**Travel Safety Dos and Don’ts**

**DO**

-Always be aware of your surroundings! Always look aware (pick pockets don’t target people who look aware and in control)

-Always look both ways before crossing the street. Just because the person in front of you crossed, doesn’t mean it is safe for you.

-Travel in groups of no less than 4. Never (for any reason) go anywhere alone.

-Be aware of small children who approach you, or get in your personal space (some pick pockets use children to steal from unsuspecting people).

-Keep valuables secure at all times.

-Don’t count your money in public.

-Don’t have your cell phone out (unless in use).

-Keep wallet in an internal pocket in your bag

-Dress and behave modestly (this will deter unwanted attention from the opposite sex).

-Keep your “emergency stash” on you at all times (20€, calling card, emergency card)

-If you do get separated from the group, use the following guidelines:

-Stay where you are (don’t go looking for the group, they are looking for you) **Just stay where you are!!!!**

-Stand out in the open so that you can easily be spotted by a group member (do not wait inside a shop)

-Use the phone card and emergency card that Ms. Taylor gave you. Find a phone; use the phone card to call Ms. Taylor. If you can’t reach her…call EF’s International number. Tell them you are lost, and your Tour Director’s name. They will call the TD and he will come find you!

-If this doesn’t work, or if you have been waiting for a really long time:

- get a cab and go back to the hotel and wait for the group (use your emergency money to pay for the cab).

-when you get to the hotel, ask the front desk to call your tour director and let him know you are there.

**DON’T**

-Don’t invite anyone back to our hotel or to your room (even if they are on our trip). Don’t tell anyone where we are staying.

-Don’t engage in conversation while the group is walking in the city. You will not be fully aware of your surroundings, and you need to be on the lookout for traffic.

-Do not engage in conversation with people who approach you. Simply say “no,” and keep moving.

-Don’t take fliers/brochures/products that people hand to you.

-Sometimes they do this to get you off guard, and take your valuables

-Street vendors will have you use the product, and then try to charge you for it.

-Don’t lose sight of the group at anytime