



# Ananda College

## NEW HORIZONS GAP YEAR

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

#### **Deposit Policy**

An \$850 deposit is required to hold your space in the **New Horizons Gap Year Program**. There is no guarantee of a space in our program until a deposit is paid. This deposit payment includes a \$200 non-refundable application processing fee. \$650 of the deposit is refundable within 20 days of payment or until the participant is accepted to the New Horizons Gap Year Program, whichever comes first.

This deposit holds your place in the New Horizons Gap Year Program as you move through the New Horizons admissions process. To learn more about our admissions process please visit [anandacollege.org/admissions](http://anandacollege.org/admissions). Accepted students are not eligible for a refund on their deposit. If a participant goes through the application process and is not accepted, we will refund \$650 of the deposit. New Horizons offers early enrollment but also offers open enrollment should spaces open up before the start of the program.

#### **Short Course Deposit**

A \$300 deposit is required to hold your space for short courses that are not part of the New Horizons Gap Year Program. Short Courses still require an application form. The Short Course deposit includes a \$100 non-refundable application processing fee. \$200 of the deposit is refundable within 20 days of payment or until the participant is accepted to the Short Course program, whichever comes first.

#### **Tuition Payment**

The full balance of the New Horizons Gap Year program tuition is due 80 days prior to the start of the program. Students accepted within 80 days of the program's start must submit full payment within 2 weeks of acceptance. Please see below our full terms and conditions related to tuition payments.

## **Program Courses & Itinerary**

It is the intention of New Horizons to create a course that addresses the goals of the program listed in the program description. Participants and family members are advised that course itineraries may change. When changes are made to incorporate student goals and interests, or to adjust to the health or well-being of the group, or made necessary because of foul weather, problems with transportation, political unrest or any unforeseen problem, we will work to structure the program so that it stays true to its original intent.

## **Tuition Refund Policy**

Since New Horizons makes overseas commitments and other financial decisions on behalf of participants in advance of the program, financial penalties are applied in case of participant cancellation. The following policies apply in all cases, regardless of the reason the participant chooses to cancel his/her participation in the program.

- Please review the above policies regarding the deposit. As a reminder, the participant deposit of \$850 is non-refundable in the event that acts beyond our control intercede with the ability to operate the program.
- All notification of participants cancellation must be received by the **admissions office** in writing.
- If notification of participation cancellation is received within less than 80 days of scheduled program start, the participant will forfeit the entire tuition.
- Within 80 days of program start through the conclusion of the program, tuition is non-refundable for any reason, including but not limited to, physical or mental illness or injury, voluntary departure, personal emergencies, and participant dismissal. See **New Horizons Rules and Regulations** below:

## **New Horizons Program Cancellation**

New Horizons reserves the right to cancel any program if there is insufficient enrollment or as a result of health, safety, or security concerns in Northern India beyond our control. A full refund will be granted for cancelled programs that arise out of insufficient enrollment, though New Horizons is not responsible for other costs incurred by clients preparing for the program. For programs that we cancel due to any other event that is beyond our control, New Horizons will refund all tuition less costs already incurred (i.e., flight fees, bookings, etc.) and less the deposit of \$850.

New Horizons may choose to cancel a program that is in-progress if circumstances arise that, in New Horizons judgment, make the continuation of a program no longer tenable. Circumstances that could result in a cancellation may include natural disaster, health epidemic, political turmoil, government recommendation, etc. In such situations, New Horizons will explore reasonable alternative arrangements to re-route the program to another selected location or will cancel the program. New Horizons will take reasonable steps to notify the participant of his/her options and otherwise his/her behalf such as alternative international flights, travel, academic, and accommodation costs and to otherwise reimburse New Horizons for any financial obligation occurred in this regard. Should a program be cancelled or a participant choose to not continue on a program that is re-routed, New Horizons will determine what, if any, portion of unspent program fees may be refunded to the participant.

(For students participating in for-credit courses, if alternative arrangements cannot be made, New Horizons will make reasonable efforts to collect documentation of the participant's work completed prior to program cancellation. In collaboration with our School of Record, New Horizons will determine if sufficient academic work was completed to warrant award of full or partial academic credit.)

### **Special Trip Insurance**

New Horizons is not responsible for costs associated with cancelled enrollment (such as cancellation due to personal emergency), programs that cancel for reasons beyond our control or due to low enrollment, evacuations, and/or separations from programs. Examples of these costs are: tuition, non-refundable flights, and international flight costs incurred by program re-routing due to health, safety, or security concerns. We recommend that you talk with your insurance agent about special trip insurance that may cover these kinds of costs. You may also check with Travel Guard at [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com) (<http://www.travelguard.com/>) or 800.826.4919 (tel:800.826.4919).

### **Medical and Evacuation Expenses**

It is the responsibility of the student and his/her family to understand the limits of any medical evacuation policy, and to provide up-front payment of emergency services when required.

### **New Horizons Rules and Regulations**

If a participant acts in a way that is injurious to himself or herself, people of the host country, other participants on the program, or generally conducts himself or herself in

a way that is disruptive to the program or in violation of our student policies, New Horizons reserves the right to send the participants home without refund. Underage use of alcohol and the use of illegal drugs are cause for dismissal. Participants sent home early or who voluntarily choose to return early for any reason, including but not limited to sickness, personal emergencies, or injury, will be responsible for all associated costs, such as medical costs, and related travel and logistical costs associated with an early departure.

### **Visas and Travel Documentation**

Applicant must be in possession of a valid passport for international travel, complete with usable visa pages. Upon admission to the program, detailed instructions for acquiring appropriate visas will be sent to the applicant, however, participants are responsible for obtaining a visa specific to their nationality's requirements and restrictions.

For countries that require travel visas, New Horizons can advise participants on the visa process and connect you with visa agents with whom we work, but we cannot guarantee that participants will be granted visas or directly provide services to obtain visas. **Please research** the visa process specific to your nationality and check in with New Horizons Admissions as needed before finalizing (travel plans for your program or application form for the New Horizons Gap Year Program).

### **Meals with New Horizons**

Meals will consist of well balanced and nutritious vegetarian cuisine. When possible and reasonable, local ingredients will be incorporated. As part of a sustainable living skill set, participants of New Horizons will participate in menu planning and cooking during the year.

Allergies and food intolerances such as gluten and soy-free can be accommodated. However, due to the vigorous nature of activities on and off-campus, as well as the limitations of certain foods during backcountry and international travel, New Horizons cannot accommodate highly restricted diets such as raw, paleo and grain-free. For specific concerns, please contact New Horizons.

### **Course Tuition Includes:**

- All accommodations and meals
- All transportation once the program begins (include flights to India)

- Event fees and admission to museums, parks, galleries
- Texts and readings
- Donations to charitable organizations
- Instructor, faculty, and extra guide fees
- Group camping gear
- Mediation and yoga materials

Not included are expenses to and from the start and end of the program, passports, health and travel insurance, cost of evacuations. Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, academic supplemental supplies, spending cash and items such as luggage, personal hiking and camping gear (backpack, sleeping bag, flashlight) are not covered. Please see the Packing List at [anandacollege.org/admissions](http://anandacollege.org/admissions) for items needed but not provided by the program.

### **Behavioral Expectations and Dismal Policy**

Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is safe for themselves, other participants, New Horizon's staff and faculty, those associated with programming, the facilities and the environment. If an individual engages in behaviors that comprise this safety, is disruptive to the program or violates student policies, New Horizons reserves the right to dismiss the participant without a refund.

Participants who are dismissed or chose to withdraw from the program before graduation for any reason including but not limited to medical issues and personal emergencies will not receive a refund and are responsible for additional costs. These may include medical costs and travel expenses associated with an early departure.

### **Health Expectations and Safety Concerns**

New Horizon participants can expect dynamic and diverse experiences that often take place in a variety of environments. The campus is located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada in Northern California where temperatures can range from 20-90 F and where precipitation can fall as rain or snow. Forest fires are often a consideration during the fall season (Sept- Nov). Accommodations will be remote and simple.

Travel will include multi-night camping trips in the Sierra Nevada and Southwest deserts of the US, and India during the months of February and March.

Participants should expect a variety of weather and environmental conditions, hiking over rugged and uneven terrain, sleeping in tents, carrying a backpack up to 40 lbs, riding on long bus and train rides through remote regions, regularly participation in

chores and manual labor (farming, dishwashing, building) and living in simple conditions.

Participants should be in good physical condition and have a history of stable mental health. All applicants will be required to complete a medical questionnaire before admittance to the program. For specific questions regarding the physical and psychological demands of the program, please contact New Horizons.

### **Limitations of Liability**

Participants and their parents will be required to read and sign an “Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk and Release and Indemnity Agreement” prior to participating in our program.