



Portugal

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Spring Break • March 7-16, 2014

Course Name: **Field Studies in Geography and Geology**

Course Numbers:

GRY 470* / GLG 360*

Credit Hours: **2** undergraduate

Course Overview & Objectives:

The principle objective of this course is to illustrate some of the methods and techniques for collecting and processing field data in Geotourism Geography and Geology.

This course has several aims, including, but not limited to:

- Provide a Geotourism experience showing sustainable tourism and geological options
- Experience the scope, design and educational programs of a Geopark
- Experience nature based and community tourism
- Immerse the student in a tourism experience outside of mass tourism offerings
- Interact with local community leaders and local citizens, experiencing unique cultures and heritage
- Experience and learn about the various geologic features of this part of the world, particularly the Arouca Geopark and Duoro Valley

**Prerequisite geography/geology classes for non-geography/geology majors may be waived with permission of instructors.*

Program Fee: \$3,250

Program Fee Includes: Roundtrip airfare, lodging, sightseeing, meals per itinerary, basic medical insurance, and Study Away student fee.

Program Fee Excludes: Passport, meals not provided per itinerary, incidentals/misc personal expenses, souvenirs, and MSU tuition for 2 hours of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the MO resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Applications are due by November 1, 2013. A nonrefundable deposit of \$490 will be billed to your student account. Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid Students may apply for the College of Natural & Applied Sciences Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by November 22, 2013. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

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Informational Meeting:

October 14, 2013 Temple Hall 345
5:00 p.m. (pizza provided)

Application Due:
November 1, 2013

Pre-Travel Meetings:
January 15, 2014
February 12, 2014

Depart Springfield for Portugal:
March 7, 2014

Depart Portugal for Springfield:
March 16, 2014

Post-Travel Projects Due:
March 30, 2014

Interested in going?

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Course Objectives

During the course, students will evaluate the tourism facilities, programs and environment in this area of central and northern Portugal. In addition, visits to geologic sites will be included. This course will teach students the components necessary to conduct evaluations of tourism destinations and their economic and environmental impact on the destination. The research focuses on the geography of Aveiro, Arouca and Arouca Geopark, the Duoro Valley and Porto. Through field tours in the area students will examine topics such as culture, heritage, politics, planning, historical development of trade and community, tourism facilities, potential sources of tourism and physical geography and geology including geologic phenomenon present in this area. Students will also experience a Geopark and learn about the public/private partnership that created the Park and development that has taken place.

PRE TRAVEL MEETINGS

Pre-travel preparedness and instruction.

January 15, 2014: Time and location TBA.

February 12, 2014: Time and location TBA.

STUDY TOUR

Itinerary subject to change.

March 7, 2014: Leave Springfield mid-morning and fly to Chicago, connecting to a flight to Madrid.

March 8, 2014: Arrive Madrid and connect to a flight to Lisbon, arriving in the morning. Meet and transfer to centrally located hotel. Spend two nights in Lisbon. Afternoon sightseeing will be a leisurely two-hour cruise down the Tagus River. Dinner on own.

March 9, 2014: Breakfast at hotel. This morning we will meet with Elizabeth Silva, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at UNESCO Lisbon. Morning tour of monuments, museums and city sights. Afternoon free. Dinner on own.

March 10, 2014: Breakfast at hotel. We will be met and transferred to train station for morning departure and a 2 hour train ride to the coastal city of Aveiro. Here we will meet Professor Carlos Costa from the University of Aveiro and taken on sightseeing tour. In mid-afternoon we travel east to the village of Arouca where we spend the next three nights at a centrally located hotel. Dinner at the hotel.

March 11, 2014: Breakfast at hotel. Depart this morning for the Arouca Geopark, visiting the geologic sites and the trilobite museum as well as traditional villages. Time for hiking and walking through the areas. We will meet with the Geopark Staff. Lunch at the Trilobite Restaurant. Return to hotel in late afternoon. Evening on your own.

March 12, 2014: Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we will meet with Margarita Belem, member the Arouca City Council and President of Arouca Geopark. Half day sightseeing tour of Arouca, including the museum and monastery. Depart for the countryside and lunch at a country restaurant. Return to the nature trails. Weather permitting there will be time for exploring. Dinner at hotel.

March 13, 2014: Breakfast at hotel. Depart in the morning for the Duoro River town of Pinhao (aprx. 2 hours from Arouca). Turn westward and travel through the Duoro River Valley, home to the Port wine vineyards. Stops along the way to see winemaking, visit the vineyards and learn about this region. Lunch at a vineyard. Meet with Nuno Faenza organizer of the National Geographic Geotourism MapGuide for the Douro Valley. Overnight at a country inn.

March 14, 2014: Breakfast at hotel. Continue along the Douro Valley to Porto, arriving in late afternoon. Spend the next two nights at a centrally located hotel. Dinner on own.

March 15, 2014: Breakfast at hotel. This morning we will be met by Professor Artur Sa of the University of Porto. Half day morning tour of Porto. Afternoon free. Evening farewell dinner at local restaurant.

March 16, 2014: Breakfast at hotel. Depart for U.S. arriving Springfield around 8pm.

Course Credit & Requirements

Course will be graded pass/fail based on completion of the Reflection Journal and a 5-7 page paper on a subject associated with the program. Grades will be based on participation in and completion of the following:

Papers: A 5-7 page paper will be due two weeks after return on a choice of subjects relevant to the Study Away experience.

Projects: During the course of the trip, students will be asked to give a short presentation on a relevant geographical, geological or cultural experience.

Reflection: A day to day reflection journal is an integral part of the experience and students will be required to turn this in for evaluation at the end of the trip.

Required texts: None.

Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$490 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Nov. 1, 2013). You will receive a second billing on Dec. 6, 2013 and a final billing on Jan. 17, 2014, for the balance of the program fee (\$2,760). MSU course tuition will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$490 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Nov. 1, 2013). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$2,760) and MSU course tuition will be due by Feb. 7, 2014.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 21, 2014. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR'S OFFICE. Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to Jan. 24, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$490 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after Jan. 24, 2014 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$490 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after Jan. 24, 2014, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Expenses will be determined upon the date Study Away receives the notification. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.