

Release and Indemnification Agreement

WHEREAS, the undersigned is a participant in a study abroad opportunity sponsored by Freed-Hardeman University (hereinafter referred to as “the university”) who has voluntarily applied for acceptance to attend and participate in the university’s study program conducted in the **Eastern Mediterranean** (hereinafter referred to as “the Bible Lands tour”).



WHEREAS, it is understood and mutually agreed that the university has undertaken the arrangement of transportation, lodging, meals, and travel accommodations in connection with the Bible Lands tour solely as an accommodation to the undersigned, and such undertakings cannot be regarded as sponsorship by the university or any provider of such services; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned is aware of and has carefully considered the risks associated with the Bible Lands tour;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, for and in consideration of being allowed to participate in the Bible Lands tour, agrees to the following terms:

1. The undersigned does hereby release, hold harmless and indemnify Freed-Hardeman University, its officers, trustees, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, loss and damages, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and court costs, which they or any of them may suffer as a result of claims, demands, suits, costs or judgments against them or any of them, by reason of bodily injury, including illness, or other personal injury or property loss suffered by the undersigned arising from or related to acts or omissions of Freed-Hardeman University, its officers, trustees, agents and employees in connection with travel and transportation to and from the Bible Lands tour, and during the entire time the undersigned is in a foreign country, or elsewhere as a part of the Bible Lands tour, and in connection with any accident or injury that may occur during the activities associated with the Bible Lands tour.
2. The undersigned agrees to comply with the rules and regulations of the Bible Lands tour and its duly constituted authorities that may be in force during the undersigned’s participation. The undersigned agrees to act at all times during the Bible Lands tour prudently and to accept full responsibility for his/her own actions and inactions, conduct, health, and safety while a participant in the Bible Lands tour.
3. The undersigned does hereby release, hold harmless and indemnify Freed-Hardeman University, its officers, trustees, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, loss and damages, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and court costs, which they or any of them may suffer as a result of claims, demands, suits, costs or judgments against them or

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any of them, by reason of bodily injury, including illness, or other personal injury or property loss suffered by the undersigned arising from or related to acts or omissions of other participants in the Bible Lands tour, or of any provider of any service, goods, or transportation engaged in connection with the Bible Lands tour.

4. The undersigned agrees that the university is not responsible for the welfare of the undersigned during periods of independent travel or during any absences from supervised activities; the undersigned accepts all responsibility for his/her own welfare during such periods of independent travel or during any such absences from supervised activities and agrees that the university is not liable for any consequences of the actions of the undersigned that may arise during such periods, and further accepts responsibility for reimbursement either to any injured party or to the university should such occasion arise.
5. The undersigned agrees that the university shall not be and is in no way liable for any loss, damages, or theft of any personal belongings or possessions of the undersigned during the course of the Bible Lands tour.

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties hereto; shall be binding on their representative successors, assigns, heirs, and personal representatives; and shall not be amended or altered in any manner except in writing duly executed by an executive officer of the university and the undersigned participant.

FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY

Participant's Signature: _____

For students:

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____