



GUIDELINES FOR SITE TRAVEL

Amizade's goal is to provide a safe environment for students, faculty, and all other members of our community, as well as to protect the host communities where we operate. The global COVID-19 pandemic is continuously evolving. Amizade is meeting regularly to identify key indicators, programmatic parameters, and guiding questions that will allow the organization to safely and responsibly operate our programs around the world. Internally, at Amizade, the creation of these guidelines enables us to make objective decisions regarding re-opening or continued closure of our sites around the world. Through transparent communication about these criteria we hope to create some clarity about when and how we will be able to begin sending students to our sites again. Our criteria are written with flexibility in mind, recognizing that there are likely still unknown variables that will need to be factored in as this dynamic situation continues to evolve.

Amizade has created the following questionnaire as a guide for opening our sites around the world:

1. COMMUNITY INTEREST AND ETHICS

- Does the community want this program to operate?
- Where is the local cultural on COVID (fear, confusion, optimism, etc...)?
- What do host vaccination situations look like? Who is (not) vaccinated and why?
- Are there reasonable controls in place to protect all parties involved?

2. COUNTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Is it currently legal to travel to this destination? Is the U.S. embassy open abroad?
- What is the likelihood of headaches/challenges (mandatory hotel quarantine, additional testing, etc.)?
- How readily available is COVID testing? How quickly are results available?
- Are safe and appropriate housing accommodations available?

3. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Is it actually safe to travel to this location? What is the general feeling around COVID safety in this location?
- Are there new variants to be aware of in the region?
- Are hospitalization rates high? What is the state of local healthcare?
- What do trends look like in the number of new cases?

The Amizade will continue to meet regularly as the COVID-19 pandemic develops to make program decisions, to discuss new developments, and to identify the best plan moving forward. These are unprecedented times, however by following the guidance of host governments around the world, The US Department of State, The Center for Disease Control, The World Health Organization, NAFSA, the Forum on Education Abroad, our network of US universities, OSAC, and various other resources, we aim to restart our programs in a careful and intentional way.