

## **Volunteer Expeditions 2022**

## **Amazon Hope Medical Programme - Peru**

## **Terms and Conditions**

- 1. To register for a medical expedition there is a non-refundable £300 deposit required (see clause 22) which must be paid at the time of submitting your application.
- 2. All volunteers must be physically and mentally fit for the medical trip and must complete a confidential medical questionnaire and disclaimer and submit these with the initial application. After your application has been submitted and up to the time of your trip departure, you must also inform Vine Trust of any changes in your health which may impact your ability to participate on the expedition.
- You are not guaranteed a place until your medical expedition application has been reviewed and confirmed by Vine Trust. Your deposit will be refunded if you are not accepted on a medical expedition.
- 4. By applying for a medical expedition you agree to pay all your costs in full 8 weeks prior to departure. Failure to do so may result in cancellation.
- 5. You will be required to pay any additional fuel surcharges imposed by the airline or government tax which is levied.
- 6. To take part in the Amazon Hope programme in a healthcare capacity, you must be registered with the GMC/GNC/GDC (or equivalent in your country), with a current licence to practise.
- 7. Volunteers participating in a non-healthcare capacity are welcome to apply to join an expedition, however, their support role whilst on the ship should be discussed with the Vine Trust prior to submitting an application.
- 8. Currently, international flights are to be organised and purchased by the volunteer. It is essential that the proposed times and dates for arrival and departure of your international flights are discussed with Vine Trust prior to purchase to make sure they are consistent with the local arrangements in Peru that will be made for your participation on the expedition.
- 9. Vine Trust will arrange connecting domestic flights between Lima and Iquitos.
- 10. All flights, timings, itinerary and arrangements are subject to change by airlines. Any changes to your international flights must be communicated to Vine Trust. You will be notified of such changes to your domestic flights which are organised by Vine Trust. We will endeavour to give volunteers as must notice as possible when changes are made.
- 11. If you wish to extend your stay for private travel before or after your time on a medical trip, please contact Vine Trust to discuss so that appropriate insurance cover can be arranged.
- 12. Please note Peruvian airlines do not allow pre-booked tickets to be altered or changed.
- 13. Your passport must be valid, with at least six months' validity remaining at the time of your scheduled return from Peru.
- 14. Volunteers are responsible for making sure they are able to comply with all entry requirements to Peru prior to departure which include, but are not limited to, visas and COVID-19 travel testing and quarantine regulations.
- 15. You will be responsible for providing your own personal equipment and kit in line with the recommended kit list in the medical trip Handbook.
- 16. Travel insurance covering you for a medical trip is compulsory. Currently, this must be organised by you and a copy of the policy shared with Vine Trust to confirm it has been obtained prior to travel. You must ensure that the policy covers all aspects of your trip, including any travel/tourist activities you may undertake before and/or after joining the Vine Trust medical expedition.
- 17. Please note that Vine Trust does not cover medical indemnity. It is advisable that you contact the relevant body (e.g. MPS, MDDUS, MDU) and let them know of your intention to work as a volunteer with the Amazon Hope programme.

- 18. As a qualified healthcare professional, you may be asked to help supervise any medical or dental students who are part of your team.
- 19. All Medical trip members are taken to give their consent for their picture to be reproduced and published and distributed within promotional material of the Trust. It is not possible to give remuneration for any image or other material that is used.
- 20. If a volunteer passes on their own images or written contributions to Vine Trust, we receive it on the understanding that it can be used on the same terms outlined in clause 19.
- 21. The Code of Conduct, the Health and Safety Guidance, and financial requirements which are all outlined in the medical trip handbooks and application process are part of the terms and conditions, and must be adhered to.
- 22. Deposits are non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled by Vine Trust and/or for reasons relating to COVID-19 travel restrictions, in which case deposits will be refunded in full.
- 23. Prices are correct at time of going to print, but additional costs may be incurred due to unforeseen circumstances such as accommodation price increases, significant changes in exchange rates and inflation, or enforced government taxes and visa fees. There may be an additional charge for optional tourist excursions and for any additional nights required due to flight schedules.
- 24. There will be a team orientation meeting before the trip to Peru, either in-person or via video conference. Volunteers should make every effort to join and attendance is expected. The orientation sessions are an opportunity to get to know others going on the trip, to find out what to expect whilst you are there, and to assist in preparing effectively for the trip.
- 25. Volunteers take part in Vine Trust's Amazon Hope programme at their own risk.

Thank you for all your participation and interest in the work.

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