

## Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

**Program Title:** Canterbury Trails

**Locations:** England (London, York, Canterbury, Durham, Strateford-upon-Avon, St. Albans)

**Dates:** May 12-28, 2024

**Program Description:** Canterbury Trails is a travel study course to Canterbury and York, England as well as other sites of spiritual pilgrimage and interest in the region. The course will study the history, practices, theological ideas, and places of medieval pilgrimage. Pilgrimage is by its very nature a practice of leaving what is normal and typical to experience something new. For thousands of years, pilgrims have left behind familiar places and ways of life to experience, encounter, and come to terms with their own lives, their sense of the divine, and connection to the world. This course will engage the places, practices, and through of pilgrimage as a spiritual and theological method firsthand.

### 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
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Cobblestones, steep and fast-paced subway stairs. One hike with rocky terrain and high elevation.
Laptop Required	Not required	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban and rural
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Recommended	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Windy near the coast, moderate to warm temperatures
Traditional Classroom	Never	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No
Group Work	Yes	Is tap water safe to drink	Safe to drink
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Journals	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Pickpocketing in cities
Interactions with local residents	Sometimes, not required	Cultural Dress Code	Never
Field Work/Research	Yes	Curfew	Never
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Never	Motion Sickness	Plane, bus and train 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	A few
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)	One hike with high elevation and rocky terrain.	Host family prepares meals	Never
Walking 3+ miles per day	Most days. Strenuous and hilly walking is optional	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		Boat, canoes or other water activities	No
Camping		Sea sickness	No
Hotel	Always	Other	No
Cell phone signal available	Always		
Internet signal available	Always		
Refrigerator Access	Most likely		
Air Conditioning	In most places		
Other			

Center for Disease Control Recommendations:

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