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SPAIN: Spanish in the Land of Don Quixote

For more than a language course, travel to Toledo- the perfect setting for a full Spanish experience in Castilla-La Mancha.

OVERVIEW

The passions of Spain's people are the fabric of daily life; this is a country with music in its soul, a love of fine food and wild landscapes, and a special talent for celebrating all things in life. Based in the city of Toledo, you'll be surrounded by rich history and architecture, and get to visit medieval monuments and historic cathedrals. Sharpen your Spanish skills through a mix of language immersion and formal instruction, and practice with passionate native Spanish speakers as you volunteer on various projects in the community. Experience two of Spain's amazing cities, Toledo and Madrid, on this life-changing experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Improve your Spanish through language immersion
- ★ Walk the historic streets of Toledo, known as "the city of three cultures"
- ★ Participate in a cooking class and learn to make paella and tapas
- ★ Go kayaking on the Alto Tajo River
- ★ Spend a weekend in Madrid visiting its main landmarks: Prado Museum, Bernabeu Stadium, The Royal Palace, and watch a Flamenco show.

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

July 1 - July 14, 2023

Tuition: \$5,299
Service Hours: 20
Language Hours: 35
Max Group Size: 30
Age Range: 14-18
Student-to-Staff Ratio: 6-to-1
Airport: MAD



SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

Participate in a range of activities with local non profit organizations. These will be determined by the needs of the community at the time, but could range from environmental cleanups along the river and park areas in Toledo, to volunteering at a shelter for the homeless population.

You'll also help Spanish children have better opportunities for the future by improving their English language skills. Spend a couple of mornings at a school summer camp in Toledo. Run activities with your peers to help local children learn English. Activities may include arts and crafts, a small theater, a family tree activity, an environmental-focused project and more!



SAMPLE ITINERARY: DAILY BREAKDOWN

Actual schedule of activities will vary by program session. The information detailed here is typical for what you can expect to experience; however, service work and activities vary depending upon the needs of our local community partners, various celebrations and customs, as well as the weather and specific needs of the student group.



DAY 1: ¡BIENVENIDOS A ESPAÑA!

Welcome to Spain! GLA staff will be waiting to greet you when you land in Madrid (MAD). Together we'll travel to your Home Base in Toledo. Get settled into your room and start getting to know your fellow travelers. We'll have our first Spanish welcome dinner together and then go to rest as we have a full day ahead of activities tomorrow.

DAY 2: ORIENTATION & SCAVENGER HUNT

Today we'll start off with an orientation and then move into Spanish placement based on skill level for our first Spanish class! After lunch we'll head into town for the first time. Divide into groups and go on a supervised scavenger hunt around town. Practice your Spanish as you enlist the help of locals in order to locate the items on your list.

DAY 3-6: SERVICE & CULTURAL EXPLORATION

This week we'll have a mix of Spanish classes, community service, and cultural activities around town that will not only be fun and interesting, but will also allow us to practice what we're learning in class. Morning cultural activities in town include:

- ❖ Discover the legends of Toledo as you explore a maze of alleys and town squares, untouched for centuries and overflowing with history with a knowledgeable tour guide.
- ❖ Walk through the Toledo Cathedral, a structure widely considered to be the magnum opus of High Gothic cathedrals in Spain
- ❖ Learn about the cultural history of Flamenco, and learn the dance moves firsthand from a local professional.
- ❖ Zip across the skyline with some evening ziplining!
- ❖ Take part in a cooking class and learn to make Mazapan, a local delicacy in Toledo.

For service we'll partner with a local organization and spend a couple of mornings working with them. The actual work we do will depend on their needs at the time.

Our Spanish classes will take place in the afternoons and will be taught in a school classroom. We'll also weave the language curriculum into our daily activities in town, providing plenty of opportunities for you to practice what you're learning.

DAY 7: KAYAK AND TRAVEL TO MADRID

After an early breakfast, we'll travel to Alto Tagus, a beautiful natural park where we'll have the opportunity to kayak. We'll spend time out in nature with a picnic before traveling to Madrid, our home for the next two nights..





DAY 8-9: MADRID: PRADO MUSEUM, BERNABEU STADIUM, PAELLA AND TAPAS CLASS, FLAMENCO AND MORE

We'll get to relax a little and have a late breakfast after yesterday's workout. Start the day with a traditional Spanish paella class, in which you'll make your own tasty food for lunch. In the evening, we'll visit the Prado Museum or enjoy the Bernabéu Stadium. A trip to Spain wouldn't be complete without attending a flamenco show - go to an authentic "tablao" and enjoy watching the most popular dance in Spain!

The next day, we'll spend the morning seeing more of Madrid with a start in the Madrid Center Cathedral, pay a visit to the Palacio Real, and see the famous Opera Theater. After lunch, we'll spend a relaxing afternoon in Retiro park on a small boat or bicycling around the park. In the evening we'll head back to Toledo.



DAY 10-13: SERVICE, RUIDERA LAGOON, AND DON QUIXOTE WINDMILLS

This week we'll embark on a different kind of service project. We'll spend a couple of mornings at a school summer camp in Toledo. You'll assist in running activities to help local children learn English, which is a much needed skill that has many benefits for Spanish youth. Activities may include arts and crafts, a small theater, an environmental-focused project, and more! This is also a great opportunity to practice your own Spanish as you engage with the school children and local teachers each day.



Besides service and our regular Spanish classes, we'll also visit the Ruidera Lagoon, a place where we can swim and get a break from the summer heat. Along with the lagoon we'll also visit the windmills made famous in the iconic novel Don Quixote.

We'll wrap our time in Toledo by dressing up and watching a theatrical show that recreates 1500 years of history in Spain in a spectacular setting. We'll pair the show with a farewell dinner as we bring closure to these amazing two weeks.

DAY 14: DEPARTURES

Before you even know it, the 14-day discovery journey must come to an end. Head to the airport today with memories and knowledge that will benefit you for life! Staff will assist you with checking in and accompany you until you have safely departed for their gates at Madrid Airport.

NOTICE ON PROGRAM UPDATES

Every year brings new and exciting opportunities for experiences we can offer students on our programs. While this program is being planned for 2023, some activities or details may change between now and the program start date. Please note that references from past participants and previously published information may not accurately reflect every aspect of this program. Refer to the sample itinerary above or to the GLA website for the most up-to-date version of program activities, and please note that further updates may be made between now and the program start date.

TRAVELING TO SPAIN

FOOD | Food is an integral part of life in Spain, and long, shared meals hold strong significance in Spanish tradition and culture. From diverse tapas to incredible seafood, the culinary experiences you'll have in Spain will be memorable and unique to the area.

CLIMATE | The local area can get very hot during the central hours of the day with slightly lower temperatures at night. Spain also has much longer days in the summer months, with sunset occurring late in the evening around 9:30pm.

LEADERSHIP

Global Leadership Adventures started as an educational institute, so we continue to think and act like educators—not tour operators—as we deliver life-changing programs. We intentionally weave a leadership curriculum into the daily experience on our programs. Through group discussion, meaningful service, workshops, speakers and excursions, staff guide students to reflect on program events through the lens of leadership, and celebrate outstanding examples of leaders they encounter in the local community. Lending this context to the experience creates opportunities for students to dig deep into their vision, purpose and knowledge of themselves and the world.

ABOUT GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES

Global Leadership Adventures was founded in 2003 by Fred Swaniker, a native of Ghana, TED Fellow and educational entrepreneur whose work has been praised by Barack Obama. Born as a global extension of the revolutionary African Leadership Academy, Global Leadership Adventures now operates programs centered around leadership, sustainable community service projects, and meaningful travel across Africa, Asia, Europe or the Americas. Through life-changing adventures, we strive to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.

GLA HAS BEEN FEATURED IN:

The New York Times

 **USA TODAY**

 **NBC NEWS**

The Boston Globe
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OUR EXPECTATIONS

Be present

Our mission at GLA is “to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.” To that end, we expect GLA students to maintain high standards of personal behavior and to be open-minded. The culture may be different, sometimes shockingly so. GLA will challenge students as they are expected to work hard and be present physically and mentally for all activities. We also ask students to take a step back from regular use of technology - particularly their smartphones - so as to maximize their engagement with the program and their fellow participants. Students may get hot, dirty and bug-bitten along the way, but their contribution can transform the community. The goal is for each student to return home having had a life-changing experience.

No tolerance

GLA has a no-tolerance policy towards drugs, alcohol, tobacco and disruptive behavior. Those who violate or are suspected of violating this policy will be immediately dismissed from the program at the sole discretion of GLA staff.

Community-Led experiences

GLA makes every effort to offer thoughtfully crafted programs for teens and young adults. Detailed planning and exhaustive communications with partners are indispensable parts of our program development process. However, occasionally service and activities are adjusted from session to session, due to weather, changing needs of our local community partners and/or various cultural celebrations and customs. We expect participants to be open-minded and flexible, willing to embrace the experience when plans change. GLA makes every effort to communicate adjustments to students and families with advance notice. We expect you to be open-minded and flexible.

Mentorship

GLA is not a therapy program. Our staff are highly skilled, professional, caring and fun, but they are not licensed therapists. GLA programs can be physically and emotionally demanding, and applicants should be in good physical and mental health.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Contact Us

Want to learn more about Global Leadership Adventures and our available programs? Our Admissions Team has expertise and insights into our slate of program offerings, and we're happy to answer any questions you might have. We have collectively visited or staffed many of our GLA programs around the world, and we have advice to share on everything from getting your travel documents together to what a typical day on a program is like. Call us at 1-858-771-0645 any time during office hours for assistance.

Enroll Now

We encourage you to enroll on your 1st choice program as early as you can! In fact, our most popular programs fill early every year, and many students end up putting off the quick and easy application process only to end up on the waiting list. The best way to ensure that you save your spot is to place your deposit and apply early. You can easily enroll online at www.experiencegla.com/enroll.