

TRIP ITINERARY:

Program Orientations:

**Tuesday, March 31 & Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 pm. in Leutze Hall 253.
Pizza will be served. Bring your own drink!**

Monday, May 11:

Departure from Wilmington or Raleigh, whichever is cheaper. Transportation to airport on your own. Arrive 3 hours ahead from departure time. Follow all packing instructions given in the Orientation package. Have your passport and ticket ready. The flight to Madrid is an overnight flight, wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

Tuesday, May 12:

Arrival in Madrid (Barajas Airport). Take bus to Ubeda, (approximately 4 hour ride). Meet host families at SAFA. Free evening, get plenty of rest.

Wednesday, May 13:

Orientation at SAFA and class in the morning. Tour of Ubeda historical downtown in the afternoon. Try tapas with your classmates at a local tapas bar. Bring cash to treat yourself.

Thursday, May 14:

San Isidro's parade if available if not we will have class. San Isidro is the patron of farmers in Spain. The Saint's day is celebrated all over the country, it is one of the major celebrations in the country. Free afternoon.

Friday, May 15:

Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Saturday, May 16:

Visit to Cazorla National Park. Cazorla is a beautiful place to enjoy hiking, walking trails, animal watching and swimming. Bring your bathing suit and tennis shoes not sandals.

Visit to the town of Cazorla and castle in the afternoon. Ask your family to fix you lunch to go. You may do so every time we go on a trip.

Sunday, May 17:

Free day. Enjoy with your host family and practice Spanish.

Monday, May 18:

Class in the morning. Flamenco and Sevillanas class in the afternoon. Learn the typical dance of Andalucia and Spain.

Tuesday, May 19:

Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Wednesday, May 20:

Class in the morning. Optional tour of historical downtown Baeza. Baeza is considered Ubeda's twin city. It is equally rich in culture and history and it is another perfect example of the renaissance period. Bring cash to pay for transportation. We will ride a local, public bus.

Thursday, May 21:

Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Friday, May 22 & Saturday May 23

Trip to Granada. In Granada we will visit the beautiful Alhambra, the most visited monument in Europe. We will also visit the Albayzín, (The Medieval Moorish quarters) In the evening we will watch a flamenco show in a gypsy cave. Finally, before leaving Granada we will visit the Cathedral and Catholic kings' museum. Dinner and breakfast at hotel. Lunch is on your own. Bring cash to pay a taxi to take you from the bus station to the hotel. Return to Ubeda, Saturday afternoon.

Sunday, May 24

Return to Ubeda in the afternoon.

Monday, May 25:

Class in the morning. Pottery class at Paco Tito's. Paco is the most renowned potter in Spain. In addition, he is one of the nicest people I have ever met.

Tuesday, May 26:

Class in the morning, free afternoon.

Wednesday, May 27:

Class in the morning. Movie in the afternoon at Carrefour's cinema. Budget about 5 Euros to purchase your ticket.

Thursday, May 28:

Class in the morning, free afternoon.

Friday, May 29 and Saturday May 30:

Free Weekend. You may stay with your host family or travel to a nearby city. Málaga is a very nice option. It is right on the coast and it is a beautiful beach town. It is also the hometown of the famous painter Picasso. Here you can visit his new museum and then relax at the beach. I can give you recommendations for a nice hotel if you are interested.

Sunday, May 31:

Free day.

Monday, June 1:

Class in the morning, visit to "Almazarra", (olive oil factory) in the afternoon. A lot of the Andalusian region is famous for its olive oil. Andalusia is the region that produces most olive oil in the world, contraire to what many think, Italy is the second largest producer.

Tuesday, June 2:

Class in the morning, free afternoon.

Wednesday, June 3:

Class in the morning, free afternoon.

Thursday, June 4:

Class in the morning, free afternoon. Exam review from 3-4 pm at SAFA.

Friday, June 5:

Final Exams in the morning. Tour of the local open air market right after exams. At the local market you can find just about anything. There is a lot to see and it is a lot of fun. Prices are great too, especially if you try to bargain.

Saturday, June 6:

Free morning. Going away party with host families & conversation partners in the afternoon.

Sunday, June 7:

Free day.

Monday, June 8:

Leave Ubeda at 6:00 am. Trip to Córdoba. In Córdoba we will visit the mesquite, one of the most visited sites in the world. Lunch on your own. After we tour the mesquite we will leave to Sevilla. If time allows, we will take a boat tour of modern Seville as soon as we arrive.

Tuesday, June 9 :

Breakfast at hotel. Tour of the Jewish neighborhood, the Gothic Cathedral (the third largest in the world), the Gold Tower and the Giralda. We will walk to the “Real Maestranza” Spain’s largest and most famous bullfighting ring to see it from outside. Lunch on your own we will leave Seville in the evening and travel to Madrid. Dinner on your own today. Leave Sevilla in the afternoon and travel to Madrid.

Wednesday, June 10, Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 12: Breakfast at hotel & dinner at hotel. Lunch on your own. Madrid is Spain’s capital and it is a fascinating city, full of life. It is called the city that never sleeps since people enjoy life to the fullest We will attend a musical or play at the “Gran Via” the equivalent of Broadway in New York. We will visit the Prado Museum, one of the world’s largest and most popular museums which houses works by the famous Velazquez, Goya, El Greco, etc. We will visit the Santiago Bernabéu stadium (Real Madrid’s home), The Plaza Mayor and finally, we will tour the Real Palace, an extraordinary work of art and we will stroll the beautiful Retiro Park.

Saturday, June 13:

Return home. Budget money to pay a taxi cab to take you from the hotel to the airport. Approximately \$ 30-40.