# 5 Travel and Safety Tips When Planning Student Tours to Europe

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# Control what you can.... but prepare for what you can't









# 1. Organisation



- Plan early
   (research proves the sooner the better)
- Prior experience?
- Times of year to avoid
- Itinerary planning
- Language







# 2. Using local partners



- SYTA Partner/ referrals
- Check credentials
- Terminology
- Talk to them!
- Tour managers & guides







#### 3. Communication



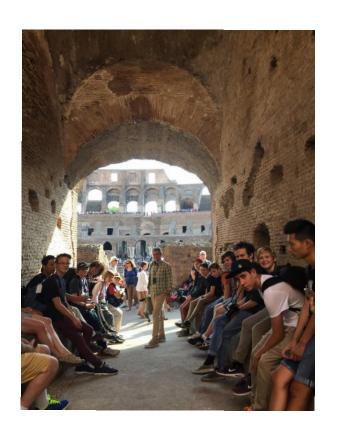
- Stay in touch with suppliers/partners
- Stay in touch with the group
- Set clear expectations (safety/supervision/ behaviour)
- Social media/WiFi
- International calls







#### 4. Cultural differences



- Terminology
- Security
- Meals/dietary/medical
- Safety of personal belongings
- Legal age for drinking
- Clothing







#### 5. Documentation



- Make backups/copies
- Decide who has which list
- Emergency contact details – especially for health issues
- Credit cards are cleared for international use







# 5. Documentation - apps



- Mapping eg
   Citymapper
- Translator eg
   Translator Speak
   & Translate
- Currency app eg XE





# 5.5 How others are prepared to help you...



- Use associations

   they have
   contacts at
   government levels
- Crisis
   management and
   support





#### Questions?

Request our guidebook on "How to Prepare Tour Leaders for a trip to Europe" at

www.livetravelandtours.com/tour-leader-tips









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