

Longwood University
Summer Study Abroad in Spain
May 22 - June 16, 2024

Travel and class itinerary:

<p>Wednesday, May 22</p>	<p>Meet at Dulles International Airport, United Airlines check-in area, at 2:30 pm. No later! (Airline and time may be changed)</p> <p>After check-in and going through security, we will meet in the gate area for our homework discussion session. We will board our 8-hour overseas flight directly to Madrid. On board, we'll have dinner, movies (please sleep!) and breakfast before arriving in the morning (7:40 AM).</p>
<p>Thursday, May 23</p>	<p>Arrival in Madrid about 7:40 am. You may use the ATM machines to withdraw some Euros from your debit account. We'll board our private bus for the 4-hour ride to Valencia, stopping at a rest area with a restaurant/snack bar; study the menu you'll receive beforehand so you can order a snack if you like. It will be your first chance to really use your Spanish!</p> <p>We will arrive in Valencia about 12:30 pm, and our host families will be there to greet us and take us home. Have lunch, unpack, rest. Visit an ATM in the afternoon if you have not yet withdrawn Euros.</p> <p>Afternoon options: Beach, explore, rest. Ask your host family the "Question of the Day" for tomorrow: ¿Cómo llego a casa desde la Plaza del Ayuntamiento?" You'll need this info to get home Friday evening!</p> <p>9:00 pm (ask to make sure at what time dinner will be): Be home for dinner; get a good night's sleep!</p> <p><i>Tell your host mom you will not be home for dinner tomorrow and you would like to take lunch to Peñíscola on Monday.</i></p>

<p>Friday, May 24</p>	<p>Your host mom will take you to the Institute so that you can see (and remember) how to get there. You must arrive by 9:15 am. Please be punctual! Pay attention to how you got to the Institute!</p> <p>9:30-10:15 Orientation: Meet Institute staff; practical info, safety info, etc. Info for excursion to Peñíscola.</p> <p>10:30-12:45 Clases de español</p> <p>1:00: You will be accompanied to an “estanco” to learn how to buy a bonobús.</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Lunch with families. <i>Free afternoon until 6:00. Do homework; you’ll be busy later this evening. Make sure to ask your “Pregunta del Día”, ¿Cómo llego a casa desde la Plaza del Ayuntamiento?” This isn’t optional! You need this info to get home this evening!</i></p> <p><i>Tell your host mom you will not be home for dinner tonight; ask for a lunch to take to Peñíscola on Sat.</i></p> <p>6:00 pm: We’ll explore the city on our private bus tour of Valencia. Meet at the corner of Jaime Roig and El Bachiller by the <i>farmacia</i> (where we met our families yesterday). Profesora Laura will show us the highlights of Valencia and explain some of the history of this beautiful seaside city. We’ll see the Royal Gardens (Jardines del Real), within walking distance of the Institute; the Río Turia gardens; the lively port; the spectacular architecture of the museums designed by Calatrava; the beach; the house/museum of novelist Vicente Blasco Ibáñez; and more. Finally, we’ll cross the main Plaza del Ayuntamiento with its beautiful Post Office Palace and City Hall (Ayuntamiento).</p> <p>After seeing all of the important sights, the bus will leave us at the fifteenth-century Torres de Serranos (on one of your free afternoons, you may climb up to the top of the Torres de Serranos towers overlooking the river and the city).</p> <p>From here, our walking tour of the old town includes the Torres de Serranos, the Plaza de la Virgen, the Cathedral and its “Miguelete” tower, and the Plaza de la Reina. We’ll end up at the Plaza Redonda at 8 pm, and we’ll sample a variety of typical tapas for dinner.</p> <p>After dinner, we’ll orient you toward the Plaza del Ayuntamiento, and you will go home following your family’s instructions (your “Pregunta del Día”). Many of you will be taking a bus; we’ll help you find your bus stop. Don’t be the only one who didn’t ask and can’t get home!</p>
<p>Saturday, May 25</p>	<p>9:30 Excursion to Peñíscola. Bring lunch to eat at the beach, or plan to eat in a beach restaurant.</p> <p>Meet at corner of Jaime Roig and El Bachiller by the <i>farmacia</i> promptly at 9:30 am (again, the same corner where we met our host families). Be punctual, please! The bus is leaving promptly at 9:45 am!</p> <p>Visit to Castillo de Peñíscola; bring your Scavenger Hunt question sheet! You will explore (in small groups) the interior of this 14th century castle built by the Knights Templar, and which later belonged to the Spanish Pope “Papa Luna” and was used in the filming of the movie <i>El Cid</i>. Learn about the stories of intrigue, murder, and the ghost that still haunts the castle.</p> <p>Afternoon at the beach until 6pm. 6:00 Meet back at the bus 7:30 arrival in Valencia</p> <p>9:00 Dinner.</p>

<p>Thursday, May 30</p>	<p><i>Festival de Corpus Christi begins</i> Diario 2 <u>Altered Class Schedule:</u></p> <p>9:30-10:45 Spanish 211 with Prof. Smith and Spanish 302 with Prof. Rosado-Figueroa</p> <p>11:00 Tribunal de las Aguas Outing: Wear comfy walking shoes; we will walk from the Institute to the Cathedral to see the Tribunal de las Aguas. Bring notebook and Scavenger Hunt sheet.</p> <p>12:00 El Tribunal de las Aguas (Puerta Gótica, Catedral de Valencia).</p> <p>12:15: Walk through Plaza Redonda to La Lonja, 15th Century commodities exchange; tour of La Lonja.</p> <p>1:15: Scavenger Hunt en el Mercado Central.</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Lunch with families Tarde libre. Actividades Culturales/Intercambios. 9:00 pm: Dinner</p>
<p>Friday, May 31</p>	<p>9:30-12:00 Spanish 211 with Prof. Smith and Spanish 302 with Prof. Rosado-Figueroa 12:00-2:00 Homework and practice sessions 2:00-4:00 Lunch with families Tarde libre. Actividades culturales / Intercambios / Actividades Corpus Christi 9:00 pm: Dinner</p>
<p>Saturday, June 1</p>	<p>10:00 Churros y Chocolate! Meet at Casa Valor in the Plaza de la Reina. Go upstairs to our “classroom”. You will enjoy fabulous churros con chocolate during a History of Chocolate lesson. Bring notebooks to take notes.</p> <p>11:30 Walking tour by the Cathedral to compare the architecture from different epochs, then visit to the Roman ruins museum beneath the Cathedral. Bring notebook for taking notes.</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Lunch with families Tarde libre. Actividades Culturales / Intercambios. 9:00 pm: Dinner</p>
<p>Sunday, June 2</p>	<p>Día libre. Plan to complete a required Actividad Cultural and/or meet with your Intercambio. Corpus Christi Activities. (Official Corpus Christi procession begins at 7pm from the Plaza de la Virgen)</p>
<p>Monday, June 3</p>	<p>9:30-12:00 Spanish 211 with Prof. Smith and Spanish 302 with Prof. Rosado-Figueroa</p> <p>12:00-2:00 Homework and practice sessions Diario 3</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Lunch with families Actividades culturales / Intercambios. 9:00 pm: Dinner</p>

<p>Tuesday, June 4</p>	<p><u>Altered Class Schedule:</u></p> <p>9:30-10:30 Spanish 211 with Prof. Smith and Spanish 302 with Prof. Rosado-Figueroa</p> <p>10:30 Excursión: La Ruta de la Horchata: Walk to the estación de metro de Benimaclet; we'll take the metro together to <u>Alboraya/Peris Aragó</u>. (Línea 3 hacia Rafelbuñol)</p> <p>*Wear comfy walking shoes, sunscreen, sunglasses; we are going to be in a <i>chufa</i> field. We'll observe how <i>chufa</i> is cultivated, harvested and dried, then we'll learn how to make <i>horchata</i>. We will participate in making our own <i>horchata</i> and then we'll sample some <i>horchata</i> and delicious <i>fartons</i>.</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Lunch with families Actividades culturales/Intercambios 9:00 pm: Dinner</p>
<p>Wednesday, June 5</p>	<p><u>Altered Class Schedule:</u></p> <p>9:30-11:30 Spanish 211 with Prof. Smith and Spanish 302 with Prof. Rosado-Figueroa</p> <p>11:30-12:30 Required Group Meeting to prepare for tour to Barcelona</p> <p>12:30-2:00 Guest speaker Dr. Rosanna Mestre Pérez</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Lunch with families. Tarde libre. Actividades culturales / Intercambios.</p> <p>9:00 pm: Dinner <i>Ask your host mom for a lunch to take on Friday to Barcelona.</i></p>
<p>Thursday, June 6</p>	<p>9:30-12:00 Spanish 211 with Prof. Smith and Spanish 302 with Prof. Rosado-Figueroa Diario 4</p> <p>12:00-2:00 Homework and practice sessions</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Lunch with families Tarde libre. Actividades culturales / Intercambios.</p> <p>9:00 pm: Dinner <i>Ask your host mom for a lunch to take tomorrow to Barcelona.</i></p>
<p>Friday, June 7</p>	<p>Class Excursion to Barcelona.</p> <p>9:00 am or time TBA: Meet at the train station: Estación del AVE Joaquín Sorolla (NOT Estación del Norte)</p> <p><i>Bring lunch from home, your passport, a photocopy of the passport, and Longwood ID. See handouts for more details.</i></p> <p>1:00: Upon arrival in Barcelona, we will check into our hotel/hostal and lunch on your own in Barcelona.</p> <p>3:00: Paseo por Las Ramblas: Our hostal is very near Las Ramblas; we'll walk along this lively and iconic pedestrian boulevard which runs through the heart of the city center, from the Port Vell to the <u>Plaça de Catalunya</u> (a popular meeting point and shopping hub, marking the beginning of Las Ramblas, and featuring beautiful fountains, sculptures, and green spaces for relaxation).</p> <p>We'll pass by these attractions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mercat de la Boqueria</u> (a bustling market known for its diverse range of fresh produce, artisanal products, and delicious food stalls, offering visitors a chance to experience the rich culinary heritage of Barcelona); • the <u>Gran Teatre del Liceu</u> (a stunning opera house, one of Europe's most renowned cultural landmarks dating back to the mid-19th century, which hosts world-class performances in a magnificent setting);

<p>Friday, June 7 (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Plaça Reial (Royal Plaza, a picturesque square with palm trees, Gaudi-designed lampposts, and elegant architecture); • el Museu de l' Erotica (Erotica Museum, yes, what it sounds like); • el Mosaico de Miró (located midway down Las Ramblas in the middle of the boulevard, this is a colourful pavement mosaic created by renowned Barcelona artist Joan Miró, adding a touch of artistic flair to the boulevard; you will see one of the tiles was signed by Miró himself); • the Columbus Monument (Mirador de Colom), a towering monument dedicated to Christopher Columbus offering panoramic views of the city and the harbour from its viewing platform, giving visitors a unique perspective of Barcelona). • During our paseo, we will probably have a chance to see human statues and other street performers along Las Ramblas. <p>Dinner on your own. There are dozens of restaurants and shops along the full length of Las Ramblas. However due to the popularity of Las Ramblas, and the sheer volume of visitors, you will find elevated prices and generally a lower level of service than you would experience in a less touristy area.</p> <p>Hotel curfew: 12:00.</p>
<p>Saturday, June 8</p>	<p>Breakfast included at hotel.</p> <p>9:30 La Sagrada Familia y Park Güell: We'll embark on our tour of Gaudí's Barcelona, visiting some of the most fascinating works by architect Antoni Gaudí. We will begin with a complete tour of Gaudí's spectacular masterwork, the cathedral/basílica de La Sagrada Familia, considered by many to be the symbol of Barcelona, and one of the world's greatest masterpieces. For Gaudí, the basilica exemplifies Gaudí's philosophy that nature is the work of God. Gaudí sought to combine Christian speech and biblical allegories with complex natural symbols like organic, geometric shapes which are prominent in every column, pinnacle and stained glass window of the basilica. The end result is an astounding architectural masterpiece which, despite being unfinished and under construction for nearly 140 years, has become one of the most visited monuments in Spain, receiving almost 5 million visitors last year.</p> <p>Lunch on your own.</p> <p>In the afternoon, we'll explore Gaudí's Park Güell, from which we can appreciate Barcelona from high above, and explore the relationship of Gaudí with nature and water. The park's viaducts, benches, lizards and storybook houses will transport you to inside the mind of Gaudí.</p> <p>Following this, we'll make a visit to the Museo Picasso.</p> <p>See the list of suggestions/scavenger hunt for sites to explore in small groups.</p> <p>Dinner on your own. Hotel curfew: 12:00.</p>

<p>Sunday, June 9</p>	<p>Breakfast included at hotel/hostal.</p> <p>9:00 We'll check out of the hotel; we'll store our suitcases in a locked room until later.</p> <p>9:30: Modernismo y Gaudí: We'll embark on the second phase of our tour of Gaudí's Barcelona: We'll walk along el Paseo de Gracia, and get to know the history and urbanism of the Barcelona Ensanche neighborhood, where the upper-crust of Barcelona lives, families such as the Milá, the Batlló, and the Amatller, while we admire some of the most spectacular façades of the city. We'll visit La Pedrera/Casa Milá, Gaudí's last civil construction, a building completely inspired by nature and where we will see one of the furnished apartments. Afterward we will visit the Casa Batlló, Gaudí's other building along Paseo de Gracia; from the outside the façade of Casa Batlló looks like it has been made from skulls and bones. The "Skulls" are in fact balconies and the "bones" are supporting pillars. Gaudí used colours and shapes found in marine life as inspiration for his creativity; the colours chosen for the façade are those found in natural coral.</p> <p>1:00: lunch on your own.</p> <p>3:30 (or time TBA): Meet at hotel to pick up luggage and head to the train station to return to Valencia. Arrival in Valencia about (7:30 pm—TBA).</p> <p>9:00 Dinner</p>
<p>Monday, June 10</p>	<p>9:30-12:00 Spanish 211 with Prof. Smith and Spanish 302 with Prof. Rosado-Figueroa</p> <p>12:00-2:00 Homework and practice sessions</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Lunch with families. Actividades culturales/Intercambios. 9:00 pm: Dinner</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 11</p>	<p>9:30-12:00 Spanish 211 with Prof. Smith and Spanish 302 with Prof. Rosado-Figueroa Diario 5</p> <p>12:00-2:00 Homework and practice sessions</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Lunch with families. Actividades culturales/Intercambios. 9:00 pm: Dinner</p>
<p>Wednesday, June 12</p>	<p><u>Altered Class Schedule:</u></p> <p>9:30-11:30 Spanish 211 with Prof. Smith and Spanish 302 with Prof. Rosado-Figueroa</p> <p>11:30-12:30 Required Group Meeting: preparation for final tour and return to US.</p> <p>12:30-2:00 Homework sessions</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Lunch with families Actividades culturales/Intercambios 9:00 Dinner</p>

<p>Thursday, June 13</p>	<p>9:30-12:00 Spanish 211 with Prof. Smith and Spanish 302 with Prof. Rosado-Figueroa</p> <p>12:00-2:00 Homework and practice sessions</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Lunch with families. Actividades culturales/Intercambios.</p> <p><i>Begin packing so that you have some free time on Friday afternoon.</i></p> <p><i>Ask your host family to prepare a lunch for you to take on Saturday to Segovia.</i> 9:00 Dinner</p>
<p>Friday, June 14</p>	<p><u>Altered Class Schedule:</u></p> <p>9:30-11:00 Classes, Presentations</p> <p>11:15-1:15 Exams</p> <p>1:30 Leave for Farewell lunch at Restaurante La Clemencia. ¡Paella valenciana! Groups: Express appreciation to staff at ISS, presentations.</p> <p>Afternoon: pack. <i>Ask your host mom to call a taxi tonight</i>, to arrange for you and your roommates to be picked up with your suitcases to come to the corner by the <i>farmacia</i> for our final tour. You will need a taxi that can accommodate suitcases. If there are 3 of you, you may need 2 taxis. Plan money accordingly.</p> <p><i>Ask your host mom to prepare a lunch to take with you tomorrow.</i></p> <p>Dinner: 9:00 pm Early to bed!</p>
<p>Saturday June 15</p>	<p>Tour of Roman and Medieval Spain. Today we leave for Segovia.</p> <p>8:30 am Meet at the usual <i>farmacia</i> on the corner. Please be punctual! <i>Bring lunch.</i></p> <p>We will travel by private motorcoach through the beautiful countryside to Segovia. One or two rest stops.</p> <p>2:30 Arrival in Segovia, famous for its spectacular Roman aqueduct and the castle of Fernando and Isabel. 15-minute class at the Acueducto.</p> <p>Profs will provide maps and indicate the street to go up to arrive at the Plaza Mayor on your own. Lunch on your own (did you bring your lunch?)</p> <p>3:30 Meet at the Plaza Mayor for our visit to the Alcázar de Segovia (4:00), the castle where Isabel de Castilla married Fernando de Aragón in 1469. Climb the tower of the castle for beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. Use your Segovia info sheet to take notes. You will turn this in on the bus later, for grades in your Spanish classes.</p> <p>5:00-8:00 Free time to explore this quaint city on your own with its Gothic cathedral, churches, shops, bakeries, and cafés. Early dinner on your own in Segovia. Suggestion: sample delicious traditional Castilian dishes such as roast suckling pig (cochinillo) or roast lamb (cordero), or bean soup (judiones).</p> <p>8:00 pm Meet at the bus (parked below the Acueducto) for the 1-hour ride to our hotel near Madrid.</p> <p>11:00 pm: Hotel curfew.</p>

**Sunday,
June 16**

Returning home:

6:00-7:30: Breakfast buffet is provided at the hotel.

7:45 am: Be in the lobby to check out, turn in room key, and put suitcases into the bus.

8:00 am: Our private bus will take us directly to the Madrid airport (Terminal 1) for our 11:15 am flight to Washington-Dulles. During the 8 ½ hour flight, enjoy lunch, movies and an afternoon snack before arriving at Dulles International Airport at 2:00 pm on June 16.

**Flight times can change; we will confirm a few days ahead.*