Common Sense Rules

As you embark on this wonderful experience, here are some guidelines for proper conduct on planes, aboard buses and in hotels. We need your cooperation to ensure a positive and successful program for everyone and to maintain the good reputation of Americans abroad. We are proud of our Concordia Language Villages - Xperitas High School Credit Abroad students and we ask you to please do your part as ambassadors of the U.S.

On the Airplane

1) Remain in your assigned seat.Switching seats and moving about to chat with friends can be disruptive to the other passengers.

2) Avoid loud conversation and laughter. You will no doubt be excited and enthusiastic, but it’s also important to respect everyone aboard. On transatlantic flights, experienced travelers recognize the need for rest - even sleep. Please allow them (and yourself) the chance to do this!

Aboard Buses

1) Be courteous to your driver. Show him or her that students can be well behaved, friendly and helpful. Assist with loading and unloading luggage whenever possible. Say “hello” and “goodbye” as you get on and off.

2) Keep the bus clean. Do not leave garbage or litter in seat pockets, cup holders or on the floor. Use the wastebasket! Nothing makes a driver happier than students who respect the bus.

3) Act responsibly. Do not sit on the arms or block the aisle. When you get off the bus, make sure you take all your belongings (passport, bag, camera, etc.).

4) When traveling with luggage, please help the driver load and unload the bus. They really appreciate the helping hand!
In the Hotel

Staying in a hotel abroad can be quite different from staying in a hotel in the U.S., and it’s important to respect the hotel and other guests during your stay. These are ways to be a good ambassador of your own country and leave a great impression behind.

1) On arrival, check your room to make sure all is in order and working. If you notice any damage, report it at once to your group leader to avoid being charged for it later.

2) Respect the other guests. Do not run in the halls, slam doors or behave in a way that disturbs other guests. This is especially important in the evening and early morning hours when hotels expect guests to be quiet to assure the safety and rest of all guests. Failure to meet these standards could result in expulsion from the hotel.

3) Keep your room neat at all times. Do not scatter your personal belongings about the room; keep them in your suitcase or in the closet. Hotel staff are not expected to pick up after you.

4) Inspect your room before checking out. It should be clean and orderly; dispose of any trash in the wastebasket. Damaged rooms cause extra cleaning and/or repair bills, for which you will be held responsible. Report any damages immediately.

5) Do not steal hotel “souvenirs.” A strict accounting is made of towels, linens and keys. Any attempt to take these items will be both costly and embarrassing.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.
We know that we can count on you!