Registration Form & Terms and Conditions

PLEASE BE SURE TO:

~ Read the terms and conditions thoroughly
~ Print legibly & provide all requested information
~ Print & sign the forms (electronic signatures not accepted)
~ Return your forms to your Trip Leader

School/Group: _____

☐ Check here if you will be joining the **Machu Picchu Extension.**

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Preferred Name/Nickname: _____ Participant Email: _____

➔ *Post-trip survey will be sent to this email address*

BILLING/PARENT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, and Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

➔ *All trip correspondence will be sent to this email address. Please use an email address you check regularly.*

➔ *For students, this will be the primary contact number for billing questions or in case of emergency.*

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

PASSPORT INFORMATION ~ *Please provide the name EXACTLY as it will appear on the passport*

Surname(s) / Last Name(s): _____ ➔ *If there is no middle name on the passport check box to confirm.* ☐

Given Names / First & Middle Names: _____

Passport Number: _____ Date of Expiration: _____

Citizenship/Country Issuing Passport: _____ Sex *(as listed on Passport)*: **Male** ◯ **Female** ◯

Peru requires that a passport be valid for 6 months after your travel dates.
Please confirm you meet this requirement. If not, begin the passport application or renewal process immediately.

HEALTH & DIET INFORMATION

Could aspects of your health *(allergies, asthma, back pain, diabetes, etc.)* affect you during the trip? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

If yes, please specify. Use back of page or additional sheet of paper if needed to provide all relevant information.
Travelers are advised to bring sufficient medication/supplies as comparable medications/supplies may not be available.

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Do you have any special dietary needs? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯ *If yes, please specify:*

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Payment of your deposit or any other amounts and/or your signature on this form constitutes agreement with and acceptance of the following Terms & Conditions.

PLEASE NOTE: An electronic transmission (PDF, photo, or otherwise) of this document shall be the same as delivery of the original.

REGISTRATION: Reservations are accepted, and your space confirmed with the Group/School named above upon receipt of the required registration/information form signed as appropriate and accompanied by a nonrefundable deposit of $200 per participant.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Limits of Liability: EcoTeach contracts with service providers for transportation, hotels, meals, guides and tours. These services are not under our control. If flights are contracted through EcoTeach, we work with major airlines and book on regularly scheduled flights. EcoTeach acts only in the capacity of agent as to flights and has no liability in that role. The airlines' liability is limited to the terms of the airline tickets. EcoTeach is not liable for any delays, inconveniences, accidents, expense or mishap of any kind whatsoever resulting entirely, or in part, from the negligence or actions of others or from causes beyond its reasonable control. EcoTeach does not accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or change in air services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes beyond its reasonable control. All such losses or expenses will be borne by the participant, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. EcoTeach reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to substitute modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary where it deems necessary or appropriate in its sole discretion or caused by changes in air schedules or changes as to the services of other service providers. You agree that to the extent consistent with applicable law, the maximum amount of recovery to which you may be permitted to recover from EcoTeach shall not exceed the land cost of your trip with EcoTeach. To the maximum extent permitted under applicable law, EcoTeach shall not be liable for any special, consequential, indirect, incidental or other damages, including lost profits, whether such damages arise in contract, negligence, tort, under statute, in equity, at law, or otherwise, even if EcoTeach has been advised of the possibility of such damages. You expressly waive any right you may have to recover such damages.

More Legalese: EcoTeach, its owners, and its associated agents act only as agents for the owners, contractors and suppliers providing means of transportation and/or all other related travel services and disclaim all liability for property loss or damage, and/or any damages or claims resulting from death, illness or personal injuries, including loss of services which may be sustained on account of, or rising out of, by reason of, or while engaged on any trip, automobile, boat, vehicle, horseback, canopy riggings, inn, common carrier, aircraft, interaction with other participants, or otherwise caused by failure, delay, or by any transportation or travel service company due to any cause whatsoever occurring during a tour under its management, sponsorship, procurement or otherwise. Basically, there are some things that are just not under EcoTeach's control.

Use of Information Provided / Privacy: Information provided by you on this registration form or in follow up communications will be used solely to facilitate your tour arrangements. Personal information will be shared with airlines, service providers, tour escorts, and school representatives (where applicable) to the extent needed to plan and deliver your tour.

Important Information on Flight Costs: For groups booking flights through EcoTeach a service fee of approximately $30 per ticket will be assessed. Occasionally we will purchase several blocks of tickets for a group at different prices and charge the averaged amount to the participants. Also, please be aware that taxes and fees imposed by the government are subject to change until tickets are purchased (approximately 3 months prior to your departure date). Such changes are outside of EcoTeach control. After tickets have been purchased, if necessary, you will receive a statement detailing the cost for airfare and an invoice for, and agree to pay such, additional charges, if any.

Payments and Related Fees: Although the full payment is requested with the registration, the deposit plus three equal payments are acceptable. Unless otherwise stated, payments should be made to EcoTeach with the first payment due 7 months prior to departure, second payment due 5 months prior to departure, and the full payment due no later than 2 months prior to departure. ***Please consult your trip leader or group webpage for the exact program fee and payment dates.*** A $25 late fee may be imposed on late payments. If any payment is not made by the required date, EcoTeach may, in its sole discretion, cancel the trip for that participant and impose the cancellation fee set forth above. Returned and NSF checks may be charged a $15 fee.

Cancellation: To cancel from a trip you will need to complete and return a cancellation form, which can be found on your group webpage. You will remain an active participant until the cancellation form is received in our office. Cancellation fees are as follows:

- **180 days plus prior to departure:** $200 cancellation fee + any nonrefundable deposits / payments made on participant's behalf
- **179 to 120 days prior to departure:** $400 cancellation fee + any nonrefundable deposits / payments made on participant's behalf
- **119 to 60 days prior to departure:** $800 cancellation fee + any nonrefundable deposits / payments made on participant's behalf
- **No refunds are available less than 60 days prior to travel**.

Nonrefundable deposits / payments include but are not limited to flight or hotel deposits, airline tickets, trip leader costs, etc.

If you leave a tour in progress, for any reason, it will not result in a refund, and no refunds will be made for any unused portions of a tour, including those that are the result of your removal from a tour and for reasons related to weather, terrorism, civil strife, personal, family or medical emergencies or any other circumstances beyond our control.

Services Provided: Our trips are an exceptional value because they include nearly everything. The price includes: ground transportation, accommodations, hotels, naturalist/guides, meals and activities as specified in the itinerary, and departure taxes (unless otherwise specified). Costs not included are tips for guides and drivers, additional equipment rentals, specified optional activities and expenses of a personal nature. If a trip must be extended or an itinerary modified due to safety, weather, road conditions, lack of transportation, political or civil disputes, medical emergency or other causes beyond our reasonable control, all associated costs including any non-recoverable costs are not included in the trip rates or refunds.

Accommodations: Accommodations vary, and include mid-range hotels, basic dormitory-style accommodations (that may lack electricity), and family stays (shared bath w/family). Rates are generally based on triple or quad occupancy unless otherwise specified.

Medical Treatment/Medical Proxy/Release: Participant gives EcoTeach and their contractors permission to arrange emergency medical treatment for participants if deemed necessary in EcoTeach's sole discretion, and Participant agrees to hold EcoTeach harmless for the provision or non-provision of such services, and waives any and all claims for injury, illness or death arising from or related to this proxy other than those claims arising from EcoTeach's willful misconduct or gross negligence.

Participants agree that neither they, nor any of their heirs, personal or legal representatives, or family members will bring suit or make a claim for illness, injury, loss or damage to property, or loss of life resulting from the negligence (but not the willful misconduct or fraudulent misconduct) of EcoTeach, its employees, directors, owners, officers, agents, contractors or affiliated organizations as a result of my participation in this trip. Participants also agree that they knowingly waive any and all claims of any nature they may have against EcoTeach other than those arising solely from EcoTeach's willful misconduct or fraudulent misconduct.

Photo and Media Release: Participants are often included in photos and other media we create during our trips or that are shared with us by other participants. Our purpose is to produce educational and outreach materials associated with the subject matter and logistics of our programs. We appreciate being able to use the images and recordings created during the course of our trips and by signing your Registration Form you are granting permission for discretionary use of your picture, recording, writing, or projects to be used in our educational resources, website, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, or other printed or electronic information related to our programs all without compensation to you. If you have questions or concerns regarding this release, or would prefer not to grant permission for use of your image, you will need to contact EcoTeach directly at 800-626-8992 or via email at info@ecoteach.com prior to your departure.

Responsibility: Responsibility for participants' well-being and behavior will rest with the participants and with school staff on student trips and not with EcoTeach. We expect participants to act maturely, respectfully, and assume personal responsibility at all times. Illegal activity will not be tolerated. Alcohol use by minors and illegal drug consumption is not permitted. Participants will be returned to the country of departure, at their expense, if their behavior is considered inappropriate or unsafe by EcoTeach in its sole discretion.

Documentation: It is the participant's responsibility to ensure they carry proper and valid documentation. US Citizens should review International Travel Information available from the US Department of State at www.travel.state.gov for entry requirements. Citizens of countries other than the United States should check with the Embassies of the countries on your itinerary. The participant must provide complete and accurate passport information to ensure that airline tickets, if applicable, are issued in the correct name.

Immunizations / Health: The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the U.S.A. provides information on required and recommended vaccines and immunizations for international travel: http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list. By making a deposit with EcoTeach or signing this form you certify that you have reviewed the CDC's information for the countries on your itinerary.

Prevention of Bug Bites: Given the presence of mosquitoes, sand flies, and other insects in the country where you are traveling, and the risks associated with mosquito- and insect-borne illnesses, we request that you visit the CDC website which offers excellent advice on reducing risks by avoiding mosquito and other bug bites (http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/avoid-bug-bites) and provides recommendations on the use of insect repellent (http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/faq/repellent.html). By making a deposit with EcoTeach or signing this form you certify that you have reviewed the CDC information on avoiding bug bites and the use of insect repellent.

Warnings: Though we have taken participants from 2 to 80 years old, our trips are not for everyone. Many of our activities require hiking or walking on uneven trails and soft sand, crossing rivers, swimming and snorkeling, and other similar or dissimilar activities and therefore require a high degree of physical fitness and stamina. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are healthy and fit enough to participate in the tour. Good physical and mental health are essential for the enjoyment of these active, adventure trips. You may travel in rugged areas far removed from modern medical facilities. Good physical conditioning is recommended as preparation for all trips. By forwarding the deposit and/or this signed Registration Form, you certify that you do not have any physical or other conditions that would create a hazard for yourself or other travelers or affect other people's enjoyment of the tour. It is essential that any participant with a medical condition requiring regular or special treatment or which may be affected by vigorous activity, high altitude, heat, cold, other natural phenomenon, or particular foods, notifies EcoTeach in advance of travel. If you are a hardy and flexible traveler, you will enjoy the trip. We suggest that you consult with your personal physician if you have any health-related problems, concerns or questions. Although we have not had a problem to date, we have been advised to inform you that venomous snakes are found in all parts of Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Peru and may pose a health hazard.

WARNING: Although EcoTeach stresses safety in all aspects of its programs, PLEASE BE AWARE that travel of any type, and participation in the real and exciting activities of eco-tourism and cross-cultural studies, can be inherently dangerous and always involves the risk of serious injury, illness or death.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

As a courtesy, EcoTeach will purchase a Travel Protection Plan on behalf of travelers in most groups of 10 or more. This helps provide coverage once the trip has departed. While it does NOT provide coverage before the trip departs, an optional plan is available! **EcoTeach strongly encourages** the purchase of Travel Insureds' Student / Group Deluxe Plan, or the Student / Group Deluxe with Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) Plan. This additional coverage helps provide many insurance benefits and non-insurance assistance services. *CFAR is not available to residents of New York.*

Do you want to purchase Travel Insureds' Student / Group Deluxe Plan if it is available for your group?

Yes ◯ ➔ *You will receive an email with a link to the travel protection plan website where you can review plan information and purchase your coverage.*

No ◯ ➔ *If I choose not to purchase such a plan, I understand that I may lose up to 100% of the total trip cost if I cancel.*

Please note: As EcoTeach is not providing the coverage, you must review the plan terms/ conditions carefully and determine if the plan meets your needs. You are free to purchase travel protection coverage from any company you choose.

STUDENT GROUP CODE OF CONDUCT

Student participation requires agreement with the following:

- To dress and act respectfully / appropriately at all times
- To abstain from drinking alcohol or taking illegal drugs or prescription medications not prescribed to you
- To refrain from all sexual activity on this trip
- To not acquire any tattoo or body piercing
- To respect the property of all hotels/lodges/homes
- To respect the authority of the chaperones and tour guides in matters of safety, security, and group cohesion

Trip Leaders / Tour Escorts / Adult Chaperones participation requires agreement with the following:

- To supervise the students' safety during all activities
- To monitor the students' health, making sure that they are well rested, fed, hydrated and free from untreated injury
- To support and encourage the students at all times
- To refrain from any behavior that would be considered inappropriate for a school function

AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions outlined in above and accept this Agreement. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or EcoTeach's performance under this Agreement, shall be settled by binding arbitration to be held in Seattle, Washington in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing. Washington state law shall be used to resolve all such controversies and claims. All parties to any arbitration or litigation under or arising from this Agreement in any way shall bear their own costs, including legal fees. Participant, his or her family, and heirs agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions upon the earlier of payment of a deposit to EcoTeach or submission of this registration form. I acknowledge it has been recommended I have my attorney review this document prior to signing it.

Participant signature is required.

Participant	Signature *(please sign in ink)*	Date

Parent / guardian signature is required if participant is 17 or younger at the time of registration / signature.

Parent / Guardian	Signature *(please sign in ink)*	Date