

## **TRIP ITINERARY:**

**(Subject to change)**

***May 14 -July 1st, 2013***

**Note:** During excursions, students will be responsible to purchase their own lunch. Breakfast and dinner will be provided. Please budget \$200 for lunches while on excursions.

**Tuesday, May 14:** Departure from Raleigh. **Arrive to airport at 12:00 pm. Flight departs at 3:30 p.m. Transportation to airport on your own.** Follow all packing instructions given in the Orientation package. Have your passport and ticket handy. The flight to Madrid is an overnight flight, wear comfortable clothes, shoes and dress in layers as the temperature in the plane varies. Please take all medications you may need with you in your carry-on bag, including motion sickness medication if needed. Bring snacks and some entertainment such as iPod, computer, games, books, magazines, etc.

**Wednesday, May 15:** Arrival in Madrid (Barajas Airport). Take bus to Úbeda, (approximately 3.5 hour ride). Meet host families. Free evening, get plenty of rest.

**Thursday, May 16:** 10:00 a.m. Tour of Historical Úbeda and orientation of SAFA. Free afternoon.

**Friday, May 17:** 10:00 a.m. meet at school and walk to the local churrería to eat churros with the group. After eating churros we will visit the local weekend market “el mercadillo”. Right after el mercadillo, we will show you the nearest grocery store, pharmacy, emergency room and other points of interest. 302, students will go with Ms. Jara to a local bookstore to buy a monolingual dictionary. No class today only tours. Free afternoon.

**Saturday, May 18:** 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. We will go on the “Multiaventura de la Sierra tour” that includes various outdoor activities” Ask your host family to pack you lunch. You may do so every time we go on a trip. We will stay overnight.

**Sunday, May 19:** Breakfast at hotel. Visit to the town of Cazorla and local castle in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Monday, May 20:** Class in the morning. Sevillas (dance class) in the afternoon. Sevillanas is a typical Andalusian dance. We will split into two groups. Group 1 will go today and group 2 Wednesday.

**Tuesday, May 21:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Wednesday, May 22:** Class in the morning. Sevillas (dance class) in the afternoon. Group 2.

**Thursday, May 23:** Class in the morning. Olive oil museum. Olive oil is a big part of the Andalusian region. Andalucía is the largest olive oil producer in the world. At the museum we will “*catar*” taste different varieties of olive oil and learn about olive oil.

**Friday, May 24:** Trip to Córdoba (Optional departure to Málaga from Córdoba) 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; therefore you can visit his beautiful museum while in Málaga. You may stay with your host family if you choose to return to Úbeda. Your host family may offer to take you on a trip or activity.

**Saturday, May 25:** Free Weekend.

**Sunday, May 26:** Free Weekend.

**Monday, May 27:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Tuesday, May 28:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Wednesday, May 29:** Class in the morning. Pottery class at Paco Tito’s Museum in the afternoon. Paco is the most renowned potter in Spain.

**Thursday, May 30:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Friday, May 31, Saturday June 1, Sunday, June 2:** Trip to Valencia. Valencia is considered one of the most modern and cosmopolitan cities in Europe, and is home to great museums and striking architecture that spans medieval times to the 21st century.

**Monday, June 3:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Tuesday, June 4:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Wednesday, June 5:** Visit to Sabiote. In Sabiote we will go to an “Almazarra” (olive oil factory) in the morning and later to the local high school to help the students practice English. We are going to see how olive oil is made. We will not be able to see the machines running because it is not the season to make olive oil but we will learn about the process. Free afternoon.

**Thursday, June 6:** Class in the morning, free afternoon.

**Friday, June 7, Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9:** Free Weekend. You may stay with your host family or travel to a nearby city. You may ask Isabel or your host families for recommendations.

**Monday, June 10:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Tuesday, June 11:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Wednesday, June 12:** Class in the morning. Tour of historical downtown Baeza. Baeza is considered Úbeda's twin city. It is equally rich in culture and history and it is another perfect example of the renaissance period.

**Thursday, June 13:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Friday, June 14:** Trip to Granada. In the evening we will watch a flamenco show in the Sacromonte neighborhood. The show is in a typical gypsy cave.

**Saturday, June 15:** In the morning we will take a tour of the Cathedral, the Catholic Kings museum and the Albayzín (medieval moorish quarters). In the evening we will take a tour of the Alhambra (The second most visited monument in the world). The Alhambra was the Moors citadel during their time in southern Spain.

**Sunday, June 16:** Return to Úbeda.

**Monday, June 17:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Tuesday, June 18:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Wednesday, June 19:** Class in the morning. Movie in the afternoon at Carrefour's cinema.

**Thursday, June 20:** Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Friday, June 21:** Final Exams in the morning. Free afternoon.

**Saturday, June 22:** Going Away Party with host families in the evening.

**Sunday, June 23:** Free day. Rest and pack all your belongings. Visit your favorite places for the last time.

**Monday, June 24:** Travel to Sevilla. Visit the Plaza de España and the Real Maestranza (bullfight ring) and see the city's main plaza with the Cathedral and the Real Alcázares at night.

**Tuesday, June 25:** Tour of the Jewish neighborhood, the Gothic Cathedral (the third largest in the world), the Giralda, los Reales Alcázares. If time allows, we might visit the relaxing Parque María Luisa where you can rent bikes.

**Wednesday, June 26:** Free morning. Afternoon boat ride.

**Thursday, June 27:** Travel to Madrid in the morning. Free evening to rest after dinner.

**Friday, June 28:** Group visit to La Gran Vía and La Puerta del Sol (Madrid's most central point). Free afternoon. In Madrid you will have passes for the hop -on, hop -off bus so you can tour the entire city, take pictures from the open top of the second level of bus and stop at any location you would like to visit. The bus includes two lines that take you to the most popular

spots in the city. Your pass will be good for 2 full days. Some of the must-see spots we recommend are: Museo del Prado, Museo Reina Sofía, El Palacio Real, El Estadio de fútbol Santiago Bernabeu y El Parque del Retiro.

**Saturday, June 29:** Last full day in Madrid. Shop for souvenirs, visit any of the recommended locations or just relax. Dinner at El Botín Hotel in Madrid.

**Sunday, June 30:** Day trip to Segovia, a historic city 30 minutes to the North of Madrid. Home to an awe-inspiring Roman aqueduct, Gothic Cathedral, and castle of the Catholic kings, Isabel and Ferdinand, who financed Columbus' trips to the Americas.

**Monday, July 1:** Madrid Return home. Budget money to pay a taxi cab to take you from the hotel to the airport. Approximately \$20. Flight departs at 9:30 am. We must be at the airport at 7:00 a.m.