HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We know you're looking forward to a hard-earned rest from academia after finals this semester. The following information might be useful in deciding how to use that month-long break. We would recommend that you try to get away from Boston for at least part of the time, as January is one of the dreariest months in the city. It's a great month if you'd like to learn to ski in New Hampshire - Vermont - Maine! (see enclosed information on Tufts Mountain Club for an inexpensive way to go.)

Traveling in the United States can be more expensive than in other countries, but read on for some ideas of inexpensive ways to do it! We also have a number of books, pamphlets in the International Office which can be borrowed. (New York, Washington D.C. on $10/day, Getaway Guides to New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Lets Go - U.S. & Canada, Low Cost Accommodations in New York.)

Christmas Travel Reminder: Students who plan to travel outside the United States during the holidays should be sure to request the appropriate visa document from the International Office at least one week in advance. Due to the large number of requests the International Office receives just before the holiday sessions, no Forms I-20 can be issued without prior notification of one week. Your cooperation in submitting visa document requests EARLY will be sincerely appreciated.

Visa Requirements for Visits to Canada: Before planning a trip to Canada, be sure to check with the International Office to find out if you will need a visa to visit that country. Last year, the Canadian government changed its immigration policy and now makes it mandatory for nationals from certain countries to obtain visas before they are granted entry into Canada. For further information, contact the International Office or the Canadian Consulate, Tel: 262-3338.

For those of you living on-campus who will be here during the holidays, there will be no charge to stay in the dormitories. However only two residences, the International House and Stratton Hall will be open. If you would like to stay in the International House, you must make arrangements with the dorm resident in whose room you will be living. You can do this directly if you have a friend in the house, or by contacting Anand, the Head resident. (628-2393 or X759) You must make this arrangement and notify either Betty Austin or Shelley Judelman in the Housing Office by December 8. You will move from your dorm by noon on Friday, December 24 and can move back on Sunday, January 16. There will be some activities going on during the break in the International House.
How to get there - Take rte. 93 north. Get off at exit 30 (Woodstock) and take a left after the exit on to rte. 3, heading towards Woodstock. The Lodge is about 2 miles down the road. It's a big red house, on your left, directly across from Merrill's General Store, and a Mobil station.

Whom to contact - Katherine Shea, Alpha Tau Omega House, 134 Professors Row.

Fees - Membership fee is $5 per year. For members, it costs $1 per night, 50¢ for all additional consecutive nights. For non-members, the room fee is $3 per night, 50¢ for any additional consecutive night. Community food is prepared for everyone if there are more than 10 persons living in the lodge. Breakfast is 50¢, lunch is 50¢ and dinner is $1.

What to bring - Warm clothes, warm boots, gloves, hat, etc. Also, a warm sleeping bag and/or blanket. (It gets very cold there.)

When it is open - Weekends during regular school periods, 7 days a week during vacations.

Where to get information on rides - Check the bulletin board across from the xerox machine in the Library (Wessel)

What to do when you get there - If there is snow on the ground, and there probably will be, you can sign-out cross-country skis, snowshoes, ice picks and ropes. There are many nearby mountains suitable for hiking. The biggest being Mt. Washington which is an hours drive from the Lodge. For skiing, (downhill), Waterville Valley is the closest to the Lodge, with other slopes quite close by. Ski rentals are available at all ski resorts. The resorts in the area include Loon Mountain, Waterville Valley, Cannon, and many others. There are also a few lakes in that area. (Squam Lakes and Lake Winnepesaukee are the closest. Canoes are available for rent at the Lodge for $2.50 a day.
NEW YORK - UNITED NATIONS TRIP

In January, there will be a trip to the United Nations and New York City. It will be a one-day trip leaving at 7:00 a.m. and returning from New York at 7:00 p.m. After the tour of the United Nations, you will have several hours on your own to visit such sights as Rockefeller Center, the Empire State Building, World Trade Center, Fifth Avenue and its elegant shops, Central Park, the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts, Hayden Planetarium, and Greenwich Village.

Diana La Muraglia is organizing the trip with the aid of Judy Cornetta and Nick Alexandrou, International Club President. If you are interested, fill out the tear sheet and send it back to the International Office. The cost of the trip will be no more than $10-11, possibly less.

For further information on the trip, call the International Office, 628-50000, ext. 545,549.

UNITED NATIONS TRIP

I would be interested in the United Nations Trip in January.

NAME(S) ____________________________________________
ADDRESS ____________________________________________
PHONE # ____________________________________________
BEST TIME TO CALL ___________________________________

send to: Diana La Muraglia
         International Office
         Brown House
         Tufts University
         Medford, Ma. 02155
REQUEST FORM

F-1 STUDENTS If you are leaving the United States during the winter holidays please request a current I-20 Form.

J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS You may use the pink copy of your DSP-66 Form to re-enter the United States after visiting abroad. If you have not received the pink form back from Immigration and Naturalization Service extending your stay, be sure to request a new DSP-66.

NAME: __________________________________________ PHONE: _______________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________________

SCHOOL/DEGREE/MAJOR: ____________________________________________________________

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION ___________________________________________________

I will need (F-1 Visa) I-20 Form ______ (J-1 Visa) DSP-66 Form ______

a. Expiration Date on I-94 Card ______________________________________________________

b. Destination or Purpose __________________________________________________________

PLEASE ALLOW ONE WEEK FOR PREPARATION - PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY.

DATE NEEDED: ________________________________________________________________

Return this form to:

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Don't Forget Us!!
FAMILY VISIT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Applications and brochures for all of the following programs are available at the International Office.

1. Experiment in International Living - Brattleboro, VT 05301. (802) 257-7751

   21 Day Home Stay (especially good for Christmas vacation)

   A. Procedure

   1. Student chooses a place (anywhere in the U.S.A.) that he/she would like to go for a home stay.

   2. Student pays $74.00 administrative fee to Experiment in International Living.

   3. Student pays cost of his/her travel to and from family.

   4. Student lives with family for 21 days, interacting as one of the family members. Family provides food and lodging voluntarily (free) and expects no remuneration.

   5. Applications should be sent 6 weeks before the home stay begins (that means NOW if you wish to begin at the end of this semester).

2. VISIT - 291 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10007. (212) 349-0705. Spending 2-3 days with each family as you travel from place to place.

   A. Procedure

   1. Student outlines his travel plans, listing each place he plans to go (for example: New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Houston, Albuquerque, Los Angeles, San Francisco).

   2. VISIT arranges a family in each of the places on the trip.

   3. Student pays $5.00 registration fee (for 1-6 visits) or $10.00 fee (for 6 or more visits).

   4. Student pays his transportation expenses.

   5. Student lives with each family for a minimum of 48 hours and a maximum of 72 hours. Families provide food and lodging voluntarily (free).

   6. Applications should be sent 3 weeks before the trip begins.
SPECIAL PROGRAMS DURING CHRISTMAS VACATION

1. Christmas International House, 1749 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30329.
   (404) 633-6783
   December 19 - January 2

Christmas International House (CIH) provides an opportunity for international students to gather for fellowship and reunion during the Christmas holidays. All international students (graduate or undergraduate) are welcome, regardless of race, nationality or religious background. Single and married students (with or without children) are welcome. The only cost is a $5.00 registration fee and round trip transportation from Boston to the CIH host community selected. (CIH host communities are located throughout the United States, including Melrose, Massachusetts, a Boston suburban community.) For further information and applications, contact the International Office.

A. Procedure

1. You choose a place in the U.S. where you want to spend the holiday.
2. You make application before December 15 and pay a $5.00 registration fee.
3. You pay your transportation costs to and from your holiday home.
4. You go to the community with other foreign students from all over the U.S., and stay with families or in dormitory style accommodations. Special programs (trips, tours, etc.) are held for the students.

This program is sponsored by the various Christian churches throughout the U.S. and has been hosting international students for many years.

2. ASSOCIATION FOR WORLD TRAVEL EXCHANGE, 38 West 88th St., New York, N.Y. 10024
   (212) 787-7706
   December 18 - January 2

For a warm Christmas holiday, the Association for World Travel Exchange (ATWE) offers a trip to Miami, Florida including Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia, St. Augustine, Daytona Beach and Cypress Gardens, Florida. The cost of the round trip from New York is $174. For further information, contact the International Office.
Pennsylvania Dutch Country
December 24-26

The friendly people of the Pennsylvania Dutch country will provide hospitality for international students who participate in this tour. This colorful region is especially proud of its gay holiday traditions and abundant home-cooked meals. Cost for the road trip from New York is $18. For further information, contact the International Office.

TRAVELING INDEPENDENTLY

1. BUSES go to almost every place in the United States, and usually the stations are located in downtown areas of cities. Buses are very crowded at vacation time, so be prepared for long lines and late schedules. The best-known bus lines that service all the U.S. are Greyhound and Continental Trailways. Both have stations in Boston. If you're an optimist, bus travel is adventuresome. If you're a pessimist, bus travel is frustrating.

You WILL meet people—all kinds, and you WILL see the country. There is no need to get advance reservations for bus travel. Just arrive at the bus station about one hour before departure time, buy your ticket, and wait for the bus to load.

Greyhound Bus Lines
10 St. James Av., Boston
Telephone: 423-5810
(if going to station via subway, get off at Arlington)

Continental Trailways Bus Lines
10 Park Square, Boston
Telephone: 482-6620
(if going to station via subway, get off either at Arlington or Boylston)

Both Greyhound and Trailways have special tickets, in addition to their regular trip fares. For example:
30-day pass—$225.00—good on all routes in U.S. and Canada for 30 days; you get on and off whenever you wish.
60-day pass—$325.00
15-day pass—$165.00

To give you some idea of the cost of travel, note the following APPROXIMATE costs:
Round trip (Boston to New York) by bus: $29.10 (30 day excursion - 24.95)
Round trip (Boston to New York) by air: $70.00 (weekend excursion - 46.00)
Round trip (Boston to Washington, D.C.) by bus: $59.60 (30 day excursion - 50.95)
Round trip (Boston to Washington, D.C.) by air: $110 (weekend excursion - $88)

(some airlines have other lower rates for special times—ask them for special travel plans)
2. AIR TRAVEL is also available to all parts of the U.S. You SHOULD make advance reservations for air travel, especially at holiday time when travel is heavy. Most airlines offer special rates for night flights—sometimes you save a lot of money this way. Ask about special travel plans—each airline has its own special deals.

The earliest way to make airline reservations is to go to a travel agency.

3. TRAIN travel in the U.S. is also available. Call Amtrack: dial 1-800-523-5720 for information and reservations. Travel costs:
   - Boston-New York, round trip: $33.00 (weekend excursion - $25.00)
   - Boston-D.C., round trip: $67.00 (weekend excursion - $51.00)
   - Boston-Chicago, round trip: $115.00
   - Boston-San Francisco, round trip: $338.00

4. CAR RENTAL is possible, and if costs are shared, relatively inexpensive. Some agencies are reluctant to rent to students, however, you must, of course, be a properly licensed driver. Approximate costs for a 7-day trip in a compact car are $135.00 rental fee, and you pay the cost of gas and insurance. Insurance is absolutely necessary. Look under "Automobile Renting" in the yellow pages of the telephone book.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Where to stay USA: from 50c to $9 per night

   We have copies of this book. It lists places all over the U.S. where you can stay overnight cheaply. It also includes telephone numbers so that you can make advance reservations. Since we have ordered this book in bulk at a discount, they are available to you for $1.50, instead of the bookstore price of $2.95. Hurry! First come, First served!

2. Travelodge Hotels operates a toll-free telephone number that offers travel information to foreign visitors. The operators speak Italian, German, Japanese, French, and Spanish. They will be eager to reserve a room for you in Travelodge, but they can also offer general information, help with car rentals, airline reservations, etc.
   - Open 8am - 12 midnight
   - Dial 1-800-255-3050

3. Ride Center
   - 714 Commonwealth Ave.
   - 536-4400

   You pay $5.00 registration fee (good for an entire year), and tell the Ride Center where you want to go. The Ride Center introduces you to a car owner who is going there. You then share the cost of gasoline/oil with the driver.

   As you can see, there are a lot of things to do, many places to go, and a variety of ways to get there. We have information and reservation forms at the International Office, so come by if you're interested.

   But remember, PLAN AHEAD.

Happy Vacationing!