

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

Program: Religion and Art in Turkey

Dates: May 13-June 3, 2020

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

Course Description: REL 270 Religious Studies in Turkey - Religion and Art in Turkey. Survey of religious history in Turkey, with focus on early Christianity, Byzantine Christianity, and Islam in the Ottoman Empire and the modern period. ** Note: Students must enroll in a 2 credit spring 2020 course REL 269: Art and Religion in Turkey to be eligible to participate in this MayX.

Program Description: Religion and Art in Turkey will examine the relation between the aesthetic and religious dimensions of human experience through our visits to Byzantine and Islamic sites in Turkey. Several of the religious historic sites include the famous church of Hagia Sophia in Istanbul; the great palace of the Ottoman sultans; the rock-cut churches and underground cities of Cappadocia; several sites associated with Paul (e.g., Tarsus); the magnificent ruins of Ephesus; Konya, the burial site of the great Islamic Sufi, Rumi; and students will spend several nights on a gulet, a traditional two-masted Turkish sailing ship to visit sites accessible only by water. Students will take a hot-air balloon ride over the remarkable and beautiful landscape of Cappadocia.

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	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							
Outdoor Course Work				X			
Group Work				X			
Presentations	X						
Interactions with local residents			X				
Field Work				X			
Internship	X						
Research	X						
Comments:							

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	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:					

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	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: Dust and air pollution may be concerns for students with allergies.					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	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:					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage				X	
Carrying luggage upstairs			X		
Carrying equipment	X				
Carrying groceries	X				
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:					

	Frequency				
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming		X			
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments: Boat overnight. Hot air balloon in Cappadocia.					

Center for Disease Control Recommendations: You should be up to date on routine vaccinations while traveling to any destination. Recommended vaccines: measles, HEPA/B, Typhoid, rabies. Be aware of signs of malaria after program