

Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

Program: The Rhine: Life on the Line (Germany, France, and Switzerland)

Dates: May 13 - 29, 2018

*Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

Course catalog description: Exploration of the Upper Rhine Plain as a point of contact between civilizations. Our goals will be to capture the geographical, historical, commercial, political, and cultural specificities of the area as we travel down the Rhine River, along borders where today's France, Germany, and Switzerland meet. Site visits will take us through historic Mainz, Heidelberg, Strasbourg, Basel, and quaint villages of Alsace and the Black Forest. You will dialog with German and French locals, for perspectives on the lessons of history and how that should inform the future. The rest of us will look to you in rotating teams to contribute "food for thought," and facilitate reflective group activities on what you have discovered (discussion, course-appropriate music, etc.).

Frequency							Frequency							Frequency					
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Some-times	Often	Optional	Required	STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Some-times	Often	Always	PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Some-times	Often	Daily	
Course work in a foreign language					X		Foreign Language Environment					X	Lifting luggage				X		
Course work in English				X		X	Mountainous		X				Carrying luggage				X		
Use of laptop				X	X		Tropical	X					Carrying equipment	X					
Use of smart device					X		Desert	X					Carrying groceries	X					
Traditional Classroom		X				X	Urban			X			Standing 30+ minutes					X	
Indoor Course Work		X				X	Rural		X				Walking 1+ miles					X	
Outdoor Course Work			X			X	High Elevation	X					Hiking (easy)		X				
Group Work			X			X	Dusty	X					Hiking (strenuous)	X					
Presentations		X				X	Air Pollution	X					Sitting 5+ hours				X		
Interactions with local residents			X			X	Recent Terrorism		X				Use of public transport				X		
Field Work	X						Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	X					Flat terrain				X		
Internship	X						Earthquakes	X					Hilly terrain				X		

Research	X					
Comments:						

Other Natural Disaster	X				
Comments:					

Stairs					X
Comments:					

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometim	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options				X	
Vegan Options		X			
Food Allergy Accommodations				X	
Group Meals			X		
Cooking for oneself	X				
Host family prepares meals	X				
Healthcare easily accessible					X
Comments: There may be a short host family stay - undecided at this point.					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Some-times	Often	Always
Host Family	X				
Roommate					X
Shared Apartment	X				
Dormitory	X				
Camping	X				
Hotel					X
Cell phone signal available				X	
Internet signal available				X	
Comments: We will also stay in a youth hostel					

	Frequency				
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Required	
Swimming	X	X			
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					

Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following vaccine for some travelers: Hepatitis A. Protect yourself against bug bites as you would anywhere.