

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

Program: Furman in Rennes, France

Dates: Fall Semester

Program Description: This is a language immersion program with emphasis placed on learning and using the French language at all times. Rennes, a modern community with a rich and storied heritage, serves as the political capital of the region of Brittany. Home to a very dynamic economy, Rennes has earned a prominent reputation as a center for technology, and it often earns ratings as one of the best places to live and study in France. The city offers an excellent variety of cultural events and provides students with opportunities to learn about distinct Celtic traditions particular to this region of France, from music to arts and crafts and distinctive Breton cuisine. While in Rennes, students will live in the heart of the city with a local host family and take courses with Furman Faculty Director(s) as well as at the Université de Rennes II, through our partner organization, CIEE. During the program, students will participate in several excursions, as well as a week-long academic visit to Paris.

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

	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: Rain can be frequent in northern Europe					

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

	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: Overnight travel, away from host families, for a total of about 3 1/2 weeks. Students will use public transportation daily.					

	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: Vegan is very difficult to do in France, where dairy products are a big part of the standard diet. Studetns with dietary preferences or restrictions should let their program directors know about their needs well ahead of the program. Students live with host families and will not be able to cook for themselves.					

	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: Shared hotel rooms when traveling					

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

Center for Disease Control Recommendations: Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot.