



STUDENT BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

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As you travel abroad, you represent your family, school, community and your country. A key to a successful trip is your open-mindedness and willingness to accept new cultures and the occasional inconveniences of international travel. If you keep your eyes and your mind open, you'll bring home something of lasting value that you won't have to declare at customs.

Alcohol

In some countries, it is customary to have beer or wine with meals. Students under 21 must obtain their parents' or legal guardians' written permission to sample beer or wine at mealtime. Sampling is limited to one glass of beer or wine at dinner, and with a group leader present. Some group leaders and schools may not permit drinking of wine or beer for students under 21; in all cases, you will be subject to the wishes of your group leader, parents and school. Students may not drink "hard alcohol" or spirits under any circumstances.

Visiting Friends or Relatives

If such visits involve temporarily leaving the program, you will need a letter of permission from your parent or legal guardian. The letter must be given to your group leader before departure. Such guests or friends, under any circumstances, may not ride on the *Prométour* bus with you.

Attendance at Meals

You are expected to be with your group at breakfast and dinner, unless special permission has been given.

Weapons

Knives, firearms or firecrackers may not be carried or bought by any participants.

Drugs

Possession of illegal substances is absolutely forbidden, and will result in dismissal from the group and a return home at the parents' or guardians' expense.

Motor Vehicles

None can be rented or driven by students.

Curfew

A general midnight curfew applies to all *Prométour* trips. Unless, there is a teacher-supervised activity running past midnight, you must be in your hotel room from midnight until the next morning. Respect other hotel guests by keeping noise to a minimum after 10 p.m. Different curfew restrictions may apply on home-stay programs. You are expected to respect the wishes of your host-family.

Sexual Misconduct

You may be sent home for inappropriate sexual conduct, at the parents' or guardians' expense.

Included Group Activities

They require your participation and include sightseeing and local excursions, which are among the very reasons for your taking a *Prométour* trip!

Dress Code

Your attire is an important way of showing respect for your host culture. Particularly in religious buildings you may not be allowed in wearing shorts or skirts above the knee, sleeveless blouses or T-shirts, no matter how hot it is. Keep your attire neat, locals often interpret a neat appearance as a sign of respect.

Hotel/Bus Behavior Guidelines

Be especially careful with your room and your bus. You will be held personally responsible for any damage you cause, and you will not be allowed to leave the hotel until the damage is paid for. When a *Prométour* hotel reports damage to a room, *Prométour* will investigate as best it can, but will ultimately consider the hotel's report to be definitive. Show consideration to others. You cannot expect English to be spoken by hotel staff. Learn a few courtesy phrases of the local language; it will go a long way. You will be responsible for phone calls made from your room and any extra hotel expenses (for example, items from a room mini-fridge). Under no circumstances may you consume alcoholic beverages from the mini-fridge. *Picking up* towels, ashtrays, etc. as a souvenir is forbidden, since waiters and maids are required to pay for missing items. Do not leave your passport, money or travelers checks in your room. Absolutely no running in the hallways or shouting down the hallways is allowed at any time, day or night. Do not wash clothing in the rooms. Self-service Laundromats are common in most destinations; your hotel concierge will tell you where to find one.

Free Time

Be sure to carry the name, address and phone number of your hotel or home-stay family with you at all times. Even when no organized group activities are scheduled, your group leader must know where you are, whom you're with, and when you will return. You are expected to be mindful of your own safety and wellbeing at all times. Take caution in whatever you do or wherever you go, especially in unfamiliar areas. You must be in groups of three or four when you are not with your group leader. Students are never to go off on their own. Disco visits must be arranged by your group leader and you are not allowed to enter any disco without him or her.

Respect for Local Culture

The local people you meet are not "tourist attractions." This is their city, their home; please remember to act like a guest. Monuments are made for admiring; please do not climb on them. Toss gum wrappers in public wastebaskets (or put them in your pocket).

Adaptability

You should be courteous and congenial at all times, even when encountering things you don't like. Since the time of Marco Polo, travel has involved certain inconveniences. Places may get crowded, traffic may be busy, and buses may be delayed. Pack tolerance and a sense of humor in your suitcase!

PRACTICE WHAT YOU TEACH!