

Knowlton Santiago Study Abroad Spring Break 2017

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Edited items in RED from original packing list distributed at first orientation. The information below is provided as an outline to help you in packing. Make sure to pack these 3 important items below:

- **Common sense**

Traveling in the airport: The airports we are traveling through are busy. Unattended bags will be confiscated as a security risk. Also this applies when we are in by tube, bus and traveling as a group.

Traveling as a group: It will be rather obvious that we are tourists and we should be aware of our surroundings so that we can have the best experience possible. **Holding all bags close** on public transport, making sure your **bags are closed and zipped, don't have money hanging out** of or on the edges of your wallet, pockets, or bags should help to alleviate any problems.

Traveling alone or separate from the group: Have common sense in not being alone if you go out at night. Do not venture into dark alleys or streets, even in a group. Walk where there is the most amount of action or lighting to help make your trip as safe as possible.

- **Courtesy-** we are guests in a country. We need to be respectful to the customs, culture and people of the country we are visiting.
- **Flexibility-** Many things will be different and new to us, and we have to be open to new experiences. This is also true about the schedule. The schedule is a framework, but may change depending on what is going on that day (weather, our visits, etc)

Luggage

If you have black luggage- so will about 95% of the other travelers. Marking it with some distinctive color (belt or tie) will make it much easier for you to identify, and less likely of others confusing with what they think might be their bag. Make sure all of your luggage, even carry on, is identified with a tag with name, address, etc. Sometimes things shift around or might get moved and this way it is easily identifiable. Check the **American** website, as to regulations for bags size and contents.

Checking in at the airport and customs:

All bags will be security checked. Your checked luggage will be processed, along with your carry on baggage- perhaps even several times.

When proceeding in customs, if they ask any questions, answer them clearly and fully. State that we are **just visiting (not studying)** and you should have no problems.

General items to prepare for traveling:

- **SKETCHBOOK (minimum 5"x 8")**, drawing utensils including **Pens/Pencils/Markers, etc. Guidebook and map are optional-**
- Copy of passport, credit/debit cards, travelers checks serial numbers, plane ticket, driver's license. Keep the copies in a different place than the originals.
- Mini first aid kit with cold medicine, band aids, Neosporin, Advil, Pepto Bismol, ankle wraps, etc.
- Prescriptions **in original packaging** with prescription clearly attached
- Small backpack or bag large enough for sketchbook, camera, water bottle, etc to carry your stuff around during the day. (This could be the bag you use as a carry on perhaps)

- Locks for bags may be something you want to consider (**DO NOT** lock checked bags as they will cut off locks or break your luggage)
- Passport or money holder also another item to consider. 2 versions: around your neck or around your waist. You wear them under your clothing so the valuables are protected and not obvious.
- Travel pillow as a suggestion (mine inflates so I can pack it small)
- Pack all wet items (shampoo, perfumes, etc) in plastic bags, even better in sealable (Ziplock) bags. The changes in pressure can make your liquids leak, or just in case anything did break it will save the rest of your luggage. Also helpful to bag items that could stain if wet, such as leather shoes.
- Travel or small size bottles of toiletries will save space and less weight to carry

Packing List:

Santiago and travelling in general, be prepared for all weather, including rain. *Packing light* will be helpful in traveling through to and from airports and customs.

Carry with you on the plane:

toothbrush, toothpaste, toiletries for one day
 prescriptions for several days
 one day's change of clothes
 cameras and/or any items of value
 digital storage media

Clothes

2 pairs of *comfortable* shoes for
lots of walking
 shorts/skirts for mid to upper 80's weather
 (perhaps) 1 more formal outfit
 (perhaps) 1 long sleeve shirt (layering*)
 short sleeve shirts (layering*)
 (perhaps) light sweater or spring jacket
 (lighter, not winter coat) if low of 50s in
 evenings is cold for you
 undergarments/socks
 ***Dressing in layers** is helpful so that you
 can change easily if it is warmer or cooler
 based on the weather that day

Personal Items

Soap/shampoo/conditioner
 Toothbrush/toothpaste
 Eyeglasses
 Sunglasses (we will need them)
 Extra contacts/solution/cleaner/case
 Over the counter medicines (see mini
 first aid kit suggestions)
 shaver (w/converter if electric)**
 shaving cream
 washcloth

Not recommended/with warnings
 Hair straighteners/curling irons**

Other Items

SUNSCREEN
watch or device to tell time
 Rain gear: water resistant jacket is best,
 (small umbrellas only, but not recommended)
 hat (helpful for rainy days)
 gloves- light pair if you get cold easily
 addresses to send postcards
 water bottle***
 alarm clock, **NO** corded alarms,
 only battery operated
 camera, digital storage media and cables
 adapter/converter
 granola bar/snacks
 ankle wrap/medical supplies
coin purse

***Electricity in the Santiago is 220 volts AC. US is 110 volts. If you use a hairdryer or other electrical appliance, plan to buy an adapter (to change the shape of the plug) and a converter (to change the voltage). You don't need a converter, but beware that items will run twice as fast and can short circuit easier.*

****If students bring filters instead of buying bottled water, Southbridge (Santiago travel agent) recommends bottled water. If still want to do filters, encourage them to do lots of research that it will filter out everything needed.*