

The Porvenir Times

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SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION



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CULTURAL VISITS

Discover what different guided tours our Summer students have taken throughout the city.

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UPCOMING NEWS

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STUDENT CORNER

"My Amazing Experience Abroad", by University of Hawaii at Manoa student, Ike Irvin.



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WELCOME WEEK

Because of the pandemic, it had been too long since we could celebrate the arrival of our new students. With great pleasure we introduced our Summer students to Seville. And what fun we had!



Walk to Triana



Night walk of "Curiosities & Legends"



Night of Flamenco song and dance



River cruise



Walk through historic downtown and shopping district





My Amazing Experience Abroad.



Visit to Seville's Cathedral



In the Flower Alley of Córdoba

One month. Four weeks. 32 days. 768 hours. In this short amount of time, I have travelled more, seen more, experienced more, and said 'yes' more than I did during my entire Spring semester in college. After my study abroad was cancelled due to COVID, I was offered spots in programs all across Europe, including Germany, Italy, and France. I am so glad I made the decision to come to the south of Spain. The people I have met and the memories we share validate my choice, and if I had to do it over again, I wouldn't change a thing.

My experience in Spain began at the Barcelona airport, where I met Sara, another student at ICS. We immediately hit it off, as if we had known each other our whole lives. We stuck together on our flight to Seville, and split a cab to our homestays. After a long nine-hour flight, it was a blessing to have someone to navigate a new environment with. Sara would be the first of many amazing classmates and friends I would go on to meet. After getting out of the cab, I was immediately met by my host mother, Isabel. She gave me the biggest hug and welcomed me into her home. There, I met Jaime, a 19 year-old Spanish College Student from Cádiz, and my American roommate, Joel.

Immediately after getting settled in, Joel and I made our way to Seville's city center. We sat down to meet our new classmates at a restaurant overlooking the Giralda. We bonded over our respective trips to Spain, and expressed our excitement for the month to come.

The following week was "Welcome Week," filled with information sessions, city tours, walkabouts, and boat rides. Lisa, Catherine, and the ICS staff eased us into life in Seville, and introduced us to local students along the way. This allowed us to experience the city through a different lens, as well as meet people from all over the world.

My Amazing Experience Abroad.

By Ike Irvin



In the Alhambra palace of Granada



On the beach, in Portugal

Shortly thereafter, our classes began. I was in Beginner Spanish 1 and 2, and my classmates were in Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Spanish courses. We started at 9 am every day and ended at 1:30, with a thirty-minute break dividing two two-hour classes. My first class was delivered entirely in Spanish, even though none of us had real background in the language. While it came as a shock at first, we slowly got used to the instruction. By the end of the program, we were able to understand the language without any English being spoken. My second class with Mr. John Boyle proved to be just as interesting as the first. While Maria focused on the technicalities of the Spanish language, John taught us more about Spanish culture. We'd start every class discussing our various interactions with Spaniards and how they related to Spanish society as a whole. Next we'd focus on vocabulary, and lastly we would translate texts from Spanish to English and vice versa. The curriculum as a whole was very intensive, but the instructors were with us every step of the way.

Along with classroom instruction, on-site visits were also part of our courses. We visited the Alcázar, Cathedral, Military Museum, and the ancient Jewish Quarters of the city. Our instructors acted as tour guides, telling us all about the history and lore of each place. We also had extended trips to the cities of Córdoba and Granada. Equipped with sack lunches from our house moms, we toured the cities as a class and experienced the different aspects of Andalusian cities. In Granada, we had the opportunity to explore the Alhambra, a centuries-old fortress that served as the headquarters for the Muslim occupation of Spain. Granada was easily my favorite excursion of the program.



Admiring the views in Granada

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At the Spain -Slovenia game of the Eurocup



Visiting the city of Córdoba

When we weren't in class or on school trips, there was never a dull moment in Sevilla. As a group, we always had something going on, whether it be kayaking on the river, enjoying rooftop tapas bars, or simply spending time with our host families. For our free weekend, we all came together and planned an amazing trip to Albufeira, Portugal. There, we enjoyed the beach, ate at amazing Portuguese restaurants, and even watched England play in the Euro Cup with a group of Brits. It was amazing to be able to travel to a completely different country in just a weekend.

All of these experiences brought us very close as a group. In a way, I feel as if Sevilla wrapped its arms around us and really invited us into Spanish culture. This city still surprises me every day, and I will undoubtedly make my way back to Sevilla in the future. I am grateful to the ICS and my classmates for making this Study Abroad an experience I will never forget, and for giving me friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

Of our month in Seville I made a video which I hope you like.



[Click to see.](#)



Celebrating my birthday



At the Cathedral

TOURING A CITY RICH IN HISTORY

Guided tours by Professors John Boyle, Rocío Rojas-Marcos and María José Montero.



THE ALCÁZAR PALACE

The Alcázar was built by Castillian Christians on the site of a Muslim residential fortress. It is a preminent example of Mudéjar architecture in the Iberian Peninsula and is universally renowned as one of the most beautiful of its kind. It is also the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe.

ANCIENT JEWISH & ISLAMIC QUARTERS

The Barrio Santa Cruz is in the oldest part of the city of Seville, being within the city walls built by the Romans in the 1st century B.C. In these typically picturesque quarters are unique examples of Jewish, Islamic and Christian art & architecture.

THE CATHEDRAL

After its completion in the early 16th century, the Seville Cathedral became the largest Gothic church in the world. Built on the site of the former Muslim Great Mosque, it houses most impressive works of sacred art and magnificent architectural elements.

MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY

Created in 1992, the Museum exhibits collections of historical, artistic, scientific and technical items of military activity serving as a link between the history and culture of Spain's defence.

VISITING GRANADA & CORDOBA

EXPLORING PARTS OF SPAIN IN OUR ONE-MONTH
INTENSIVE CULTURE & LANGUAGE PROGRAM.

GRANADA

A night in the city of
the ancient *Al
Andalus* in which we
visited the Alhambra
palace, the Albaycín
and the tomb of the
Catholic Sovereigns.



CÓRDOBA

A day spent visiting
the Ancient Muslim
Mosque, the
medieval Jewish
quarters and one of
the most charming
and historic towns of
Spain.

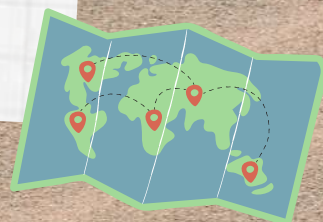


Spanish Language and Culture



A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

Classes. Culture visits. Excursions. Personal growth!



This Summer we hosted a most special group of High School and first-year College students from the organization of Youth Global Perspectives. YGP's mission is to promote cultural awareness and to expose youth to global experiences.

The group was brought by our former student, Ms. Claudia White-Ross, who acted as group coordinator and leader.



We are proud to collaborate with YGP.



YGP PHOTO ALBUM



DISCOVERING SPANISH LANGUAGE, HISTORY & CULTURE THROUGH GUIDED TOURS.

Our group visited places of historic relevance in Seville, Granada and Córdoba with ICS professors. They learned how to make traditional Spanish meals and even had the opportunity to visit the city's largest water park!



FALL AT THE ICS

Student arrival

We will welcome students at the ICS on Wednesday, September 15 for the Fall semester.

See you then!!



Welcome Week

Get ready, Fall students, for a fun-filled week of activities that will not only introduce you to your new city and classmates, but will make you feel right at home!



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