



GO Paris March Newsletter

March 4, 2019

Happy Spring Break from LeadAbroad! Please review this newsletter in detail for important updates and **check your portal regularly** to ensure you are submitting payments and forms on time.

The next newsletter will be sent on April 1, 2019! [Click here to catch up on previous newsletters.](#)

Group Flight FINAL DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 26

- [Click here to access all flight information for GO Paris](#)
- To reserve a seat on the flight, please submit payment in your portal. Please note that **group flight payments are non-refundable**.
- Seats are limited and are first come, first serve. All seats may fill up before the final deadline.

LeadAbroad Information Form Update (in your Oglethorpe Petrel Portal)

- All students receiving credit from Oglethorpe University this summer will receive an official welcome email from the Office of Admission with a link to submit the **LeadAbroad Information Form** in the Oglethorpe Petrel Portal. **Please complete this form as soon as you receive the email.** The deadline to submit your form is extended to **April 1st**.
- If you have trouble accessing your Oglethorpe Petrel Portal, search your email for "Your LeadAbroad Application! Oglethorpe University"
- Contact Evan Simmons at esimmons@oglethorpe.edu or 404.364.8459 with any questions about your Petrel Portal or the form.

Recently accepted? Review forms due within 30 days of your acceptance

- **Acceptance Orientation:** make sure to watch the [acceptance orientation video](#) and complete the form in your portal
- **Program Waiver Form:** after your acceptance, you should have received an email from DocuSign to submit your program waiver. After it's signed, be sure to upload the signed PDF copy to your program waiver form
- **FERPA Form:** be sure to submit this as soon as possible

Pre-Departure Forms Due

- All participants must submit the following forms in their portal by
 - [Flight Form](#)
 - [Passport Form](#)
 - [Health Form](#)
 - [Roommate Form](#)
- Log in to your portal and submit all forms under the "Preparing to Go Abroad" section.

Class Placement

- Your current class placement is as follows:
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- To request a class change, please submit the [Class Change Form](#) in your portal. We will try our best to accommodate your request; however, we cannot guarantee a change will be made. Some classes are full with a waiting list.
- All GO Paris syllabi can be found on the [accepted student page here](#).

Ready to Explore Europe on the Weekends?

- We know that weekend travel is a highlight for students on study abroad, but everyone is looking for something different. If you are the type of student who wants to see other places, but not plan it yourself, booking trips through 4.0 Tours is a great way to explore. **These excursions are exclusive to LeadAbroad students** and will be facilitated by expert leaders from 4.0 Tours who will support our groups and run logistics.
- [Click here for GO Paris weekend details!](#)

July 12-14: **Bruges (included in GO Paris program fee)**

July 18-21: **The Amalfi Coast**

July 25-28: **Interlaken**

- If you prefer to travel on your own, our staff will be available daily for weekend travel planning. We encourage you to take advantage of our help to plan safe travel routes and find safe accommodations.
- Frequently asked questions about weekend travel:

Do I need to sign up now?

Prices will increase May. Spots are also first come, first served. It's important to book early!

Do I need to book my own flight?

For trips that require a flight, yes, you are responsible for airfare. **IMPORTANT NOTE: do not book your flight until 4.0 Tours confirms the trip has reached the required number of participants. Specific flight recommendations will be posted online.**

I don't know anyone else going. Will I be with other students?

Yes! The trips require a minimum number of LeadAbroad participants, so you will be with other students on each excursion.

Does anyone ever stay in town?

Yes! Be sure to take advantage of everything your program city has to offer by staying in town one weekend or exploring between/after classes.

Can I miss class to travel?

No. All excursions begin after class. If you are traveling independently, you need to plan on departing once class is finished.

What else do I need to know?

Students are required to sign out before leaving town for the weekend. You must communicate where you are going, who you are going with and when you are expected back. This will give the program staff the information they need to support you while away.

Quick Portal Links

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#): **Should I get shots before going abroad? Do I need to bring my laptop? Will staff be on my flight? How much money should I bring?** Answers to these questions and more can be found in the FAQ's!
- [Pre-Departure Master Checklist](#): Stay on track with important action items and to-dos between now and departure day!
- [Portal tutorial video](#): Not sure where to find information online? Watch the linked tutorial with step-by-step instructions on navigating the student portal.

Connect with LeadAbroad and Your Fellow Travelers!

- Join the [GO Paris 2019](#) Facebook group (for students only). Don't be shy with friend requests!
- Like us on [Facebook](#)
- Follow [@LeadAbroad](#) on Instagram and search the hashtag [#LeadAbroadLife](#) for hundreds of photos from our programs around the world

