

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

Program: Religion, Art & Politics in Turkey

Dates: May 11-June 1, 2022

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

Course Description: Survey of religious history in Turkey, with focus on early Christianity, Byzantine Christianity, and Islam in the Ottoman Empire and the modern period.

Program Description: Religion and Art in Turkey will examine the relation between the aesthetic and religious dimensions of human experience through visits to Byzantine (Eastern Orthodox Christian) and Islamic sites in Turkey. There will be an emphasis on 1) the architecture of churches and mosques; and 2) Islamic calligraphy and the religious paintings called icons that are a feature of Eastern Orthodox Christian churches. The course will highlight how these aesthetic expressions embody and convey religious meaning. In the course of our travels, we will also explore the role of religion in politics in Turkey and link the Ottoman political reforms of the 19th century to the development of Turkish political thought.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Frequency						
	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language	X						
Course work in English				X			
Use of laptop					X		
Use of smart device					X		
Traditional Classroom	X						
Indoor Course Work			X				
Outdoor Course Work				X			
Group Work				X			
Presentations	X						
Interactions with local residents			X				
Field Work				X			
Internship	X						
Research	X						
Comments:							

HEALTH & DIET	Frequency				
	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options				X	
Vegan Options			X		
Food Allergy Accommodations					X
Group Meals				X	
Cooking for oneself	X				
Host family prepares meals	X				
Healthcare easily accessible					X
Comments:					

STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Frequency				
	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment					X
Mountainous			X		
Tropical	X				
Desert	X				
Urban				X	
Rural			X		
High Elevation			X		
Dusty			X		
Air Pollution			X		
Recent Terrorism	X				
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	X				
Earthquakes		X			
Other Natural Disaster		X			
Comments:					

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Frequency				
	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Host Family	X				
Roommate					X
Shared Apartment	X				
Dormitory	X				
Camping	X				
Hotel					X
Cell phone signal available					X
Internet signal available				X	
Comments:					

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Frequency				
	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage				X	
Carrying luggage up stairs			X		
Carrying equipment	X				
Carrying groceries Standing 30+ minutes	X				
Walking 1+ miles				X	
Hiking (easy)			X		
Hiking (strenuous)			X		
Sitting 5+ hours	X				
Use of public transportation			X		
Flat terrain			X		
Hilly terrain			X		
Stairs			X		
Comments:					

WATER ACTIVITIES	Frequency				
	Never	Seldom	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming		X			
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					

Center for Disease Control Recommendations: Routine vaccinations recommended. Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid recommended.