

Ready Made Group Program

Sevilla, Spain

Additional Activities and Excursions

Weekday Activities

Welcome dinner (2 ½ hrs.)

Enjoy one of your first nights in Spain having dinner with a teacher in a typical restaurant.

Horse cart ride (1 hr.)

Tour the city in a typical horse cart.

Triana (3 hrs.)

Walking through historical part of Sevilla, group will explore this unique neighborhood, across the Guadalquivir River from the city center.

Traditionally, residents of Triana consider the neighborhood to be an entity separate from the rest of Seville, but in reality, Triana forms an integral part of Seville, its culture, and its tradition. Triana is sometimes credited with the invention of flamenco music, and the development of *Sevillanas*, which is a dance and music genre native to Seville and popular throughout western Andalusia.

Archaeological Museum (3 hrs.)

Considered the best museums of its kind in Spain, it is located in the Maria Luisa Park and was originally built as part of the 1929 exhibition. Within the museum there are artifacts from prehistoric and early historic Spain, including finds from the Phoenicians, Romans, and Tartesians. It contains the El Carambolo, a collection of finely worked gold (most likely jewelry), which was discovered in 1958 in the Camas district of Sevilla.

Giralda (1 hr.)

Visit the Giralda tower, the bell tower of the Cathedral and see an outstanding example of the Almohad and Spanish renaissance architecture style.

The Giralda is one of the most magnificent buildings in Seville and dominates the skyline. From the bell chamber, one has a remarkable view of the city and a glimpse of the Gothic details of the cathedral's buttresses and statuary. The tower was once used by the Moors both for calling the faithful to prayer and as an observatory. The tower was the culmination of Almohad architecture and served as a model at their imperial capitals of Rabat and Marrakesh in Morocco.

La Maestranza (3 hrs.)

Experience the grand theatre of bullfighting at its highest level. Seville's bullring is among Spain's oldest and most elegant. See the ring; get a feel for the battleground; and peep into its mini-hospital for bullfighters that got the wrong end of the bull's horn.

Weekend Excursions

Half-Day Excursions

Italica (4 hrs.)

By bus, travel to the Roman city of Italica to see its wonderful examples of architecture, mosaic work and city layouts.

The Roman ruins and remarkable mosaics of Italica are located less than 9 kilometers to the north of the city, just outside the village of Santiponce. There is also a well-preserved Roman theatre. Italica was the birthplace of three emperors and one of the earliest Roman settlements in Spain founded in 206 BC.

Full-Day Excursions

Island of Tavira (10 hrs.)*

Students will enjoy a day relaxing on the beaches of this Portuguese island.

The Island lies south of the town of Tavira, just a few hundred meters off the coast. The island is known for having more than 5 miles of the best beaches in the Portugal. The Island is also part of the Rio Formosa Nature Reserve. It is a popular location for sunbathing, swimming, and bird watching.

*The exact time and schedule depends on the season. This excursion is offered only in warm weather.

Granada (12 hrs.)

Visit the most important parts of the city of Granada.

A mid-sized Andalusian city, Granada offers a rich multicultural history and sites such as the Alhambra, one of the most famous items of the Islamic historical legacy and highlights Granada's deep past. Granada exudes a lively atmosphere that can be seen everywhere from Flamenco in the streets to year-round cultural programs in music, dance, theater, and cinema.