TIP OF THE WEEK
“Prepare to go abroad by researching the cultures you will be exposed to! Listen to music, watch movies, and read books that are relevant to the countries you will be visiting. Both ‘Neither Here Nor There’ by Bill Bryson and ‘La Bella Figura: A Field Guide to the Italian Mind’ by Beppe Severgnini are great reads to prepare you.”
– Katie (Discover Italy)

DEADLINES COMING UP
Scholarship deadlines are fast approaching, so head to our website for details about how to apply! The deadline for the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship is October 1st and the Italian Cultural Center Scholarship is November 15th. If you have any questions about the application process, contact our office for more information.

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Welcome, Global Travelers!
We know you’re busy with a million things as the fall semester gets going, and preparing for your Global Studies program might be your lowest priority right now, so here’s the deal: if you do one thing to prepare to go abroad each week, read the Worldwide Wednesdays newsletter! (Then, once you’ve been reminded of all the other stuff you should be working on, do that.) In all seriousness, the newsletter is intended to keep you up to date and on track to have the best possible experience in studying abroad, so please read weekly! When you do, you’ll find the following features:

• Reminders of important dates and deadlines, like the one you see on the left side of this page.
• Important updates – if there’s any new information you need to know, you’ll be sure to find it here!
• Tips and tricks for making the most of your study abroad experience – you’ll find a “Tip of the Week” in the top left corner every week!

Accepted Students: Click Here!
Be sure to visit the Accepted Students’ Page! Not only does this site have some great information, but it’s also the source for the required forms, visa instructions, and the MANDATORY orientation requirements. Don’t keep this wonderful site all to yourself – share it with your parents! We know they are eager to learn more about your study abroad program. We even have Pre-Departure Orientation sessions designed especially for parents – and this is a great opportunity to get firsthand knowledge of your program. The detailed orientation schedule is also available on the site.

Visas – Due Nov. 15!
There’s lots of important information on the Accepted Students’ site, but there’s one section we want you to pay extra close attention to: the visa information pages. Depending on their program, all spring semester students will have to obtain either a French, Spanish or Italian national visa, each with its own application form and requirements. Most important of all, we want you to be aware that all visa application materials are due to our office by Friday, November 15 (this is a little later than your Confirmation Packet may have indicated). For full details on your specific visa requirements, please see your program’s Accepted Students’ page.

Look Out – Rotations are Coming!
Starting this Friday, all Discover the World students will be receiving their official Rotation Announcement Emails. All students will also start receiving more information on the flight subsidy program, including the initial airfare price and how they can purchase tickets through the STA Travel website. So check your email!