

# Get Your Currency Exchanged!

Many travelers, especially those flying a long distance and landing in a foreign country very early in the morning or late at night when banks and currency exchange desks may be closed, prefer to have a small amount of foreign currency before departing on a trip. We highly recommend it!

Having the local equivalent of \$100-200 US dollars in your pocket when you land is usually enough to pay for a few lunches, some snacks, and small incidentals without having to search for a currency exchange open for business. Having enough cash in foreign currency to last you your whole trip saves you money in fees and the trouble of finding banks and exchanges while in Europe. For first time foreign travelers, having one less thing to worry about is always a good thing.

Debit cards and credit cards aren't a terrible idea, but you may be charged usage fees by both the foreign bank and your home institution for ATM withdrawals or purchases, so it's advisable make one large instead of several small withdrawals whenever possible... that's why we're asking if you'd like to take part in a big group currency exchange, to at least get you started before we land in Portugal!

Mr. Curtis has worked with the same currency exchange for the last 5 years, and has found that they give the best rates (and when we exchange a large chunk of money together, they often waive fees). If you'd like him to take care of the hassle for you and save you a couple of bucks....this is your chance!

We will only exchange in increments of \$100 USD. It's easier to divide it up that way!

Please fill out the form below and return it with your US Dollars for exchange. Please hand it in to Mr. Curtis by **Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.**

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**Traveler's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Exchange (Circle One):**

**\$600          \$500          \$400          \$300          \$200          \$100**

**Other amount:** \_\_\_\_\_