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and cultural resources!



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Decide who is in charge

- Determine who will be in charge of the group (both before, during and after) and what their responsibilities will be
- Make sure students know who is in charge and how to contact them in case of a problem
- In some cases, MISTI staff with expertise in the host country can serve as a trip coordinator/point person (contact misti@mit.edu)



Health and safety is priority #1

- Ensure that trip location complies with MIT's policy
- Ask students to attend a MISTI health and safety info session
- Ask them to download the MISTI health and safety app (email misti@mit.edu for link and password)



Details, details...

- Passport, visa, immigration status (international students visit ISO)
- Housing
- Finances, banking, ATMs
- Cell phone plans that work abroad
- Register travel and complete forms

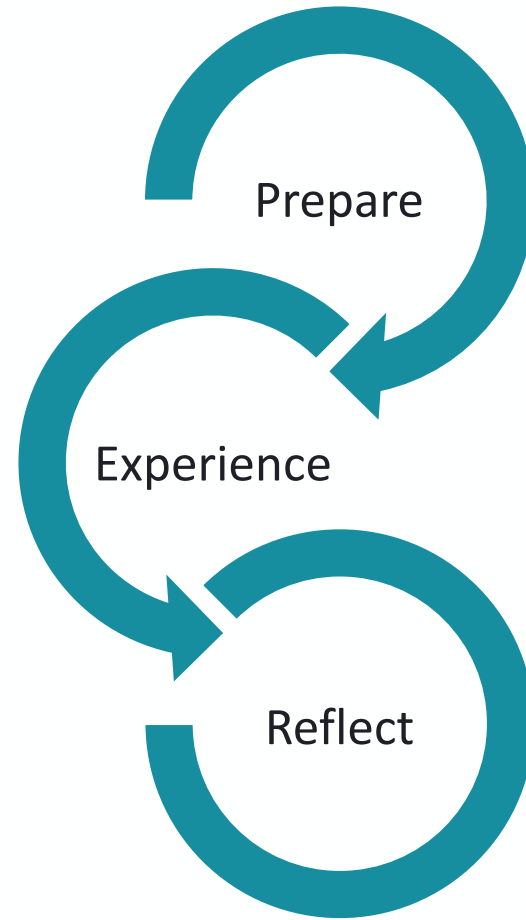


Think about identity

- Be aware that going abroad presents different challenges for different students
 - Underrepresented minority students
 - LGBTQ+ students
 - Students with disabilities
 - Women
 - First-generation students
- Visit MISTI IdentityX at mistiblogs.com



Support the journey



Know your host



A close-up photograph of a green chameleon's head, showing its textured scales, large eye, and pointed snout. The chameleon is perched on a green leaf, with a blurred background of foliage.

**Be ready to adapt
to different cultural
context and
communication
style**

Direct vs. indirect
communication

High context vs.
low context
culture

Non-verbal
communication

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International travel risk policy

Country warning levels

International SOS

Register your travel

What to do in an emergency

Identity abroad

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Cultural resources

Here are a range of cultural awareness tools and resources to help the MIT community communicate and collaborate more effectively.

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→ [GlobeSmart: Guides to foreign cultures](#)

→ [Multicultural communication skills](#)





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