

Study Abroad In... Turkey

Empowering Turkish Women Farmers

Rutgers International Service Learning Program

The site of this three week program is Boztepe, Turkey, a small farming village with a population of roughly 5,000. The major crops are greenhouse vegetables, citrus, cotton, sesame, wheat, and corn. They export fresh fruits and vegetables to foreign markets. Boztepe is less than 20 miles away from Antalya, a city of one million people and home to Akdeniz University, a major university with a large college of agriculture. Antalya, located on the Mediterranean Sea, is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe.

The service component of the course centers on Suzanne's Project, a partnership between Rutgers University and Akdeniz University in Turkey to empower local women farmers through specialized training in methods of farm management and production aimed at making them more self-sufficient and competitive in today's food market. In its third year, the program has already had success in a number of villages in the surrounding area. Students on this ISL program will take part in the workshop, assisting in projects and gathering data on the members of the course for use in future workshops. while also participating less formally in daily life with the local farmers in the village.

Estimated Dates: 5/16/2013 - 6/3/2013

Credits: 3

Housing: Homestays

Application Deadline: March 31, 2013

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