



GlobaLinks Learning Abroad has always advised students against operating vehicles while studying abroad. The reasons are simple: the road rules, laws and driver etiquette are unfamiliar and not easily mastered in such a short time frame. Instead, we encourage students to use public and/or privately hired transportation for their logistical needs and to be cautious of operators/companies they choose so they never compromise safety in exchange for cost savings.

Below is a list of how and when GlobaLinks Study Abroad participants are advised against driving while studying abroad:

### **Pre-Departure Advising**

Under the Health & Safety Section of our Website, one will find a tab titled: "Additional Safety Information". This section addresses the following topics:

- Guideline to Follow When Traveling Abroad
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Legal Issues
- Driving (see below for the text in this section:)

*"GlobaLinks Learning Abroad discourages students from owning or operating motor vehicles abroad while participating on a study abroad program. Traffic laws and regulations, civil and criminal can make driving in foreign countries extremely hazardous. Insurance requirements or other financial responsibility laws vary from country to country.*

#### U.S. Citizens:

*For additional country specific information on traffic safety and road conditions, please review the host country consular information sheet provided by the [U.S. Department of State website](#).*

#### Canadian Citizens:

*For additional country specific information on travel, please review the host country consular information provided by the [Canadian Consular Affairs website](#).*

*If a student makes the decision to operate a motor vehicle while abroad, he/she assumes full responsibility for any financial, legal, and/or health related situations should he/she be involved in an accident while operating the vehicle."*

The Student Participant Guide also presents this same information.

### **In-Country Advising**

Students are again advised against driving during the Bridging Cultures Program. The first way is through a student exercise where participants are divided into small groups to discuss "Past Student Scenarios". One of the four scenarios addresses a situation where past students rented a vehicle and had an accident. We also reiterate the above advice to students within the presentation slides to reinforce student safety while abroad.