IHP Health and Community Track 2 Spring 2016

This travel information is designed to assist you in making your travel arrangements. As there are many factors to take into consideration prior to departure, we strongly recommend that you read through the following information carefully.

**ARRIVAL INFORMATION**
You are expected to meet your group at the following date, time, and location—DO NOT BE LATE!

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<th>Program Start Date:</th>
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<td>The 518 Valencia Street Community Center</td>
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**Please plan to bring your luggage directly to the reception. Doors to the reception will open at 2:00pm, but not sooner.**

**Notes:**
You should arrive in San Francisco, CA, no later than the morning of Sunday, January 31st, 2016. A reception will be held from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM to welcome students and their families and friends.

The reception will provide an opportunity to meet the other program participants. It will include light refreshments and brief introductions to the Health and Community Program and Staff. Following this reception, students will have an opportunity to say farewell to their families and friends. After the welcome reception, we will all travel to the group hostel for a group check in. Sunday evening we will begin program orientation sessions.

**How to Get There:**
**Arriving by Air:** Arrive at SFO International Airport. If you wish to use public transport From the SFO airport, you can take the Pittsburg Bay Point line on BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) or the Richmond line on BART and travel by train from the Airport directly
into SF. You need to get off at the 16th Street BART station. You will walk out above ground and exit on 16th Street. The cost is $8.60 for BART.

From the airport, you can also travel to the 518 Valencia Community Center via taxicab (cost $50.00) or a Super Shuttle / Blue Van ($35.00). The Super Shuttle takes longer than cab because of multiple passenger stops.

Arriving by car: There is street parking available near the community center. There is also a city parking garage on Hoff Street one block from the community center.

For a Google map, see here: https://goo.gl/maps/ilGsY

NOTE: If you are having difficulty finding appropriate transport options to the launch site, contact your admissions counselor immediately, PRIOR to making a travel booking.

Once your travel arrangements have been finalized, upload your travel information into your application portal. After logging into the portal, locate the Travel Information section of your application and enter your itinerary as well as any notes about your arrival. You must submit your travel itinerary by Monday, December 14th.

For information about passports and visas, for both US and non-US citizens, please see the Passport and Visa Information pre-departure document.

GROUP FLIGHTS
SIT has booked you on international group flights between program locations and back to the US at the end of the program. You are responsible for being at airports or other designated departure points for group flights on time and are responsible for any costs associated with missed flights. You will receive the group flight itinerary in a separate email from your admissions counselor.

INDIVIDUAL FLIGHTS
You are logistically and financially responsible for booking your own travel to the program orientation location and your travel home from the return flight destination in the US. It is your responsibility to read and understand the terms and conditions for your individual airline ticket(s), to reconfirm your flight reservations in advance of the day of travel, and to be aware of airline and TSA regulations for baggage size and contents. SIT is not responsible for additional charges you may incur on your individual tickets as a result of airline schedule changes or other travel-related reasons.

RETURN FLIGHT RESERVATIONS
You will have the opportunity to opt out of the group flight back to the US and receive a travel stipend to book an alternate, individual flight with our travel agent, Key Travel. Details of this policy are outlined in the Return Flight Opt-Out document which you will receive in a separate email from your admissions counselor.
If you choose to opt out of the group flight and book a different flight, you are responsible for any costs associated with change or cancellation fees should you decide to change your travel plans later.

**Mileage Credit**
You will be responsible for requesting mileage credit for your flights from each individual airline. This can either be done at the check-in counter at the airport, by supplying your frequent flyer number to the desk agent, or through a mileage request on the airline’s website after the flight has been completed. You will need to retain your personal itinerary with your record locator and ticket numbers. Most airlines will let you request credit retroactively up to one year after your flight.

**Additional Questions**
If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the US office of SIT Study Abroad at 802-258-3212 or toll-free in the US at 888-272-7881 and ask to speak to your admissions counselor, who is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM—5:00 PM (US East Coast time) to assist you.