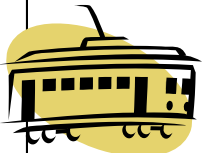


ELI Weekly



Top 10 Ways to Explore a City

Are you planning a trip during winter break? The following tips can help you get to know a new city or even explore the hidden treasures in your own hometown:



1. Take a city bus/trolley tour. Get settled in your hotel, grab a quick bite, and then buy tickets for a city tour. Within an hour you'll get a "feel" for the layout of the city and an idea of the places you may want to visit.
2. Explore one museum in depth. Huge museums can be overwhelming. Plan on spending two hours max, taking in the areas of most interest to you. Stop in the cafe for a breather and buy high-quality postcards and prints at the museum shop.
3. Visit the botanical garden or local park. Even if it's rainy, you'll enjoy the respite of an unhurried walk through peaceful green space.
4. Go on a historic walking tour and get to know one part of the city really well. Tour guides can suggest good places to stop for a snack or meal, along with places of interest that appeal to you.
5. Keep a daily journal. You'll be amazed at how quickly you forget what you did each day of that long-awaited vacation.
6. Use your concierge. He'll know the good local restaurants, when the shops open, how to find public transport.
7. Buy postcards of major attractions. Many foreign postcards are sharper, more colorful, and have a greater perspective than most amateurs can shoot.
8. Pass up souvenir shops and investigate the local hardware, grocery, and department stores for unique items.
9. Tear out the guide book pages that you'll need that day, instead of lugging around a large touring book. Consider buying a nice book when you leave that captures the scenes and memories of your trip.
10. When travelling abroad, use simple foreign phrases well and often. Even if you know only "Hello" and "Good-bye" in the host language, effort will be appreciated by the "natives" and may even encourage them to use their two words of English in return!



Tips by Rita Richardson

<http://life.familyeducation.com/vacations/family-time/29468.html?detoured=1>

Free Students Activities on Campus



- **DVD Bingo in the PSU**

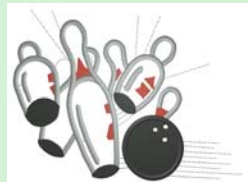
Come play Bingo for free and win popular DVDs! Popcorn provided .

Date and Time: Thursday, December 11, 9 PM - 12AM

- **Rock N' Bowl**

It's free Bowling, Billiards, and Ping Pong for student on Friday Nights in Level 1 Game Center in the PSU!

Date and Time: Friday, December 12, 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM



For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

Also, ALWAYS check [the Student Activities Board](#) across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab!

December 8, 2008

Announcements

- Good Luck on Your Finals!



- ELI End Of Semester Party
 - When: December 10 (Wed) at 5:30 pm
 - Where: Kentwood Hall Crystal Ballroom

- Eat & Greet

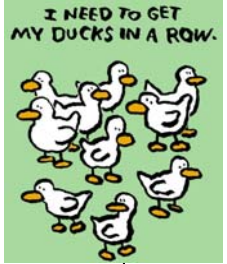
- This will be the last Eat & Greet of semester. Make some native and international students and get some FREE PIZZA @ PSU food court on Tuesday, 12/9, 12:30pm-1:30pm



- If you are leaving the ELI forever, have a safe trip home!!! We will miss you!!!
- If you are coming back to the ELI for Spring 2009, orientation will begin on Wednesday, January 7, 2009. See you then!

Weekly English Expression

Get all Ducks in a Row!



- A:** All right. All of our travel plans are set.
- B:** Two weeks in the Caribbean in going to be so cool.
- A:** You'd better ***get all your ducks in a row** at work before you go.
- B:** Everything's already taken care of.
- A:** Tomorrow we just have to go get our visas.
- B:** Afterwards, we need to get our flight tickets at the travel agent's office.
- A:** I'm just excited that we're finally going.

* **Get/Have all ducks in a row:** to organize things well

Travel Fun Facts

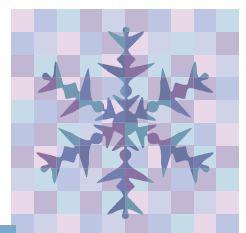
- Direct spending by resident and international travelers in the U.S. averaged \$1.8 billion a day, \$75 million an hour, \$1.2 million a minute, and \$21,000 a second.
- Top 5 destinations for food-related travel: California (14%), Florida (10%), New York (7%), Texas (6%), North Carolina (4%).
- The average American receives only 13 days of vacation per year. Only 2 in 10 get more than four weeks annually.



Weather Forecast

Forecast for December. 8— December. 14

		Fahrenheit (High/Low)
Monday:	Showers	43/37
Tuesday:	Rain / Snow Showers	40/25
Wednesday:	Partly Cloudy	42/27
Thursday:	Partly Cloudy	40/27
Friday:	Mostly Cloudy	42/27
Saturday:	Snow Showers	40/24
Sunday:	Showers	49/34



Weather forecasts are **always** changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or the weather channel.