

Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

Program: Icons and Idols - Italy and Switzerland

Dates: May 12 - May 30, 2024

Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

Explore the transitions between earlyh Christian origins (Rome), influences from Byzantine and Islamic worlds (Ravenna and Venice), the birth of

Course Description: Ranaissance humanism (Florence) and the rise of the Protestant iconaclasm (Zurich).

	Frequency
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never
Course work in a foreign language	No
Course work in English	Yes
Traditional Classroom	Never
Indoor Course Work	Rarely, mostly will be outside or in a courtyard
Group Work	Group discussions
Presentations	Yes - significant portion
Interactions with local residents	Local guides
Field Work	Field notes/use field guides

Frequency

	Never
HEALTH & DIET	Never
Vegetarian & Vegan	Yes, both options available
Food Allergy Accommodations	yes
Group Meals	Breakfasts daily, 5 or 6 dinners
Healthcare easily accessible	Yes

	Frequency
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never
Foreign Language Environment	Always
Mountainous	expect some hills
Urban	All urban, some cobble stones
Rural	No
Dusty	No
Air Pollution	No
Recent Terrorism	No

Frequency

	Never
LODGING	Never
Roommate	Yes
Dormitory	Monastic hostels in Venice. May have multiple beds in a large room.
Hotel	double or triple occupancy
Cell & wifi available	Yes

	Frequency
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never
Lifting luggage	1 to 1.5 km to bring own luggage from trainstation to hotel
Carrying luggage up stairs	Hotels and stations may not have stairs
Standing 30+ minutes	Yes, daily for extended periods of time.
Walking 1+ miles	Sometimes 12,000 - 15,000 steps a day. Lots of walking.
Hiking (strenuous)	optional bike tour in Zurich, bike tours in Rome/Florence
Stairs	To top of churches (optional)
Use of public transportation	Yes, metro in Rome, vaparetto in Venice, bus in Zurich
Elevators	Often no elevators

Frequency

	Never
WATER	Never
Boating	water taxis in Venice

Comments:

Center for Disease Control Recommendations:
https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/italy?s_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001

