TIP OF THE WEEK
Research cultural events, festivals, and local holidays in the countries you will be living in and visiting. This is an excellent way to get a taste of the local culture and it will also help you plan your trips by alerting you to attractions closing due to the holidays.
- Doug (Discover the World)

UPCOMING DEADLINES
For Winter 2014 Programs:

October 15
Deadline to receive $500 travel grant (must confirm by this day)

October 16
Deadline for Dean’s Fellowship participants to confirm/deposit

November 8
Deadline for all other winter program participants to confirm & deposit

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Pre-Departure Requirements
In order to fully prepare you for your upcoming journey, we’ve developed a three-part orientation process that will guide you through everything that you need to do & know before you go. These are the most crucial of all your pre-departure requirements, so don’t let these deadlines pass you by!

Step 1: The OGS Blackboard Course
Beginning this week, all students who have confirmed their spots on one of our programs should be automatically enrolled in the Global Studies Orientation Blackboard Course. For instructions on logging in, see the orientation requirements section of your Accepted Students page.

Step 2: Program Orientation
This meeting, led by OGS administrators and your faculty leaders, will allow us to fill you in on all the day-to-day details of life abroad, as well as answer any questions you may have. For the date and location of your program’s site-specific orientation session, look under “Orientation Requirements” on your program’s Accepted Students page.

Step 3: Submit Required Forms
A few of the required forms that we need from you are included in the Confirmation Packet each student receives when confirming their participation, but the rest are available as online surveys, linked from the Required Forms section of your program’s Accepted Students page.

We’ve got you covered
As a participant on a Global Studies program, you will be enrolled in CISI Health Insurance for the duration of your program. With the exception of exchange students*, this coverage is included in the program fee and your benefits include coverage for physical and mental health issues that may arise while abroad.

You will be automatically enrolled in this insurance plan for the duration of your program and will receive your insurance account information via email shortly before your departure. The card and information will be emailed to you so make sure you’re monitoring your email.

The health insurance plan will be described in greater detail at your program orientation, but let us know if you have any questions in the meantime!

Blackboard Orientation
The mandatory Blackboard Orientation course is now live (you should already be enrolled, but double check and let us know if you’re not!). In order to access the course, just visit bbprod.stjohns.edu and log in using your St. John’s Central username and password. Once you’re in, just follow the instructions within the course. Please remember that the course must be completed by December 6, and that you must receive 100% on each quiz in order to complete the course. If you have any questions, or if you experience any difficulties in logging into the course, please contact our office right away.