Independent Travel Policy for Participants of Carleton Global Engagement Programs
September 2020

Buddhist Studies in Bodh Gaya, India

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Studying on a program abroad is an intensive and immersive experience. Students should expect most weekends to be busy with program activities that may include time spent with homestay families, homework, and planned program excursions. Independent travel plans must not interfere with regularly scheduled program activities. Students will ONLY be allowed to leave India 1) as part of their Independent Study Projects, and 2) after the completion of their course requirements in mid-December.

While traveling independently, students continue to be responsible for abiding by the program’s participation policies as specified in the Carleton Global Engagement Programs Conditions for Participation and Release of Claims and Behavioral Expectations for Participants, and are responsible for their own actions and safety.

If a student plans any independent travel within country that includes an overnight stay, the student must in advance of travel:

1) Provide travel plans and an itinerary to the Faculty Director or the program assistant
2) Provide lodging and contact information for travel, and the names and contact information of travel companions

Violation of the Independent Travel policy may result in dismissal from the program.

By electronically signing this agreement, I confirm that I have read these expectations and have had the opportunity to raise questions about any items I did not understand with the faculty director via email and/or telephone. I understand that these expectations will be reviewed as part of the program orientation. I accept responsibility for abiding by the Independent Travel Policy specific to the Carleton Global Engagement Program in which I will participate. I understand that failure to do so can result in my immediate dismissal from the Carleton Global Engagement Program in which I am enrolled.

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Ecology and Anthropology in Tanzania

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Women’s & Gender Studies in Europe

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If a student plans any independent travel within country that includes an overnight stay he/she must in advance of travel:
   1) Provide travel plans and an itinerary to the Faculty Director or the program assistant
   2) Provide lodging and contact information for travel, and the names and contact information of travel companions

If a student plans any independent travel that crosses an international border he/she must:
   1) Provide travel plans and an itinerary to the Faculty Director
   2) Provide lodging and contact information for travel, and the names and contact information of travel companions
   3) Clear any visa issues
   4) Understand that some areas or activities may be deemed off-limits by the Faculty Director/ Off-Campus Studies due to safety and security concerns

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