

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Furman in Rennes, France

Locations: Rennes, France

Dates: Early September to mid December

Program Description: With its population of 60,000 students, Rennes offers an ideal setting for Furman students to study in France. Rennes, a modern community with a rich and storied heritage, serves as the political capital of the region of Brittany. The city is located a mere hour and a half west of Paris by train, and 55 minutes from the sea. Home to a very dynamic economy, Rennes has earned a prominent reputation as a center for technology, and it often earns ratings a one of the best places to live and study in France. The city offers an excellent variety of cultural events and provides study abroad students with opportunities to learn about distinct Celtic traditions particular to this region of France, from music to arts and crafts and distinctive Breton cuisine. While in Rennes, students will live in the heart of the city with a local host family and takes courses with Furman Faculty directors as well as at the Université de Rennes II, through our partner organization, CIEE. During the program, students will participate in several excursions to Paris and the south of France.

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	Always, French as a foreign language and is geared toward non-native speakers in classes.	Foreign Language Environment	Always
Course work in English	Never	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Typically flat terrain
Laptop Required	Required	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Required	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Summer and Fall seasons - hot in the summer and cooler and then cold in the winter. Dress for all seasons.
Traditional Classroom	Yes	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No
Group Work	Some	Is tap water safe to drink	Yes
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Fewer tests in French classes than at Furman; there are fewer assessments used to determine the final grade. Tests, presentations and written work in French university courses.	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Exercise vigilance in urban settings to avoid pickpocketing. Avoid demonstrations.
Interactions with local residents	Constantly	Cultural Dress Code	None
Field Work/Research	No	Curfew	None
Internship/ Volunteer Work	No	Motion Sickness	None
Other		Other	

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS		HEALTH & DIET	
Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional		Frequency	
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Yes - upon arrival and departure. Take smaller luggage for excursions.	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Yes - must state preference on host family form
Carrying equipment or program supplies	No	Food Allergy Accommodations	Yes - must specify allergy on host family form
Standing 60+ minutes	Sometimes	Group Meals	Some
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Often	Cooking for oneself	Not usually
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Optional	Host family prepares meals	Yes, usually
Walking 3+ miles per day	Usually about 3 miles of walking a day	Healthcare easily accessible	Yes
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	buses and metro	Quality of Healthcare	Very good
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		WATER ACTIVITIES	
Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional		Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	
Host Family	Always in Rennes	Swimming	No
Roommate	On excursions only	Snorkeling	No
Shared Apartment	No	SCUBA	No
Dormitory	No	Boat, canoes or other water activities	Tour of Morbihan Bay during excursion (2 hours)
Camping	No	Sea sickness	No
Hotel	Yes on excursions in double to quadruple occupancy rooms	Other	
Cell phone signal available	Yes	Center for Disease Control Recommendations: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/france	
Internet signal available	Yes		
Refrigerator Access	Yes (if needed for medications, alert program director)		
Air Conditioning	Never		
Other			