

# Complete Guide for Language Study Travel Abroad

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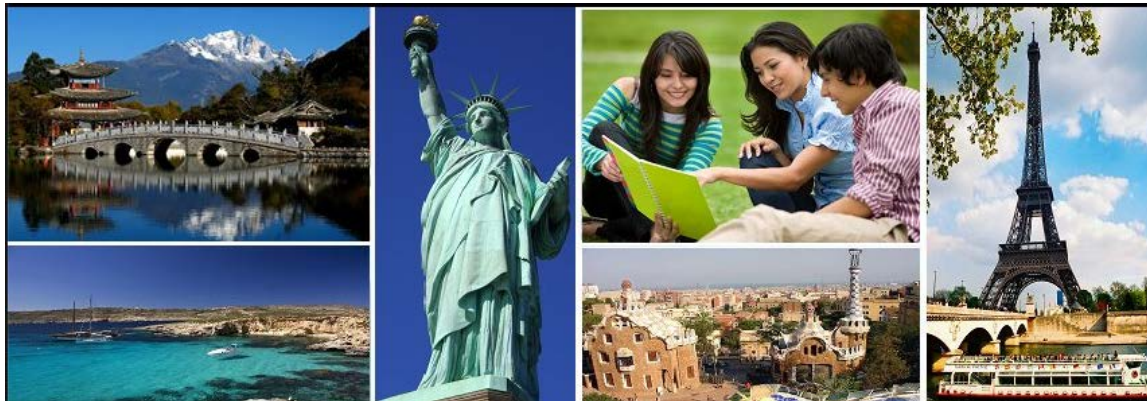
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## Section 1:

# Learn A New Language Through Language Study Travel Abroad

Learning a new language can be fun and exciting; it also opens many opportunities such as employment possibilities, travel, and much more. It can be very empowering to be able to speak a foreign language with confidence, and being participant of every communicative act so much easier. It is very important to choose the right way to learn your new language; one of the most relevant aspects is to choose amongst the most reputable and proven schools.

Study languages abroad can be such a great idea - it is the best opportunity to learn a new language the best way possible, among those who speak it as their mother tongue all the time. By booking a language study travel package, students will spend time experiencing new cultures where their chosen language is built, as well as learning better and much quicker than by studying from books, recordings or even in a classroom or at home.





## Why Learn a Language Abroad?

There are many reasons why learning a new language abroad can be a great idea, some of which may not be so obvious, but are definitely worthwhile! Before beginning any other language course, consider these reasons why you should study languages in a foreign country and its many advantages:

### Learn a Language in the Country where it is Spoken



The best way anyone can learn a new language is from the people who use that language in their daily lives. Students will experience proper pronunciation, different dialects and slang, helping them to learn a much more natural use of the language. Apart from learning the vocabulary and the grammar, it is very important to become fluent and be able to interact with the locals, and there is no better way to do that than with language travel. Living

the language enables students to learn faster since they have constant exposure, as opposed to just a lesson twice a week in their home towns.

### Broaden Your Experience by Seeing the World

Traveling is fun, and what better way to turn an average learning experience into an exceptionally fun one? Not only do students learn their chosen language quickly and more accurately, but they also enjoy it much more during a language study abroad. It creates great incentive for students to absorb as much as they can while seeing new places and meeting new people. Pleasure trips and sightseeing double the benefits of the learning experience when taken it during a language trip abroad.

### Gain New Insights by Learning about New Cultures

Language and culture hold hands, meaning, that in order to get a perfect command of a new language, it is necessary to get well acquainted about the cultures associated with it. Learning both can be a wonderful experience. Sharing the lifestyle of host families in addition to the new people that students will get in contact with, are all a fantastic way to



increase language skills as well as to gain a new insight and appreciation of different ways of living, working, enjoying free time and traditions in general.

### Improve Your Professional and Financial Opportunities



Learning a new language has many professional advantages in many different lines of work. Being able to speak a language fluently makes any individual an important part of any business team. Travel and business relations take place in a much smoother way with a good understanding of the language. Also, professionally speaking, better impressions can be made. By taking the effort to learn a new language, those you

communicate with will appreciate your efforts to speak with them in their own language, creating new connections and open new doors towards your future.

### Make New Friends



Among the many valuable reasons why you should study languages in a foreign country you should not forget about the good friends you will make while doing so. On a trip abroad such as this one, students will surely make long lasting memories. Meeting new people from different cultures is a wonderful way to make friends, and one that encourages future trips abroad visiting each other and spending an amazing time together. You never know who you will meet on a language study trip,

and what you will learn from them. Making a trip abroad can become one of the most rewarding experiences you may ever have; not only because of the great relationships you will make, but also because of its benefits towards your future. It is very probable you will find people who share the same interests and together, you guys will make your trip abroad an extremely fulfilling, educational and rewarding one.

When booking a package travel abroad for language study, students will gain the most from their experience if they do not have to worry about things like accommodations, meals and



other daily concerns, giving them the time to simply learn. By arranging all-inclusive travel, you can be assured that your time and money is being well spent on your learning experience, not being wasted by dealing with questionable living arrangements or schooling. All of this is set up ahead of time so that you can simply reach your destination and start learning from the moment you arrive.



Having the opportunity to learn without the distractions that are present in your daily life will help guarantying the time and the proper environment to learn more. What any student takes away from a program such as this largely depends on the focus and effort they are able to put into it, so the fewer the distractions, the better. As it is, language travel packages usually last up to about twelve weeks or so, which might pass much faster than believed. However, the

concentrated amount of learning provided with these trips will always outweigh trying to learn as much while living at home.

So, when asking the question "Why Learn a Language Abroad?" prospective students should consider all of these very valid reasons why you should study languages in a foreign country. Doing so will probably be challenging in many ways, even just from the standpoint of being so far away from home for a while, but the personal benefits that language study abroad offers are endless. Those who chose to do so are rarely unsatisfied with their choice, and usually have the time of their lives.

## Where to learn a language abroad?

LanguageBookings.com can offer you the fastest way to learn a language and has all the right course for you! LanguageBookings.com's language courses and study abroad programs are designed for all ages and all levels in ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, PORTUGUESE, RUSSIAN, TURKISH, GREEK, JAPANESE, ARABIC and MANDARIN CHINESE in fantastic destinations in Europe, America, Africa, Oceania and Asia.

## Design your ideal language study travel

Whether you're looking to start learning a new language or to brush up on your existing skills, LANGUAGEBOOKINGS.COM has the course and the student accommodation for you.



It just takes a quick search in LanguageBookings.com to find what you are looking for: High quality language courses and affordable student accommodation.

You can choose between hundreds of courses and student accommodation from all over the world —everything from general language courses to exam preparation courses, from staying with a host family to sharing a great apartment with your friends - and feel free to stay for a week, a month or a year if you want.

## Choosing the Right Language School Abroad

Choosing the right language school is the first and most important step when planning your next language learning trip. LanguageBookings.com helps students to choose the best school. We advise our students to:

**Compare language courses** offered by each language school by using our search engine. Thanks to the filter options on the left side of the search result screen you will be able to narrow your search down in terms of price, type of course, students per class, preparation of the exams, etcetera. If you click on the title of each school, you'll be able to see the courses and the accommodations it offers, as well as a description of the facilities and comments from former students.

**Review the quality seals** and whether or not the schools have been accredited by well-known associations to ensure that schools meet your expectations. We have a screening process where only a small percentage of schools interested in being represented on our website pass through.



**Read reviews from other students** and guests like you and learn about their own personal experiences. Then you can decide which school or accommodation is PERFECT FOR YOU. Please note that these reviews were written by real people and are not computer generated or made up; and more important, the person who wrote the review stayed,



hosted and was with another member or person in our community. Trusted reviews are the basis of a reputation system that fuels our community marketplace.

Facilities ★★★★★  
Location ★★★★★  
Fun ★★★★★  
Teaching ★★★★★

 Stella   
01/02/2012

Thank you all for this great experience in my life!!!!!! one of the best really!  
Warmest regards to the school manager Anisha and our teacher Fergal!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Reply from academy:** Dear Stella, Thank you so much for your kind words. I am so pleased to know that your time at LSSE was fruitful. It was our pleasure to have you here and I hope to see you again in London. My best wishes to you and your extending family! Regards, Anisha Thapa

**Check the school score** which is based on students' opinions and reflect their experiences when studying at this school. The school overall score is based on their facilities score, teaching score, fun score and school location score.

		Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	
Score	95%						
	Facilities	★	★	★	★	★	93%
	Location	★	★	★	★	★	93%
	Fun	★	★	★	★	★	97%
	Teaching	★	★	★	★	★	95%

**Check the school's location.** When deciding the school and the location you would like to study in, there are a few things to think about, but the most important one is to consider



your personal preferences. Generally speaking, if the school is in the city centre, you will be closer to places like restaurants, bars, shops, cultural events and leisure activities. However, because housing options in these areas are more expensive, you may prefer to live farther away from your school than you would if you study in the suburbs. If the school is in the suburbs, you will usually be in a quieter, more relaxing and often safer area. You will also be able to live much closer to the school than you would in the city. The only downside of studying at a school outside of the city is that you are more dependent on

public transportation to get around, which can be a challenge, especially late at night. LanguageBookings.com shows the exact address of each school and shows each location on an interactive map as well, so that you can evaluate its exact situation as you make your decision.

**School sizes vary greatly**—from schools with just a few classrooms to schools with several buildings dedicated to language learning. Although each school is different, it may be helpful to know what you can usually expect when it comes to school size. Generally speaking, larger schools offer better facilities, such as libraries, cafeterias and multimedia language labs. They also offer a bigger range of class levels, which ensures that you will be in a class with other students who share similar language proficiency. If you are looking for specialty courses, bigger schools also offer more options for groups such as children, teenagers, business executives, and specific age ranges (like 50 and up). Finally, large schools have more students and offer the opportunity to meet more people during your studies. Small schools, on the other hand, offer a more personal atmosphere, typically with fewer students per class (especially during low season), which enables you to learn quickly and intensively. Large schools offer greater flexibility for taking individual student requests into account, and the opportunity to form deeper relationships with teachers and peers.

Learn more about trust and safety [HERE](#)

## Main Characteristics of Language Courses

### Overview of the different Language Courses

We have something for everyone. In order to help you make the best choice, here is an overall view of the main types of courses offered by our partner schools which you can filter on the course search result pages:



#### *General Language Courses*

Course intensity varies from 2 to 40 lessons per week to give you the opportunity to choose a course that perfectly suits your learning needs and daily routine. This is the most popular course and it is designed to give students a solid introduction to the language, cover all areas of the language study in optimal conditions and devotes special attention to grammar, vocabulary building, conversation and pronunciation.



#### *Exam Preparation Courses*

We offer a wide range of examination courses to suit every need. Doing a language course abroad is a prestigious addition to your resume, especially when you have gained sufficient language skills to pass an internationally recognized exam. This means an important tool for your future. Whether you are required to take an IELTS, TOEIC or TOEFL exam to enter a



university or wish to study towards obtaining the FCE, CAE, D.E.L.E., D.E.L.F., C.I.L.S. or TestDAF certificate, we can provide the right exam preparation course for you.



### *One-to-One Lessons*

We offer individual tailor-made lessons that give students an opportunity to work on areas of particular interest or concern. One-to-one language training is the quickest and most intensive way to learn a language or to improve your language skills. This kind of course is the best option for students with precise objectives and limited time.



### *Junior Courses*

Help your kids beat the holiday boredom and try something new! Enrol your child or teenager in a language course and start them early on the road to new opportunities. A junior course gives young learners the chance to start learning a language in a tailored course for them.



### *50+ Courses*

Life is full of adventures and joining a language class abroad can be one for you too! Would you like to combine your holidays with learning a new language, or brushing up on your existing language skills? If so, then our senior language courses could be perfect for you.



### *Business Courses*

Nowadays excellent foreign language skills are an essential requirement in the business world in order to get ahead professionally. Business courses are designed to widen your knowledge of specific vocabulary in a work context and business situations.



### *Specific courses*

These types of courses provide intensive language practice in specific subjects. There is a great variety of specific courses focused on different professional domains such as finance, law, banking, marketing, medicine, aviation, etc. A minimum language level might be required for these



courses.



### *Language + activity courses*

Language + Activity courses combine language classes with a whole range of exciting activities such as salsa dance lessons, cooking and wine tasting, surfing, sky-diving, tennis, skiing and more. These courses will give you the perfect opportunity to learn the language and have fun at the same time.

### **When do the courses start?**

The start dates of intensive and standard language courses are generally flexible. If you have some basic knowledge of the language, you will be able to start any Monday of the year at almost any school. If you are a total beginner, courses usually start once or twice a month.

You should be aware that language schools have more students in July and August, than during any other time of the year, which means that course fees, housing prices and the overall cost of living are often more expensive during this time. If you would like to book a course in July or August, you should do so very early: schools have limited spots and might be booked well in advance for the high season. Your chances of getting your preferred accommodation type are also much greater if you book your course early. Accommodation options near the school are especially difficult to be assured in the summer and tend to fill up quickly.

Language courses during the low season (September to June) are not only less expensive, but also have smaller classes. If you are able to wait to take your courses during this time you will pay less for your courses, and may even receive better housing since demand is much lower. Please review this information on the language course details within language school page.

### **What is the minimum course duration?**

The minimum duration for a standard or intensive language course is usually one week, but students benefit most after the 3rd or 4th week of their language course— after they've had a chance to get used to their environment. By this time, students have usually settled-in and have become comfortable with their surroundings. This is when they are able to really focus on language learning. Our average student at LanguageBookings.com takes about 12 weeks of language studies abroad.

### How far in advance should I register for my course?

If you are planning to take a course in high season (June-August) it is best to book at least 1 month in advance. However, even if we receive a registration request at very short notice we will always try our best to complete it - and we do succeed quite often. If you need to apply for a student visa, it is best to book 3 to 6 months in advance.

### How old do I have to be to participate in a language course?

On LanguageBookings.com you can find language courses for all ages available, from juniors to adults. Most of the language courses have a minimum age required which is specified on the course information details in language school page.

### What levels are offered?

Most of the language courses are available for all levels Beginner, Elementary - Level A1, Pre-Intermediate - Level A2, Intermediate - Level B1, Upper Intermediate - Level B2, Advanced - Level C1 and Proficient - Level C2. This means that students with no or very little knowledge of the language can join a course as well. Please check the detailed information of each course to ensure that the language course that you want is available for your language level. Please note that students will take a level test in order to be aware of their level and will be placed in a class with students of the same level.

### *How do I know my language level?*

Don't worry if you don't exactly know your language level. A placement test will be taken on your first day at school to evaluate your skills and assign you to the correct classroom for your language level.

### Course material

Every school provides course materials for their students. Learning materials vary according to the choice of course. Some schools include the course material fees in the school fees (see "included in the price"), others charge it separately and can be optional or mandatory to pay for the books and course materials. In any case, the cost of the books and materials will be indicated on the course description and you can pay it on your first day at school.

### How many students are assigned to each language course?

The maximum number of students per class and the average number of students per class are specified on each language course's information within the language school page.

### Can I work while studying?

In general, most student or tourist visas do not allow you to work. In the US, the F-1 student visa restricts work authorization for international students enrolled in language studies. In Canada, the Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) does not provide work authorization. In the UK, the student visitor visa does not allow you to work. If you are a European citizen and want to study in Europe as well, then it is possible to work while doing your language course. But we recommend you to focus on the language course first and then later, combine it with a little bit of work experience which can help you gain fluency.



### Do I receive a certificate at the end of the course?

Yes. Most of the schools provide a certificate of attendance after the students finish the course. To ensure you will receive a certificate at the end of the course, please check the language course information within the language school page.



### Leisure activities organized

There are many schools which provide organized activities after the courses, like trips to museums or other cities, so you can meet other students and have a nice time. Please check the information for each school to find out more.

## Student Accommodation

Where you choose to live is an important part of your experience. With the widest range of accommodation options, LanguageBookings.com has the right living option for you. LanguageBookings.com gives you the opportunity to book accommodation through the school or directly with the accommodation provider [HERE](#) – everyone finds an appropriate home at LanguageBookings.com.

### Booking your Accommodation through the School

Each language school offers a range of accommodation options which can be seen on each school page. These accommodations have been visited and checked by the school. The advantage of booking through the school is that on the unlikely case that something goes wrong the school will change you to another accommodation. However, you will not know the exact location of the accommodation and where it is located on a map until after your



booking is confirmed. These accommodations can only be booked if the student books the language course with that particular school and for the duration of the course.

## Booking your Accommodation directly with the Host

You have the choice of accommodation as we understand how important is for you to feel comfortable. You have the freedom to choose your accommodation and know exactly how the accommodation will look like, the characteristics of your room, where it is located on a map, how far it is from the school, and you can even contact the host through our messaging system! These accommodations are located on our accommodation section [HERE](#). These accommodations can be booked independently whether you are attending a language course or not. These accommodation options are a great alternative if you are travelling alone or with your family, partner or friends and stay in the city as long as you wish. Pleasure trips and sightseeing double the benefits of the learning experience when taken in during a language trip abroad.

## Different types of accommodation

There are many different types of [ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS](#) who are studying abroad that vary from one destination to another. At LanguageBookings.com we know that the accommodation is an essential component of an enjoyable language course abroad.

### Apartments



This is a good option for students who want freedom and independence. Sharing the same apartment with usually 2 or 3 other international students or locals enables you to talk to people from various countries using the foreign language you're learning, and thus, improve your communication skills. The apartments - with fully equipped kitchens and bathrooms - are typically furnished according to the country's characteristics. You have more independence and the opportunity to cook your own meals. Single or double rooms are usually available in all the apartments. Cooking and cleaning is done by the students themselves. The apartments are generally without supervision and are self-catering, but they are close to local amenities like cafes, bars, restaurants, shops and bus stops. [FIND ALL OUR APARTMENTS HERE](#).

## Student Residences



If you are looking for a more independent lifestyle during your stay and meet and interact with other foreign students, student residences / houses options are ideal. A student residence can vary in size depending on location and availability. These residences usually accommodate students of all ages and nationalities in a house-type environment. Usually Students' Residential accommodation is the most economic form of private student accommodation. The student residences usually offer

shared kitchen facilities or cafeterias and give you the opportunity to practice your new language with fellow students even away from your classes. Normally there is a reception you can contact if you have any problem or questions. [FIND ALL OUR STUDENT RESIDENCES HERE](#)

## School Residences / Campus



Many of our schools offer the option to stay in a residence or in a campus accommodation. This type of accommodation is the best way to meet other students. The level of comfort in the campus accommodations depends on the general standard of living in the country you have selected. The students live and learn under one roof: they basically live together "like a big family", so to speak. Meals (breakfast, half or full board) are available at some locations on payment of a surcharge.



## Studio apartments

Would you prefer more privacy? At some locations you could choose to stay in a studio apartment with en-suite bathroom and cooking facilities. This would be like having your own apartment and you wouldn't have to share the kitchen area or bathroom with other people. [FIND ALL STUDIO APARTMENTS HERE](#).



## Guesthouses / Hotels

If you would like to have a little more personal space where to stay, accommodation in a hotel could be the right choice for you. But this option is only suitable for short-time stays between one and four weeks.

You could choose from various options, however all rooms have their own bathroom. For hotel bookings, please note that double rooms may only be booked by two students travelling together. [FIND ALL OUR GUESTHOUSES / HOTELS HERE](#)

## Homestays

Daily contact with the local people, learning about eating and living habits and using your language skills right away, are some of the essential benefits of choosing a homestay. If you are interested in both the language itself and also learning about the lifestyle, habits and customs of the host country during your stay, then you will find that living with a host family is the perfect choice. You'll enrich your understanding of the local culture and customs, pick up expressions and slang with greater ease, and your accent will sound more authentic.



A variety of "homestays" are available, including families with or without children as well as single households. The provision of meals varies depending on the location. A lot of host families are not living in the city centre. This means that you will have to walk a bit and/or go by public transportation to the school. It is very important to let us know if you suffer from any allergies or medical conditions so that we can inform the host family. Students who live in a host family can improve their language skills dramatically through daily

conversations with the family members. We also suggest that you take some pictures of your family, friends and home as these can act as useful props for discussion. The greatest reward for the students and families is the deep, lasting friendship between them. [FIND ALL OUR HOST FAMILIES HERE](#)

## Teacher Home

With this accommodation option, you can live and study in the home of a language teacher, who will embrace you into his or her family and make you feel at home. Learning a language in the home of your teacher is one of the most effective ways to learn a language quickly. This alternative is similar to homestays accommodation but it will allow you to

totally immerse yourself in the language and culture and achieve great results. [FIND ALL OUR TEACHER HOMES HERE](#)

## Hotels

If you want to stay in a hotel for your whole stay or you just need a couple of days we recommend you to book your hotel through [HOTELS.COM](#) , it has great weekly deals on hotel nights.

## Meal option: is board included with accommodation?

The Meal options depend on the accommodation. The possibilities are: full board, half board or self-catering. Please check out the information on each school/accommodation page . You can find the meaning of the different boards below:

**Self-Catering (SC)** means that no meals are included in the cost of your accommodation, but you will be provided with catering facilities in your accommodation to cook light meals.

**Bed and Breakfast (BB)** means that breakfast is included in the price you have paid for your accommodation/holiday package.

**Half Board (HB)** means that your breakfast and evening meal are included in the price you have paid for your accommodation. In some cases you can choose to receive lunch instead of breakfast - the host will confirm this upon arrival.

**Full Board (FB)** means that breakfast, lunch and evening meals are included in the price you have paid for your accommodation.

## What should I do if I cannot find the language course/accommodation in the place I want?

We do encourage you to post a request on our webpage explaining the language course you would like to study and the accommodation you would like to book. It is a totally free system, very easy to use and will only take you a few minutes. This way, language schools and hosts can see it and offer you great custom deals. You just need to go [HERE](#)

## Security Deposits for your Accommodation

Hosts are allowed to charge a security deposit, and almost all landlords do this depending on the type of accommodation. The security deposit is intended to cover any expenses that the host might have in the event of damage to the property. The host will require you to pay this amount upon arrival and the amount payable should be included on the accommodation's details. Security deposits are refundable upon departure, however, landlords are allowed to retain part or all of your deposit under certain circumstances such as repairing damages caused by you or your guests, replacing or restoring furniture, furnishings, keys, or other items belonging to your landlord, exclusive of ordinary wear and tear, etc. We recommend you to always get a receipt which states the amount paid. You should also receive a statement of what the security deposit covers.

## When is the best day to arrive?

We recommend arriving a few days earlier before your course starts. Normally the accommodation is available one day earlier. If the course starts on Monday, we advise students to arrive on Sunday.

## Transfers

Transfer to your accommodation from the airport or railway station can be organized by your school or host and it is optional. This option is particularly suitable after a long flight or if you don't have a good command of the local language and you would like to have more peace of mind. In some cases, especially in big cities, airport transfers are carried out by taxi companies appointed by the school. So the professional drivers know where to take



you, they have the address of your host family or the residence where you are going to be staying. They will be waiting for you on the arrival area with a board with your name on it. They are in touch with the school staff who will be available on the emergency number given to you before departure in case there is a flight delay or you can't find the taxi right away which may happen in big airports

during high season. In small cities airport transfers are often done by the school staff themselves or even by the host family.

You can also get to your accommodation by taxi, train or bus. These solutions are often cheaper than those suggested by the language schools.

# Booking your language course / accommodation

## General steps to book through Languagebookings.com

If you have made up your mind to travel abroad, do not delay in undertaking all the steps. If you book your course and accommodation on time, you benefit from more attractive prices on your flight and have more time to complete the necessary administrative steps such as visa request, extension of your health insurance, announcement of your departure, and above all, getting the course and accommodation you dream of.

Booking with us is really easy. You just have to go to the school you are interested in. Where it says "COURSE" and then START you select the dates you want to study there. Then, you select how many weeks you want to study.

After that you select the course you want, you can add optional services such as accommodation and airport transfer. If you would like to add these additional services, you need to go further down the page, and you find the section of the ACCOMMODATION possibilities which are provided by the school. You select the option of the type of accommodation you want (You don't have to select the dates here if they are the same as the course - they are automatically selected).

After the Accommodation, you have another option, TRANSFER. This option allows you to book a transport that will pick you up at the airport and it will take you until your residence or host family.

Once you have selected all these options, on your right hand side, you are going to see a summary of your reservation with all the information about the course and the accommodation, together with their prices. Also the deposit you have to pay will be displayed there. You just have to press the Orange Button that says BOOK NOW and it will take you to another page to enter your personal details. When you are booking you only have to pay a small deposit. Once the deposit is paid, the school will receive your enrolment. Please note that bookings are not 100% confirmed until you receive the confirmation from the school / host. When your booking is confirmed by the school or host, they will hold your place until your booking balance is paid in full. You can pay the deposit either with credit card, PayPal account or bank transfer; as you prefer. This deposit you pay now will be discounted from the total price. The rest of the money won't have to be paid until 15 days

before your course starts. In any case, you will be receiving an email about your deposit payments; and also reminders about the rest of the money when needs to be paid.

## Can I book a course without accommodation?

Of course, this is possible. Booking accommodation is optional.

Booking with us is really easy. You just have to go to the school page you are interested in. Where it says "COURSE" and then START you select the dates you want to study there. Then, you select how many weeks you want to study. After that, you select the course you want.



Once you have selected these options, on your right hand side, you are going to see a summary of your reservation with all the information about the course, together with its prices. Also the deposit you have to pay will be displayed there. You just have to press the Orange Button that says BOOK NOW and it will take you to another page to enter your personal details. When you are booking you only have to pay the small deposit. Once the deposit is paid, the school will receive your enrolment. Please note that bookings are not 100% confirmed until you receive the confirmation from the school / host. When your booking is

confirmed by the school or host, they will hold your place until your booking balance is paid in full. You can pay the deposit either with credit card, PayPal account or bank transfer; as you prefer. This deposit you pay now will be discounted from the total price. The rest of the money has to be paid until 15 days before your course starts. In any case, you will be receiving email about your deposit payments; and also reminders about the rest of the money when needs to be paid.

## Can I book an accommodation without the language course?

Of course, this is possible. Instead of booking one of the accommodations the schools offer, you will have to book one of our independent accommodations. You can book your accommodation directly with the host as these places can be booked independently whether you are attending a language course or not. These accommodations are located on our accommodation section [HERE](#).



Booking with us is really easy. You just have to go to the accommodation page you are interested in. Where it says "Arrival" and then "Departure" you select the dates you want to stay there. After that, you select the room you want.



Once you have selected these options, on your right hand side, you are going to see a summary of your reservation with all the information about the accommodation, together with its prices. Also the deposit you have to pay will be displayed there. You just have to press the Orange Button that says BOOK NOW and it will take you to another page to enter your personal details. When you are booking you only have to pay the small deposit. Once the deposit is paid the host will receive your booking. Please note that bookings are not 100% confirmed until you receive the confirmation from the school / host. When

your booking is confirmed by the host, they will hold your place until your booking balance is paid in full. You can pay the deposit either with credit card, PayPal account or bank transfer; as you prefer. This deposit you pay now will be discounted from the total price. The rest of the money has to be paid upon arrival.

## What are the benefits of booking through LanguageBookings.com?



**Best price guaranteed** 100% guaranteed that you pay the lowest price. We offer you the lowest possible course rates - you never pay more than if you booked directly with the school itself or anywhere else. Beside our service is free. We do not charge for any booking fees.



**Trust & Safety** We are a marketplace that promotes trust and collaboration. This is the reason why we have built the best class tools and services to make sure we assist and hone you into making the right decisions. Find students reviews, host references, school quality seals and accreditations, ... [LEARN MORE](#)



**Customer Support** If you ever need assistance, you can always call our customer support whether you are a host, a school, a guest or a student. Before, during and after your course, we are here for you. You can easily contact our experienced and friendly consultants. We're always just a click away through e-mail, phone call, skype or even live chat!



**Your booking 100% confirmed** It is very unlikely that something goes wrong with your booking once confirmed by the school/host. In fact, we are so confident, that if you don't have your course place at the selected school/accommodation, we will credit your account with your full deposit and find another possible alternative for

you.

Our online registration process saves administration tasks and makes everything faster. Language Schools and Hosts have access to the LanguageBookings.com extranet panel where they can manage all the information that is shown on our website, including description, photos, a map, and details of all its courses prices and services. This provides with more accurate information shown to the students and also reduces maintenance costs.

These cost savings are passed down to our students. So you can benefit from a superior service at the lowest prices available.

## Section 2:

# Checklists to Prepare for Your Language Study Abroad Trip

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## Your Language Study Abroad Trip

Congratulations!!! on your decision to learn a language in a different country. Now it's time to start thinking about how you can prepare for this trip.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done in order to meet deadlines, budget for your trip and plan what you will need while you study abroad. We cover reviewing your booking information and confirmation statement, which documents you need and how to acquire them, where to research flights, and what to do once you book your flight, issues revolving

around traveling with money, how to stay connected to your family and friends while abroad, the best language preparation methods, helpful packing tips and resources, books, maps, and accessories, and finally, ways to stay healthy abroad.

## Step 1: Reviewing Your Booking Summary Information

### ☐ Check the information on the booking summary email

After you have booked your course, accommodation or any additional service through [LANGUAGEBOOKINGS.COM](http://LANGUAGEBOOKINGS.COM), you will receive a Booking Summary email. REVIEW This Booking Summary email carefully to avoid problems often encountered by study abroad participants. Taking 10 -15 minutes now can avoid time-consuming headaches and will help you make a smooth process to your host country.

- ☐ Are your **name, email and your contact details** complete and correct? Be sure that all the information is complete and correct.
- ☐ Are **the school and the location** the right ones? Make sure you are enrolled in the right school at the right location.
- ☐ Are the **start date and the end date** correct? Make sure your arrival and departure dates coincide with your planned travel arrangements.
- ☐ Is **the course** your chosen course? Make sure you are enrolled in the right program.
- ☐ If you booked some **additional services**: Are they included?
- ☐ Have you **paid the deposit**? Note that if you have paid the deposit with credit card, the payment won't be charged until your booking has been confirmed. If you have selected the "transfer" option to pay the deposit, please note that your booking will not be sent to the school/accommodation until we receive that payment.

Once the deposit which is part of your total fees has been paid upon booking, the language school / host will confirm the availability of the services required and process your booking and enrolment. Usually within less than 2 working days you receive a second e-mail with the confirmation of your place and bank details to pay the balance of your reservation. The rest of the money won't have to be paid until 15 days before your course starts. In any case, you will be receiving payment reminder emails about your deposit payments; and also reminders about the rest of the money that needs to be paid.



LanguageBookings.com recommends NOT booking your flights before you receive your booking confirmation from the school/host. Please wait until your program is confirmed prior to booking any non-refundable airfare.

### ☐ Check the information on the booking confirmation email

When your booking is confirmed by the school or host, they will hold your place until they receive your booking balance payment. You will be receiving emails with the confirmation of your booking with the instructions of how to pay the balance of your booking, including contact details and the description of the services booked.

- ☐ Have you provided your **flights details or travel arrangements** information? If you have booked accommodation and/or airport pickup, you must inform about your flight details and give a time frame for your arrival to your host family / school. Usually, you should plan on 2-3 hours from the time that your flight is due to arrive.
- ☐ Check the **contact information of the school or host** and feel free to contact them directly.
- ☐ Review again the description of the services booked.
- ☐ Have you paid your **booking balance**? Please note that services must be paid in full 15 days before the course starts in order to complete the enrolment and secure a place in the course and/or accommodation. When booking the accommodation through a school, the exact address is provided by the school when the full payment is received and flights details are provided to the school.

If you received your booking confirmation you can begin with the detailed planning!

## Step 2: Documents

### ☐ Passport



If you do not have one, apply for your passport immediately in order to save headaches from expediting your passport which is usually more expensive. This process can take up to 6 months if you have never been issued one before. If you already have one, please check the expiration date and ensure that it is valid for your whole stay. Some countries require that your passport be valid for six months beyond your date of entry.

□ **For European students staying within Europe** Check the validity of your ID

If you travel within Europe, you only need your National Identity Card or ID. Please check the validity. It is important that your ID is valid for your whole stay.

□ **Visa**

Many countries do not require travel visas, however there are some that do. Also, the length of your stay is a very important factor since it means a type of visa or another; some countries require a visa for a longer stay than 30 days. It is the student's responsibility to arrange all applicable travel permits or visas and to have a valid passport. LanguageBookings.com is not responsible for determining whether or not the student needs a visa. Visa regulations change from time to time, therefore we strongly advise you to contact the consequent Embassy/Consulate in your country for up to date information.

LanguageBookings.com cannot apply for visas on behalf of students. However, we can supply you with all the documentation you need from your school as part of your application, including a letter of acceptance and a receipt of payment of fees. The application process for a visa is different for every country, but these two documents are required in most situations.

To obtain these documents you need to book your language course and accommodation and pay the required deposit as part of your total fees; once this is done, the school will proceed with your enrolment. You will need to pay the balance of your booking to your chosen School or host. Once the full fees have been paid you will, then, receive your letter of acceptance and a receipt of payment of fees. Now you can ask for a visa with these documents.

Your documents will be sent to your home address by regular mail at no charge to you in most cases. If you wish to receive your paperwork by express mail, you will be charged a shipping fee. This fee is determined by the school location and your country of residence. The school profiles on LanguageBookings.com show information regarding express mail fees. To ensure timely and guaranteed delivery of your documents, LanguageBookings.com recommends using express mail.

### □ International Student Identity Card

If you are a student, then you can request the International Student Identity Card. You can get a lot of discounts all over the world with this card. Here you can find more information:

[HTTP://WWW.ISIC.ORG/](http://www.isic.org/) .

In many cities in the world, there are local student discounts cards available, make sure to ask for instruction on how to get one to your school abroad upon arrival.

### □ International driving permission

If you want to drive a car during your stay, you need an International driving permission. You can find a lot of information on the Internet about it, e.g.

[HTTP://WWW.INTERNATIONAL-LICENSE.COM/](http://www.international-license.com/)

### □ Photocopy of your important documents

It is advisable to make a photocopy of the identification page of your passport, LanguageBookings.com booking confirmation and other important travel documents and carry them separate from your passport on a safe place while abroad. Also leave one photocopy at home with your family. Always have a copy of your travel confirmation details in your carry-on luggage with emergency contact numbers, host family address, hotel info, etc.

Another trick is to scan all your documents and email the copies to yourself. This way, if something is lost or stolen, you can access them easily through internet.

## Step 4: Book your flight

LanguageBookings.com does not book flights for our students however we can advise you to check some of the many airfare sites available.

### □ Looking for a flight

If you are researching airfare costs, we recommend using [SKYSCANNER](#) or [CHEAPOAIR](#) – a search engine that lets you compare flight options based on your budget, schedule and preferences. On the schools' profiles on LanguageBookings.com you will find information about the closest international airport to the school.

### ☐ Book and pay your flight

If you found a good and cheap flight you can book and pay the flight. We recommend booking the flight as early as possible, but only after you received your booking confirmation from the school. If you book your flight early you can save a lot of money.

### ☐ Send the flight details to your school

If you booked accommodation or a pick-up service through the school, please send them your flight details. Then you will get all the information about your accommodation.

### ☐ Be prepared for anything

Unexpected delays, security measures, cancellations, and any other annoyance hassle could happen even if you've done all you can to be organized and arrive early. LanguageBookings.com recommends you to do the following on these situations:

- ☐ Verify Flights details and schedule with Airline.
- ☐ Check Flying and Airport Conditions to ensure that you won't suffer a delay
- ☐ Reduce hassle at airports by becoming familiar with airline procedures and security procedures.
- ☐ Keep the school or host posted of ANY changes regarding your arrival

## Step 5: Insurance

### ☐ Get an individual insurance

We strongly advised to all students to take out insurance in case of the need to return home early, medical conditions and other unpredictable circumstances. We recommend you to get your travel insurance in [WORLD NOMADS INSURANCE](#), it is built for adventurous travellers from over 140 countries, with covers for overseas medical, evacuation, baggage and 24 hour emergency support when you need it most.

European students should apply for a free [EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD \(EHIC\)](#), which may give you access to reduced-cost medical treatment if you are travelling within the European Economic Area country (EEA) or elsewhere in the world. Please contact the Department of Health in your country to download an application form. This will cover

you for emergency healthcare in the EU until your period of stay starts and after it finishes. The EHIC is free of charge.

## Step 6: Money

Languagebookings.com recommends students to do their homework on budgeting in a foreign country while getting ready to fly overseas to study abroad.

Make a list of everything you can think of that you will need to pay for on a daily basis. Don't forget to include accommodation, meals, transport and some extra money in case of emergency. Also, it can be worth your while to check out some [MONEY WAIST BELT](#).

### ☐ Money and Rate of exchange

Some countries are remarkable destinations to visit but unfortunately, exceptionally expensive for a students. Most of the time what make a country expensive to live in is the exchange rate. It is important for students to do their research and anticipate the exchange rate when budgeting for their trip.

### ☐ Credit Card

A credit card is very important. Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted and can be used to pay. You can also avoid fees when you want to withdraw money.

### ☐ How Much Cash to Carry

Handy list of important things to consider when budgeting

- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Airline extra baggage charges
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Airport arrival & departure taxes
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Entry fees/tourist card cost
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Visas and Permits to Stay (if applicable)
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Out-of-pocket school activity fees
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Books and materials fees
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Housing damage deposits
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Transport to/from housing & school
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend travel/excursions
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Daily meals



- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Souvenirs
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Going out (bars, dinners, etc... )
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone use/cellphone/calling card
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Internet fees at Internet cafes
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Incidentals: film, batteries, laundry, toiletries, etc...
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Unexpected emergencies
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

## Step 7: Stay in contact

### ☐ SIM card for your mobile phone

It is better to buy a SIM-Card for your mobile phone with a Pre-Paid function in your respective country. This way you will save a lot of money. Just make sure, that your phone is unlocked.

### ☐ Skype



**SKYPE** is an opportunity to keep in touch through the internet. **SKYPE** is a free and/or cheap way to make phone calls, chat, text, and even video calls. Skype to Skype calls, etc . are free, and you can download it for free at [SKYPE.COM](http://SKYPE.COM). To make calls or texts to a non-skype cell phone or land line, you have to top up your account and can call or text for less money. It's the ideal way to keep in contact with your family and friend at home.

### ☐ Internet

Usually you will be able to find internet access at the school but sometimes is not available at some homestays. So we recommend you to find out prior to your trip about Internet access. Nevertheless, in most cities you can find internet in Internet cafes. A laptop makes it easier to be connected. If you don't have a laptop, have a look [HERE](#).

## Step 8: Packing

One thing is sure: you cannot pack all the stuff you own. Because of this, please note the following tips and you will pack everything what you really need, for sure.

## ☐ Research the weather and climate

Before you start to pack your stuff, find out how the weather will be in your chosen city. The best way to do this is the Internet e.g. [HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.COM/](http://www.weather.com/) . After this you'll have a pretty good understanding of what kind of clothes are the best choice.

## ☐ Luggage

Usually, one suitcase of 20 kilos more or less and one hand baggage are included in the flight price. Please ensure that you will not exceed the 20 Kilos, because every kilo of overweight is very, very expensive; sometimes 30/60 € per kilo.

## ☐ Packing List

Please note, the following list is just a suggestion . You will have to adapt this list to your own needs.

### Clothes

- ☐ Underwear (two week's worth)
- ☐ Socks (two week's worth plus a pair of wool socks)
- ☐ Undershirts
- ☐ Thermal underwear (only if it cold weather)
- ☐ Long sleeve shirts
- ☐ Short sleeve shirts
- ☐ Sweatshirt/ hoodie (2-3)
- ☐ Sweaters
- ☐ Jeans/ Khakis (2-3 pair)
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ A belt or two
- ☐ Skirts (for the girls)
- ☐ A set or two of workout clothes
- ☐ Pyjamas
- ☐ Swimsuit (for those going to warmer climates)
- ☐ Coat/Jacket (We recommend at least 2 – one for cold weather, and one that is water-resistant)
- ☐ Flip flops/ sandals of some sort (good if you're going to a warm climate, but also good for hostel showers)



- ☐ Sneakers/ dress shoes/ boots/ rain boots
- ☐ Cold weather gear (i.e. gloves/ mittens, hat, scarf) → only if necessary

### Toiletries

- ☐ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ☐ Toothbrush/toothpaste
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Feminine Products (one month's worth – should go without saying you don't want to be stuck without those)
- ☐ Brush/Comb
- ☐ Razors/ other shaving supplies
- ☐ Contact lenses and solution
- ☐ Nail clippers
- ☐ Makeup
- ☐ Over-the-counter medicines
- ☐ Tissues/ toilet paper (you don't want to be stuck in a bathroom when its run out)

We recommend bringing liquids like shampoo, soap etc. in small bottles. Those will be enough for the first days. Then you can buy more at your destination. This way you can save a few kilos.

### Extras

- ☐ Purse/ wallet
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS** (passport, visa, itinerary, plane tickets, ISIC card, etc.)
- ☐ Sunglasses/ extra eye glasses/contacts
- ☐ Cell phone
- ☐ **LAPTOP** and charger (you'll need an **OUTLET ADAPTER** for the plug on your charger to work)
- ☐ **CAMERA** w/cords and charger
- ☐ Sheets/ bed linens (in most of accommodations they are provided)
- ☐ Bath towels
- ☐ **MONEY WAIST BELT**

- ☐ Enough prescription drugs for the length of your stay (You need to make sure you are allowed to bring them into the country and that you have documentation, either the prescription or a doctor's note)
- ☐ [MP3 PLAYER](#)/ iPod (for long plane/train rides)
- ☐ Map of your city
- ☐ Pen and notebooks for the class
- ☐ [BACKPACK](#) (for daily use and as your carry while traveling)

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## Step 9: Language preparation

If you are a beginner or you have already few skills in your new language, it is always an advantage to get familiar with the language before travelling. You can do this in different ways. At first you can watch some movies or series in the new language. This way you will get used to the pronunciation. Another opportunity is to do some grammatical exercises on internet. There is a lot of webpages where you can find some for free. Also, in most travel guides you can find some useful phrases for the daily life. Take a look at them; they can help you on your first days. Good language software and resources to check out is [TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE](#) as it is one of the leading providers of best-practice language learning software for consumers, government agencies, educational institutions, and businesses.

## Step 10: Stay healthy abroad

Before you leave, please talk to your doctor. He can inform you which vaccinations you will need for your stay in a foreign country. He also can give you some general tips about what you should consider in order to be healthy abroad.

Our tips for you:

- ✓ Don't drink tap water until you make sure it is drinkable. If you want to be on the safe side, buy water in bottles.
- ✓ Don't drink so much alcohol. A lot of accidents happen because of this reason.
- ✓ Do not do drugs.
- ✓ Think of sunscreen, if you are going to a warm and sunny country. Especially the sun near the Equator is very strong.

- ✓ Bring and use bug's repellent.
- ✓ Be careful with the fruits and vegetables that you eat. Try to avoid unpeeled items, and always make sure to cook food thoroughly.
- ✓ Be careful with animals, especially wild animals. They may look cute, but they might be dangerous.

## Section 3

# How to make most out of your language course abroad



The time spent learning in another country will be an experience of a lifetime, and one that has the potential to offer many benefits. Not only will you have the advantage of learning a new language and culture first-hand by living in it, but also, this kind of experience looks great on your resume. It is not a secret that companies are seeking for applicants that have studied abroad, so this can be a definite plus after graduation when the time comes to find a job. However, in order to reap all of the potential benefits, you will need to know how to make the most out of your language course abroad.

## Planning Ahead to get The Most out of your Language Travel



Plan ahead to make sure you not only have a basic agenda for your time abroad, but you are also prepared for the activities you will likely be doing. It is important to make the most of your time. Of course you will not want to plan something for every single hour of your day, but knowing what some of your activity options are before you go is very beneficial. Plans can always be changed on the go; wondering what you should do in your available time is a waste of that time.



Start out by first asking yourself what your **goals** are for your trip and what you would wish to accomplish. Are your reasons for going abroad to study purely personal ones, or are they employment or education related? You can tailor your free time based on these kinds of activities. Of course, don't forget to leave some time for your study and homework, since this is the main reason of your trip. Try to find out ahead of time how much academic class time you will have once you begin your study abroad, leave some hours for practice and self-study, and then use the rest of the time to get out and get immersed in your surroundings learning as much as possible from them.

A great way to find out more detailed information about planning your trip would be to get in contact with others that have already taken similar study abroad trips. If you don't know anyone who has, join our [FACEBOOK FAN PAGE](#) and strike up a conversation with others who have already experienced language study abroad. There is no better person to answer your questions than someone who has already done language study abroad.

## Scheduling your language study abroad



In regards of your travel abroad set up, there is a few other things to keep in mind as well. When looking for the best program to book, some offer discounts if your travel is booked early enough, or during the low seasons (usually September through April, except for January), while others will offer a reduced rate if more than one person will be signing up together. This would actually be a great way to travel with the comfort of a friend or family member who

has similar interests, have their support and company, and do so at the best price. For some, sharing learning experiences is a beneficial way to absorb new things even more, so if you are one of these individuals, scheduling your trip with a companion could be a great idea. However, it is important to try not to talk in your mother tongue with your mate all the time! The language in which you should communicate should always be the language



spoken at the destination in order to take the most out of your experience.

Also, when you arrange your study abroad, it is important that you schedule your trip early enough so that you really do have the opportunity to take in the local culture and sights, and not just your classroom and study time. Trying to fit too much into too short of a time generally does not enable the best use of that time, or the best absorption of

all the experience you'll be having. Since these types of study programs are immersion programs, allowing ample time to blend into the atmosphere and learn the culture through living it is always the best. Language abroad programs generally recommend 10 to 12 week trips if possible; understanding that this is not always doable; 3 to 4 weeks minimum is strongly recommended when trying to decide how to make the most out of your language course abroad.

## Packing for Your Study Abroad Travel

Packing is always a challenge, but it can be especially challenging when getting ready to travel abroad for a long time. Of course you want to make sure that you have everything that you need for the length of time you'll be in another country, but at the same time it is very important not to bring a lot of luggage! Having extra baggage is not only more expensive to fly with, but it also means more items you will have to be responsible for both while traveling and once reaching your destination. Only bring what you can comfortably carry yourself; if that means less clothing and finding a place to clean your laundry a few times, take advantage of this opportunity as you will be getting more immersed in the local way of living. Part of your necessities should also include important documentation about yourself and your trip, kept together and in a safe place with you. It is a good idea to have your travel information and itinerary, copies of credit cards and traveler's checks, prescription information, important phone numbers related to your trip and any personal and emergency contacts all with you in duplicate, as well as leaving a copy at home just in case you should need the information later. Today, all of this can be stored on most smartphones, though having a set of actual paper copies along to keep with you is recommended as well. If you lose your phone or the set of copies, you will still have the information in another form to use for making contacts or freezing credit cards if necessary.

## Enjoy yourself once you are there



Though your study travel is for educational purposes, with good planning in how to make the most out of your language course abroad it will be a fun one as well, which can enhance learning. Keeping yourself relaxed and having control over your stay is one of the best ways to attain all of this; keeping defined expectations lower and understanding that you will likely experience some kind of disorganization and inefficiency is a good way to do this. Different cultures and societies move in different ways, so the best way to avoid any substantial culture shock is to go abroad simply

expecting things to be very, very different than what you are used to and getting adapted to it as much as possible.



Once you have gotten feeling of your destination and you're used to the speed at which the local lifestyle runs, make sure to take it all in! See the important sights that you have worked into your schedule, and don't forget to try the local cuisine, since food is an important part of a culture. Blend in with those who live there and try not to look like a tourist in order to really see life as it happens.

There is a lot to consider when planning out how to make the most out of your language course abroad, but taking the effort to ready yourself ahead of time is well worth it. Starting before you leave, do things to keep yourself healthy so you do not get sick from being over tired or stressed. Sleep enough hours, eat well and keep hydrated throughout your study abroad, all of which can affect your fun time and how much you actually take away from the experience. With a good grasp on your travel, from the planning stages through getting to put your plan into action, you will find that your study abroad is much more enjoyable and fulfilling this way.

## What to do after your great experience abroad?

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