

STUDY ABROAD

ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

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Embarking on Your Study Abroad Adventure is an opportunity to immerse yourself in new cultures and expand your horizons.

But while the fun is guaranteed, it's wise to be prepared for potential bumps on the road.

DEEP DIVE INTO YOUR DESTINATION

Websites like **US State Department Country Information Sheets** and **U.S. websites** offer a wealth of information about your host country, from cultural nuances to practical tips.



STEP

The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service to allow U.S. citizens and nationals traveling and living abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

SEEK OUT OFFICIAL SOURCES

Before you pack your bags, consult the official International Travel website (travel.state.gov) by the U.S. Department of State and the travel advisories they may have issued for the country you will be traveling to.

STAY CONNECTED, STAY SAFE

Keep loved ones informed of your whereabouts. Sharing your plans and maintaining communication, when possible, can be a lifesaver in case of emergencies

Studying up on local customs and traditions before arrival will be beneficial when navigating unfamiliar territory and will help you foster a more genuine connection with the community.

BECOME A CULTURAL CHAMELEON

Stay with friends or in pairs, when traveling abroad to an unknown destination, do not leave anybody behind.

BETTER WITH A BUDDY

As a guest in another land, it's good practice to follow some local customs and traditions. In some destinations, this might mean dressing modestly. Remember, discretion is your friend, avoid drawing unwanted attention.

BLEND IN, DON'T BLUR OUT

MIND YOUR VALUABLES

Keep your flashy phone and bulging wallet tucked away, and do not leave your belongings unattended. As a rule of thumb, just do not bring anything irreplaceable. If you're in a crowded area or using public transportation, consider wearing your backpack on your chest, a hand on your purse, and nothing on your back pockets. Pickpockets will take any chance they can get to grab something valuable without you even noticing.

MAP YOUR SURROUNDINGS

familiarize yourself with your new environment, know where to go (and where not to).

DRINK SMART, STAY SHARP

Make wise choices, and socialize responsibly

REMEMBER

By embracing these tips and remaining aware of your surroundings, you can ensure that your study abroad experience is a thrilling adventure filled with discovery, not distress.

So, pack your curiosity, your sense of adventure, and this handy guide, and get ready to embark on a journey that will enrich your life forever!

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