

Educational Travel Experience Designed Especially for St Pius X High School



Language-Immersion in Salamanca - Trip ID #167851

June 26 - July 13, 2019

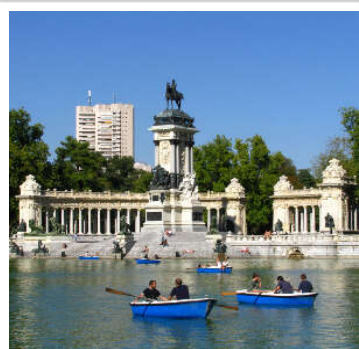
ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM HOUSTON
- DAY 2 ARRIVE MADRID (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 MADRID (TREASURES OF THE BOURBON MONARCHS)
- DAY 4 MADRID - TOLEDO (1 NIGHT)
- DAY 5 TOLEDO - SALAMANCA (5 NIGHTS HOMESTAY)
- DAY 6 LANGUAGE CLASS & WALKING TOUR
- DAY 7 LANGUAGE CLASS & CATHEDRAL TOUR
- DAY 8 LANGUAGE CLASS & FLAMENCO CLASS
- DAY 9 LANGUAGE CLASS & SERVICE ACTIVITY
- DAY 10 LANGUAGE CLASS - SANTANDER (2 NIGHTS) - BEACH TIME
- DAY 11 WALKING TOUR - BEACH TIME
- DAY 12 SANTANDER - COMILLAS - SALAMANCA (5 NIGHTS HOMESTAY)
- DAY 13 LANGUAGE CLASS & COOKING CLASS
- DAY 14 LANGUAGE CLASS & PADDLE BOATS
- DAY 15 LANGUAGE CLASS & SOCCER
- DAY 16 LANGUAGE CLASS & FAREWELL DINNER
- DAY 17 LANGUAGE CLASS - OVERNIGHT TRANSFER TO MADRID
- DAY 18 DEPARTURE FROM MADRID

ITINERARY

Spain is a vibrant country that combines the spirit of its various rulers over the centuries, from the Phoenicians and Romans, to the Moors and Christians. Its rich history is complimented by an expansive landscape of mountains, deserts, and glorious beaches. From the pounding rhythms of the flamenco and the unique experience of the bullfight, to the food that brings all people together, Spanish culture is defined by a deep passion for life that is contagious to all visitors.

Educational Tour/Visit	Cultural Experience	Festival/Performance/Workshop	Tour Services
Recreational Activity	LEAP Enrichment	Match/Training Session	



DAY 1 Wednesday, 26 June 2019

- Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Houston to Madrid, Spain

DAY 2 Thursday, 27 June 2019

- Our International Studies Abroad (ISA) Resident Director will meet us at the airport to escort us to our hotel and will be available to the group throughout the tour.
- Our private coach will be waiting to transfer us to our hotel in Madrid.
- Our centrally-located Madrid hotel will be our home for the next two nights. We will have breakfast at the hotel daily.
- Spain's capital city of Madrid lies at the heart of the country. Despite its modern and cosmopolitan culture, the city has preserved its traditional architecture and charm. This is a city of great monuments and great art, all against the backdrop of a rich culture and an exciting nightlife.
- In Madrid, the cost of public transport is included for all group sightseeing. Escorted by our Tour Director, we will be able to experience the city in the same manner as the local people.
- We will participate in an orientation session, covering Health and Safety aspects of the week ahead.

DAY 3 Friday, 28 June 2019

- During the course of our tour we will gain from the knowledge and insight of eight half-day local guides while we are here in Spain.
- Walk through the Plaza de España. In the center of the square we will see the monument to Cervantes, which depicts characters from his most famous work, Don Quixote. We will also see a monument to Columbus.
- View the Palacio Real, a huge palace begun in 1738 on the site of the Madrid Alcázar, which burned to the ground in 1734. Our tour will take us through some of the palace's 2,000 rooms that the "enlightened despot" Charles III called home. Although the palace is no longer home to the royal family, it is still full of art treasures and antiques, including Tiepolo ceilings and paintings by Goya. Highlights of our visit include the Reception Room and State Apartments; the Throne Room; the Banquet Room, where receptions for heads of state are still held; and the Royal Chapel.
- Spend time in the Plaza Mayor, Madrid's most famous square. Throughout its long history the square has hosted markets, bullfights, soccer games, public executions, and the Spanish Inquisition. It is now ringed by shops and cafés and is often filled with artists and musicians.
- Explore the Prado, one of the world's finest art museums. Inside is a collection of European art from the 12th to 19th centuries based on the Spanish Royal Collection. Our specialist guided tour will focus on the Spanish masters, such as Velazquez, Goya, and El Greco; and we will also see works by Raphael, van der Weyden, Bosch, Rubens, Titian, and Caravaggio.



DAY 3 Friday, 28 June 2019



Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere in the Parque del Retiro, once the grounds of Felipe IV's royal palace complex. Our visit gives us the opportunity to interact with the locals, and perhaps visit the vendors or listen to the musicians that always seem to be present. Hire Row Boats, if we choose, and paddle around the park's shallow lake. (Please note that only participants aged 14 and above are permitted to use the rowboats)



Dinner this evening will be arranged at El Botin (reservation only).

DAY 4 Saturday, 29 June 2019



We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next two days.



Our base for the night will be Toledo (area), where breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel.



The historic city of Toledo, capital of La Mancha, is a cultural fusion of Christian, Arab, and Jewish traditions from the Middle Ages. With numerous churches, museums, mosques, synagogues, and artistic treasures, the city has definitely earned its World Heritage Site designation.



Enjoy a Walking Tour of central Toledo, with streets barely wide enough for a man and his donkey. During our walk, there will be the opportunity to visit spectacular shops that produce and sell Damascene gold jewelry, as well as medieval swords. There will also be some time to relax in the Plaza de Zocodover, a bustling triangular square in the heart of Toledo.



Walk to Toledo Cathedral, considered one of the greatest Gothic structures in Spain. The cathedral actually reflects several architectural styles, and features many art treasures, including: the Transparente, a Last Supper in alabaster, El Greco's Twelve Apostles and Spoliation of Christ, Goya's Arrest of Christ on the Mount of Olives, and works by Juan de Borgona. The Treasure Room features a 500-pound, 15th-century gilded monstrance, allegedly made with gold brought back from the New World by Columbus, which is still carried through the streets of Toledo during the feast of Corpus Christi.

DAY 5 Sunday, 30 June 2019



We will continue on to our host families in Salamanca.



Our home for the next five evenings will be with our homestay families in Salamanca, where three meals will be provided daily.



The university city of Salamanca is one of the friendliest cities in Spain. It is known as the heart of the Castilian language, the purest form of Spanish, and visitors can enjoy practicing their skills while exploring the city's unique architecture.



We will have an orientation meeting to provide students with relevant information and useful tools to familiarize them with their host country and the program ahead.

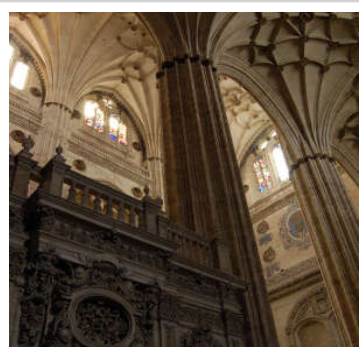
DAY 6 Monday, 01 July 2019



This morning, participate in Spanish Language and Culture classes.



Take a Walking Tour through the city center, beginning at the Convento de Santa Ursula. Our walk will take us past the Monument to Unamuno and the Casa de las Conchas, before continuing into the Plaza Mayor, one of Spain's largest and grandest squares.



DAY 7 Tuesday, 02 July 2019



This morning, participate in Spanish Language and Culture classes.



Explore the Catedral Vieja and the Catedral Nueva. Unusually, the two cathedrals are built side-by-side and offer a contrast in styles, ranging from Baroque to Romanesque to Renaissance. In the Old Cathedral, a 53-panel altarpiece painted by Nicolas Florentino frames the statue of Salamanca's patron saint, the 12th century Virgen de la Vega. After departing the cathedrals, our walk continues through Salamanca's old quarter to the 1st century Puente Romano, the Convento de las Duenas, the Iglesia-Convento de San Esteban, and the magnificent Torre del Clavero.

DAY 8 Wednesday, 03 July 2019



This morning, participate in Spanish Language and Culture classes.



Learn how to dance Flamenco from local dancers in a lesson this afternoon.



DAY 9 Thursday, 04 July 2019



This morning, participate in Spanish Language and Culture classes.



Today we will take part in service activities in the local area.

DAY 10 Friday, 05 July 2019



This morning, participate in Spanish Language and Culture classes.



We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next three days.



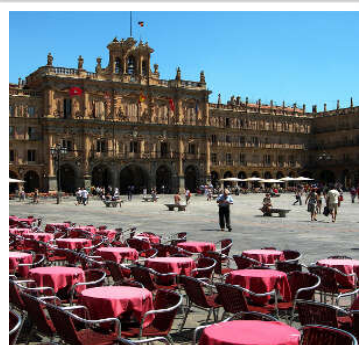
We will continue to Santander (area), our base for the next two nights. Breakfast will be included at the hotel.



Santander is the capital city of the Cantabria region on Spain's north coast. The Palacio de la Magdalena, once the royal summer residence, lies at the mouth of the Bay of Santander on the rocky La Magdalena Peninsula. West, the city center is home to the Catedral de Santander, with its octagonal cupola and Gothic cloister. Nearby, the Paseo de Pereda promenade runs along one side of the Jardines de Pereda gardens.



Spend the afternoon at one of Santander's beaches.



DAY 11 Saturday, 06 July 2019



We will take a walking tour around Santander. The Palacio de la Magdalena, once the royal summer residence, lies at the mouth of the Bay of Santander on the rocky La Magdalena Peninsula. West, the city center is home to the Catedral de Santander, with its octagonal cupola and Gothic cloister. Nearby, the Paseo de Pereda promenade runs along one side of the Jardines de Pereda gardens.



The Palacio de la Magdalena is a palace located on the Magdalena Peninsula. It was built between 1909 and 1911, by popular subscription, to house the Spanish Royal Family during the summer.



Today, we will spend time at one of Santander's beautiful beaches, where we will have the opportunity to learn how to surf.



Spend the afternoon at one of Santander's beaches.





DAY 12 Sunday, 07 July 2019



We will return to our host families in Salamanca. On the way, we will stop in Comillas.



Tour the Cave of Altamira, which is renowned for its numerous parietal cave paintings featuring charcoal drawings and polychrome paintings of contemporary local fauna and human hands, created during the Upper Paleolithic. The earliest paintings in the cave were executed around 35,500 years ago.



Take a walking tour of the town of Comillas. Comillas was the capital of Spain for a day, the 6th of August 1881, following an agreement between king Alfonso XII and the Minister's Council to gather at a formal meeting in town. Its Modernista architecture includes 19th century El Capricho, a Gaudí-designed chalet. Nearby, elaborate, Neo-Gothic Sobrellano Palace has Gaudí furniture.



Our home for the next five evenings will be with our homestay families in Salamanca, where three meals will be provided daily.



DAY 13 Monday, 08 July 2019



This morning, participate in Spanish Language and Culture classes.



Today, we will participate in a cooking class, where we will be able to learn more about traditional Spanish cuisine.

DAY 14 Tuesday, 09 July 2019



This morning, participate in Spanish Language and Culture classes.



Explore the Rio de Tormes, the river that runs through Salamanca, on paddle boats.



DAY 15 Wednesday, 10 July 2019



This morning, participate in Spanish Language and Culture classes.



We will have the afternoon to play one of Spain's favorite sports, soccer!

DAY 16 Thursday, 11 July 2019



This morning, participate in Spanish Language and Culture classes.



Tonight we will have a special Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant to bring closure to your experience.

DAY 17 Friday, 12 July 2019



This morning, participate in Spanish Language and Culture classes.



The afternoon is free to explore the city and to pack before the overnight drive to Madrid.



We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next one day.
Arrive home.



TOTAL PER PERSON TOUR COST BASED ON NUMBER OF FULL-PAYING PARTICIPANTS

St Pius X High School (Subject to final airfare confirmation)	Full Paying Participants	Price In USD
This proposal is valid until Friday, 05 October 2018 and this tour cannot be operated in its present format with fewer than 10 participants.	20	5,050
	16	5,050
	10	5,375
EZ Pay Option		
Enroll by 10/02/2018 and make 7 payments of \$678.57 every 30 days by automatic deduction from your bank account. The final payment of the series will be deducted no later than 45 days before travel.		
**Based on the bolded pricing ratio from above.		
How to Enroll		
<p>The Trip ID for your program is 167851 and you can register today by credit card or echeck by going to: www.worldstrides.com/register</p> <p>A \$300 initial deposit is due by 10/02/2018.</p> <p>Please contact your Program Leader for further information.</p> <p>Program Leader: John Kaylor Contact Details: kaylorj@stpiousx.org</p>		
Tour Prices Guaranteed at Time of Enrollment!		
Our Price Guarantee: Once you have accepted this proposal, the dates have been confirmed and WorldStrides online registration portal (or equivalent paperwork) has been made available for your group's tour, the prices shown for the relevant group size level(s) will not change, regardless of any subsequent rate fluctuations (for example, on visits to attractions, airline fuel/taxes or currency movements on overseas programs).		

What is Included:

- Round trip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights and guaranteed dates
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges (which will not change after time of enrollment for any participant)
- Accommodation in three and four star hotels in twin or triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed in Madrid and Santander
- Homestay accommodation in Salamanca, which includes daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- A filling breakfast everyday to get the day started well throughout your touring program
- A hearty three course dinner on Day 16 reflecting local cuisine on every evening
- A full-time International Studies Abroad Resident Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- The expertise and perspective of local guides during your tour
- All excursions, cultural activities and (several pre-booked) admissions as per your itinerary
- Transportation by private coach for airport transfers and touring, except in Madrid, where public transport is used (and the cost included) for group sightseeing
- International Medical & Emergency Insurance included during your program term
- Three college credits upon successful course completion from the University of Salamanca
- Three college preparatory credits issued by UCSD Extension for high school students (upon successful completion of online course work)

This Does Not Include:

- Lunches (while not at homestay) or personal beverages with meals
- Dinners when not on homestay
- Visas (if required)
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Travel insurance - We offer and always recommend our Trip Mate travel insurance policy to all participants. This comprehensive policy includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149
- Alternatively, you may wish to purchase our enhanced policy which includes a Cancel For Any Reason option for \$249

Traveling with WorldStrides:

Layers of Assurance



A WorldStrides trip is more than just a once-in-a-lifetime cultural and learning experience; each and every traveler is backed by the strength of the United States' largest and most trusted educational travel organization. Below is just a sampling of the support services WorldStrides provides to individuals and groups.

Accreditation and Educational Strength

- WorldStrides is accredited as an educational institution through **AdvancED**. WorldStrides is the first travel provider to attain this accreditation, which validates the quality, stability, and educational value of our programs.
- WorldStrides provides educational travel programs for more than 5,000 middle and high schools, 400 universities and 400,000 students annually.

Safe and Secure: A Core WorldStrides Value

- **TravelSmart, Travel Safe™** – WorldStrides has its own copyrighted instructional tool with safety guidelines, recommendations and information for all travelers.
- **Tour Director Training** – Best practices outlined in this document are reinforced by our Tour Directors who are trained to provide a student safety overview at the beginning of each trip including general security procedures.
- **Emergency Procedures** – WorldStrides has an extensive on the ground support network in all travel destinations to assist in the event safety issues arise. Our Tour Directors have experience working in the countries our students visit and are available to the group 24/7. We are in regular contact with our Tour Directors and others on the ground to provide up to date information to travelers and those at home.

Risk Management

- **Emergency Contact Services** – WorldStrides' on tour support office is open 24 hours a day and staffed with trained professionals ready to assist with any problems or questions during travel.
- **Crisis Management Team** – Led by a dedicated Director of Risk Management, our team actively monitors world events, International SOS and State Department notices 24/7.
- **Emergency Monitoring and Evacuation Services** – WorldStrides partners with iJet, a fully integrated risk management company providing world-class threat intelligence, innovative technology and response services.
- **Embedded Insurance** – All program participants are covered by \$7,500 primary medical and dental insurance and \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.
- **Doctors on Call Program** – A George Washington University Hospital doctor serves on staff as the WorldStrides Medical Director, overseeing medical response planning for the organization. Through an exclusive agreement with the GWU Department of Emergency Medicine, participants have worldwide, 24/7 phone access to medical support (including phone consultations and translation services).

Insurance: Liability and Financial Security

- **Liability Insurance** – WorldStrides' insurance is the largest in the industry at \$50 million. This coverage extends to certain individuals acting on behalf of WorldStrides as tour directors, program leaders, and chaperons. Your school can be named as additionally insured.
- **Extensive Consumer Protection** – \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership.
- **U.S. Based Company** – WorldStrides is owned by the Silver Hawk Wealth Management, a leading global asset management firm.
- **Affordable, Optional Medical and Cancellation Insurance** – Access to coverage available for all trip participants.

State Department Registration and Legal Compliance

- **Federal and State Regulations** – WorldStrides is in compliance with all Federal and State regulations, including all U.S. Seller of Travel Laws - www.worldstrides.com/legal-policy.
- **Legal compliance with all U.S. Seller of Travel Laws** – ours are posted at www.worldstrides.com/legal-policy.