

ITINERARY: May 12-June 23, 2014

Program Orientation: Saturday, April 12th, from 12:00- 3:30 p.m., in LH 138. Sandwiches will be served. Bring your own drink!

Monday, May 12: Departure from Wilmington or Raleigh, whichever is cheaper. Transportation to airport on your own. Arrive 3 before 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, so wear comfortable clothes and 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.

Tuesday, May 13: Arrival in Madrid (Barajas Airport). Take bus or train to Úbeda, (approximately 4 hours). Meet host families. Free evening; get plenty of rest.

Wednesday, May 14: Orientation at SAFA. Tour of Úbeda's historic downtown in the afternoon. Try tapas with your classmates at a local tapas bar.

Thursday, May 15: Class in the morning. Walking tour of the Christian, Jewish, and Arabic museums of Úbeda in the evening.

Friday, May 16: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Saturday, May 17: Visit to Cazorla Nature Reserve. Cazorla is a beautiful place to enjoy hiking, animal watching, and swimming. Bring your bathing suit and tennis shoes, not sandals. Visit to the town of Cazorla and its castle in the afternoon. Ask your family to fix you lunch to go. You may do so every time we go on a trip. Spend night in Cazorla.

Sunday, May 18: Free day. Enjoy your host family and practice Spanish. Rest.

Monday, May 19: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Tuesday, May 20: Class in the morning. Flamenco and Sevillanas dance class in the afternoon. Learn typical dances of Andalucía and Spain.

Wednesday, May 21: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Thursday, May 22: Class in the morning. Travel to Córdoba. Tour of the Mezquita and surrounding area. Proceed to Sevilla.

Friday, May 23: Sevilla. Tour of the Jewish quarter, the cathedral (the third largest in the world), the Giralda tower, and the Reales Alcázares.

Saturday, May 24: Sevilla. Visit to the Plaza de España. Boat tour on the Guadalquivir River during which we'll see La Torre de Oro and La Real Maestranza, Sevilla's bullring, purported to be the oldest in Spain.

Sunday, May 25: Return to Úbeda.

Monday, May 26: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Tuesday, May 27: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Wednesday, May 28: Class in the morning. Pottery class at Paco Tito's museum in the afternoon. Paco is among the most highly regarded *alfareros* (potters) in Spain. In addition, he is one of the nicest people we have ever met.

Thursday, May 29: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Friday, May 30, Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1: Free weekend. You may stay with your host family or travel. It's always a good idea to make hotel and train, bus, or flight reservations in advance.

Monday, June 2: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Tuesday, June 3: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Wednesday, June 4: Class in the morning. Visit to an *almazara*, or olive oil factory, in the afternoon. Andalucía is famous for its high quality olive oil, and Spain is the largest producer of olive oil in the world. We are going to learn how olive oil is made; however, we will not be able to see the machines running because it is not the season to make olive oil.

Thursday, June 5: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Friday, June 6, Saturday, June 7, and Sunday, June 8: Excursion to Granada. After settling in at the hotel, we will visit the cathedral, the museum of the Catholic Kings, Fernando and Isabel, and the Albaicín (medieval moorish barrio). In the evening, we will experience a flamenco performance in a gypsy cave. During the weekend, we will see the Alhambra complex, the most visited monument in Europe. Breakfast and dinner will be provided at hotel; lunch will be on your own. Bring cash for taxi to take you from bus station to hotel. In the evening of the 8th, we will return to Úbeda.

Monday, June 9: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Tuesday, June 10: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Wednesday, June 11: Class in the morning. Tour of historic downtown Baeza. Baeza is considered Úbeda's twin city. It is equally rich in culture and history, and is another excellent example of the Renaissance period.

Thursday, June 12: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Friday, June 13: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Saturday, June 14: Family appreciation party.

Sunday, June 15: Free day.

Monday, June 16: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Tuesday, June 17: Class in the morning. Free afternoon.

Wednesday, June 18: Final exams. Pack.

Thursday, June 19: Travel to Madrid. Walking tour of the Plaza Mayor, Palacio Real, and surrounding area.

Friday, June 20: Day trip to Segovia, a historic city 30 minutes north of Madrid. We'll visit the Roman aqueduct, the Gothic cathedral, and the Alcázar, the castle that inspired Disney's Cinderella Castle.

Saturday, June 21: Madrid. Visit to the Museo del Prado. Dinner at Botín, Madrid's oldest restaurant.

Sunday, June 22: Madrid. Last full day in Spain. Visit in the morning to the Reina Sofía Museum, home to Picasso's *Guernica*. Free afternoon.

Monday, June 23: Madrid. Return home. Budget money to pay taxi to take you from hotel to airport.