

Emerson College offers an excellent opportunity to explore a flexible and longstanding practice in creative writing: “travel writing”. If you have completed “ENGL2085 Creative Writing I (6 credits)” and/or “ENGL2086 Creative writing II (6 credits)”, you will also discover ways to push your writing further into new narratives of fiction and non-fiction. I highly recommend it.

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## Emerson College - Kasteel Well Summer Programs 2018

**Travel Writing (WR320/LI304)** [Please click [here](#) for the course leaflet.]

**Course description** ----- This course invites you to write and revise short works of creative nonfiction (with room for other genres) inspired by your time in Europe, and to practice attentive journaling to make the most of your travels. We will take a broad view of travel writing with an emphasis on trying out diverse approaches and styles. The travel stories you develop from your journaling will be read and discussed by your peers and professor, offering you robust feedback to use in revision. By the end of the course you will have assembled a portfolio through which to consider how writers can explore their interests in ongoing ways, whether for personal curiosity or publication.

As we discover the area around Kasteel Well, explore the city of **Amsterdam**, hike in the **Dolomites Mountains of Italy**, and visit a writers' residency/small press publisher in Belgium, you will read and write to unlock travel's ability to help us look both within and without. Sometimes you will write with yourself at the center, at others focusing on vivid depictions of the people and customs around you, and at still others by allowing your imagination to go where it will. Your writing will be complemented by readings and lectures providing examples of contemporary travel writing as well as literary and historical perspectives. These will help us consider what it means to write responsibly and accurately about places and cultures in which we are not "local" and may not speak a common language — a conversation to be enhanced and informed by the unique cross-cultural, cross-campus collaboration of our own class, bringing together students from Emerson with students from the University of Hong Kong. That partnership will allow us to not only learn about the places we visit together, but to also share our diverse cultural experiences of writing, education, and travel.

### **Program options:**

- Five-week program US\$ 6,100 (8 Emerson credits; eligible for credit transfer)
- Five-week program US\$3,650 (No Emerson credits; not eligible for credit transfer)
- Three-week program US\$3,100 (No Emerson credits; not eligible for credit transfer)

### **Program period:**

- **3-week program: 8th June to 1st July, 2018 (Friday to Sunday)**
  - Arrival/Mandatory Orientation weekend
  - Classes begin on 11th June, 2018 (Monday)
  - End of program/Departure from campus on 1st July, 2018 (Sunday)
- **5-week program (with an extended 2 weeks): 8th June to 15th July, 2018 (Friday to Sunday)**
  - Arrival/Mandatory Orientation weekend
  - Classes begin on 11th June, 2018 (Monday)
  - End of program/Departure from campus on 15th July, 2017 (Sunday)

**Program Fees include:**

- Tuition, Room & Board (on campus)
- Arrival/Departure (group/shared) ground transportation to/from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to/from Kasteel Well campus
- Required excursion city accommodations and some meals
- Required excursion city museum admissions and special event entry tickets
- Third Party Liability Insurance. This policy will cover a student's personal liability for damages, loss of property, injury, or death caused or inflicted while participating in the Kasteel Well Program
- Admission to a number of social activities on campus

**NOT included are:**

- Return Airfare to/from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport
- Meals on Saturdays and Sundays (except for during required excursions)
- Medical Health Insurance (All participants must have a Medical Health Insurance covering Europe)
- Students must arrange for valid visa/passport on their own before arrival.
- Travel & personal expenses and student's own accommodation costs during **independent travel breaks** after the 2 required excursions (i.e. Amsterdam and Dolomites) – about HK\$5,000 (minimum count)
- Personal expenses during the course of the program duration

**About Emerson College:**

Emerson College, located in the heart of Boston, Massachusetts, is the nation's premier institution in higher education devoted to communication and the arts in a liberal arts context. Emerson is internationally recognized in its fields of specialization, which are communication studies; marketing communication; journalism; communication sciences and disorders; visual and media arts; the performing arts; and writing, literature and publishing. Emerson College has been the exchange partner of the Faculty of Arts, HKU since 2015.

Websites: <http://www.emerson.edu/>

[Kasteel Well Summer Programs](#) – Please contact [Mr. Chester Lee](#) if you are interested in other courses of the Programs.