



STUDY ABROAD

# TRAVEL TIPS

## TRAVEL IN GROUPS

- There is safety in numbers. Whenever possible, travel with a group.
- Always tell someone where you are going, especially if traveling alone.

## LOCATE THE AMERICAN EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES

- Know where the American embassies and consulates are and how to contact them.
- Carry the information with you at all times.

## PHOTOCOPY IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- In case your wallet or backpack is lost or stolen, keep a copy of your passport, airplane tickets, health insurance card, driver's license, student ID, etc.
- Store this information in a safe place, not in the same place as the original documents. Do not carry them with you.
- You may also want to leave a copy for your parents or UCF Abroad. E-mail important numbers (like your passport or confirmation numbers) to yourself so can access it at any time.

## BLEND IN

- Do not wear clothing that identifies you as an American such as "I Love NY" T-shirts.
- Learn what is acceptable to wear by the culture's standards. How formal is the day to-day dress? Do locals generally wear bright or muted clothing? Do they wear shirts tucked in or hanging out? Is there an accessory that is worn or not worn?
- Do not speak loudly or obnoxiously.
- Speak the native language as much as possible.
- Limit visits to establishments often viewed as American, like McDonald's, Hard Rock Café, KFC, Starbucks, etc.
- Be aware of differences in table manners and actions that would make you stand out in a crowd.

## CHECK MAPS BEFORE YOU GO OUT

- Looking lost or confused can make you vulnerable.
- Plan where you are going before you leave.

## DON'T FLASH MONEY

- It is also not a good idea to wear a wallet exposed (think neck pouches).
- Secure your backpack with a lock.
- Do not flaunt large quantities of cash.

## BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AT NIGHT

- At night, stick to well-lit streets and avoid bus and train stations, subways and empty parks.

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



Always contact the local "911" number first.

Call the travel Insurance provider at 1-630-694-9764.

Call the UCF Emergency Abroad Hotline at 1-407-823-0595.