Safety Measures When Traveling Abroad

At all times you should:

1. Carry a copy of your signed, valid passport with you. Make sure that you have an extra copy in your checked bag, with the faculty on the trip, and a reliable person in the U.S. Do not carry the actual passport around with you unless you have to.

2. Carry the emergency contact information for the Study Abroad faculty member, for Texas A&M University, and the Study Abroad Programs Office/Texas A&M University (00 1 979-845-0544 from 8a.m. – 5 p.m. U.S. central time; 00 1 979-255-6103 during all other times).

3. Notify others—faculty, roommates, etc.—of your whereabouts at all times, especially while out at night and on free time.

4. When going out and traveling, carry the written addresses and phone numbers of the where you are staying and traveling with you in case you forget or get lost and have problems communicating with people.

5. If you decide to drink while abroad, be responsible. Remember that if you injure yourself while being "legally intoxicated" (determined by your host country’s law), you will not be covered by your International Health Insurance.

6. Do not leave your personal items unattended in public areas.

7. Try to blend in to your new environment. Do not talk loudly or wear clothing/jewelry that will make you stand out.

8. Do not carry excessive amounts of cash or unnecessary credit cards.

9. Avoid demonstrations and other situations that may become unruly or where anti-American sentiments may be expressed.

10. Notify your banking institution that you will be traveling out of the country, the dates of travel, and where you will be going.