University of Northern Iowa

Study Abroad Newsletter

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Important Deadlines and Opportunities

- New Opportunity:

You can now take the opportunity to travel "down under." Global Experiences is offering several new exciting internships for this summer. They include the music industry, public relations, advertising, and hospitality. For more *info:http://www.globalexperiences.com/internships/sydney.php*

- New Scholarship:

CAPA International Education has recently doubled the amounts rewarded and offers discounted prices to affiliates. If you are still interested in going abroad in the fall visit their website: *http://www.capa.org/student-resources/capa-scholarships*

- GLS Study Abroad Scholar Awards:

$1,500 award for students going abroad for a semester during Fall 2010 or Spring 2011. For more information visit ***http://www.globalsemesters.com/***

It's not too late: Summer Programs Still Available!

Capstone in London and Paris
May 10 to May 24

Education in Turkey
Two weeks in May

Global Skills in China
June 2 to June 23

Holocaust Studies in Poland
May 11 to May 27*

Capstone in Russia
mid May to late June

Capstone in London
May 10 to May 25

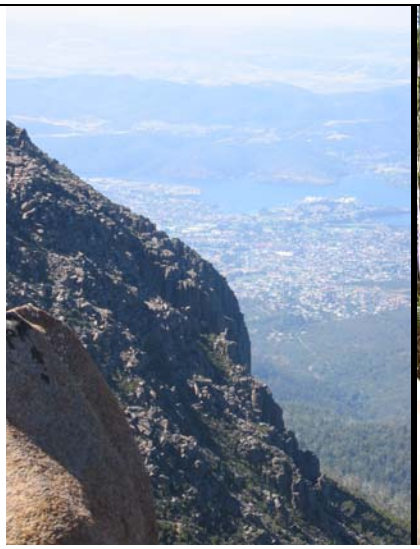
Psychology in London and Barcelona
May 19 to June 3

Socio-Economic Capstone in Nicaragua
May 11to May 22

Turn Your Summer into an Adventure!

PROGRAM OF THE WEEK

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND



New Zealand offers some of the most beautiful scenery in the world, including natural forest, mountains, and ocean landscapes.

FUN FACTS ABOUT NEW ZEALAND

Movies: The diverse landscape has been the site for several big production movies like the "Lord of the Rings" and "The Chronicles of Narnia"

The Country: New Zealand was discovered by Abel Tasman, a Dutch navigator, in 1642 and declared a British Sovereign in 1840. As the youngest country in the world it is comprised of several islands located near south-eastern Australia.

Colleges: The University of Northern Iowa has an affiliate program with the University of Auckland located in Auckland, New Zealand. This school offers business, arts, education, engineering, and law curriculums.

Hostel Survival Tips!

While traveling, you need to have accommodation in the cities you are visiting and hotels can be expensive! It is common students to stay in the cheaper alternatives like hostels. Hostels may seem scary and dangerous, but, generally, they are harmless and fun places to stay. To ensure a good stay abroad here are some tips:

BOOKING:

Look online at websites like Hostel World and Lonely Planet. These websites have an extensive list of hostels and offer peer reviews and ratings so that you can see what other people have thought about the hostel.

YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR:

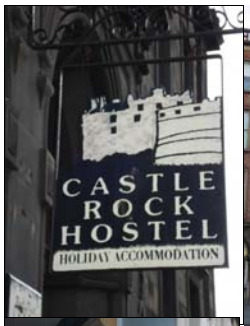
Hostels are by reputation a cheaper alternative, but there is such a thing as too cheap. Make sure to ask around and read reviews about the hostel before going to make sure it's the right environment for you.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Hostel World rates hostels based on character, security, location, staff, fun, and cleanliness. Depending on what you view as most important, you can choose a hostel based on those percentages.

SECURITY:

People often worry about their things while abroad and especially about leaving them in un-familiar settings. Hostels often provide lockers with locks for your stuff and the staff is often very kind about keeping your bags behind the desks if you arrive early.



Facts About Tibet

It's no secret that the Dalai Lama will be arriving on the UNI campus in a little over a month. The Dalai Lama is one of the most recognized figures around the world. It's quite the honor to have him speak on the UNI campus. To prepare for his visit here are some facts about the Tibetan culture:

Beginning — Buddhism was started by Siddhartha Gautama during the 5th Century CE. It began in Tibet during the 7th Century CE. Tibetan Buddhism as we know it began when King Trisong Detsen invited the great tantric mystic Padmasambhava to Tibet in 774 AD. It was he who merged tantric Buddhism with the Bön religion originally practiced in Tibet, to form Tibetan Buddhism.

Festival — Losar is the Tibetan New Year which starts on March 3. It is one of the of the most important festivals of the year, and is the time for young Tibetans to attend the temple for the first time. It provides adults with opportunities to play games and prepare a special feast to eat with family and close friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Yamantaka Mandala

When: May 9,2010 at 3:30

A Yamantaka Mandala will be constructed for the arrival of the Dalai Lama. This Mandala is a cosmic blueprint of the celestial palace of the deity Yamantaka, Conqueror of Death.

International Dance Theater

They will be putting on two performances in Davis Hall this weekend:

April 24th at 7:30pm

April 25th at 2:00pm.

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