United Planet Health & Safety

United Planet Responsibilities

Selection & Vetting Process of all Program Elements (See details below)

Programs Monitored for Safety
- United Planet monitors world news and events daily through several risk management partners.
- United Planet is a registered organization with the U.S. Department of State’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP), and registers all U.S. volunteers with this program prior to travel.

Emergency Medical Insurance
- Emergency medical insurance with a policy designed for United Planet volunteers is provided. Country Coordinators and volunteers are trained in the process for hospital visits and applying the insurance.

Safety & Risk Management Training
- Boston office and international staff trained in safety and risk management, attend regular trainings on safety and risk management issues, and make appropriate program updates.

Selection & Vetting of Program Elements

Host Organization Placement
- Volunteers are placed at a host organization that has been vetted for safety and sustainability.

Host Family Placement
- Volunteers are placed at a host family or host project that has been vetted for safety and sustainability, including the preparation of meals.

Meals
- Meals are provided by a host family or host project staff that have been trained in health and safety precautions for international travelers. Hosts will do their best to accommodate dietary needs according to local resources. We require that all dietary needs be communicated to staff prior to your Quest.

Transportation
- Round trip airport transfers are provided by trusted drivers who understand the United Planet program.
- Daily transportation from host family to volunteer project has been vetted for safety.
Activities and Excursions
- Excursion logistics including tour operators, accommodation, and transport are chosen with safety as a priority.

Safety for Under-18 Volunteers
- All projects for volunteers under 18 are specifically chosen because of their proximity to the main office or country coordinator, as well as the environment of the project.
- We require a parents’ session for volunteers under 18. During this session we will answer any questions parents have, as well as provide them with all the information about the Quest.