



## 10 Days to Departure: LEAD Greece

May 17, 2018

Greece is just around the corner! Please review this email for final reminders and important arrival information.

Your final newsletter will be sent on May 26th - 1 Day to Departure! Need to catch up on previous newsletters? [Review here!](#)

### Frequently Asked Questions

- **I paid LeadAbroad for my flight. Where can I find my group flight confirmation?**
  - All group flight tickets were emailed on May 2nd with the subject line "Your Flight Receipt - (NAME) 27MAY18." Be sure to review and print this email. If you did NOT receive your ticket, please contact us ASAP.
- **Will LeadAbroad staff be on my flight?**
  - Since our staff will already be in Greece preparing for your arrival, we will not have any staff at the departure airport or on flights to Athens. However, we will have a student flight leader who will take attendance at the gate and help students connect with each other before the flight. Look for [Ashley McLaren](#) at the gate! Should you have questions or problems with your flight, we strongly recommend you speak with an airline representative at the airport as they will be able to assist. Our on-call, U.S. based staff is available for any itinerary changes that will impact your arrival into Greece.
- **Do I need to pack sheets, pillows or towels?**
  - No, these are provided. We do recommend bringing an extra beach towel.
- **Should I carry cash? Cards? Both?**
  - We do not recommend you bring a lot of U.S. cash to exchange. ATM's are widely available and are the most convenient way to get cash abroad. We recommend you bring a credit card as well.
- **How much spending money should I budget?**
  - [Check out the online budget worksheet.](#) It's extremely important to create a financial plan before you go.
- **What should I pack?**
  - A detailed packing list is linked in this newsletter below!
- [Click here for more FAQ's!](#)

### FINAL NOTICE: Order Your Blue Book (Required for all participants)

- All students must order their program workbook **before departure**. We will not have extra copies in Greece.
- If you have not yet ordered your Greece Blue Book, **you must call Bel-Jean** directly at [706-548-3648](tel:706-548-3648). Ask for Haven and complete your expedited order over the phone.

### FINAL NOTICE: Complete StrengthsQuest (Required for all participants)

- One of the first workshops you will participate in is examining your "signature strengths." All students must complete this assessment **before departure**.
- [Click here to find your unique access code.](#)
- Once you have your code, [click here to begin.](#) Simply follow the prompts, **PRINT YOUR RESULTS** (as soon as you see them) and bring them abroad!
- If you do not see your name on the list of access codes, please email [Michael@LeadAbroad.com](mailto:Michael@LeadAbroad.com) to request your code.

### LEAD Greece Orientation Reminder (Required for all participants)

- Your program-specific orientation video is now available:

- [LEAD Greece Pre-Departure Orientation](#)
- You are also required to watch the general orientation for all programs:
  - [LeadAbroad Pre-Departure Orientation: All Programs](#)
- If you have not already submitted your [Pre-Departure Form](#) in your portal, please watch the videos linked above and review the questions simultaneously.

### ***Flight Arrivals & Departures - UPDATED - PLEASE REVIEW***

- [Click here for all flight itineraries](#). **Please review to make sure the information we have for your flights is accurate.**
- Upon arriving at the group flight gate in New York (JFK), you will check in for attendance with Ashley McLaren. Ashley will have a LeadAbroad sign posted at the gate!
- LeadAbroad will arrange one shuttle from the airport to the accommodations for arrivals before 10:30am on May 28. If you arrive outside of this time, we will contact you with specific instructions.
- If you miss a flight and will not make it to Greece on your original itinerary, **please go directly to the airline counter** as soon as possible to re-book your ticket.
- When you have your new flight details, [please fill out this form](#), notifying us of your **FINAL LEG** into Athens.
- Our on-call staff will be monitoring flights and responses to the form above. We will work with your program director to make sure a plan is in place for your arrival if you are delayed.

### ***Print Your Program Packet***

- Please review and print the [2018 LEAD Greece Program Packet](#)
- Be sure to bring this packet with you to Greece!

### ***Final Class Enrollment***

- LEAD Greece classes can be cross-listed with multiple disciplines. On your program application, you selected to have your classes appear on your transcript as follows:
  - Leadership: Global Theory & Practice:
  - Global Citizenship & Civic Engagement:
- LEAD Greece syllabi can be found on the accepted student information page [here](#).

### ***Review Packing List***

- It's not too early to start planning how to pack! [Click here for the Greece packing list](#).
- Do not bring more bags than you can carry yourself.
- Check baggage policies for ALL airlines you are flying this summer.

### ***Tips for Flying***

- Arrive at the airport three hours before your international flight
- Print all of your flight itineraries and have them with you in your carry-on
- Check your bags all the way through to Athens
- Write our Athens address on your checked bags (see below)
- Pack two days worth of clothes and your "must-haves" in your carry on (electronics, chargers, prescriptions, etc)
- Try to sleep on the flight. The first few days are BUSY!
- If you are not arriving with the group, you are responsible for the cost of your transportation to the accommodations. We will still greet you at the airport, but you will pay the driver directly. If this applies to you, we will contact you with specifics
- Want more tips on flying? [Click here!](#)

### ***Layover Policy***

- LeadAbroad strongly encourages all students to remain at the airport during any layover en route to their final destination. If, however, a student chooses to leave the airport, they are responsible for themselves, their bags and returning to the airport three hours prior to departure. Though staff will always be available to help students in any way possible, LeadAbroad will not be responsible for any expenses incurred because of a missed flight.

### ***Mark Your Luggage***

- Write the following address on your luggage tag:

**Congo Palace Hotel**  
[81 A Poseidonos Avenue,](#)  
[16674 Glyfada - Greece](#)  
 Tel: 210 89 46 711

### Roommates & Program Groups

- [Click here to view the roommate assignments.](#)
- Please note that we may need to shift room assignments as we get closer to departure. If you are effected by any change, we will notify you as soon as possible.

### Check out the updated in-country calendar & Italy add-on itinerary!

- We've added a new online calendar for easy reference! [Check it out here.](#)
- An updated itinerary for the Italy add-on is now available! [Click here to view.](#)
- Please note: the schedules are tentative and subject to change.

### Staying Safe - Important Steps Before You Depart (Required for all participants)

- [Join the LEAD Greece Safety GroupMe.](#) This group is intended for **students only** and for risk management purposes.
- Share your location *indefinitely* to this email ([taylorbrock@gmail.com](mailto:taylorbrock@gmail.com)) on the Find My Friends app. This is mandatory and will be used for safety purposes only.
- [Download the Smart Traveler app](#) from the U.S. State Department
- [Mark the items above as completed here](#) next to your name once they are done.

### Other Pre-Departure Reminders

- [Order an outlet adapter](#)
- Notify your bank of your travel plans online or over the phone. Be sure to include your layover locations.
- [Create a budget](#) with your parents.
- [Complete your self-care plan.](#)
- Bring two ways to access money (i.e. debit card and credit card).
- **Do not overpack.** Always check your airline for baggage restrictions and details.
- Change your voicemail.
- Leave a copy of your passport at home with your emergency contact.
- Visit your doctor and have all of your prescriptions filled.
- If you plan to use your cell phone, talk with your carrier about international plans and data usage rates.
- Print your return itinerary and have it with you when you go through customs. Remember, you're traveling as a tourist.
- **Hug your parents and say, "Thank you!"**

### Your Next Newsletter: May 26, 2018 - See You in Greece! What information will be coming?

- Final reminders and tips
- Who to contact in case of emergency

