

Explore Japan 2023

Student Tour Group Guidelines

Be considerate of other group members while on tour. **Listen carefully** to all chaperones, your Explorica Tour Director, and other guides, teachers and parents.

Pay close attention to each day's schedule. **Always be on time** for sightseeing tours, meals, and other activities. A late start may prevent the entire group from seeing and doing everything that was planned. **If an adult must stay behind because you are tardy, you will be responsible for the additional costs** (for you and the adult chaperone) to meet up with the group. (Taxi fare or airline change fees.)

Please **keep yourself neat and your belongings clean and orderly**. Make a special effort to keep your hotel room and our tour bus neat and orderly.

We will not be traveling with members of other groups (We have our tour bus to ourselves!) However, if on occasion we do have the opportunity to interact with students and travelers from other schools or areas, please **conduct yourself properly**.

Depending on the next day's activities, **a student curfew may be enforced**. If a curfew is warranted, **respect the established curfew time** (usually **11:00 P.M. or midnight if needed**). All student travelers must be in your room by the curfew if established. Room checks will be conducted as needed. This may be established for your safety and security. Considering our busy schedule, you will appreciate a good night's rest.

Tour Group Regulations

Students are required to attend all scheduled program activities. You must inform your group leader if you are ill and cannot attend an activity. A chaperone or another on tour adult will stay with any under 18 traveler too ill for the scheduled activity.

No Visitors or group members **of the opposite sex** are permitted **in your room**.

Students are **not permitted to travel apart from the tour group without permission**. Students must remain with at least one other person from our group during free time excursions/exploration.

Use good judgment and **obey all the laws of the country you are in!** Serious offenses will result in immediate dismissal from the tour and premature return home at your expense. (Shoplifting and illegal drug possession are extremely serious crimes in a foreign country.)

All **phone calls or personal expenses** that are incurred **at hotels are your responsibility** and must be paid for prior to departure from each hotel.

Participants are responsible for any damage that is done to their hotel rooms or buses.

Parental and Student Acceptance

I have carefully read the above Educational Tour Guidelines and Regulations and understand that my child is required to abide by them while on the *Explore Japan* tour. I also understand that if my child does not abide by these guidelines and regulations, the Group Leader will call me and will take appropriate disciplinary action. I further understand that very serious violations could result in my child being sent home at my expense.

Parent Signature

date

I have carefully read the above Educational Tour Guidelines and Regulations and will abide by them while on the *Explore Japan* tour. Failure to abide by these guidelines and regulations will result in a call to my parents and appropriate disciplinary action by the Group Leader. I further understand that serious violations could result in my being sent home at my parents' expense.

Student Signature

date