

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Travel Writing Through Spain and Morocco

Locations: Granada, Spain; Seville, Spain; Chefchaouen, Morocco; Rabat, Morocco

Dates: May 10-30, 2023

Program Description: The course introduces the students to what Henry James called "the art of travel" through the experience of reading, writing, and thinking about what it means to travel. In different iterations of the course, students travel to various international locations where they will learn how to be an effective and engaged traveler as compared to that of the less reflective and more consumptive experience of the tourist. To facilitate that goal, students will study travel writings by pre-modern, modern, and contemporary writers as well as write their own travel essays and blogs and guides. The course will address the question of how travel writing (others' and one's own) shapes political, social, and cultural perceptions of people and places. In this iteration of the course, students will travel to southern Spain and northern Morocco, both of which are famous as the subject of writer's and traveler's efforts to understand themselves through their encounter with other peoples and their cultures.

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	Never	Foreign Language Environment	Spanish and Arabic
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	All types
Laptop Required	Optional	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	All types
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Required (with international plan)	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Dry and hot
Traditional Classroom	Sometimes	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No risk
Group Work	Never	Is tap water safe to drink	Always
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Presentations, blogs, essays	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Pickpocketing
Interactions with local residents	Always	Cultural Dress Code	Modest attire in religious sites
Field Work/Research	Never	Curfew	Yes, in Morocco
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Never	Motion Sickness	Plane, bus and ferry travel
Other		Other	

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS		Frequency	HEALTH & DIET		Frequency
		Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional			Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always		Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals		Vegan options not always possible
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Never		Food Allergy Accommodations		Always
Standing 60+ minutes	Frequent		Group Meals		Sometimes
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)	Never		Host family prepares meals		Sometimes
Walking 3+ miles per day	Always		Healthcare easily accessible		Yes
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Sometimes; chartered bus		Quality of Healthcare		??
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	WATER ACTIVITIES		Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family	Sometimes		Swimming		Optional
Roommate	Always		Snorkeling		No
Shared Apartment	Never		SCUBA		No
Dormitory	Never		Boat, canoes or other water activities		Ferry boat travel
Camping	Never		Sea sickness		potentially
Hotel	Sometimes		Other		
Cell phone signal available	Always		Center for Disease Control Recommendations: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/spain https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/morocco		
Internet signal available	Always				
Refrigerator Access	Always or upon request				
Air Conditioning	In hotels				
Other					