

Immersion Abroad for High School:

Spain 2015-16

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Earn college credits
Be immersed in the culture

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GAINING A COMPETITIVE EDGE

Most people in today's world understand the importance of acquiring key skills at key times in order to keep up with the rapidly changing environment in which we live. Communication (when, where and how) has always held an important role in the success or failure of many a graduate who is entering the increasingly competitive workforce. In today's increasingly globalizing economy students need to begin thinking about how to gain a more competitive edge. Learning, and more importantly, **really becoming proficient in a language could be the key to securing your future!** Here are some statistics nationally and worldwide that help demonstrate the importance of the Spanish language now and in the future...

Reason for studying Spanish

- The US is among top 5 of the 21 Spanish speaking countries in the world when looking at sheer size of the Spanish speaking population.
- Spanish is spoken by 440 million people worldwide as a first language of communication.
- Spanish is the 2nd most important language in business worldwide after English.
- Some of the world's largest markets are making Spanish an obligatory second language.
- By 2030 Spanish will be spoken by 7.5% of the world population which will put it ahead of English as a world language.

As students, we need to recognize this need and as teachers and parents we need to educate and encourage our students and children to seek out this important skill in order to secure their and our own futures as a nation. Research shows that **the best way to develop fluency in a language and to gain cultural knowledge is to EXPERIENCE the target language and culture firsthand by STUDYING ABROAD.** By studying abroad students become a part of a Spanish-speaking world in a way that allows them to live and breathe every aspect of the host country's language and way of life.



Advantages of STUDY ABROAD:

- Acquisition of another language and understanding of another culture.
- Increased awareness and open-mindedness of the world around you.
- Learning of valuable life skills such as independence and confidence in daily choices, assertiveness and skillfulness in the handling of adversities.

All of these newly acquired skills will then...

- Provide a competitive edge due to the value placed on these abilities by future employers in a rapidly globalizing economy.

which in turn will...

- Provide more job security and opportunities for advancement.

From the moment they leave US soil they will need to navigate through the experience of international travel and all of its nuances. Upon arrival they will be greeted in a different language and be exposed to an entirely different infrastructure and landscape. And during their stay they will gain an insider look at what Spanish family life is about as they will have the opportunity to actually feel and live this experience through their own host families which, many times, will become an extension of their own family while abroad and long after they return to the US. Here's what one of our participants had to say..."I loved my host mom. She was like a real mother to me. Her family treated me like family. I will never forget her" Summer 2010.

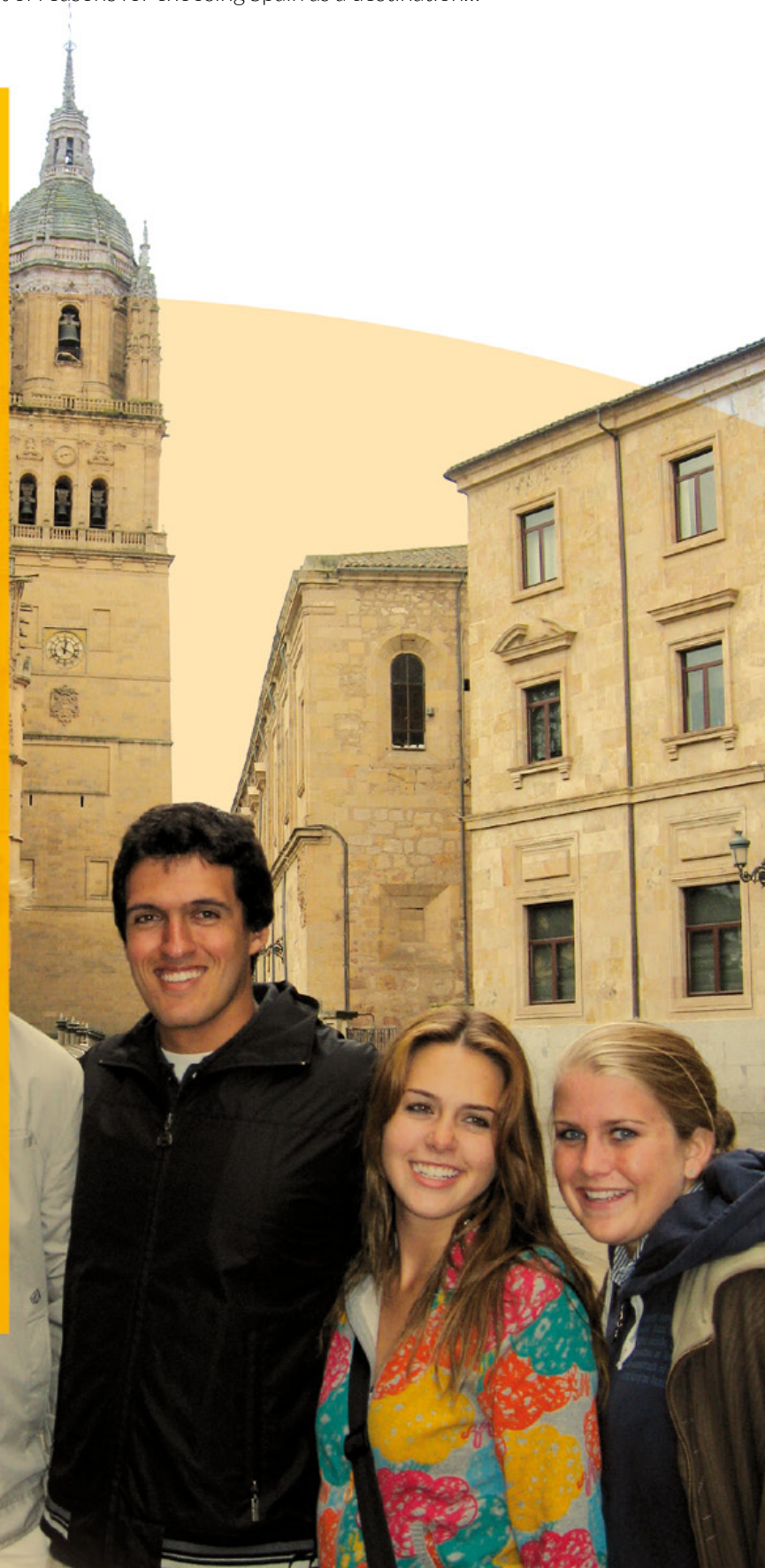


MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE: STUDYING ABROAD IN SPAIN

Although there are many Spanish-speaking host countries that you can choose from as a destination for your study abroad experience, **it is preferable to be hosted by a country with a long tradition and centuries of experience in hosting students from all over the globe.** Below we provide a list of reasons for choosing Spain as a destination...

Spain - The ultimate destination

- Spain is the TOP destination for US students who study Spanish language and culture abroad and increasing in popularity by 10% annually.
- Spain has developed a system and infrastructure (*in communication, transportation and finances*) for visiting students that are unsurpassed by other Spanish speaking destinations.
- Spain is a 1st world country with a high standard of living and it is the 8th largest world economy.
- Spain's smaller cities provide one of the most safe and intimate environments for younger travelers.
- Spain has a rich language, architecture, cuisine that are all influenced by the three cultures that have made a part of its history over the centuries.
- Spain is a UNESCO World Heritage Center housing 13 cities which have worldwide historical significance.
- The Spanish lifestyle is one that is full of life in which friends and family make up an integral part of daily life.
- **Spain is where the Spanish language originated.**



SPAIN THE T&E WAY

T&E is a Spanish consortium made up of 2 of the best-known and certified language and culture institutes in Salamanca and it represents 3 of the most prestigious universities in Spain including one of the oldest in Europe. T&E is sponsored by the local Spanish government of the region of Castilla y Leon and all of the academics offered through T&E have been through rigorous program quality reviews in accordance with guidelines set by the **Instituto Cervantes**, the Spanish governing body that sets the standards and regulates the quality of Spanish language programs worldwide. Travel & Education takes pride in offering quality programs in a **safe and secure environment** leaving students and their loved ones with the peace of mind necessary to take full advantage of the study abroad experience. Below we offer some of the highlights of T&E service...

T&E —THE ULTIMATE PROVIDER

- T&E has a well-developed system of transportation, accommodations, medical facilities, communications and emergency responses that are in place to ensure the health and security of each of our program participants while in Spain.
- T&E is dedicated to providing a personal touch to the study abroad experience and our local Philadelphia office will be personally available every step of the way from the application process through to departure and return.
- T&E has its headquarters in Spain which personally escorts all participants from the airport to your program site where there will be a full team of multilingual professors and local staff with extensive international experience to help set you up and guide you every step of the way.
- T&E offices in Salamanca Spain provide a central location for students to congregate, study, research and communicate with their loved ones back home.
- T&E takes special care in choosing our families, most of which have years of experience in hosting international students.
- T&E provides a 24 hour hotline with a contact name and number should they need assistance during and/or after hours.



T&E UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Program location

Currently T&E standard High School programs are located in the beautiful and historical city of Salamanca which was founded in 1218, THE UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA, which gives the city its very distinct vibrant, young and international atmosphere. It is a pedestrian city which allows visiting students to truly experience its history and quaintness on a daily basis by walking through its many cobblestoned streets which are lined with historically significant monuments and enchanting gardens at every turn. It is one of the safest cities in Spain and combines the beauty of a medieval city with all of the comforts of the modern world making it the perfect location for the younger study abroad participant who wants to get the most out of their study abroad experience. T&E is also able to provide study abroad experiences in other cities upon request. A popular alternative is SANTANDER which is a northern coastal city with spectacular beaches also featured in this brochure.

Program length

T&E offers 2, 3 and 4 week programs for secondary schools with the option to extend for longer periods of time. The most popular option for high school students is the 2 week program which offers 3 university credits.

Program types

Individual

UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA

The oldest University in Spain!

Participants attend the University of Salamanca, the oldest and one of the most prestigious universities in Spain. As all T&E programs are academic in nature, students successfully completing the program will receive **official university transcripts from the University of Salamanca** which can help them **earn college credits** that can count towards university and/or college language and culture requirements at their preferred institutions. Students who are not 17 by the time they study in Spain will take courses at one of T&E's approved and accredited language and culture institutes which provide a more personalized and intimate atmosphere for those participants that are younger in age. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone which can be provided by your school through group programs or assigned by T&E with the provision of a letter of recommendation from their current teacher and statement of good standing issued by their schools.



Group

T&E works closely with schools to help make it possible for parents and their children to feel at ease with the process by involving teachers and parents through visits from our staff for information sessions and orientations.

To help make it possible for schools to approve and offer group academic or customized programs to Spain, T&E offers the possibility for teachers to visit the program locations through sponsored participation in summer **T&E Faculty Development Programs carrying continuing education credits** (offered annually) the year prior to the official program launch at their schools. More information can be found on the T&E website under Professional Programs or contact T&E directly by email at **admin@travelandeducation.org** or by phone at **1-866-559-0235**.

What's included

T&E Program benefits

The following items are all included in T&E program fees:

- Pre-departure planning and support from our Philadelphia office;
- Official T&E orientation packet with gifts before departure;
- Airport pick-up and drop off in Spain;
- Detailed orientation session upon arrival;
- Reception and Farewell dinner;
- Services of T&E on-site coordinator, available 24 hours;
- Spanish language immersion courses;
- All Spanish language course materials;
- Tutoring at our on-site offices;
- *Accommodations with Spanish families;
- 3 meals a day;
- Laundry service once a week;
- Medical insurance while on Spanish soil;
- **Full day excursions on weekends;
- **Half day excursions during the week;
- A wide range of socio-cultural activities including Spanish style dance and cooking lessons, Spanish films, museum visits, sports, swimming, go-carts, horseback riding, and much more;
- Unlimited access to T&E center computer labs and libraries;
- International cell phones;
- Student card with shopping discounts;

* residence halls available for chaperoned groups of 10 or more

** minimum participation required to run.

T&E Program fees for 2015

The following programs are available all year round with a minimum group of 10 students. Additional chaperones can be admitted. Please contact T&E for more information.

WEEKS	CONTACT HOURS	FEES (USD)
2	45	\$2,200
3	60	\$2,730
4	90	\$3,150



Are You Ready?

General program itinerary

A Typical Day in our Program:

9am to 1pm | Spanish language immersion courses

After having a light breakfast in the Spanish style with their Spanish host family, students will begin their day by attending classes in the prestigious University of Salamanca for their Spanish immersion.

For beginners this will consist of intensive grammar instruction and oral practice and for intermediates to advanced students can choose from courses in Spanish literature, art and culture as well as other offered options. 10 minute breaks provided between sections.

2:30 to 4:00pm | Lunch with Spanish host family

Part of the cultural experience for our program participants is the time they spend with their host families. The afternoon meal is the largest meal of the day. This time is sacred to Spanish life and it is a period during each day that family members have a chance to converse and reflect on events in Spain and their daily lives. The idea of siesta in which Spaniards take 20 minutes to relax is used to reenergize during this time as well. All stores and shops are closed and reopen at 5pm.

5:00 to 8:00pm | Varied socio-cultural activities

Students can take part in a multitude of activities which are designed to enhance the cultural aspect of the program. Students will visit nearby historical sites, museums and special

attractions. They will also be able to take part in various sports, go swimming or horseback riding or take Spanish sevillana or flamenco style dance lessons or cooking classes. Some activities require a minimum number of participants.

8:00 to 10:00pm | Dinner with host families

Dinners in Spain are lighter meals and are usually later than in the US. In the summer months dinner can be as late as 10pm! Given that it does not get dark until almost 11pm in Salamanca, it is not unusual to see Spanish families with small children go out for an ice cream after dinner and be out until after midnight. T&E will provide various chaperoned opportunities to experience Spanish life during the evening hours by taking students on organized tapas tours and special outings on given days (see program itinerary for details). T&E will escort students back to their respective homestays after every outing.

Weekday and Weekend Excursions

T&E will provide detailed itineraries before excursion date during T&E weekly briefings with site information for each student. Participants will meet in the morning with packed lunches provided by their homestay families. While at the excursion sites students will receive a guided tour of the site and visit historically significant monuments with entrance fees included. They will return in time for dinner with their homestay families.



ALTERNATE PROGRAM LOCATION: SANTANDER, SPAIN

Let there be no doubt that this vibrant city, situated on Spain's lush Green Coast, is a good choice for learning Spanish. Santander, the capital of the Cantabria region, lies surrounded by beautiful mountain landscapes, with mild weather all year round. As a coastal city, Santander enjoys warm winters and very pleasant summers.

There are more than thirty public parks, four big museums, a fabulous Cathedral and many open stretches of sandy beaches. The history of the city and its 185,000 inhabitants is closely connected to the sea. This friendly city is situated in a privileged natural environment.

T&E Program benefits

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* **EXTRA:** Transfer Madrid airport- Santander- Madrid airport is not included.

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WEEKS	CONTACT HOURS	FEES (USD)
2	45	\$ 2,320
3	60	\$ 2,750
4	90	\$ 3,125



The following pages provide a detailed daily itinerary for programs from 1-4 week in duration...

ITINERARY

● 1st day, Friday

TBA Departure from US

● 2nd day, Saturday

TBA Arrival in Madrid and transfer to Salamanca
Arrival and meet the host families

21:00 Dinner with the host families (DAILY)

● 3rd day, Sunday

11:00 Orientation meeting at the college

14:30 Lunch with the host families (DAILY)

16:00 Swimming at the pool

● 4th day, Monday

09:30 Grammar lesson

11:10 Break

11:20 Conversation lesson

13:00 End of lessons

13:05 Meeting with the resident director

16:00 Guided tour of the city

22:00 Welcome party (INCLUDING ONE FREE DRINK)

23:00 End of the party

● 5th day, Tuesday

09:30 Lessons

17:00 Go Karts

19:00 Cooking lesson

20:00 Tapas tour

23:00 End of tour

● 6th day, Wednesday

09:30 Lessons

15:30 Excursion to Arribes del Duero

20:30 Arrival in Salamanca

● 7th day, Thursday

09:30 Lessons

17:00 Sevillana dance lesson

18:00 Lecture on Culture. Castilla and Leon

22:00 Bowling

● 8th day, Friday

09:30 Lessons

16:00 Visit to Cathedrals

18:00 Salsa lesson

21:00 Farewell dinner (1 WEEK PROGRAM)

● 9th day, Saturday

07:00 Transfer to Madrid airport
(1 WEEK PROGRAM)

08:00 Excursion to Segovia (PACKED LUNCH INCLUDED)

19:00 Arrival in Salamanca

21:00 Dinner with the host families

● 10th day, Sunday

07:00 Excursion Aveiro beach (Portugal)
(PACKED LUNCH INCLUDED)

21:00 Arrival in Salamanca

21:00 Dinner with the host families

● 11th day, Monday

09:30 Lessons

13:05 Meeting with the resident director

16:00 Horseback riding

● 12th day, Tuesday

09:30 Lessons

17:00 Film

19:00 Cooking lesson

● 13th day, Wednesday

09:30 Lessons

15:30 Excursion to Sierra de Francia

20:30 Arrival in Salamanca

● 14th day, Thursday

09:30 Lessons

17:00 Salsa lesson

18:00 Lecture on Culture. Flamenco dance

● 15th day, Friday

09:30 Lessons

16:00 Visit to the University



18:00 Spanish guitar lesson
21:00 Farewell dinner (2 WEEK PROGRAM)

● 16th day, Saturday

07:00 Transfer to Madrid airport
(2 WEEK PROGRAM)
07:00 Excursion to Madrid (PACKED LUNCH
INCLUDED)
20:00 Arrival in Salamanca
21:00 Dinner with the host families

● 17th day, Sunday

11:00 Visit to El Rastro

● 18th day, Monday

09:30 Lessons
13:05 Meeting with the resident director
16:00 Swimming at the pool

● 19th day, Tuesday

09:30 Lessons
17:00 Film
19:00 Cooking lesson

● 20th day, Wednesday

09:30 Lessons
15:30 Excursion to Sierra de Gredos
20:30 Arrival in Salamanca

● 21th day, Thursday

09:30 Lessons
17:00 Sevillana dance lesson
18:00 Lecture on Culture. The bullfairs

● 22nd day, Friday

09:30 Lessons
16:00 Sport games
21:00 Farewell dinner (3 WEEK PROGRAM)

● 23rd day, Saturday

07:00 Transfer to Madrid airport
(3 WEEK PROGRAM)
10:00 Excursion to Ciudad Rodrigo
(PACKED LUNCH INCLUDED)
20:00 Arrival in Salamanca
21:00 Dinner with the host families
OR
06:00 Excursion to Seville
(NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE)
12:00 Arrival in Seville and visit the city centre
14:30 Meal at the hotel

15:00 Visit the Cathedral and the Reales
Alcazares

21:00 Dinner in a typical restaurant

● 24th day, Sunday

08:00 Visit to Italica
14:30 Meal at the hotel
16:00 Back to Salamanca
22:00 Arrival in Salamanca
22:30 Dinner with the host families

● 25th day, Monday

09:30 Lessons
13:05 Meeting with the resident director
16:00 Visit to Bullring

● 27th day, Wednesday

09:30 Lessons
17:00 Excursion to Zamora
19:00 Arrival in Salamanca

● 28th day, Thursday

09:30 Lessons
15:30 Salsa lesson
20:30 Lecture on Culture. Spain topics

● 29th day, Friday

09:30 Lessons
21:00 Farewell dinner (4 WEEK PROGRAM)

● 30th day, Saturday

07:00 Transfer to Madrid airport
(4 WEEK PROGRAM)





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