

MARIETTA COLLEGE STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS' "LESSONS LEARNED FROM ABROAD"

Returning Pioneers share some of their advice for international travel:

Speak the host country's language as much as you can. It's your opportunity for an immersion experience and your language skills will improve greatly!

Set a weekly budget and try to stick to it! You'll be happy you did.

Be educated!
Knowing the president, current events, and cultural customs of your host country will help you make local friends!

Say "yes" to new, exciting, or even scary opportunities...
You may never get this chance again.

Take only what you can carry!
Remind yourself that you will WANT to purchase things while you are abroad.

Stay in touch with people at home, but don't stay on your computer all day. You can do that when you're in the US.

Keep a journal AND a blog...
There are some things you'll want to remember that you may not want to publish online.

Let your credit card company, cell phone carrier, etc. know that you will be abroad!

Make copies of your travel documents.

If/When you drink abroad, do so wisely and with people that you trust.

Travel as much as you can. Go to different cities, different countries, or even just a different part of town.

Always be aware of your environment and act accordingly.

Remember that you are STUDYING abroad and that your grades transfer back as letter grades that will affect your GPA.