



EMORY STUDY ABROAD

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, and Transgender students Studying Abroad

Study abroad is often the most valuable experience - academically and personally - a student participates in during college. Students returning from study abroad frequently tell us that their experiences abroad enriched their lives more than they had ever expected. With that in mind, all students studying abroad should understand the personal benefits and challenges of the host country in which they choose to study.

Although all students need to be aware of the legal issues related to sexuality in other countries, LGBTQ students in particular need information regarding the receptivity and social climate of their host country in regards to sexual orientation and gender expression.

The Center for International Programs Abroad (CIPA) is committed to providing equal access to study abroad opportunities for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, and Transgender students. We understand that sexual orientation is perceived, accepted, and tolerated differently within different countries and cultures. Some countries are more welcoming and legally protective than the U.S.A., while other countries are less accepting and more restrictive. The level of LGBTQ acceptance in different parts of the world varies tremendously and in current times is constantly evolving for better or worse. Having knowledge of the social and legal stances in regards to sexual orientation and gender expression of your destination is important to know before going abroad.

It is CIPA's goal to assist students with choosing and preparing for quality academic and life enriching international study and making wise and safe choices for study and travel in other countries and cultures. We encourage LGBTQ students to talk with a CIPA Advisor about cultural, legal, and social issues regarding sexual orientation and gender expression relevant to the country where they plan to study.

Additional Resources

Please check-out the following resources that provide details of the tolerance levels and legal protections in place for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer and Transgender individuals in different countries.

***MEET WITH A CIPA ADVISOR**

Call 404-727-2240 to schedule an appointment with a CIPA Study Abroad Advisor

***International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission**

Country Information

<http://www.iglhrc.org/cgi-bin/iowa/content/bycountry/index.html>

***NAFSA Rainbow**

US Students Abroad

<http://www.indiana.edu/~overseas/lesbigay/student.htm>

***Humans Rights Watch**

Reports about LGBT Rights

<http://www.hrw.org/en/by-issue/publications/674>

LGBT Rights: News

<http://www.hrw.org/en/by-issue/news-filter/674>

***ILGA State Sponsored Homophobia Guide**

'A World Survey of Laws Prohibiting Same Sex Activity Between Consenting Adults'

http://old.ilga.org/Statehomophobia/ILGA_State_Sponsored_Homophobia_2010.pdf