



Gap Year

Rules of the Road

You agree to abide by all EF Gap Year rules and regulations including the Rules of the Road while enrolled in EF Gap Year or EF Gap Semester programs. Failure to follow these rules may result in dismissal from the program, returning home at your own expense and forfeiture of any refund. EF Gap Year reserves the right to make any and all decisions with regards to the Rules of the Road.

In addition to the Rules of the Road, each separate module of the program will have additional specific rules. These will be outlined in a safety briefing at the beginning of each module or by staff on location.

Scheduled activities are required

Successful completion of this program requires your engagement and active participation. This includes, but is not limited to, any scheduled excursions and events during the immersion tours, all scheduled classes at the language school, commitment to all service work with non-profit partners and their clients, and attending all scheduled business days during an internship. If you need to miss a scheduled event, you must inform an EF Gap Year representative as soon as possible. Repeated absences may result in dismissal from the program. EF Gap Year reserves the right to require a doctor's note for repeated absences due to medical issues.

Being on time

With the exception of free days, most of this program is built around a schedule, and failure to respect that schedule will negatively impact your overall experience and that of your fellow participants. Arriving to all activities on time is a requirement - this includes but is not limited to, group activities on immersion tours or with a service partner, start times of your language classes, being punctual for internships or dinner with a host family. Repeated tardiness is unacceptable and may result in your removal from the program.

Leaving the program early

You are expected to complete the requirements of each module of the program. If you plan to travel or visit family/friends this is only allowed during free time and provided it does not interfere with your participation in any scheduled activities, classes, or internships. Leaving any portion of the program before it is completed is not permitted and may result in automatic withdrawal from any remaining portion of your EF Gap Year or Gap Semester.

Respectful behavior

In order to promote a positive environment for all, it is essential that every individual behave in a respectful manner whether that be with fellow participants, EF Gap Year staff, school faculty and administrators, host families, non-profit partners, or others you engage with during your program. Discrimination, intolerance, harassment, bullying, acts of violence or any behavior that deliberately disrupts a positive group environment or puts the health/safety of any participant (including yourself) at risk may result in immediate dismissal from the program.

Relationships

Romantic relationships between EF Gap Year Participants and EF Gap Year representatives (including suppliers, tour directors, host family members, and EF Gap Year employees) are prohibited.

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Smoking

Smoking (including vaping or “juuling”) is not permitted on buses, during meals, in hotel rooms (or similar accommodations) or in any other shared, enclosed space.

Prohibited items and activities

For the safety and well-being of all participants, no firearms or other weapons are permitted on the program except as required by law. Hitchhiking, and the use of motorcycles, ATVs or quads is strictly prohibited. Other prohibited activities may exist in specific destinations and these will be communicated by staff on location.

Illegal activity

You must abide by all local laws whether in the U.S. or while abroad. Illegal activities will not be tolerated and are punishable by immediate dismissal from the program. In situations where the local authorities are involved, you will be subject to the laws of the country you are visiting.

Alcohol and drug use

If you are under 18 you may not consume alcohol during the program. Participants who are of legal drinking age according to local law may consume alcoholic beverages responsibly and in moderation (defined as 1-2 drinks) but should not be intoxicated or conduct themselves in an inappropriate manner. Excessive drinking by any participant, or any inappropriate behavior related to alcohol, will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the program.

In order to respect our service learning partners and the communities they serve, consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind is prohibited during your dates of service. This includes nights, weekends or “free” days during your engagement with any service organization. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in dismissal from the program.

Recreational drug use is strictly prohibited during the program, even in countries where drugs may be legal or socially acceptable. The use of any such drugs may result in immediate dismissal from the program.

Participant assent

I (or parent/legal guardian if enrollee is under the age of 18 or a minor under any other applicable law) have completely read, understand, and agree to be bound by the “EF Gap Year Rules of the Road” while enrolled in EF Gap Year or Gap Semester programs.

Signature

Date

Printed name

Signature of legal guardian (if you are under the age of 18)

Date

Printed name