

Thanksgiving Abroad Just Not The Same As Turkey Time Back Home  
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VILLALEBALZE, Italy (TMS) -- Thanksgiving is coming, and while we students abroad for a semester can have turkey days of our own, it's not the same without family, friends -- and, well, the American-ness of it all.

Here are the top 10 things that make us realize Thanksgiving abroad just isn't the same as back home:

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10. Once dinner is finished, everyone clamors around a television to watch football. You realize they're hooting and hollering about soccer.
9. Marinara sauce really doesn't substitute for cranberry sauce.
8. Prayers before meals are constantly interrupted by everyone's cell phones.
7. You ask someone to pass the mashed potatoes but instead wind up horribly insulting their grandmother.
6. We're talking about countries where people eat haggis, frog legs, snails and raw fish. Do you really want to know what's in that stuffing?
5. Mad Turkey Disease.
4. People look at you as if you're nuts when you try to explain the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. ("Aren't people afraid of a 12-story-high, inflated Pokemon?" they ask.)
3. Having to explain why Thanksgiving always falls on a Thursday is also pointless.
2. Pass the goat liver pate, please!
1. By the time you figure out how to translate the meaning of Thanksgiving into whatever language your hosts are speaking, it's already midnight, and the food is cold.

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