

SPAIN

JUNE 24, 2020 – JULY 5, 2020

Included:

Roundtrip airfare from Chicago, all transportation, cultural activities and excursions, lodging in single room in residence hall, three meals per day, full-time staff onsite.



Relax in Retiro Park.

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See the Aqueduct of Segovia!



Explore Toledo!

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This academic program will include classroom instruction enriched with cultural activities and excursions.

Day 1: Welcome to Chicago!

Fly to Chicago & meet other scholarship winners for an orientation to the program.

Day 2: Begin your experience

- Participate in your first class on Spanish history & civilization.
- Overnight flight to Madrid.

Day 3: ¡Bienvenidos a Madrid!

- Arrival at the airport and check in at the residence hall.
- Welcome & Orientation.
- Take a tour through Madrid from Puerta del Sol to Plaza Mayor.

Day 4: Explore Spain's Past Museo Arqueológico Nacional:

Museo Arqueológico Nacional: Houses one of the world's most important antique collections, comprising items and works of art from Mediterranean cultures, its exhibits span from prehistory to the 19th century.

Day 5: "De Madrid al cielo."

Parque del Buen Retiro:

The glorious gardens of El Retiro are as beautiful as any you'll find in a European city. Dotted with marble monuments, the elegant Palacio de Cristal, and abundant greenery, it's quiet and contemplative during the week but comes to life on weekends.

Day 6: Visit Segovia

Segovia is symbolic of Spain's complex history. In this medieval city, Moors, Christians and Jews coexisted.

- Roman Aqueduct: *The Aqueduct of Segovia, a symbol of the city, is not only an engineering wonder but also in an excellent state of conservation, and it commands a stunning location in the old city.*
- Alcázar of Segovia

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Explore the Prado Museum!



Visit the Escorial Monastery!

Day 7: Visit Toledo

Dramatically situated atop a gorge overlooking the Río Tajo, Toledo was known as the 'city of three cultures' in the Middle Ages, a place where Christian, Muslim and Jewish communities peacefully coexisted. Horseshoe-arched mosques, Sephardic synagogues and one of Spain's finest Gothic cathedrals cram into its dense historical core.

- Catedral de Toledo
- Iglesia de Santo Tomé y Entierro del Conde de Orgaz
- Sinagoga de Santa María la Blanca

Day 8: Spanish Art

Museo del Prado:

One of the world's premier art galleries. The more than 7000 paintings held in its collection are like a window into the Spanish soul with artists such as El Greco, Velázquez and Goya.

Day 9: Spain's Monarchy
Madrid Guided Sightseeing Tour:

- Explore the capital city, a golden metropolis with world-class museums set against a glorious backdrop of royal palaces and parks.
- Experience the Royal Palace used for royal ceremonies.

Day 10: Visit Ávila

Ávila's old city, surrounded by imposing walls, is one of the best-preserved medieval bastions in Europe and is the essence of Castilla and the epitome of old Spain.

Day 11: Visit El Escorial

- Explore El Escorial, the Hapsburg Palace, burial place for Spanish kings and queens, Royal Chapel & unique library.
- Farewell Dinner
- Flamenco Show

Day 12: Return Home