

Spanish Exchange

Hosting- Guests visit October 7-17, 2023

---Travel Feb 10-22, 2024

<p><u>Travel Documentation Advisory:</u> U.S. citizens and passport holders must have a passport valid for the entirety of your tour—passport validity is required for three months beyond your date of return departure, six months recommended. No tourist visa required for stays of 90 days or less; note that non-U.S. passport holders may need a visa, and should consult the Consulate's office to review their unique details. Kuoni Tumlare cannot be held responsible for any cancellation costs that may result from the lack of visa or valid travel documents.</p>	<p>DAY 1 Feb 10th (arrives Feb 11th)</p> <p>OVERNIGHT FLIGHT Your curated exchange tour begins with this evening's flight to Spain. Transfers to the airport are self-arranged. Flight itinerary is confirmed as follows with 22 seats, and subject to schedule change (dinner and breakfast are provided onboard):</p> <p>Iberia #6252 Departing New York/JFK 8:55PM Arriving Madrid/MAD 10:10AM (Saturday, February 10th)</p>
<p>Day 2 Feb 11th</p> <p>MADRID/HOME-STAY (-) Arrive in Madrid's Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas Airport this morning, clear customs & immigration, and meet your host families in the Arrivals Hall. The remainder of the day is under the arrangements of SHS and IES San Fernando. http://www.iessanfernando.com</p>	<p><u>IES San Fernando</u></p>  
<p>Day 4- Feb 12th- we meet at school and experience a day at IES with your host. There will be 2 hours of time to work on SHS work in a quiet lab during several days.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Day 5 Feb 13th- Bernabeu stadium and the Prado museum. (no work time today- use quiet time at home with your host family- communicate your needs)</p> <p>Join a local guide for further touring of Madrid during today's half-day sightseeing. Visit the Museo Nacional del Prado with audio guides, to explore one of the finest collections of European art, and the single best collection of Spanish art. "Football" is the one of the greatest leisure activities in Europe, and in Spain soccer is king. Enjoy a guided visit of Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, home to Real Madrid. The third most visited museum in Madrid, you'll enter the dressing rooms and feel the excitement of the players, witness trophies and historic items, and enjoy a panoramic view of the stadium. Return to the school by coach.</p>  <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Day 6 Feb 14th- we meet at school and experience a day at IES with your host. There will be 2 hours of time to work on SHS work in a quiet lab during the day.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Day 7 Feb 15th- Just SHS meet at school and head to Toledo for the day. (no work time today- use quiet time at home with your host family- communicate your needs)</p> <p>Enjoy the day in nearby Toledo, including full day guide and coach from the school. Upon arrival, enjoy a walking tour of the historic center, stroll the medieval streets and see iconic landmarks with commentary provided along the way in this UNESCO World Heritage City. See the Jewish quarter, Alcazar fortress, and the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes. Visit the Church of Santo Tome, to see El Greco's paintings and a tour of the treasures within the Gothic Cathedral. There is leisure time for lunch and exploration of this unique destination where Christianity, Judaism, and the Islamic faith peacefully coexisted for hundreds of years. Return to the school by coach.</p> <p>Day 8 Feb 16th- we meet at school and experience a day at IES with your host. There will be 2 hours of time to work on SHS work in a quiet lab during the day.</p> <p>Day 9 and 10- Feb 17 & 18th- you spend with your host family</p>	

Day 11- Feb 19th- we meet at school with your luggage and head south to Cordoba and Seville

CORDOBA/SEVILLE (D)

The home-stay portion of your journey comes to an end, and your extended touring of Spain begins; arrive at the school under your own arrangements and with your luggage. Meet your local **tour manager**, who will assist for the remainder of the program. Transfer to Madrid's Puerta De Atocha station for your direct **train** to Cordoba. Meet your local **coach** and driver, and enjoy a visit to the **Great Mosque Cathedral of Cordoba** – the famous and remarkably preserved Mezquita dominates Old Town; it was built on the site of a Roman temple, and is now a cathedral. There is time for an independent lunch before departing Cordoba. Continue by coach to Seville, check-in to your centrally located hotel, and refresh from your travels. **Dinner** is provided at a local restaurant within walking distance.

Note: Maestro will provide detailed suggestions for 4-6 lunch venues, with timing and best location for independent time.

Day 12 Feb 20th -Seville

SEVILLE (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Begin the day with a morning **guided** walking tour of the picturesque Santa Cruz Quarter. This former Jewish quarter is filled with charming squares, and provides the perfect stroll before your visit of the **Alcazar** palace, the Sevilla home of the Spanish Royal Family for the past 500 years. Originally a Moorish fort that later became a royal palace, you will be impressed with its fabled tile work. Continue to the immense **Cathedral of Seville**. The third largest church in the world and burial place of Christopher Columbus, its "**La Giralda**" was originally a minaret and is now the Cathedral's bell tower. Sightseeing ends in time for leisure activities, including an independent lunch and dinner. Your tour manager can assist with free time activity suggestions.

Day 13 Feb 21st-

SEVILLE/MADRID (B/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. The morning is free in Seville for last minute souvenir shopping. Check-out of the hotel and transfer to the train station for your afternoon **high-speed AVE train** to Madrid's Puerta de Atocha station. Train schedules are not yet published for February, 2024 however we anticipate a departure of approximately 1:45PM with an arrival of 4:10PM. Lunch could be enjoyed prior to the train in Seville, or alternatively travelers could enjoy the buffet car, offering a wide range of hot and cold food and drinks for purchase. Upon arrival walk to your nearby hotel for check-in (approx. 850 meters, 11 minute stroll). Tonight, enjoy a celebratory **flamenco dinner and show** with transfers.



Day 14 Feb 22nd-

DEPARTURE (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer by **coach** to the airport for your flight back to the U.S. Your tour manager will assist with airline check-in, and there is time for one last goodbye. Transfer from the airport to Scarsdale H.S. is under your own arrangements. Flight itinerary is confirmed as follows, and subject to change (lunch is provided on board):

Iberia #6251

Departing Madrid/MAD 12:30PM—Arriving New York/JFK 3:05PM



You will first house your peer in October and then be housed by them in February. They will arrive in the late afternoon on October 7th(after SATs-if taking) they will leave the afternoon of October 17th from school. They should report to school that day with all of their luggage and leave at security at Brewster.

In Spain, we end our trip with a few days of just SHS travel to Cordoba and Seville. We then return to Madrid for dinner and a Flamenco show so we are ready to fly home the next day.

Note: For those who celebrate, our travel overlaps with the Lunar New Year on February 10th. We depart on an overnight flight that evening. This is also the day of the Feb ACT- we will leave for

the airport at 4pm- we leave for the airport together.

There is time to work on school work but there are no assessments given during the trip. These are not normal school days but you have blocks of time built in 3 of the days. Teachers will be notified before your guests arrive in October. You, and I, will remind them of this after December break (about a month before we leave- to help with planning). Once the group is committed we will discuss all of this at the pre-trip meetings. The group's schedule will not be changed for any individual student.

Travel Costs- predicted between \$4000 & \$4200- including deposits and required insurance.

First payment is due to the company in September.

Info Meetings - room 366-
Wed May 31st- both lunches, June 6th after school, June 5th -7th and repeated again after school.

Parent Info meeting- Zoom 6:30-7

Signed Applications Due by June 13th 8:30AM-

Questions hwaters@scarsdaleschools.org x2568

Required CFAR Insurance- purchased within 21 days of payment to Tumlare. This is NY State Law and a district requirement for all trips.

Accepted students and waitlisted students will be notified before the end of the school year. A signed acceptance letter and check to SUFSD for \$200 must be returned by the acceptance date or we will activate the waitlist.

