

UNIBREAK

INFORMATION BRIEF



SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY
VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT
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ABOUT ANTIPODEANS ABROAD

Colin Carpenter Director - Operations & Product Founder

Colin draws on 23 years teaching experience to provide students and adults with new and exciting ways to learn and develop through overseas travel programs. All programs are organised and managed by our team of expert staff who ensure travellers get the most out of their trip by providing thorough pre-departure training and continuous support during the trip.



Over the years, Antipodeans Abroad has expanded on Colin's original vision for educational travel to provide a wide range of travel experiences for students including GapBreak placements, Language Immersion and UniBreak placements.

Kathryn Kirk UniBreak Operations Manager

Kathryn's wealth of experience volunteering and traveling throughout the developing world guarantees that students get the most out of their overseas placement. As a student, Kathryn spent time volunteering in India, the Philippines and Kenya, and since then has worked closely with volunteers in a number of different countries around the world, and from here in Australia. She uses her passion, enthusiasm and first-hand knowledge of living and working in the developing world to prepare students for their trip and provide 24 hour back up support while they are away.



WHY US?

- Australian owned and based
- Comprehensive risk management procedures
- 24-hour back-up support in Australia
- 24-hour back-up support from In-Country Partners
- Strict adherence to Responsible Travel policy and guidelines
- Pre-departure preparation
- Niche educational travel experts
- Benefits of travelling as part of a team, opportunities to meet like-minded people
- Experienced in-country partners
- Opportunity to gain valuable professional experience
- Benefit from our established relationships with TMVC, Flight centre, Paddy Pallin

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This trip has been unique in all definitions of the word. We've had the experience of a lifetime and have been able to enjoy all of North India's natural and material treasures! We have had the fortune to work alongside some of the friendliest people around! This trip couldn't have been possible without Antips as well as Bobby & Amit from India - so thank you!

If you're looking for a trip which lets you give back to a community & make some irreplaceable memories in one of the world's most understated regions – get on this trip!

*Gemma Burratto - Griffith University
Alice Manchon, University of Queensland*

Swinburne Volunteer Placement India 2014



Destination Profile: India
Capital: New Delhi
Surface Area: 3,287,590 km²
Population: 1.2 billion (2013)
Official Languages: Hindi
Exchange rate: A\$1 = 59.15 Rupee

Quick Info

Dates: 30 November – 20 December 2014

Cost: \$3,990*

Activities: Work alongside local staff in a Street Children's Centre providing basic education to children who have never been to school before as well as working in a Women's Empowerment Centre providing education and vocational training to young women.

*(Based on a group of minimum 10 students. Subject to change until final numbers have been confirmed)

Placement Information

You will work 5 days a week on a rotation of three projects including working at a shelter for street children and a women's empowerment centre. Your role at the shelter for street children will be to teach English, sports, arts and crafts, and run educational games and activities for the children.

At the women's empowerment centre you will help to run adult literacy classes, teach basic computer skills help to teach income generating activities and help to build the women's self confidence.

Accommodation

You will be living in a shared guesthouse with as a team. You will be sharing a bedroom with 1 – 2 other volunteers, and a bathroom. The guesthouse has Western style bathrooms, intermittent hot/warm water, and electricity all the time (except when there are blackouts). Sharing a room with a fellow volunteer is a great way to debrief, process what you have seen and learnt, and share your thoughts and feelings at the end of each day. There are lots of internet cafes near by.

Food

You will be will provided you with local Indian freshly prepared meals 3x per day. Indian food primarily consists of rice, curries, vegetables, some chicken, chapattis, eggs, and plenty of Dhal Baht... a lot of carbs and minimal fruit. We do cater for any dietary requirements, so please let Antips know.

Destination Information:

India is a very rich country, with a lot of very poor people. It's a unique sensation that surges through your veins the day you arrive in India, and you are faced with the dilemma of whether to laugh or cry. During your first week in India you will be greeted by a wildly diverse set of encounters; the poverty is guilt wrenching and confronting, bureaucracy can be exasperating and will seem completely insane at times, and the crush of humanity can turn the simplest tasks such as buying a train ticket into an energy zapping battle, where at the end you take a deep breath and question the very reason you are there in the first place. There will be times where you will unexpectedly find yourself up close and personal with moments that have the power to alter the way you view the world and your place in it. India will inspire, frustrate, thrill and totally confound you all at once. Welcome to India!

Delhi

New Delhi, the capital of India, is a bustling metropolis that has an amazing mix of modernisation and carefully preserved antiquity. Sprawled over the west bank of the river Yamuna, it is one of the

fastest growing cities in India. New Delhi was built by a British in 1912 as the new capital of the British Raj. The Victorian architecture now intermingles with the city's high rise buildings. Concrete flyovers built to ease the growing traffic are interspersed with well laid gardens, Mughal tombs, forts and monuments.

Delhi is a giant city that contains an overwhelming amount of history, culture, life, food, temples, and everything else you could possibly imagine.

You may find yourself getting lost once or twice in the town's seemingly endless busy, narrow winding streets, but before you know it, you will feel like a local; knowing where the fastest internet cafes are, where to get the tastiest Malai Kofta, or how to haggle at the local markets.

Free Time Suggestions

There's plenty to keep you busy in Delhi and the surrounding towns on the weekends. Whether it's a weekend trip to Agra to see the majestic Taj Mahal, a visit to the beautiful Lotus Temple and Chandni Chowk & Chawri Bazar for some amazing street food. India will leave you in awe of its beauty and craziness and in no time you will be welcomed with open arms by the locals.

Inclusions:

- International flights and taxes ex Melbourne
- Airport transfers
- Transport on the ground
- Orientation
- Accommodation
- Most meals
- Pre-organised project
- Pre-departure preparation
- Some sightseeing
- 24 hour support – India and Australia

Exclusions:

- Visas
- Vaccinations
- Insurance
- Extra free time travel

Booking Process

Placement Information

Please read this booklet carefully and view the accompanying launch presentation for further information. For further information regarding placement details, please contact Lucy Carpenter at Antipodeans Abroad.

Lucy Carpenter

lucyc@antipodeans.com.au

(02) 9413 1522

Expressions of interest & Equity Scholarship

Please send expressions of interest and questions regarding the Swinburne Equity Scholarship to Hayley Urane: hurane@swin.edu.au

Booking

You will need to send a booking form and a deposit of \$500 to Antipodeans Abroad to secure your place in the program. This contributes to the final cost of the placement. You will then be sent an official Sign-Up Letter and details of the remaining payment schedule. A further two instalments will follow as required by the payment schedule and the final balance is due 60 days prior to departure. From this point onwards students will commence the preparation process.

Booking forms can be emailed to lucyc@antipodeans.com.au, or posted to PO Box 540, Chatswood, NSW, 2057.

Placement Lead-Up

Activity	Date	Detail
Application	Upon application	Post-promotion and launch, Swinburne will collect expressions of interest and assess suitability for placement.
Deposit and Booking Form	Post-acceptance	\$500 non-refundable deposit payable to Antipodeans Abroad
Receive Placement Pack	Upon sign up	Pack from Antipodeans Abroad containing placement details and pre-departure preparation information, Fundraising Handbook and necessary forms
First team meeting	5 months (approx.) prior to departure	First team meeting to cover introductions, travel details, fundraising and placement
Second instalment of travel costs	3 months prior to departure	50% of remaining travel costs payable to Antipodeans Abroad
Obtain Visa	3 months prior to departure	Apply for visa
Final instalment of travel cost	2 months prior to departure	Payable to Antipodeans Abroad
Insurance Policy, Medical Form, National Police Check, copy of your passport and passport photo	2 months prior to departure	Documents to be sent to Antipodeans Abroad
Pre-Departure Workshop	1 month prior to departure	Final documents, health, cultural sensitivity, placement details, research requirements
Depart Australia	November 2014	Depart Australia

The UniBreak Program

Our UniBreak Program is ideal for students who want to make the most of their Uni holiday time and gain valuable personal and professional life experience. The program is tailored to help you gain practical experience in your chosen field of study and to immerse yourself in another culture by living and working in a developing country. It is also a chance for you to make a contribution to sustainable development, be constructive in your Uni holidays and experience life in a culture very different to your own.

Each placement is thoroughly researched to ensure that students participate in projects beneficial to the local community. Often the schools, clinics and centres are basic and lacking in equipment and staff, so the students' contributions to their host communities are taken seriously and are highly valued.

Students will be challenged - they will need self-reliance, initiative and a positive approach. A sense of humour is vital! Due to the nature of the placements in developing countries students will need to be prepared for everything. As much as we can plan prior to arrival, there may be unexpected changes. Where possible we ask that students adapt to any changes that may arise and to use their initiative. Sometimes they will need to implement changes and this will require effective communication with the people in their community. Learning to resolve issues efficiently is a major part of the learning and self-development process. Antipodeans Abroad representatives, in the form of our in-country agents, are based on the ground to provide assistance and support when required.

A key feature of some of our placements is the opportunity to live with a local family and to adapt to their customs and way of life. There is no better way to immerse yourself in a culture and to gain in-depth understanding of the local people. Students will be expected to contribute to the work of the household, and to fit in with the family or community, and its way of life. The host families are carefully selected to ensure reasonable accommodation and facilities. In order to make the most of their time in country, we encourage our students to take advantage of their weekends and free time to travel and explore different areas of their host country. Advice will be given about making the most of your spare time during the placement. We include free time suggestions in the following pages for each destination, which would be done at your own additional cost.

Why take a UniBreak?

The UniBreak program researches and develops its projects in order to provide students with opportunities to:

- Understand global issues from a different perspective
- Get actively involved and be socially responsible
- Build on leadership skills
- Learn about development issues
- Enhance your resume
- Apply your studies practically
- Have an experience you'll never forget!

The motivation to be involved in a community project generally stems from a need to embrace a sense of social responsibility and personal activism, as well as from a desire to learn about a new country and culture and meet new people. Read the amazing testimonials after each placement description to gain a broader understanding of why past students chose to take a UniBreak and what they gained from their experiences.

Taking a UniBreak overseas during your semester break will provide you with new experiences and the chance to share these with like-minded students. It provides you with the opportunity to immerse yourself in your host community and experience a different culture while gaining valuable skills in the areas of leadership, communication, problem solving and reflection. These are all skills that are highly valued by employers when you start applying for jobs after you finish your degree.

Before making a decision about whether to travel overseas, it's important to consider your motivations for wanting to go. Motivations can have a big impact on your expectations for the professional placement, and thus eventually on your experience when you go overseas. Reflecting on your own motivations is a critical part of your preparation. By realistically considering what you expect to achieve in your placement, you can start to prepare yourself for working and living with your host community. It's important to remember that many students express frustration at how little can be achieved in the face of large problems. So make sure you keep this in mind and adjust your expectations accordingly. Remember that a large part of participating in a community project is about forging relationships with other people and making the most of opportunities to learn from other cultures. It is important to remember that placements involve a mutual exchange between students and the community in which they work, and that it's not only about personal gain or making a vast difference whilst you are there. Basically we want you to be happy and satisfied on your return from your placement!

It is crucially important you read all the information provided before you go to ensure that you are as well-prepared as possible and that your expectations are in check. Take time to research extra information about the country and region in which you will be carrying out your placement. For example, this could be information about the history, geography, language, culture and politics of the country that you could find on the Internet or in books and newspapers. Knowing as much as you can about the country will enable you to understand what you see when you arrive and help you avoid false or uninformed assumptions.

A UniBreak is an experience of a lifetime. Go, discover!

Preparation

Pre-departure Training Support

In preparation for your overseas placement, Antipodeans Abroad has a number of online training sessions to provide you with relevant information and enable you to prepare for the challenges of a placement in a developing country. Training presentations consists of briefings on what to expect as well as issues such as health and safety, cultural sensitivity, code of conduct, scenarios, teaching and placement information. Contact details of previous UniBreak students who have travelled with Antipodeans Abroad will be provided so they can share their experiences and invaluable advice.

Personal Research

Whilst we provide our students with travel advice and information on what to expect, we also encourage you to undertake your own personal research into your destination. Guidebooks or non-fiction books are a good place to start to learn more about the history, religion, traditions, culture and language of your host country. Educating yourself about your destination will not only help with preparation, but will also help you make the most out of your placement. Once you have signed up you will receive your Placement Handbook which provides all sorts of advice and links.

Former UniBreak Students

Many students who travel with Antipodeans Abroad have amazing experiences and advice that they are keen to share with others. We have a community of past travellers who we call on to provide first-hand advice to future students. This is an extremely valuable resource for someone who is preparing to travel to an unfamiliar destination.

Medical Screening

All students are required to fill out an Antipodeans Abroad medical form. It is important that we receive this information so that we can best address safety concerns and minimise risks in the planning and delivery of your training course and placement. Common ailments and health issues are covered in the training sessions.

Antipodeans Abroad also engages Dr Paula Fogarty from the Travellers' Medical & Vaccination Centre (TMVC) as our medical consultant. We highly recommend all our students to see their doctor or a TMVC clinic to get relevant up-to-date advice on travelling with medical conditions and vaccinations required.

National Police Check

We require our students to undergo a National Police Check prior to taking part in a placement. This is used to determine whether a person is suitable for a position with us and also acts as a check to protect the communities with which you are placed. Antipodeans Abroad can provide you with the necessary forms that you will need to complete and send to the Australian Federal Police along with a small fee. For more information see <http://www.afp.gov.au>

Arrival In-Country & Orientation

Arriving in a strange new country can be both an exciting and daunting experience. To help ease the transition, Antipodeans Abroad will arrange for one of our representatives on the ground to meet you at the airport. A transfer will also be arranged to take you to your hotel or placement. If you arrive in certain destinations earlier than the actual placement date then alternative arrangements may need to be made at an additional cost, however we can assist you with this.

In each country there will also be an orientation phase after you arrive. You will meet your in-country agent and the other students on your placement. Orientation will cover in more depth issues such as health and safety, culture shock, living in a local community and general adjustment issues specific to your country. After completing the orientation phase, students will be introduced to their placement.

Placement Costs

Placement costs cover the time, effort and money that goes into the meticulous planning and coordination of all student placements. These costs ensure that participants are placed in a safe environment and have access to 24-hour emergency contacts, accommodation, food to eat and the necessary planning, tools or equipment needed to complete their roles. The very act of recruiting students also costs money because of the screening and matching process that ensures both students and communities reap the greatest possible benefit from the placements. As a socially responsible organisation, Antipodeans Abroad encourages students to fund their own trips rather than relying on/expecting economically disadvantaged communities to subsidise the placements. Neither Antipodeans Abroad nor the projects themselves are funded through government assistance or support from a big NGO. We also believe that the challenge of raising funds adds enormous value to the placement by raising awareness about disadvantaged communities and the way in which anyone can contribute.

Safety & Support

In-Country Partner

Antipodeans Abroad have reliable in-country partners (ICP) on the ground in each of the destinations. These ICP's have been associated with Antipodeans Abroad for several years. They have extensive experience working with students and managing Antipodeans Abroad programs. Their role is to oversee the orientation of the students and to provide facilitation and support throughout the placement. Our in-country partner will meet you at the airport on arrival and accommodation will be pre-arranged for the orientation phase prior to being transported to your community project placement. The ICP will then visit students at regular intervals to ensure the smooth running of the placement. They are the first point of contact for any queries and they provide a safety net in case of any emergencies. They are there to help you, so don't be hesitant to approach them if you need to raise an issue or communicate with us.

Antipodeans Abroad Staff

Antipodeans Abroad employs experienced staff who are on hand to provide advice and information in the lead-up to your placement. We also provide emergency back-up by being on call 24 hours a day during your placement. We will provide you with an emergency card, which lists emergency contact numbers. Some of these will include staff mobile phone numbers so we do ask that you consider the urgency of your situation as well as the time difference when calling us.

Insurance

It is a condition of travel with Antipodeans Abroad that you have adequate travel insurance to cover you during the duration of your placement with us. It is advisable that you take out a policy that covers you for the entire period you are away including any independent travel right up until the date you return home. It is recommended you take out travel insurance once you have paid for your flights to cover any potential fees & penalties for unexpected cancellations that may occur closer to the date of departure. Antipodeans Abroad requires a copy of your insurance policy which we keep on record in case of emergency. Please ask us for an insurance quote at the time of booking as we work closely with Cover-More and can offer you a 20% discount on their brochured prices, or for students travelling for longer placements abroad, we are able to provide you with a cost effective policy that is underwritten by Accident Health International (AHI) Insurance of Australia. This comprehensive insurance policy is specifically designed for Antipodeans Abroad and provides cover for a wide range of eventualities. It provides access to a 24-hour control centre which includes global search/rescue facilities, air ambulance repatriation, screened blood supply, plus a recommended network of approved medical centres and hospitals. Further details can be obtained through our office.

Australian Embassy Registration

For all UniBreak placements, Antipodeans Abroad will register groups of students with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). This information is used by the government to locate Australians overseas in the case of emergencies such as natural disasters or civil disturbances. It is also used to notify you in the event that travel advisories change during travel. We highly recommend that you also register as an individual to cover any independent travel prior to and following your placement.

Travel Advisories

It is recommended that you familiarise yourself with the travel advice provided by DFAT which you can access at www.smarttraveller.com.au. These advisories cover safety information including issues of security, civil unrest, crime, and health. Note that these travel advisories will tend to err on the side of caution so you should temper these with additional research. The British Foreign & Commonwealth Office website, www.fco.gov.uk is also a good source of travel advice information.

Fundraising Overview

Fundraising Tips

Antipodeans Abroad provides students with a Guide to Fundraising. This will be given to you upon booking. In the past many students have managed to gather a large part of their placement fees through Fund Raising and most have said that the time and effort was definitely worthwhile. Please read the following to gain some useful tips on how to raise the money to fund your incredible journey ahead.

- **Targets** – Complete your own Target Sheet in the Fundraising Guide as far in advance as possible.
- **Fundraising Ideas** – Organise fundraising events, publicise your trip or ask for assistance to raise as much money as you can. Here are some ideas to get you started.
- **Events** - Organise a quiz night, themed party, movie marathon, sports event, sponsored parachute or bungee jump or dinner event with a famous local celebrity or well-known alumnus from your University (great for publicity as well).
- **Raffles** – Contact local companies to donate prizes.
- **Employment** – Work part-time to raise money, but make sure it doesn't interfere with your lectures and study commitments.
- **Media and Publicity** – Contact local or University newspapers/radio for extra publicity about your project.
- **Personal Contacts** – Contact friends and family and ask for assistance.
- **Local Companies and Businesses** – Contact local firms to sponsor a particular part of your placement e.g. donation of teaching aids.
- **Trust Funds** – Some trust funds are set up entirely to donate money to worthwhile causes.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I get injured or ill before departure and can't go abroad?

Well before departure it is mandatory to take out personal travel and medical insurance cover. Your insurance will allow you to claim your instalment money excluding costs, in the event of injury or illness. Claims must be accompanied by a medical certificate or written explanation to your insurance company.

What about fundraising?

Antipodeans Abroad does not pretend to be a professional fundraiser. Our forte is organising educational placements. We do offer ideas and advice in the form of a Fundraising Guide. Many students have raised considerable sums towards the cost of their placement in the past. It is possible and students who do raise some monies will gain from the experience.

Why do I have to pay to participate?

Providing students with what they need to participate costs money - a safe environment, 24-hour emergency contacts, a place to stay, food to eat, the planning, tools or equipment to complete their roles - all this has to be paid for. The very act of recruiting students costs money. Responsible community placement should involve the screening and matching of those students - again a substantial cost is incurred. As a responsible organisation, we don't believe economically poor communities should subsidise student placements in any way. Neither Antipodeans Abroad nor the projects themselves are funded through government or a big NGO. Without students being self-funding, the projects themselves would simply not exist.

Will I need to spend a lot of time on preparation before I depart?

The time spent on preparation is not overly extensive but you will need to budget for visas, vaccinations, travel insurance, flights and any personal items you need. Training days will be organised but the rest of the preparation is up to you.

How am I expected to teach when I have no experience?

You will be at best a teacher's assistant, but be prepared to find yourself in front of a class. A Teaching Guide will also be given to all students. There will be staff in the school willing to give you advice if you are having any difficulties.

What if I don't like the family that I'm living with?

We rarely find this a problem. Our In-Country Agent screens all the families and makes sure they are suitable prior to us making a placement. However, if you have any concerns or would like to move, the In-Country Agent is on hand at all times and will endeavour to find you an alternative family or placement.

What about vaccinations?

Vaccinations recommended by Antipodeans Abroad are a general guide only and should in no way be regarded as anything other than a guide. Specific medical advice is to be sought from your local GP or the TMVC, who will be able to inform you of precisely which vaccinations will be necessary for your placement.

What about visas?

We will provide you with visa information in the Placement Handbook. It is your responsibility to organise your own visas. It is essential that you check the requirements for your visa application early in the process if you have a non-Australian passport, as there may be additional time or steps needed.

Can I pay by instalment?

We arrange for students to pay by instalment once they have paid their initial deposit of AUD\$500 to secure their placement.

How and where is my money spent?

Each project is costed individually, and so the details vary. The vast majority of the money you have paid goes directly to the community you will be living and working with. The cost of the placement is split in varying amounts between direct costs in the country you are going to (airport transfers, accommodation, meals, orientation, project management, supervision and 24 hour support), project donation in most destinations and recruitment, matching, project development and 24hour support in Australia.

Will there be someone there to pick me up at the airport on arrival?

The in country agent will have your flight details and will ensure there is someone there with a sign with your name on it to pick you up. You will be given an emergency card with all the in country agent's contact details which you can use in the unlikely event no-one is there when you arrive.

Who manages the project I will be working with?

We work closely with local people on the ground and it is their job to research and operate the projects. These may be government institutions (such as the schools we work with), community self help groups, educational travel companies, local charities and not for profits – and sometimes all of the above together. None of the projects we work with is conceived or managed by us – each has arisen out of local need and with a real understanding of local context.

Can I talk to students who have already gone on UniBreak?

We will introduce you to students who have been away with us before, and provide you with lots of opportunity to ask them questions and hear what they have to say about their experiences. Their experience and advice will be invaluable to you as you prepare for your own placement, and networking with previous participants is an important part of enabling you to build on the work that students have done in the past.

Will I be safe?

Our local partners have conducted full risk assessments of the projects, and have checked out local accommodation. Please don't hesitate to contact us about any safety issues that may be of concern, and your orientation on arrival will include plenty of information and guidance, including on safety issues. All UniBreak students have full 24 hour support from us and our in country agents, and we advise you to pick up a local sim card on arrival if you are not already provided with one so you can contact the in country agent easily if needs be.

Should you have any other we strongly encourage you to contact our office. We would be pleased to answer your questions personally.

Antipodeans Abroad Booking Conditions

1. ACCEPTANCE AND AGREEMENT

Antipodeans Abroad Pty Ltd offers The Applicant a place on the tour on the strict understanding that The Applicant has read and understood this and the following Booking Conditions and accepts and agrees to abide by them. Once accepted the Applicant becomes a Tour Member.

2. HEALTH AND FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

It is the obligation of each Tour Member to ensure that he/she is in good health prior to the tour, having regard to the destination and undertakings of the tour. Each Tour Member confirms that he/she has answered the questions on the Application Form or other requisite medical forms accurately and agrees to promptly inform Antipodeans Abroad if any of the information supplied becomes incorrect before the scheduled departure date of the tour.

3. DOCUMENTATION AND LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Each Tour Member is responsible for obtaining and having available the necessary documents including visas to enable him/her to participate in the tour and agrees to comply with all legislation, immigration, customs and foreign exchange regulations of the countries through which the tour shall pass.

4. INSURANCE

Antipodeans Abroad requires each Tour Member to take out comprehensive travel insurance to include emergency, casualty evacuation, compensation for loss or damage to certain property or possessions and public liability. The cost of insurance is in addition to the price quoted. Full details of a recommended insurer and policy are available on request. Each Tour Member must decide what supplementary cover he/she desires.

5. PRICES AND EXTRAS

The price quoted includes all specialist equipment supplies, administration and travel arrangements both internal and external for tours with the following exceptions:

(a) Each Tour Member is responsible for arrangement and payment of all his/her costs for inoculations, passports, visas and airport taxes where required.

(b) Each Tour Member is responsible for providing his/her own prescribed medical requirements, personal equipment and clothing as advised and detailed under the appropriate sections of the tour information and any supplementary written communications or instructions sent to Tour Members.

(c) Tour costs are based on ground costs, airfares and exchange rates at the time of application and may be subject to fluctuations. Antipodeans Abroad endeavours to maintain its advertised price but reserves the right to increase this price without notice at any time up to and including the day of departure of any tour in the event of exchange rate fluctuations, increases in fuel costs, airport charges, airfares or increases in ground operator service fees.

(d) Each Tour Member is responsible for emergency evacuation charges.

6. CANCELLATION

Each Tour Member acknowledges that he/she has been given the opportunity to take out travel insurance that may cover cancellations in some but not all circumstances. For all cancellations the following fees apply per Tour Member:

i) Prior to 90 days before departure – total loss of first Instalment and 50% of any subsequent payments made

ii) Between 90 days and 15 days (inclusive of those days) prior to departure - total loss of deposit and 75% of any subsequent payments made.

iii) Less than 15 days prior to departure and after commencement of travel - total loss of tour cost including 1st Instalment.

7. VIABILITY OF TOUR

Where there are a number of cancellations or other circumstances arise beyond the reasonable control of Antipodeans Abroad so as to make the tour in the opinion of Antipodeans Abroad no longer viable, then Antipodeans Abroad shall:

i) in the case of cancellations be entitled to treat all Tour Members of that tour as having cancelled his/her participation in the cancelled tour.

ii) use its best endeavours to join those tour members who wish to participate in a tour with another of Antipodeans Abroad's tours.

8. SCHOOL TOURS

Where an Antipodeans Abroad tour has been formed with the assistance or acknowledgment whether informal or otherwise of a school and the school takes some action that withdraws that assistance or acknowledgment then Antipodeans Abroad is entitled to treat that action as a cancellation by each and every Tour Member.

9. ALTERATIONS TO DESTINATIONS, ITINERARY, TOUR LEADER, ETC.

Where circumstances arise such that in Antipodeans Abroad's opinion it is necessary or advisable to make alterations to the destination or departure date of a tour and/or changes to itinerary, routes, length or dates of the tour, identity of the tour leader(s), including without limitation joining one tour with another, then Antipodeans Abroad shall be entitled to make any or all of such alterations and changes without prior notification to or consultation with the Tour Member.

10. AUTHORITY OF THE LEADER

Tour Members agree that they will abide by the decisions of the tour leader or leaders engaged by Antipodeans Abroad whilst a tour is in progress.

11. RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL

Antipodeans Abroad reserves the right to withdraw any Tour Member at any time and the tour leader may, at any time require any Tour Member to leave the tour in circumstances in which Antipodeans Abroad determines the continued presence of the Tour Member prejudices the tour's good order or discipline whether involving contravention of the law of any country through which a tour passes or otherwise.

12. LAST MINUTE PAYMENTS

Any payment made within 10 working days of the scheduled departure date of the tour must be paid by bank cheque, or building society cheque and not by way of a personal cheque.

13. TRANSFERABILITY

This contract is personal to each Tour Member and/or their parent or legal guardian who shall not assign the benefit of this Contract without the prior written consent of Antipodeans Abroad.

14. FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

Antipodeans Abroad makes all decisions in the planning process of the tours. This includes without limitation decision making as to the identity of the operator, the aircraft flight number, departure date, and arrival destinations.

15. INDEMNITY

Each Tour Member and parent or guardian acknowledge that the enjoyment and excitement of the tour is derived in part by travel and activity involving risks beyond the safety of life at home or work. Each Tour Member and parent or guardian accepts all the inherent risks of the tour and all activities associated or ancillary thereto.

By signing the booking form the Applicant or where the Applicant is under the age of 18 years his/her parent or legal guardian agrees to be bound by the conditions set out in this agreement. Applications will only be accepted if the booking form is signed by both the Applicant and his/her parent or legal guardian.

The Applicant and where the Applicant is under the age of 18 years the parent or legal guardian of The Applicant must carefully note the contents of tour information (which may include a code of conduct) provided by Antipodeans Abroad and The Applicant and parent or guardian must note and comply with the joining and other instructions set out in the tour information. Failure to do so may prejudice other Tour Members, Antipodeans Abroad and tour leaders causing consequential losses and expenses for which the parent or guardian of the Tour Member will at all times hereafter indemnify and keep indemnified Antipodeans Abroad and its employees.

Each Tour Member and where the Tour Member is under the age of 18 years the parent or legal guardian of the Tour Member will at all times indemnify and keep indemnified Antipodeans Abroad, its employees and tour leaders against all liabilities incurred by any or all of Antipodeans Abroad, its employees and tour leaders, the Tour Member and his/her parent or legal guardian by reason of any of the following:

a) Failure to ensure the Tour Member is in good health as set out in clause 2 of this agreement.

b) Failure to have necessary documentation as set out in clause 3 of this agreement.

c) The Tour Member being withdrawn from the tour as set out in clause 11 of this agreement.

d) Failure to comply with any tour information (which may include a code of conduct) provided by Antipodeans Abroad.

Except to the extent that the Trade Practices Act and the Fair Trading Act imply non-excludable rights into this contract, the Tour Member and his/her parents or guardian waives any and all claims he/she may now or in the future have against Antipodeans Abroad, its employees and tour leaders, and releases from all liability and agrees not to sue Antipodeans Abroad, its employees and tour leaders.

16. PROPER LAW

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws in force in New South Wales for the time being and the parties hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that State.

17. COPYRIGHT

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