



Travel Policy and Release

I, the undersigned person(s), desire to help Cheetah Development, Inc. of 906 First Street East, Hastings, MN 55033, USA (CHEETAH) while traveling to destinations in the USA, Europe, Africa, or elsewhere. The purpose I have in joining CHEETAH is to better understand, support or communicate the work of CHEETAH. There are risks to life, health and property at all times and in all places but such risks may increase while traveling, especially in poor and undeveloped nations. I understand and agree as follows:

1. While traveling I may experience increased risks of delays, lost baggage, mechanical failure, accidents, crimes, disease, terrorism, war and acts of God. I can better assess and understand these risks by reading US State Department websites and other available information about the places I will travel. I am responsible for understanding these risks and making a choice appropriate for myself. I have read the travel advisories to these countries at the following websites and I am comfortable with the potential risks: www.travel.state.gov www.cdc.gov <http://www.cheetahdevelopment.org/cheetah/pages/library.shtml>
2. If a problem arises, it may be difficult or impossible to obtain timely help, including medical help.
3. Limitation of the financial losses that may occur can be purchased from insurance providers. I am solely responsible for obtaining this insurance and I agree that CHEETAH is not an insurer. There may be uninsured or unrecoverable losses for which I will be solely responsible.
4. I attest to the fact that I am physically able to undertake this trip and am not aware of any health considerations that would prevent my participation in any of the activities of this trip. In the event of an emergency, I hereby authorize an adult leader, as my agent, to consent on my behalf to medical treatment. In this regard, I consent to allow said adult to authorize medical, dental or surgical diagnosis, X-ray examination, and treatment including surgery and hospital care for me if needed, advised, and supervised by a physician, surgeon or dentist licensed in the country I will be visiting. By their signature below, parents and guardians release consent for treatment of minors.
5. Travel and meeting schedules may change; electricity, water, communications, fuel and food may not be reliably supplied; sleeping or other accommodations may be less secure, clean or comfortable than western standards; and food preparation will be according to local customs. Short-term mission trips can be rewarding and life changing; however, they can also be stressful. I have considered factors in my personal life at this time that may distract and prohibit me from fully committing to the mission of the trip and adapting to unusual conditions and I am ready to adapt.
6. I have sole responsibility to obtain certain medications, including: vaccinations as recommended by the CDC or other authorities, a Yellow Fever vaccination and associated documentation where required for reentry into the USA, treatments to help prevent malaria where needed, medications to fight dysentery, infections or other diseases if desired, and a supply of my own regular prescriptions.
7. I may be traveling with others and I will participate in daily group discussions, travel with the group and meet group schedules, be understanding of delays, and follow recommendations of the group leader, not putting myself or others at risk.

8. I will be sensitive to local culture, customs, and religions by dressing, speaking and acting appropriately and respectfully at all times.
9. Taking or transporting illicit drugs, theft, or other crimes are serious offenses that may be punished severely by local authorities.
10. If I put myself or others at undue risk, act without sensitivity and respect to fellow travelers and local people, or act in a way that could damage the work or reputation of CHEETAH, then I may be required to leave and will have to pay any costs related to my unscheduled departure.
11. CHEETAH may assist with travel arrangements, provide local travel guidance and/or receive an administrative fee for such assistance. Nevertheless, CHEETAH is in no way liable nor can in any way be held responsible for any losses that may be incurred. There may be uninsured or unrecoverable losses for which I will be solely responsible.
12. All trip costs are the team member's responsibility. Information will be provided on raising financial support; however, if full support is not raised, the balance is your responsibility. A team member who does not raise full support will not be permitted to participate on the trip. If you are unable to participate in your trip, the CHEETAH must receive cancellation notice as soon as possible. You may be responsible for all trip costs not yet paid for. Passport and vaccination costs are not included in the trip costs and are the responsibility of the traveler.
13. Monies put towards mission trips are contributions and the Internal Revenue Service prohibits the refund of contributions. To receive a donation receipt, each traveler is required to describe in writing what they will be doing during and after the trip to promote the mission of CHEETAH as related to the travel they will be undertaking. This work should be commensurate with the cost of the trip. The IRS does not consider fundraising activities as the mission of nonprofit organizations. Completion of this work is a contract with CHEETAH. If you do not complete it then the IRS may choose to withdraw the tax exemption. Any such withdrawal of tax exemption by the IRS is solely the risk of the traveler. CHEETAH does not issue exemption certificates for any expenses that are related to tourism such as going on safaris, going to resorts, etc.

I understand that CHEETAH is neither a travel agent nor a travel guide. Although there may be joy in the travel, I expect that the experience will not be structured or intended in a way typical of sightseeing or pleasure tourism. I understand that we may enter remote villages, urban slums, regions with dangerous wildlife, and local factories not meeting western safety standards. All of these have certain opportunities and risks associated with them to which I am willing to be exposed and for which I am solely responsible. For personal safety reasons I can choose at any time to not participate in any activity and a place will be found for me to wait.

I HEREBY BIND MYSELF, MY SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, AND ASSIGNS TO THESE UNDERSTANDINGS AND AGREEMENTS. I WILL NOT HOLD CHEETAH DEVELOPMENT, INC., ITS STAFF, ITS DIRECTORS, ITS VOLUNTEERS, ITS AFFILIATES, ITS ASSIGNS OR ITS SUBSIDIARIES RESPONSIBLE TO ANY LOSS TO LIFE, PERSON, WELL BEING, OR PROPERTY RELATED TO THE TRAVEL. THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE INTERPRETED ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AND ANY LAWSUITS WILL BE RESOLVED IN COURTS WITHIN MINNESOTA.

(Signature Page Follows)

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IF A TRAVELER(S) IS A MINOR, NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN(S):	SIGNATURE (IF MORE THAN ONE PARENT OR GUARDIAN, BOTH MUST SIGN):
IF APPLICABLE, NAME OF 2 ND PARENT/GUARDIAN:	SIGNATURE: