



Expedition Application & Release

This is a binding agreement. Please read the entire document before completing all personal information and checking the "I AGREE" box below.

CharityVision Expeditions

CharityVision facilitates volunteer service expeditions to developing nations across the globe. These expeditions allow participants to travel the world, assist our local medical partners, and witness the impact of our life-changing vision programs. Of all the curable and tragic medical conditions that can affect us, nothing is as debilitating as blindness. It drastically impacts families and inhibits a person's ability to provide, learn, and care for their own basic needs. Blindness is an epidemic that requires our immediate attention. Join us in restoring vision for someone in need. Together we can bring light to someone living in darkness.

Expectations

Expedition participants will face unique circumstances abroad that will challenge, educate, and enlighten those involved. While scheduled activities will be planned in advance, participants can still expect the unexpected. Participants are encouraged to have a sense of humor, be flexible, and come prepared to make friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

Registration, Deposit, and Expedition Fee

To reserve a space on an expedition, a \$1,000 deposit is required with submission of this Expedition Application & Release. Once CharityVision receives the deposit and application, the participant will receive additional information about the expedition. Full balance of the expedition fee is due 60 days prior to departure (unless stated otherwise). Deposits and expedition fees can be paid online via the [Donation Page](#) of the CharityVision website.

Tax Deductibility

CharityVision is a non-profit organization as described by section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, the expedition fee and travel expenses associated with an expedition can be considered tax deductible. However, CharityVision recommends consulting a personal tax advisor regarding a participant's or donor's personal tax situation.

Personal Costs

The expedition fee includes local lodging and hotel accommodations (as described in the travel schedule), select meals, local transportation, group leaders, and program costs to strengthen our vision initiatives both during and following the expedition.

Participants are responsible for all costs associated with international travel arrangements and preparations: passport fees, visa applications, airport taxes, excess baggage, immunizations, and medical evacuation insurance. Participants are also responsible for additional meals and side trips that are not considered part of the expedition, plus those expenses of a personal nature, including but not limited to: phone calls, laundry services, gratuities for special room services, porters, etc.

Hotel accommodations are based on double occupancy. All single participants will be assigned a roommate prior to departure. If a roommate is not available or if a participant requests a single room, a fee adjustment could be charged prior to departure.

Fundraising Policy

In the event a participant chooses to fundraise a portion of their expedition fee, the participant will be responsible for tracking the status of their payments to ensure the donated funds will not create an overpayment of the expedition fee. If the participant's account includes an overpayment at the time the full expedition fee is due (60 days prior to departure), it is understood that the difference will be considered a donation to CharityVision and will not be refunded.

Cancellation Policy

Participants may cancel their space on an expedition or transfer their deposit and payments to another potential participant (or a future expedition if applicable) based on the following schedule:

More than 120 days prior to expedition

The full \$1,000 deposit is refundable or transferable.

Less than 120 days prior to expedition

All payments are non-refundable, except when cancellation is necessary because of events beyond the control of the participant. All circumstances will be evaluated by CharityVision on an individual basis.

Conditions in developing countries, or the inability to completely fill an expedition with adequate participants, may result in the cancellation of an expedition. If CharityVision cancels a trip, the expedition fee is fully refundable. If an expedition participant submits a deposit, but later cancels their trip as the result of a subsequent travel warning or public announcement from the U.S. Department of State, then the expedition fee paid, minus any expenses already incurred by CharityVision, is fully refundable. CharityVision recommends that all expedition participants purchase travel insurance that will provide proper coverage for such instances.

CharityVision will not make refunds for accommodations or services included in the expedition fee, but not used by the participant.

Prior to the Expedition

Required Documentation

To be qualified for an expedition, participants are required to provide the following documentation to CharityVision:

- Expedition Application & Release
- Confirmation of Medical Evacuation Insurance
- International Flight Itinerary
- Copy of Passport Identification Page

Passport

All expedition participants are required to have a passport that will remain effective for at least six months beyond the expedition return date. Participants will be responsible for carrying and safeguarding their own documentation (passports, visas, tourist cards, etc.) during the entire expedition. CharityVision also recommends having electronic copies of such documentation accessible online (via email for example).

Visa Application

Participants are responsible for consulting with appropriate embassies for current information regarding visa applications and requirements (if applicable). CharityVision recommends that participants do not wait until the last minute to submit visa applications since the process of securing a visa can be tedious. Participants are responsible for all fees associated with obtaining visas.

Immunizations and Health

Expedition participants are fully responsible for their health before, during, and after the expedition. Participants should consult with their personal physician regarding required immunizations. CharityVision suggests starting immunizations long before the scheduled departure date as several immunizations require multiple dose vaccines. CharityVision reserves the right (but is under no obligation) to evaluate health issues of applicants before accepting their application. Any applicant with heart disease, high blood pressure, or any physical impairment is responsible for obtaining prior approval from their physician to participate in a CharityVision expedition.

Medical Evacuation and Travel Insurance

CharityVision expeditions take place in developing countries where comprehensive medical services might not be available in all locations. Therefore, CharityVision requires all participants to purchase **medical evacuation insurance coverage** (at least \$25,000 per person) while traveling overseas to cover proper transportation to a hospital or clinic during medical emergencies. CharityVision must receive proof of this coverage before departure, which can be purchased online from several affordable insurance providers, or obtained from credit card companies (for select cardholders).

In addition, CharityVision encourages all expedition participants to purchase standard travel insurance and **trip cancellation coverage** due to unforeseen circumstances that might cause trip disruptions or unexpected flight cancellations. This can be done in conjunction with medical evacuation insurance or as a separate plan. In some cases, it should be purchased within 24-48 hours of purchasing airline tickets. To ensure coverage for **pre-existing conditions**, most policies must be purchased within 15 days of initial deposit.

Unforeseen accidents or illnesses can arise that may require treatment in less than ideal circumstances. CharityVision will do all that is possible to arrange adequate treatment, supplies, or transportation where available. If treatment or other care is provided in the event of an accident or illness, those providing treatment and care do so as "Good Samaritans" and with the expectation that they have no legal or other liability as a result of providing such gratuitous services. Participants are responsible for payment of any costs, fees, or other expenses that may arise as a result of an accident, illness, or other occurrence in the course of travel to and from as well as during participation in the expedition.

Expedition Safety

Safety is always a concern when traveling in developing countries, the conditions of which may result in circumstances beyond the control of

CharityVision. Even when safety recommendations are followed, accidents, delays, cancellations, acts of terrorism, violence, and crimes may result in loss of property, bodily harm, or even death to participants. Each participant agrees to assume these risks during the expedition.

All participants agree to read updated [Alerts & Warnings](#) from the U.S. Department of State for the country to be visited, both at the time the Expedition Application & Release is submitted and prior to departure on an expedition. Participants can also learn helpful background information about the country to be visited under [Country Information](#).

Partner Interactions

Participants unconditionally agree that all interaction, communication, and work before, during, and after an expedition with local CharityVision partners will be done through CharityVision headquarters and in accordance with our policies and procedures.

CharityVision expeditions do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, creed or ethnic origin. CharityVision is a non-denominational organization and does not allow preaching or proselytizing while on expeditions. In addition, CharityVision does not condone political speeches or campaigning while on expeditions. Disregard of these policies could negatively impact the non-profit status of CharityVision.

Standards of Personal Conduct

All participants are considered ambassadors for their countries and CharityVision. There is a high expectation for participants to respect the reputation of trust and consideration that has been established through years of interaction with our medical partners. All participants will be expected to maintain high standards of conduct that reflect honor, morality, respect, etc. while in the countries where CharityVision serves. Participants will be expected to abstain from narcotics and alcohol intoxication. CharityVision reserves the right to terminate a participant's involvement, without reimbursement, at any point of the expedition if a participant is non-compliant to these conditions.

Limitation of Damages

In the event CharityVision is held liable under any circumstances, participant agrees that such liability will be limited to the participant's actual expedition costs paid to CharityVision. No third party may rely on this agreement or recover damages based upon the terms hereunder.

Responsibility & Liability – Release & Waiver

Each participant agrees to release and hold harmless CharityVision and its officers, directors, and employees from all damages, personal injuries, death, and claims arising in connection with an expedition, unless caused by the gross negligence of CharityVision. In the event of cancellations and delays that affect the original itinerary, CharityVision will use reasonable efforts to provide comparable accommodations or services.

The participant unconditionally, knowingly, and voluntarily agrees to waive and release on behalf of himself and his heirs, executors, and insurers any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, against CharityVision and its officers, directors, employees, and insurers arising out of any event occurring or alleged to have occurred during an expedition, unless caused by the gross negligence of CharityVision. This release includes, without limitation, all rights or claims arising under any applicable state or federal statute, foreign law, international law, or any common law cause of action, including any claims for attorney's fees or other costs.

Miscellaneous Provisions

If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of law to be illegal or unenforceable, then such provision will be enforced to the maximum extent possible and the other provisions will remain in full force and effect. This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah, without regard to its "conflicts of laws" principles. Venue for any legal proceedings concerning this Agreement shall be in the state or federal courts in Salt Lake County, Utah. "Agreement", as used herein, means the application form, deposit, release and waiver, and all the terms and conditions described in this document. Upon the acceptance of the applicant for an expedition, this document becomes a binding agreement between the parties. The terms "applicant" and "participant" are used interchangeably in this Agreement. The rights and obligations of the participants under this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon their heirs, agents, personal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns. The rights and obligations arising under this Agreement cannot be assigned by participant without the prior written consent of CharityVision. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between and among the parties and supersedes all prior agreements, representations or understandings between or among the parties, or any of them, relating to the subject matter hereof. Modifications to this form Agreement provided by CharityVision are not binding on CharityVision unless a written amendment is signed by CharityVision and all participants listed on the last page of the Expedition Application & Release, and such written amendment and signatures are attached as an addendum to this Agreement. CharityVision International is a Utah nonprofit corporation.



Expedition Destination: _____

Expedition Dates: _____

Each participant must review the CharityVision Expedition Application & Release. Please complete this personal information form, sign the individual release, and return this agreement **with the appropriate deposit** to CharityVision HQ before being accepted to an expedition. You must be 18 years or older (unless accompanied by an adult). By submitting this document, you agree to the terms, conditions, and policies included in the above agreement.

Applicant Name on Passport _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Passport Number _____ Passport Expiration Date _____ Passport Country of Issue _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Preferred Telephone _____ Alternate Telephone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Contact Telephone _____ Relationship _____

Employer and/or School _____ Languages/Talents/Hobbies _____

Physician Name _____ Physician Telephone _____ Insurance Provider/Policy Number _____

Chronic Diseases or Conditions? (please list) _____ Regular Medications? (please list) _____

Food or Medication Allergies? (please list) _____

Confirmation of Agreement to CharityVision Expedition Application & Release

By checking the box below, I acknowledge that I have read all pages of this agreement and that I understand them, that I have had an opportunity to consult with legal advisors, that I have reviewed the applicable travel warnings from the U.S. Department of State, and that I hereby assume the risks associated with travel to and through foreign countries. In consideration of being allowed to participate in this program, I hereby release CharityVision, its employees, directors, agents, expedition leaders, and all others, from all claims, causes of action, damages, costs, fees, or other expenses which may arise directly or indirectly from my participation, except as expressly set forth in this agreement. I understand that I am solely responsible for securing insurance coverage and other financial arrangements to provide for costs, fees or other expenses that may arise as a result of my participation. I also agree to the prescribed standards of personal conduct and grant full permission for CharityVision to use my image and likeness in all media formats without charge for promotional purposes.

I AGREE APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (if participant is under 21 years of age): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____