

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Spatial Inspiration - Musical Awareness in Italy

Locations: Rome, Arezzo, Tivoli, Vatican City

Dates: May 10-31, 2023

Program Description: The course will explore various natural and architectural venues in Italy as inspirations for musical development through the centuries. These spaces (several of which have been designated as UNESCO World Heritage sites), as well as the artists and musicians who worked there, have had a significant effect on compositional style, performance practice, and instrumental development. A portion of the course will be based at the Accademia dell'Arte (ADA) in Arezzo. The Accademia is located in a modernized sixteenth century villa that includes classrooms, dining facilities, and residential space. During the time at the ADA, students will explore cultural venues in Arezzo and embark on day trips to cities across the Tuscan region. In addition to exploring cultural venues in Arezzo, students will take day trips to Florence, Assisi, Orvieto, Tivoli and Padua. The course will spend extended stays in Rome, Venice, and Milan. A portion of the student's academic activities for this cultural experience include a presentation on a venue determined in collaboration with the faculty. Students will attend performances at such historic venues as Teatro la Fenice in Venice, Teatro alla Scala in Milan, Teatro dell'Opera di Roma, the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, and the Basilica San Miniato al Monte in Florence.

Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

Frequency		Frequency	
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional	STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	No (Italian basics are covered pre-trip)	Foreign Language Environment	Italian
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Cobblestones, some hills
Laptop Required	Laptop or similar device required	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Always	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Warm and dry
Traditional Classroom	Traditional and onsite classes	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	Low/no risk
Group Work	Always	Is tap water safe to drink	Safe to drink
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Journals, podcasts, presentations	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Pickpocketing in high congested areas
Interactions with local residents	Sometimes	Cultural Dress Code	Modest attire for religious sites
Field Work/Research	Never	Curfew	Never
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Never	Motion Sickness	Plane, train, bus, and water taxi travel
Other		Other	

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PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	HEALTH & DIET	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Always
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Never	Food Allergy Accommodations	Always
Standing 60+ minutes	Always	Group Meals	11-12 group meals included in addition to most breakfasts.
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Always	Cooking for oneself	Never
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	No hiking	Host family prepares meals	Never
Walking 3+ miles per day	Always. Daily walking is closer to 8 miles.	Healthcare easily accessible	Always
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Always	Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	WATER ACTIVITIES	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family		Swimming	No
Roommate	Always	Snorkeling	No
Shared Apartment		SCUBA	No
Dormitory	Yes (Accademia dell'Arte)	Boat, canoes or other water activities	No
Camping		Sea sickness	Possible with water taxi
Hotel	Sometimes	Other	No
Cell phone signal available	Always	Center for Disease Control Recommendations: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/italy	
Internet signal available	Always		
Refrigerator Access	Yes, at Accademia dell'Arte		
Air Conditioning	Sometimes		
Other	Linens are provided		