and all costs and expenses associated with my return home should I cancel my trip early at any time after departure from the USA, and that I will receive no refund of tuition, fees or living expenses.

G. Legal Responsibility

1. Foreign Law: I understand that as an American citizen in a foreign country, I will be subject to the laws of that country. I agree to comply with those laws. I understand and agree that should I fall into legal problems with any foreign nationals or governmental jurisdictions of any country in which I may travel regardless of whether such travel is related to or a requirement of the Program, I will attend to the matter personally with my own personal funds.

2. Political Activities: I acknowledge and understand that engaging in political activity in a foreign country, including but not limited to joining political parties or unions, participating in demonstrations, soliciting political material or picketing may be dangerous or illegal. If I have legal problems because of such activities, I acknowledge and understand ABC Travels Inc. cannot provide legal counsel.

3. Illegal Drugs: I am aware that in many countries the penalty for the possession of illegal drugs is imprisonment and sometimes death and that neither ABC Travels Inc. nor the American Embassy is able to help. Among other things, possession of illegal drugs or related paraphernalia may be grounds for immediate termination from study abroad trips with ABC Travels Inc.

4. Motor Vehicles: I acknowledge that ABC Travels Inc. strongly recommends that students not own or operate motor vehicles (including motorcycles, mopeds, and all other motorized vehicles, as well as cars) while participating in study abroad, due to the inherent dangers of driving in a country with different traffic laws, driving habits, and regulations relating to insurance. If, however, I decide to operate a motor vehicle while abroad, I recognize that ABC Travels Inc. and its agents and employees assume no responsibility for my safety and for costs or difficulties that I may incur, and that I participate in these activities at my own risk.

5. I expressly agree that I will (a) not buy, sell, or use illegal drugs at any time; (b) not engage in abusive use of alcohol, violent behavior, or sexual harassment; (c) participate in all classes and scheduled activities unless ill, and (d) abide by dress and cultural codes suitable in the countries visited.

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6. Alcohol-Related Events: I understand that if there is a Program event at which alcoholic beverages are served (i.e. cultural event, wine tasting, welcome dinner) attendance is voluntary. I recognize that I have a personal obligation to conduct myself in a manner that is compatible with the local laws, as well as organizational policies for student conduct. I am aware of my personal obligation to safeguard my health and safety. Moreover, I realize that consuming alcoholic beverages exposes me to added risks and danger of harm to my own health and safety and potentially that of others. I hereby release ABC Travels Inc., its officers, employees, and agents from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense arising out of any such Program event at which alcoholic beverages are served. I further understand that at no time will youth under the age of 21 be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages, even if the country we are visiting have laws stating otherwise. Any student caught engaging in this behavior will be immediately terminated from the Program and sent home at his/her parent's expense.

H. Health and Safety

1. Dangers, Hazards and Risks:

A. I acknowledge and understand there are certain dangers, hazards and risks inherent in international travel, living in a foreign country, and activities associated with international study, including but not limited to foreign political, legal, social and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; weather conditions; risks arising from sanitary or health conditions, crime, civil disturbances, terrorism or accident. These dangers, hazards and risks could include serious or even mortal injuries or illness, property damage/loss, severe economic and social loss.

B. I acknowledge and understand that serious illnesses and injuries occasionally occur during participation in international travel and participants in activities associated with international travel occasionally sustain mortal or serious personal injuries or illnesses, as a consequence of not only their own actions or negligence but the actions or negligence of others or the conditions of travel or equipment used and that there may be other risks not known or not reasonably foreseeable at the time.

C. I acknowledge and agree that I have an important personal obligation to take precautions to safeguard my personal health and safety. I further agree that this includes, among other responsibilities, the responsibility to inform myself, before and during the Program of about known dangers, hazards and risks, including, but not limited to, review of any U.S. State Department information, which is available at <http://travel.state.gov/>, and U.S. Center for Disease Control information, which is available at <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/>, about the host country.

2. Outside Activities: I acknowledge and agree that if I engage in recreational activities, sports, tours, travel or any other activities during free time and outside of the organized study abroad Program activities, ABC Travels Inc. and its agents and employees assume no responsibility for my safety or any liability for costs or difficulties that I may incur, and that I participate in these activities at my own risk.

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3. Institutional Arrangements: I acknowledge and agree that ABC Travels Inc. does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any host institution, host family, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of goods or services involved in the Program. I further acknowledge and agree that ABC Travels Inc. is not responsible for matters that are beyond its control.

4. Medical Responsibility

A. Health: I am aware of my personal medical needs and I have consulted with a medical doctor as I deem necessary. I certify that to my knowledge I currently have no medical problems that would adversely affect my participation in the Program or activities and travel related to the Program.

B. Emergency Medical Care: In the event of a medical emergency, I hereby authorize ABC Travels Inc. and/or its agents to secure from any hospital, physician or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for my medical care under the circumstances. I hereby fully release each individual from liability for such decisions or actions taken in this regard. I understand and agree that I will be responsible for payment of such treatment rendered.

C. Hospitalization & Insurance: I acknowledge and agree that, as part of the Program, I am required to provide proof of insurance (valid insurance card) prior to February 3, 2018. I acknowledge that I am fully aware that, should I be required to be hospitalized while in the host country, or other foreign country, or in the US during my time abroad and at any time during the Program, ABC Travels Inc. cannot and will not assume any legal responsibility for payment of such costs. I acknowledge and agree that the Organization has not made and does not make any representations about the quality of medical care or any related goods or services involved in the Program.

D. Prescriptions: I acknowledge and agree that I am responsible for obtaining health information, instruction, medical procedures, immunizations, and appropriate to my intended travel. I recognize that ABC Travels Inc. is not responsible for any of my medical or medication needs and I assume all risk and responsibility for my own health care.

I. Severability

1. I agree that, should any provision or aspect of this agreement be unenforceable, all remaining provisions of this agreement will remain in full force and effect.

J. Use of Photographic Images

1. Without additional consideration, ABC Travels Inc., in perpetuity, has my permission to use, for promotional purposes, any photographs or movies taken in the course of my participation during the study abroad trip.

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K. Governing Law

1. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia; Georgia being the forum for any arising under, related to, or incident to this Agreement. I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and hereby acknowledge that I have carefully read and fully understand, in its entirety, this Study Abroad Participation Agreement and Assumption of Risk and Release of Claims before signing it. I hereby acknowledge that I execute this Release and Waiver of Liability on my own free will and accord.

I have read this waiver and release agreement and discussed its contents with my child. By my signature, I express my complete concurrence with this agreement.

_____ Signature of Parent/Adult*

_____ Signature of Student*

_____ Printed Name of Parent Date _____

_____ Printed Name of Student Date _____

*You and at least one parent must sign and date the agreement.

Thank you for traveling with ABC Travels, Inc.!



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