

Furman University Study Away: Program Expectations

Program Title: Music in Italy

Locations: Arezzo, Italy

Dates: August 24, 2023-November 28, 2023

Program Description: Since 2006, Furman University, in partnership with the Accademia dell'Arte in Arezzo, Italy has offered a fully accredited, intensive, conservatory-style music program, "Music in Italy". In addition to the Italian language component offered at the Accademia, students study applied music (voice, instrumental or keyboard) in individual weekly lessons and coaching sessions with Italian musicians. Furman faculty members teach a music history course (17th-19th century Western Music) and an interdisciplinary, experiential course, "Italian Art and Culture". A highlight of that course is a series of excursions and lectures revealing the richness of Tuscany's stunning array of visual art and architecture. Students present performances of chamber music and solo repertoire at the Accademia and in local venues. The program also features regular concert attendance in Florence, and overnight excursion to other cultural centers in Italy.

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	Italian language course in Italian, the rest of the courses are in English.	Foreign Language Environment	Yes, but in the student residence, English will be the main language.
Course work in English	Yes, except Italian language course.	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	hilly, uneven cobblestone streets, lots of stairs
Laptop Required	Yes, to write papers.	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Yes	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Very hot upon arrival, and snow before departure. Dress for all seasons. Bring warm jackets, shoes, hats, and gloves.
Traditional Classroom	Yes	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No
Group Work	Yes, sometimes	Is tap water safe to drink	Yes
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	performances, juries, journals, presentations, papers, tests	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Exercise vigilance in urban settings to avoid pickpocketing.
Interactions with local residents	within the city, there will be opportunities for local interactions with residents	Cultural Dress Code	For visit to Vatican - shoulders have to be covered. Performance attire for performances and concerts. Bring good, sturdy walking shoes.
Field Work/Research	No	Curfew	No
Internship/ Volunteer Work	No	Motion Sickness	No
Other		Other	

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS		HEALTH & DIET	
Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional		Frequency	
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Be able to carry all luggage upon arrival and return. Take smaller bags on excursions.	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Yes, accademia cooks cater to all dietary needs
Carrying equipment or program supplies	May be able to rent large instruments in Arezzo - check with program directors.	Food Allergy Accommodations	Yes see above
Standing 60+ minutes	Standing in museums and during tours	Group Meals	Family style eating at the Accademia
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Yes	Cooking for oneself	Yes, on weekends there is a basic cooking facility available, but most students do not do this.
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	None during program	Host family prepares meals	No
Walking 3+ miles per day	2-3 miles a day on average. On days at the accademia, no walking	Healthcare easily accessible	Yes, doctor is on call
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	trains will be used frequently, taxis within cities on excursions.	Quality of Healthcare	Good
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		WATER ACTIVITIES	
Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional		Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	
Host Family	No	Swimming	No
Roommate	Yes, double rooms. Bathroom in each room.	Snorkeling	No
Shared Apartment	No	SCUBA	No
Dormitory	Yes	Boat, canoes or other water activities	Water taxis in Venice
Camping	No	Sea sickness	No
Hotel	Hotels on excursions, double occupancy	Other	
Cell phone signal available	Yes	Center for Disease Control Recommendations: Be up to date with routine vaccinations, COVID vaccination and booster(s). https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/italy	
Internet signal available	Yes		
Refrigerator Access	No (if needed for medication, let program directors know)		
Air Conditioning	No		
Other			