

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

Program: White Nights in Russia: Religion, Music and the Arts

Dates: Approx. May 9 - 30, 2018

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

Course catalog description: Study of Orthodox Christianity, Music, and the Arts in Russia.

Program Description: This travel-study program will have two foci: (1) the relationship between art and religion, which we will explore through visits to museums, monasteries, and Orthodox Christian churches in Russia; and (2) the emergence of a classical music tradition in Russia, which we will examine through excursions to museums and performance venues. The course will emphasize church architecture and Russian Orthodox icons as it highlights how these aesthetic expressions embody and materially convey religious meaning and practice. While the Russian church is very old, the Russian tradition of classical music is very young (by comparison). Russian classical music was largely undeveloped until the 19th and 20th centuries, at least in part because of the Orthodox Church's ban on instruments within the church and often in other contexts. As we map the emergence of Russia's classical music tradition, we will examine how music coincided with the search for a truly native voice in the Russian arts and link this narrative to our broader discussions of religion, identity, and aesthetic expression.

	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	Mountainous	X					Carrying luggage				X	
Use of laptop				X	X		Tropical	X					Carrying equipment	X				
Use of smart device				X	X		Desert	X					Carrying groceries	X				
Traditional Classroom				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					
Internship	X					
Research	X					X
Comments:						

Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	X				
Earthquakes	X				
Other Natural Disaster	X				
Comments:					

Flat terrain					X
Hilly terrain		X			
Stairs				X	
Comments:					

Frequency					
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	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:					

Frequency					
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	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:					

Frequency					
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Required	
Swimming	X				
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					

Center for Disease Control and Prevention
recommends the following vaccines for most travelers:
Hepatitis A.