

# Europe Grand Tour 2018

## HIGH SCHOOL 18-YEAR-OLD CONSENT FORM

Dear Students and Parents:

Since the inception of our travel-study programs in 1980, the safety, learning and enjoyment of our students have been of paramount importance. For most of those years, our policy regarding Campus Rules was to automatically place any 18 year old who joined a program while still in high school under Campus Rules for Minor students (under 18 years old). We believed that placement under these rules, identical to those binding younger high school participants, created a sense of unity in the traveling campus.

Deciding when any person becomes an adult is often a challenging task-- deciding when all persons acquire adult status has proved for us to be nearly impossible. Having observed, over the years, a significant number of high school 18 year olds whose maturity level equaled or surpassed that of 18 year olds who joined us from college campuses, we decided recently to simply use legal age, i.e. 18 years old, as the determiner of "adult" status, regardless of when a student joined our programs. As anticipated, this new approach has had its successes and failures. For this reason, we have decided to communicate very clearly to both students and parents the rights and responsibilities that accompany being of adult status and the ramifications that will come to bear if the Adult Campus Rules are violated by an 18 year old who joined a program while still in high school. Adult status on our Campus allows the student to be out of our city residences after dinner without staff supervision. Poor decisions could place the student in dangerous areas of our cities and this freedom could be further abused if alcohol is involved. We have a non-drinking campus for all participants under 21 years old.

**The choices below are meant to inform both the 18-year-old high school participant and his/her parents of our policies and to require signed statements of compliance and support.**

**Choice A:** As parents of \_\_\_\_\_, a high school student (or graduate) who will be 18 years old while in Europe this summer, we are **not comfortable** with him/her being classified as an adult following Campus Rules for Adults. For this reason, **we wish that he/she be reclassified as a high school (under 18 years old) student following Campus Rules for Minors.** If we have not already, we will sign the attached Campus Rules for Minors. Anyone rooming with a student classified under Rules for Minors must also abide by these rules. Furthermore, every attempt will be made to have "Adults" room with other "Adults".

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents Student Participant

**Choice B:** As parents of \_\_\_\_\_, a high school student (or graduate) who will be 18 years old while in Europe this summer, **we agree that our son/daughter can be classified as an adult following Campus Rules for Adults,** with the provision that if the Program staff finds sufficient cause to withdraw adult status, we will support this change. If we have not already, we will sign both the attached Campus Rules for Minors and the attached Campus Rules for Adults.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents Student Participant