



## **STUDENTS CARRY ON ABROAD**

### **Wander urges student travellers to get protected**

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Young, care-free and ready for adventure – what could go wrong? Wander UK Student Travel Insurance, powered and administered by Mondial Assistance, a global leader in travel insurance and medical assistance, warns students planning their first big parent-free holiday to ensure they are covered for every eventuality. Wander urges students to get worldly wise but with protection.

“Students, avoid having to cut your studies short, or call upon parents to repay hefty medical or emergency costs” urges Claire McKinnon of Wander, “Over 500,000 British teenagers are expected to go abroad without their parents in the coming year plus a staggering one in five UK holidaymakers risk travelling without insurance. It’s easy to think it won’t happen to you, but unfortunately it can. Travelling without adequate insurance can leave you having to foot your own medical bills and the costs of flights home, which could run into thousands of pounds and be financially crippling if you are living on a budget.”

“Whilst many students have probably trawled the internet to plan a budget trip down to the very last penny, with an ultimate aim to have fun in the sun, experience new cultures and just enjoy travelling the globe, forgetting to protect yourself and your belongings could be a headache you could well do without,” concludes Claire McKinnon. “As you pack your bags ready for the off, just ask yourself, can I wander with ease?”

Wander UK Student Travel Insurance has been created to provide UK students with the right level of cover wherever they travel. Students can choose from single trip or annual cover, Family and Backpacker. Optional extras include winter and extreme sports cover for injury and ski equipment and golf cover for loss of green fees and equipment.

International medical assistance from Wander offers access to 400,000 service providers who deliver qualified medical advice and professional attention, together with

full repatriation facilities when appropriate. With support from Mondial Assistance's global network of 180 medical and technical correspondents and 37, 24 hour assistance centres, Wander UK Student Travel Insurance aims to provide the highest level of emergency medical assistance.

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### TEN STUDENT STEPS TO WANDER WITH EASE

- **Too much Sun:** 9million Brits get sunburn every time they go abroad\*. Too much sun can cause skin damage, leading to cancer and can also cause sun stroke, which could result in a trip to hospital.
- **Drinking:** be aware of local attitudes to alcohol and remember your insurance policy is unlikely to cover you for drunken accidents.
- **Drugs:** don't get involved in illegal drugs while abroad, the penalties can be very severe. Never travel across borders in someone else's vehicle and never carry anything for anyone else or leave your baggage unattended.
- **Lost in Translation:** get a good guidebook and a phrase book. Never travel alone at night and get to know your way back to your hotel or hostel before going out.
- **Respect the Law:** obey and respect local laws and remember many arrests are made due to rowdy, drunken behaviour.
- **Respect Customs:** Respect local dress codes and customs to avoid causing offence.
- **Extreme Sports:** so you've got an adventurous spirit. Check your travel insurance policy covers dangerous sports such as bungee jumping, climbing and driving scooters. Remember medical treatment for a broken leg can cost thousands if you are uninsured.
- **Money:** check the best currency to take before you go. Only change money in banks or legal foreign exchange bureaus to avoid being given fake currency.
- **Passports and Visas:** keep these documents safe and don't overstay your visa.
- **Travel Insurance:** Make sure you have the right level of cover for your trip, to ensure you have professional support and advice should the worst happen while you are away.

*\*Daily Mail June 2009*

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-1194664/British-holidaymakers-sunburn-time-abroad.html>

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*\*Figures moneysupermarket September 2009*

*\*\*Assuming the most typical ages for parent free holidays are 16 to 18.*

*Identity and Passport Service survey results 2007: 21 per cent of people take a parent free holiday by the age of 18.*

*UK Statistics Authority figures total number of 16 to 18 year olds in the UK: 2,400,000*

*21 per cent of 2,400,000 = 504,000*

*One in five Brits do not take adequate insurance = 100,800*

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