

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Art & Empires

Locations: London, Paris, Amsterdam

Dates: May 9-27, 2024

Program Description: Art & Empires combines the study of art history and drawing through group trips to major European museums, churches, and civic landmarks in London, Paris, and Amsterdam. Through on-site discussions and reflective drawing exercises in each city, participants will examine how collecting and display practices at museums, building campaigns, and the preservation of cultural heritage have shaped national identities and historical narratives about global societies.

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	English, French, Dutch
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Cobblestones, flat
Laptop Required	Never	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Not required, but recommended	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Moderate to cool temperatures, possible rain
Traditional Classroom	Never	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No risk
Group Work	Never	Is tap water safe to drink	Always
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Journals (writing and drawing), discussions, presentation	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Pickpocketing
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, and possible watercraft travel
Other		Other	Sunscreen recommended

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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	Sometimes (carrying sketchbooks)	Food Allergy Accommodations	Always
Standing 60+ minutes	Always	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	Never
Walking 3+ miles per day	Always, 3-5 miles per day with some breaks	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	Never	Swimming	No
Roommate	Always	Snorkeling	No
Shared Apartment	Never	SCUBA	No
Dormitory	Never	Boat, canoes or other water activities	Sometimes
Camping	Never	Sea sickness	Sometimes
Hotel	Always	Other	
Cell phone signal available	Always		
Internet signal available	Always		
Refrigerator Access	Upon request		
Air Conditioning	In hotels		
Other			

Center for Disease Control Recommendations:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/united-kingdom>

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/france>

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/netherlands>