Information for International Trip Leaders:

If you will be leading a group of students on an international trip, please refer to International SOS as well as the U.S. State Department for important pre-departure and country specific safety, security, and health information.

Pre-departure preparations should include consideration of safety and security risks, health risks, and any required vaccinations as well as collecting emergency contact information for all travelers. All travelers should be familiar with how to access their health insurance while they are abroad. Trip leaders should be familiar with International SOS procedures or GeoBlue, if coverage for the group has been purchased.

The U.S. State Department provides a traveler’s checklist including tips on these and other important topics.

Registering your travel:

1) All students are required to register their travel through the Sojourn Abroad portal and International SOS. International SOS provides Brown University travelers with 24-hour worldwide medical and travel assistance, including emergency evacuation. If the trip is a group trip, the group information can be provided to the Insurance Office and they will enter the information into the International SOS travel registry.

2) Travel may be booked through FCm Travel Solutions, Brown’s preferred travel agency. If you elect to use this agency, you will be automatically registered with International SOS; if you do not use FCm, travel must be registered via International SOS.

International Health Insurance is also available through GeoBlue. This optional plan provides up to $100,000 in health insurance as well as medical evacuation and repatriation coverage. Having this plan for a group makes it easier to coordinate care in the event of an emergency because all members of the group are covered under the program. Contact the Insurance Office for group enrollment procedures.

For international locations where there is a U.S. State Department Travel Warning, Brown may, at its discretion, choose to prohibit an undergraduate study abroad leave or university-sponsored undergraduate activity abroad. In these instances, Brown University will not approve undergraduate study abroad programs occurring therein, nor will the University sponsor undergraduate groups, or award fellowships, scholarships, or grants to undergraduates for travel to these locations. For a list of restricted locations, please consult the OIP (Office of International Programs) website.