



LeadAbroad Family Guide

Give your child the gift of discovering the world and their best self.



Studying abroad is one of the most transformative opportunities your student can pursue during college. Navigating the study abroad process with your student shouldn't be complicated, confusing or stressful. We are here to help!

Over the last 13 years we've taken more than 3,800 students on transformative experiences around the world, so we know there are a lot of questions and concerns around the decision. We also know that our unique approach to **supporting students and their families** throughout the process, creating **learning environments that maximize potential** and **building a strong sense of community** within our program groups, makes the experience with LeadAbroad *absolutely worth it*.

Commonly Asked Questions

- How will I know they are safe?
- Where will they stay?
- What if they are traveling without friends?
- How do I book their flight?
- Will their experience be worth the cost?
- What steps do I need to take to secure their spot?



From the moment your student expresses interest in traveling until she or he returns to the U.S. after the program, your entire family will feel supported by our team. We have a team of experts who will communicate via email, phone, website, text and Instagram about all the topics that are important to families including flights, forms, accommodations and classes. We believe there is no question too big or too small when it comes to studying abroad.

“My daughter Lilly joined LeadAbroad on the LEAD Cape Town program and had the experience of a lifetime! I was so pleased and impressed with LeadAbroad's attention to every detail to make the planning, travel and program run so smoothly. Her experience abroad was so enriching in so many ways. I know it will impact her adult development and her next steps in life! What an opportunity Lilly has had that she will never ever forget!”

- Sally Bernard,
Parent of 2021 Student

What are our next steps?

CONNECT



[Schedule a visit to chat directly with our team here.](#)

LEARN



Visit our [FAQ page](#) and program pages to learn more.

SECURE



Secure your student's spot with a program [deposit](#).

About

LeadAbroad is an innovative, purpose-driven organization focused on leading transformative experiences at home and abroad. Over the past 13 years, we've taken more than 3,800 students on programs around the world. Your student will learn about themselves, who they want to be and where they want to go in the future.



OUR MISSION:

To lead transformative experiences abroad.

OUR PURPOSE:

To transform the trajectory of individuals' lives, impact communities and create a better world.

OUR VALUES:

We inspire trusting relationships through our words and actions.
 We are enthusiastic about our purpose, people and path.
 We boldly break through boundaries.
 We create learning environments that maximize potential.
 We serve our customers, communities and each other.

Programs



Holistic study abroad programs focused on leadership development, service-learning and included adventures.

[LEAD Cape Town](#)
Our flagship program

[LEAD Greece](#)



Classic study abroad experience with independent travel opportunities, weekly activities and cultural outings.

[GO Rome](#)

[GO Barcelona](#)



Curated, short-term travel experiences focused on Adventure - Service - Personal Development.

[DIRECT Cape Town](#)

[DIRECT Greece](#)



Unique professional experience to build a student's resume with real-world, tangible skills in marketing or

[PRO Cape Town](#)
Marketing

[PRO Costa Rica](#)
Healthcare and physical therapy

Parents FAQs

- 1. Why do past parents recommend LeadAbroad?** Students and parents tell us that they value our commitment to communication throughout the process, our [focus on safety](#) during the program and our staff's interest in connecting with each student and challenging them to discover the best version of themselves.
- 2. Who will be leading my student's program?** LeadAbroad's unique staffing model includes program directors, interns, faculty and teaching assistants and a domestic support team. This robust staffing approach thoroughly supports our students and allows us to keep our students safe.
- 3. Where will my student live during their time abroad?** Our programs feature a centralized housing model which is unique in the study abroad community. Rather than scattering students in small apartments throughout the program city or with host families, we partner with universities, student housing companies and hotels to keep students together and safe in one or several large groups. In addition, our staff live on site with the students to support them as needed.
- 4. How much will the program cost?** This year's prices and dates are listed on [our website](#) under the program dropdown. Program fees range from \$2,900-\$5,000. Tuition fees are separate.
- 5. My child has never traveled. Will this be an issue?** Not at all. Many of our students have never been abroad and this is why they choose LeadAbroad. Our team takes care of all of the details and is committed to supporting you and your family every step along the way.
- 6. How many students will be on each program?** Programs generally range in size from 30-100 depending on the location and program structure. Regardless of the size of your program, LeadAbroad values community and facilitates small group environments so students can connect and build authentic relationships.
- 7. What if my student is signing up alone?** Whether students are signing up with a group of friends or joining us without knowing a soul, because of our program structure they will make meaningful connections with fellow students that often grow into lifelong friendships.



Commitment to Safety

LeadAbroad's highest priority is the [health and safety](#) of our students and staff. As members of the Overseas Security Advisory Council and a consortium of universities who are sending students abroad, we are constantly monitoring safety in our program locations. COVID-19 has impacted all of us and will inform how people travel. During summer 2021, we were able to take extra precautions and successfully operate safe and transformative experiences. As we plan for summer 2022, we will continue to be in communication with local experts, agencies and our risk advisory consultants to adapt our programs to optimize students' experience and keep them safe.

For the most updated information, please check out our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about summer 2021 and COVID-19.

What makes LeadAbroad Different?

Our People

LeadAbroad is a team of young people who work year-round to plan, organize and deliver exceptional study abroad experiences to our students and their families. **Most of our full-time staff members began as LeadAbroad students ourselves.** We pride ourselves on supporting you and your student throughout the entire study abroad journey. First your student will chat with Kelsey, or one of our Student Relationship Managers, to navigate the program options and select the



best program to match their interests and schedule. Then Michael will be available to guide your student through the pre-departure process and answer all of your questions about booking flights, filling out forms or what to budget for additional spending during your program. Marc, our Director of Finance, will work with you to set up a customized payment plan or discuss any of your concerns related to program costs. When your student arrives abroad, our same team will be there to greet them at the airport and support them throughout their travels to ensure they maximize their time abroad. And, our domestic team is available 24 hours a day to support parents too.

Our Model

Unlike many study abroad programs which are facilitated by a single faculty member or national third party study abroad providers which take thousands of students on hundreds of programs scattered around the world, **we are a boutique solution.** Our experienced faculty work year-round to develop engaging and relevant courses, while our programming team focuses on safety, community building and logistics. **We design our programs to create trusting environments to proactively support students and help them maximize their time abroad.** LeadAbroad's unique staffing model abroad includes program directors, interns, faculty and teaching assistants and a domestic support team. This robust staffing and centralized housing strategy thoroughly supports our students and allows us to keep our students safe.



Our Experience

We know that studying abroad can be one of the most transformative opportunities your student can pursue during college. We focus on **student development beyond the classroom.** More than simply biology or calculus, students will learn about themselves, who they want to be and where they want to go in the future. We know the power of moments; those moments that inspire students to dream the impossible, give more than they knew they could and contemplate their life's purpose.

Our experiences, coupled with intentional support, are uniquely designed to engage students wherever they are in life, expose them to new ideas and life-changing experiences and equip them with the tools to make a difference in their community and the world.

Our Promise

1. SUPPORT

We pride ourselves on supporting you and your student throughout the entire study abroad journey.

- Detailed customer portal for accepted students
- Facebook and GroupMe groups
- Phone calls with our leadership team
- Comprehensive pre-departure communication to parents and students
- Flight recommendations
- Weekend trip guidance
- 24/7 program director support while abroad including assistance with doctor or medical visits



2. LEARNING

All LeadAbroad programs are uniquely designed to help students learn about themselves and the world. On for-credit programs, students will earn 3 – 6 credit hours from Oglethorpe University in small classroom environments. On all programs, students will experience lessons focused on being the best version of themselves and making the most of their time abroad.

- Focus on personal development
- Dedicated program directors and experienced professors who personally invest in students
- Engaging courses with emphasis on participation
- Adventure activities to stretch student personal comfort zone
- Workshops focused on individual strengths, vision and values
- Field trips to local areas of interest including museums, art galleries and monuments



3. COMMUNITY

The LeadAbroad family is here to inspire and challenge students as they determine the next steps on campus and in their career. Abroad, we have a variety of tools, events and programs to ensure that your student builds authentic relationships with other students.

- Small group environments
- Personalized roommate matching service
- Vibrant Instagram presence to connect with students
- Cultural events abroad including movie nights, sunset picnics, foodie clubs and more
- Peer leadership opportunities through our Community Leader program

