

# A Parent's Perspective

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT**

- Make sure your student has provided you with several different contact methods, including the CEA office in the U.S. and on-site, your student's home and cell phone numbers, and an e-mail address.
- Having a local phone contact is vital in case of an emergency. For that reason CEA requires that our students secure a locally serviced phone number and ensure that they carry their properly charged phone at all times. Relying on Wi-Fi spots for communication is not dependable and will not ensure that CEA staff can reach students in the case of an emergency.
- Encourage your student to provide CEA with your contact information as well.
- Many countries have hundreds of years of culture that may affect how men and other women treat your student.
- Encourage your student to leave immediately if they find themselves in a dangerous situation.

## **COMMUNICATING ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- Discuss with your student any travel plans and activities that may be independent of the study abroad program.
- Engage your student in a thorough discussion of safety and behavior issues, insurance needs, and emergency procedures related to living abroad.
- Be responsive to requests from CEA for information regarding your student.
- Keep in touch with your student.
- Contact us about any questions you have regarding CEA's insurance, safety measures, and other issues.
- Be aware that your student, rather than someone from CEA, may be the most appropriate person to provide you with certain information.

### KNOW YOUR STUDENT'S PROGRAM

- Be informed and involved in your student's decision to enroll in a particular program.
- Obtain and carefully evaluate CEA program materials, as well as related health, safety and security measures.
- Have CEA contact information easily accessible in case of emergency. CEA
  has 24-hour contact information available by calling the main number.

## BE INFORMED

- Keep informed about what is happening in your student's country.
- Check out the <u>State Department website</u> for specific information pertaining to an individual country and general information about travel and safety.
- Read the foreign press. Many foreign press websites now host an Englishlanguage version.

## **BE PREPARED**

- Have a valid passport.
- Make sure you have a copy of your student's passport.
- Purchase flexible tickets for your student.
- Have your student leave a flight itinerary with you.
- Remember that your student is responsible for his/her own safety and well being.

Click here to download our Parent Guide.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact CEA at 800-266-4441 or e-mail us.