



GAP YEAR STUDENT POLICIES

The following student policies are important to maintain a positive experience and culture within our gap year cohorts and in relation to others encountered while participating. These policies are, additionally, in alignment with Trek Epic's mission and status as a non-profit organization and developed out of respect for our donors who help support and sponsor our programs.

- Participants are to refrain from the use of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs not pre-approved as prescriptions for purely medical purposes.
- Participants are responsible for their safety, for managing risks, and for determining their suitability for the program.
- Participants acknowledge the program has risks that are impossible to anticipate. The activities will depend on the program but will be physically strenuous. Activities may be planned or unplanned, and supervised or unsupervised. Participants may also be in urban or other areas with exposure to individuals who are not under the program's supervision or control. The planned program may be modified for any number of reasons, including convenience, weather, emergencies, or unexpected conditions.
- Participating in the program involves inherent risks and other hazards and dangers, including some not listed above, that can cause or lead to death, injury, illness, property damage, mental or emotional trauma, or disability. Furthermore, activities may take place several hours or days from any medical facility or where communication, transportation, or evacuation is subject to delay. Participants understand Trek Epic cannot assure my safety and does not seek to eliminate all of these risks. Participants agree to assume all of the risks of the activities of their program, whether inherent or not and whether described above or not.
- Trek Epic reserves the right to remove any participant from the program when staff or an instructor believes, in his/her sole discretion, the participant presents a safety concern or medical risk, is disruptive, or acts in any manner detrimental to the program. Participants who are dismissed or depart for any reason, will be responsible for all costs of early departure whether for medical reasons, dismissal, personal emergencies, or otherwise.