



## Exchange money in advance

Interact does not incorporate time for a full-group money exchange upon arrival in the foreign airport or during the first full day abroad. Please prepare properly:

- **Exchange \$100 before departing the USA**

Every participant should arrive in the foreign country with a minimum of \$100 [Spain-\$150] in the foreign currency.

If you're arriving on a weekend or holiday (notably from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday), you may want to exchange more. Banks and most exchange services close and obtaining foreign currency can be challenging, if not impossible. SPAIN: due to the recent dollar devaluation, please review your personal spending money. Bring an additional 20-25%.

- **Foreign money exchange is offered by major banks/institutions on their websites.**

When our staff travels, we exchange in advance. Interact doesn't recommend any particular site and you may discover a site not listed below (FYI: we have no business connection nor do we earn any commission from any site). Another option is to exchange money through a local bank. Many schools have a student team or willing parents comparison shop the websites and make a local recommendation. Some bank services include free overnight delivery, some have minimum purchases, and some may not offer exchange in all currencies.

Many groups have students consolidate their purchase. As an example, ten students each give one of the parents \$100 and that parent orders \$1000 of the foreign currency (saving overnight delivery charges from some of the sites).

Sites are listed alphabetically:

- [www.cashbycourier.com](http://www.cashbycourier.com)
- [www.foreign-currency.com](http://www.foreign-currency.com)
- [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com)
- [www.ordercurrency.com](http://www.ordercurrency.com)