

Educational Travel Experience Designed Especially for Maryland International School



Language-Immersion in Granada - 295905-2

June 27 - July 17, 2020

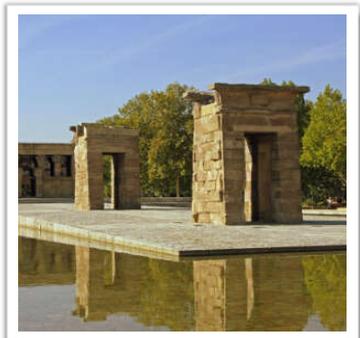
ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM YOUR AIRPORT
- DAY 2 ARRIVE MADRID (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 MADRID (TREASURES OF THE BOURBON MONARCHS)
- DAY 4 DAY TRIP TO TOLEDO
- DAY 5 MADRID - GRANADA (3 NIGHTS HOMESTAY)
- DAY 6 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & WALKING TOUR)
- DAY 7 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & COOKING CLASS)
- DAY 8 GRANADA - SEVILLE (1 NIGHT)
- DAY 9 SEVILLE - GRANADA (12 NIGHTS HOMESTAY)
- DAY 10 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & FREE TIME)
- DAY 11 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & FLAMENCO CLASS)
- DAY 12 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & FREE TIME)
- DAY 13 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & ALHAMBRA)
- DAY 14 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & FLAMENCO SHOW)
- DAY 15 DAY TRIP TO RHONDA
- DAY 16 FREE DAY
- DAY 17 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & ROYAL CHAPEL)
- DAY 18 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & ALBACIN)
- DAY 19 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & FREE TIME)
- DAY 20 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & OVERNIGHT DRIVE TO MADRID)
- DAY 21 DEPARTURE FROM MADRID

ITINERARY

Investigate the World: 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.

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



DAY 1 Saturday, 27 June 2020

- Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight from North America (by own arrangements).

DAY 2 Sunday, 28 June 2020

- 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.
- For the next three evenings we will enjoy the convenience of our centrally-located Madrid hotel, where daily breakfast will be included.
- 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.
- Daily Reflection and Group Discussion
"We do not learn from experience, we learn from reflecting on experience" - John Dewey
On every evening of the program, we will set time aside to update our Reflection Journal and share thoughts and impressions that have come to the fore in the course of the day.

DAY 3 Monday, 29 June 2020

- During the course of our tour we will gain from the knowledge and insight of half-day local guides while we are here in Spain.
- Pass by the Plaza de Cibeles, featuring a magnificent 18th century fountain with a statue of the Roman goddess Cybele riding in a chariot pulled by two lions.
- 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.



DAY 3 Monday, 29 June 2020

-  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.
-  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)

DAY 4 Tuesday, 30 June 2020



-  A private coach and driver will accompany us today on our trip outside the city.
-  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 Wednesday, 01 July 2020

-  We will have use of a private coach and driver while touring for the day.
-  We will meet our Homestay families in Granada (area), who will host us for the next three nights. Three meals daily will be provided whilst on homestay.
-  Granada was one of the last major strongholds of the Moors, whose influence is reflected in the design and architecture of the city. This beautiful city sits at the base of the Sierra Nevada mountains, as well as at the confluence of three rivers, and this important geography drew Celts, Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Jews, and Moors over its long and complex history.
-  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 Thursday, 02 July 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish 3 course (MDIS Faculty Taught).
-  We will have an introductory walking tour of Granada. This will allow students to be familiar with the city with places they may need during their stay (shops, post office, ATMs, ISA office, etc).



DAY 7 Friday, 03 July 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish 3 course (MDIS Faculty Taught).
-  Tonight we will both enjoy preparing and eating a traditional, local dish in a Cooking Class.

DAY 8 Saturday, 04 July 2020

-  We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next two days.
-  Today we will travel from Granada to Seville.
-  For the night, our base will be in Seville (area). Breakfast will be included at the hotel.
-  Seville is known as one of the great cathedral and university cities of Europe. It is also the heart of bullfighting and flamenco, and an intriguing Moorish heritage. Seville continued to grow from its trading relationships with the Americas and today is a bustling, lively city.
-  Take a Walking Tour through Seville's Barrio Santa Cruz, a tiny quarter of narrow streets and whitewashed houses possessing flower-covered patios and ironbound windows.
-  Spend some time at Las Setas - officially the 'Metropol Parasol', it is a wooden structure located at La Encarnación square, in the old quarter. It was designed by the German architect Jürgen Mayer and is popularly known as 'Las Setas de la Encarnación' (Incarnation's mushrooms).
-  Tonight, we will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.



DAY 9 Sunday, 05 July 2020

-  Visit the Seville Cathedral. We begin with an ascent of La Giralda, the magnificent bell tower, which provides breathtaking views of Seville. We then enter the cathedral, where we will see the Patio de los Naranjos, with its central fountain and orange trees; the Treasury; and the Capilla Mayor, which is dominated by the Retablo Mayor, dedicated to the cathedral's patron saint. Finally, we will view the grandiose Tomb of Columbus, moved to the cathedral in the 1890s.
-  Discover the Reales Alcázares, a former Moorish fortress taken over by the Christian kings for use as a palace. It remains one of Spain's best examples of Mudéjar architecture.
-  Immerse yourself in the Triana Culture, and learn about its vibrant ceramic and pottery history in a tile-painting workshop.
-  We will return to our host families in Granada.
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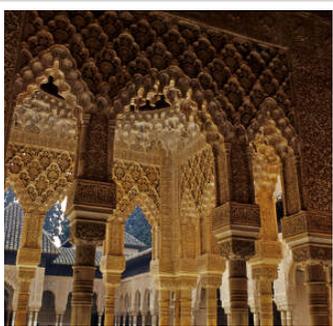
DAY 10 Monday, 06 July 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish 3 course (MDIS Faculty Taught).
-  The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the area and to spend time with your host families.

DAY 11 Tuesday, 07 July 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish 3 course (MDIS Faculty Taught).
-  Learn how to dance Flamenco from local instructors in a lesson this afternoon.





DAY 12 Wednesday, 08 July 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish 3 course (MDIS Faculty Taught).
-  The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the area and to spend time with your host families.

DAY 13 Thursday, 09 July 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish 3 course (MDIS Faculty Taught).
-  Explore the Alhambra, Spain's finest display of Moorish architecture. Set high upon a hill overlooking Granada, and shadowed by the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Moors built this city within a fortress to be a symbol of power and strength on the outside, and a "paradise on earth" on the inside. Our visit will also include the Generalife, the country estate of the Nasrid Kings, where they could enjoy tranquility high above the city, a little closer to heaven.

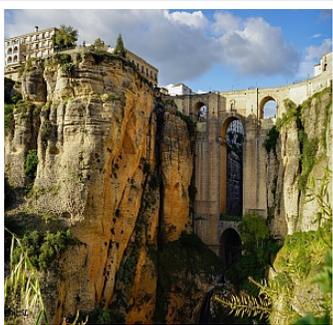


DAY 14 Friday, 10 July 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish 3 course (MDIS Faculty Taught).
-  Enjoy a Flamenco Show, where we will observe the rhythmic art of flamenco dance and music.

DAY 15 Saturday, 11 July 2020

-  A private coach and driver will accompany us today on our trip outside the city.
-  Ronda is the heart of modern bullfighting, and is a perfect place to experience traditional Spanish culture. It is perched high atop the El Tajo gorge, providing expansive views of the surrounding area.
-  Enjoy a Walking Tour through Ronda, a classic Moorish pueblo blanco (white village), featuring cobble alleys, lovely window grills, and many of Ronda's historic sites. Our tour will include the Puente Nuevo, the Convento de Santo Domingo, and the Ayuntamiento (town hall).
-  Visit Ronda's world famous Plaza de Toros, the spiritual home of bullfighting, inaugurated in 1785. It is the dream of every bullfighter to display his skills in Ronda's ring.



DAY 16 Sunday, 12 July 2020

-  You will have the day to explore the city at your own leisure. Any admissions will be by your own arrangement and cost.

DAY 17 Monday, 13 July 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish 3 course (MDIS Faculty Taught).
-  See La Capilla Real de Granada. Housed in a cathedral built over a former mosque, this royal chapel contains the tombs of Ferdinand and Isabella.



DAY 18 Tuesday, 14 July 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish 3 course (MDIS Faculty Taught).
-  Stroll through the old Moorish quarter, the Albaicín, where the city of Granada was born. It is now a maze of steep streets filled with quaint shops and secluded plazas.



DAY 19 Wednesday, 15 July 2020

- We will continue with our Spanish 3 course (MDIS Faculty Taught).
- The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the area and to spend time with your host families.

DAY 20 Thursday, 16 July 2020

- We will continue with our Spanish 3 course (MDIS Faculty Taught).
- Tonight, we will enjoy a special farewell dinner as a group to bring closure to your experience.
- We will have use of a private coach and driver for our overnight drive back to Madrid.
- Final Reflection and Discussion Session
This evening we make the final entries in our Reflection Journal and share some of the most significant observations and perspectives that have taken shape in the course of our travel experience and how these may be most relevant for us all as we return home.

DAY 21 Friday, 17 July 2020

- Depart for home.
- Recognize Perspectives and Communicate Ideas:

3 College Preparatory Credits Through the University of California at San Diego Extension
As a result of participating on this program, all high school students are eligible to take an online Global Perspectives course through a learning management system, where all the grading and assessment will be undertaken by the WorldStrides Curriculum and Academics team, led by Wendy Amato, PhD.

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