

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Religion, Art & Politics in Turkey

Locations: Turkey

Dates: May 14-June 4, 2024

Program Description: This program will examine the relation between the aesthetic and religious dimensions of human experience through our visits to Byzantine (Eastern Christian) and Islamic sites in Turkey. There will be an emphasis on 1) the architecture of churches and mosques; 2) Byzantine icons and Islamic calligraphy; and 3) the istorical context of politics and religion in contemporary Turkish political developments.

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	Some English spoken in cities. Turkish is primary language.
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Flat with some large hills
Laptop Required	No	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	All included
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	No	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Hot and dry in some places
Traditional Classroom	Sometimes (Classes taught on site or in hotel conference room)	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	Virtually none
Group Work	No	Is tap water safe to drink	Bottled water is strongly recommended
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Field notebook, academic journal, scholarly deoprtment	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Remote possibility of earthquakes.
Interactions with local residents	Sometimes	Cultural Dress Code	Modest dress is emphasized, especially in mosques.
Field Work/Research	No	Curfew	None
Internship/ Volunteer Work	No	Motion Sickness	Possible on flights, bus, and gulet
Other	2-credit hour companion course required in Spring (meets once a week for 1.5 hours)	Other	
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	HEALTH & DIET	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional

Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always (students must be able to carry fully packed luggage up a flight of stairs)
Carrying equipment or program supplies	No
Standing 60+ minutes	Frequent
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Sometimes
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Sometimes (some uphill walking)
Walking 3+ miles per day	Sometimes (during stop and go tours)
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Occasional public transportation. A majority of the transportation will be on a coach bus.
Other	
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family	No
Roommate	Yes
Shared Apartment	No
Dormitory	No
Camping	No
Hotel	Always
Cell phone signal available	Always
Internet signal available	Always
Refrigerator Access	Upon Request
Air Conditioning	Hotels-Yes / Gulet - Sometimes
Other	Four nights on a gulet boat.

Vegetarian Options Available at Meals	Available
Vegan Options Available at Meals	Not available
Food Allergy Accommodations	Can accommodate
Group Meals	Frequent
Cooking for oneself	Never
Host family prepares meals	Never
Healthcare easily accessible	Always
Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
WATER ACTIVITIES	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Swimming	Available on the gulet boat
Snorkeling	No
SCUBA	No
Boat, canoes or other water activities	Kayaking available on the gulet boat
Sea sickness	Possibly. The gulet sails close to shore on calm water
Other	

Center for Disease Control Recommendations:

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