SAFE TRAVELS

“One destination is never a place, but always a new way of seeing things.”
—Henry Miller

THE BASICS
• Students traveling abroad are at a higher risk of sexual assault than students at home
• Consumption of alcohol or other psychoactive substances increases risk
• Separation from home and support for a substantial period of time can have impacts on mental health and well being
• Sexuality and gender norms are expressed differently in each community
• Cultural norms will dictate dating and social behaviors, expectations, and etiquette
• Laws pertaining to gender violence can differ in each community
• Effects of gender violence can be compounded by isolation, cultural barriers, and lack of familiarity in the area

COUNTRY: CHINA
• Political involvement of women is low
• Equal access to contraception materials and information
• Abortion is accessible upon request, however tends to be sex-based
• 28/31 provinces have anti-domestic violence laws, but not well implemented
• The All-China Women’s Federation is working to pass stronger legislation (pending)
• Many crisis services established, yet inadequately maintained
• Rape is a federal crime, yet marital rape is not included
• Migrant women more vulnerable to sexual assault
• UN Survey found that 22.2% of men surveyed admitted to committing sexual assault in their lifetime and the most common motivation was sexual entitlement
• Trafficking and sexual exploitation of women has been a significant problem

RESPONDING TO DISCLOSURES
“Are you safe?”
“I believe you”
“How can I help”
“Thank you for sharing with me”

RESOURCES
Cal Poly Safer Confidential
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📞 805.756.2282

Cal Poly International Center
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Toll Free 24-HR Crisis Line*
RISE Confidential
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📞 855.886.RISE (7473)*

SASHAA
Sexual Assault Support and Help for Americans Abroad
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