Your unpacking checklist

- Make sure all the courses you took abroad have been evaluated for Vanderbilt credit. This will minimize delays in processing your transcript.
- Relax. Unwind. Reconnect with your family and friends.
- Prepare to submit your photos to the GEO Photo Contest! The contest will start in May and will run until the end of July. Submission requirements and instructions will be emailed to you in an email.
- Apply to be a Peer Advisor: this paid opportunity is only available to a select number of Study Abroad Alumni, and applications are only available when we have an opening! Apply here.
- Volunteer at the Study Abroad Fair! There is a fair each semester. Prospective students would love to hear about your experiences as they decide whether or not to study abroad! The sign-up sheet will be emailed to you as it becomes available.
- Participate in the Interdisciplinary Conference on Global Research and Study Abroad in early February, the annual conference for study abroad alumni just like you! More information may be found here; proposals to present your work from abroad will and registration to attend without presenting will open at the end of the fall semester.
- Share your experiences with your GEO advisor. Get in touch!
- Evaluate your program.
- Submit your photos to GEO for promotional use. Credit will be given, and your published photos may be seen by the world at large! (*Note: this is different than the photo contest, which will be open soon. Watch GEO Facebook for the announcement on when the contest will start!)
- Sign up for GEO-sponsored alumni workshops designed specifically for you. Information on the types of workshops will be sent in February.
- Become a student ambassador.
- Prepare for the future. Visit the Career Center to discuss how your study abroad experience can make your resume stand-out. Research international volunteer and work opportunities. Consider graduate school. Take a class on Teaching English as a Foreign Language.
- Use your stories from abroad to get published!
- Stay in contact with your host country. Host an international-themed party, Skype with friends you made abroad, and follow the news from your host country. Consider taking a language class to retain and build upon language skills you picked up while abroad.