TIP OF THE WEEK
“If you have any dietary restrictions, make sure you look up the translations for your needs before you leave for each country! For example, if you are vegetarian and living in Italy, you would need to say “Sono vegetariano/a.” Or, if you had an allergy to nuts and were living in France, you would need to say “Je suis allergique aux noix.”
- (Katie and Carmen, Discover Italy)

DEADLINES COMING UP
Accepted Students: Winter programs can only run if enough students deposit, so confirm your spot now!

Global Passport flight booking deadline: October 18
Winter Programs Deposit Deadline: November 8

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Site-Specific Orientation
Hopefully, you’ve been keeping up to date on all of the requirements listed on the “Accepted Students” site, working on the Blackboard Course and doing everything else that you can to get ready for your trip. Still, we understand that there are some questions that just can’t be answered via electronic communications. That’s why every program has its own Site-Specific Orientation, where your program leader, along with OGS staff, will give you important information that pertains specifically to your program and answer any questions that you might have leading up to your program departure. These orientations are mandatory, and dates, times & locations are available on your program’s “Accepted Students” page, so take a look today, and make sure you save the date!

Do You Need a Visa?
Many students participating in winter programs won’t need a visa to go abroad. But depending on the location of your program, your length of stay and your country of citizenship, you might need one. It’s your responsibility to know whether or not you need a visa, but we can help! To determine whether or not you’ll need a visa before you go, visit your program’s “Accepted Students” page, or contact our office and we’ll help you figure it out.

Passports: Do you Have Yours?
If you don’t have a passport yet, make sure you apply for one ASAP! For all programs, your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your return date (so for a program ending on January 10, 2014, your passport would have to be valid until at least July 10, 2014). If your passport expires before then, you’ll need to apply for a renewal.

For more information regarding how to apply, visit the following site: http://travel.state.gov/passport/.

The Department of State has designated many post offices, public libraries and other government offices to issue passports. To find a location near you visit the following site: http://iafdb.travel.state.gov/.

Booking Your Flights
Have you thought about booking your flights yet? If you’re a Global Passport Program student, you should already have received information about booking through STA Travel and being on one of the two group flights. Remember, the deadline for Passport students to book their flights is this Friday, October 18. For all other winter program students, please do not book your flights until you’ve been notified by the Office of Global Studies that your program is confirmed!