



Semester In Spain

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¡Hola!

Welcome to the Semester In Spain program! We're glad that you'll join us in beautiful Seville, Spain. This handbook will let you know what to expect of our program and give you some of the details as you prepare for study abroad. We've tried to synthesize and coordinate important information between our office at Trinity Christian College and our school in Seville. If you still have questions, however, please call our U.S. office before departure. Our staff in Spain will be ready and available to help when you arrive. The faculty, José María, Ana, Carmen, and Salva also wish to extend their welcome to you. Together, we are committed to fulfilling our mission to provide quality instruction, exciting cultural experiences and enriching spiritual opportunities for you. ¡Hasta pronto!

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I. ADMISSIONS

A. APPLYING TO SEMESTER IN SPAIN

- Complete the application (available on-line or in the printed brochure)
- Mail the application with the non-refundable \$50 application fee
- Include all official college transcripts - if less than 12 college credit hours have been completed, forward high school transcripts as well. Transcripts may be sent separately from the other application materials.

B. ELIGIBILITY. To be admitted into the Semester In Spain program a student must:

- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- be in good standing at his/her home school
- provide official transcript(s)
- be a high school graduate

C. CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) required for admission to the Semester In Spain program is 2.50. Students whose GPA is below 2.50 may appeal for conditional admission, as follows:

- Students with cumulative GPA between 2.00 and 2.50 will be considered for conditional admission based on review of the following considerations:
 - 1) Grades in Spanish courses are at least 3.00
 - 2) Overall cumulative GPA shows an upward trend line over the past several semesters. Student may submit mid-term grades as an indication of progress
 - 3) The student submits a letter of support from the Spanish professor at the home institution indicating above-average performance in Spanish classes
- If the student's cumulative GPA is below 2.00, admission is denied. Students may re-apply for regular or conditional admission at a later date, but only if their cumulative GPA is above 2.00.

II. FINANCES AND FINANCIAL AID

A. FINANCIAL AID. Some financial aid is available through Trinity Christian College. Eligibility for financial aid is based on the information we

receive after you have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The types of aid that can be processed by Trinity Christian College are:

Pell Grant

Stafford Loan (subsidized and un-subsidized)

PLUS Loan (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students)

ISAC-MAP Grant (for Illinois residents only)

Your financial aid arrangements must be completed according to the following schedule:

Fall Semester – July 1

Spring Semester - December 1

Financial aid is not available for the Summer Terms.

You must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 units of credit to receive financial aid, and if you decide to audit or withdraw from too many courses, you may forfeit your financial aid.

B. SCHEDULE OF REFUNDS.

1. The application fee and the tuition deposit are non-refundable.
2. During the final 30 days prior to departure, payments made beyond the tuition deposit will be subject to cancellation charges up to 25% of the room and board fee.
3. There is no refund for any portion of the program fees once you have arrived in Seville. In case of a family emergency requiring your presence at home in the U.S., or in case of your own prolonged illness, the **unused tuition** portion is credited towards the fees of another term in the following year. In addition, up to fifty percent (50%) of the unused portion of the room and board fee will be refunded.
4. No refunds will be given to students who are dismissed from the program.

C. PAYMENT SCHEDULE.

Your final payment will be due according to the following schedule:

Fall Semester – mid-July

Spring Semester – mid-December

Summer Term(s) – mid-April (Term #2 only – mid-May)

III. ACCEPTANCE OF CREDITS

A. ACCREDITATION. Trinity Christian College is a four-year degree-granting institution, which is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board for both elementary and secondary certification.

B. CREDIT TRANSFER. Check with your home school to see if they will accept courses taken with Semester In Spain for credit. Also check your school's readmittance policy if you plan to return after attending SIS.

C. TRANSCRIPTS. An official academic transcript will be issued by Trinity Christian College and mailed to your college address indicated on the Transcript Request Form, which you will complete. Transcripts will be sent approximately three weeks after the end of the term.

If additional transcripts are required, send your request in writing to:

Registrar - Trinity Christian College
6601 West College Drive
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Indicate your name, Social Security number, and the term(s) you attended. Enclose a check for \$2 for each transcript requested. No phone, e-mail, or fax requests will be honored.

IV. ACADEMIC PROGRAM

A. LOCATION and FACILITIES. Classes are held at "Acento de Trinity," Paseo de Cristina 1-3, Entreplanta A-B, 41001 Sevilla. The "Cristina building" is located across from the *Torre del Oro* (Tower of Gold) in the center of Seville. We occupy the second floor of the Cristina building. Acento de Trinity is open from 8:30-14:00 and 17:00-21:00 Monday through Thursday and 9:00-14:00 on Friday. Semester In Spain classes are in session five hours a day, four or five days per week. Some Fridays are set aside for conferences and tutorials with the teachers.

Our facilities include classrooms, a computer lab and media/library room, administrative offices, and a reception and lounge area.

B. FACULTY. All members of our teaching faculty are natives of Spain

and hold advanced degrees in Spanish. They have extensive experience in teaching Spanish to non-native speakers.

C. **PLACEMENT TESTS.** We require all students (except beginners) to take the WebCAPE placement test and report their score on the Course Request Form.

We also require an additional placement test at orientation to all intermediate and advanced students. We use the test results to advise students on their final course selections. This placement test is not given to Summer Term students.

D. **LEVELS.** Note: All SIS courses are taught entirely in Spanish. No English is spoken in the school building.

Those with little or no background in Spanish will take the **Beginning** sequence. This sequence consists of four intensive courses conducted three hours daily, over 15 days each, for four credits each.

We have an **Intermediate** sequence made up of two 200 level courses followed by two 300 level courses which are only open to Intermediate students.

If you are ready for **Advanced** level course work based on Placement Exam results, you can choose from a variety of courses at the 300 and/or 400 levels. Consult our web site for a complete listing of the courses offered. A more complete description of the content of the courses is also available at our web site – www.semesterinspain.org.

During the Summer Terms, a smaller selection of courses will be offered. Students will request their courses based on their previous course work. Please check our web site to see which courses will be offered for the term you plan to attend.

E. **PRE-REGISTRATION.** Before departure from the U.S., you will be sent a Course Request Form. We arrange our schedule of classes based on the information you provide on this form. Before you send in the form, you must have the courses you have chosen approved by your college or university so as to be sure that your credits will transfer. Advanced students should also have two extra courses approved in case one of the

classes is cancelled due to low enrollment, etc. Final registration takes place at orientation in Spain.

F. INDEPENDENT STUDY. Advanced students may earn academic credit through Independent Study at the 300 and 400 levels. This usually involves independent reading and research on an approved subject under the guidance of a member of our faculty. An additional fee is charged for an Independent Study. Independent Study is not available for summer terms.

G. CLASS CHANGES. Students wishing to change classes must normally do so during the first three days of the semester/term. In all cases, students must consult with the Academic Director before changing.

H. EXCHANGING TEXTBOOKS. Only brand new books can be exchanged, so please do not write in your books until you are absolutely certain that you are enrolled at the correct level.

I. AUDITING AND WITHDRAWAL. Auditing means that you attend class to learn the material, but you do not need to take examinations. You must, however, do sufficient work to keep up with the class and you are expected to attend at least 80% of the classes. You will not receive credit for the course, and your transcript will be marked "AU". The charges for auditing a course are the same as if the course were taken for credit.

Classes that require a significant amount of participation, such as conversation and writing classes, can be taken for credit only.

To withdraw from a class, you must consult with the Academic Director. If you withdraw early enough in the semester, you will receive no transcript entry. In all other cases, you will receive an entry of "W".

It is your responsibility to initiate Audit or Withdrawal proceedings and to receive written confirmation of academic status from the Academic Director. Unless such written record exists, we will assume you have dropped the course without permission and you will receive a grade of F if you are not attending class regularly. Remember that Audits and Withdrawals may affect your financial aid.

Audits and Withdrawals must be declared within precise time limits.

Although the exact dates for each semester will be posted, the following general limits apply:

Audit: During the first half of each course.

Withdrawals/No Transcript Entry: During the first 10 class hours of each course.

Withdrawals/Transcript Entry: Before the last 10 class hours of each course. No withdrawals are permitted in the last 10 hours of a class.

J. EXAMINATIONS AND TESTS. Due to the intensive nature of the courses, major examinations may NOT be taken other than during the regularly scheduled period. If you are ill on the day of a test or exam, you must have your host notify us that you will be absent. On the day of your return you must consult with the professor regarding what must be done to make up the missed test. If a test or exam is missed without valid reason, a grade of "F" will be given.

K. GRADING SYSTEM. Most classes will be graded on a combination of tests, quizzes, papers, oral presentations, and participation. During the first few days of class, each professor will explain the grading system he/she will follow. The following grades will be used:

A (and -)	Excellent
B (+/-)	Good
C (+/-)	Satisfactory
D (+/-)	Unsatisfactory
F	Failing

The Academic Director must approve any exceptions to the above policy. It is not possible to take courses on a pass/fail basis.

L. ASSIGNMENTS AND PAPERS. Since some students will need copies of papers and assignments sent to their home institutions, these should be clearly written in black ink on standard sized paper with sufficient margins. Precise requirements will be given in each class. Students can process papers (Word Documents) on one of our computers in the computer lab, or with their own laptop computers.

M. TUTORIALS AND TEACHER CONFERENCES. Because your academic success is very important to us, our teachers make themselves available for tutorials and/or conferences. These are usually held on Friday mornings when regular classes do not meet and are for students who are

having difficulties with course work. You are welcome to make an appointment anytime you feel the need. In order to do this, we encourage students to keep Friday mornings free. If you require formal tutoring, that may be arranged for a fee – usually \$125.

N. ATTENDANCE AND TARDINESS. Attendance is mandatory, except in the case of serious illness. Being late for class is not acceptable in European tradition. If you are ill and cannot make it to class your host must call the school to let us know. (See section III-I about missing examinations.)

O. INTERCAMBIOS. You may wish to have a language partner to practice your Spanish in an informal situation. Our office in Seville will make the arrangements for anyone who is interested in having an "intercambio."

V. LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

A. HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRES. The Housing Questionnaire will give you the opportunity to state your preferences for housing. The completed forms will be sent to the Seville office where they will be matched to the available host families.

Before you depart for Spain, we will provide you with information about your housing, including the name and address of your host family and the name of any roommate(s) assigned to you. When you arrive in Seville you will show the address information to your taxi driver and he/she will take you to your new home. Students traveling with the group flight (Fall or Spring semesters only) will be met at the airport by our staff and arrangements will be made for transportation to the host's home.

B. HOST FAMILIES. Living with a Spanish host family is one of the most interesting and rewarding aspects of the Semester In Spain program. All homes are carefully screened for suitability and are inspected regularly by our staff. Most of the families that house our students are dependent on the income for their livelihood. But it is evident that they host foreign students because they enjoy doing so.

To avoid misunderstandings with the families, they are given a list of minimum conditions they are required to provide. In return, we have an agreement with them regarding what they can expect of our students in

order to maintain the order of their own households.

C. BEHAVIOR. Living with a host family means that you will have a responsibility to fit into a home situation with customs, traditions, expectations, and restrictions you may not be familiar at first. We expect you to be willing and mature enough to adopt the local customs, and we request that you show respect for the Spanish people and their culture. In the event that a custom, such as drinking wine with a meal, does not coincide with your lifestyle, politely inform your host that you must abstain. Also, we expect you to willingly comply with your host family's household rules.

D. HOURS. The families generally object to anyone keeping unreasonably late hours and disrupting their households after a certain time. Hours are a matter that you will discuss with your hosts after your arrival. If you find that you are going to be home later than agreed upon, you are expected to inform your host. It is unacceptable and disrupting to the host families for students to be returning to their rooms at 2 or 3 am. During the week, you are expected to spend the night in the home of the family to which you have been assigned. During the weekends you are free to travel anywhere you please, but you will be expected to inform your host of the nights you will not be home and when you can be expected back.

E. GUESTS. Most Spanish families do not permit their own children to have visitors of the opposite sex in their homes. The same rule will apply to you. If your family or friends come to visit you in Sevilla, you will be able to make reservations for them at one of the many hotels nearby.

F. ROOMMATES. You will most likely be living with one or two roommates. Some single placements are available for those students who wish to be the only English speaking person in the home. There is an extra fee for this, which is noted on the Housing Questionnaire. You may request to live with a specific person or persons and we will make every effort possible to honor your request.

While we will do our best to meet your needs and requests, you must be willing to accept the housing we provide.

G. HOUSING CHANGES. If you are not satisfied with your housing arrangements, we will do whatever we can to make an adjustment.

Housing problems should be brought to the attention of the Spanish Director, or the Housing Coordinator.

H. SPANISH HOMES. There are very few single-family houses in Seville and most Spaniards live in apartment blocks. The rules for the building, as well as the family's own rules, will be explained to you by your host family. In general, room sizes are smaller in Spanish homes than in the U.S. There is no room in the homes to store things such as bicycles, surfboards, trunks, etc., so we ask that you not bring them with you.

I. MEALS. At breakfast, lunch, and dinner you will be served typical Spanish meals. You will find that the cuisine of Seville is typically Mediterranean, similar to Italy or Greece.

Your family is required to provide at least the following:

For breakfast:

Coffee, tea, or milk

Toast and butter or breakfast cookies

For lunch and dinner:

Fresh vegetables—3 times a week

Beef/veal—occasionally

Chicken, fish, eggs, pasta—3-4 times a week

Fresh fruit—daily

Students who must follow a prescribed diet or who are strict vegetarians will be charged an extra fee, as designated on the Housing Questionnaire.

Your family will determine mealtimes and the use of the kitchen. Please do not help yourself to food without asking your host family first. You are expected to inform your host family if you will not be home for a meal.

J. LINENS. Bed linens and towels will be provided and changed frequently. Face cloths are not normally used in Spanish homes, so you may want to bring your own.

K. LAUNDRY. Laundry will be washed, ironed, and returned to the student once a week. Your host will do a set amount for you each week - approximately one outfit per day and one set of underwear per day. Your family may charge you extra if you have more laundry than the expected amount. Or you can go to a "tintoreria" (dry cleaning/full service laundry)

with your extra clothes. There are no self-service laundromats in Seville.

L. WEATHER IN SEVILLE. Seville is very warm from May through September when temperatures routinely reach the 100s. It is uncommon for apartments to be centrally heated or cooled. Spanish homes in Seville are built to retain the cool with marble floors and cement walls. They normally have a “machine” that produces warm or cool air. The most drastic change for you is that rooms can be colder than you are used to in the months of December through February. You should plan to dress in multiple layers to be comfortable. Bring a warm coat and warm sleepwear for those months and plan to wear socks to bed on cold nights! It’s OK to ask for an extra blanket if you are too cold.

M. HOT WATER, ELECTRICITY, TELEPHONE, INTERNET. Utilities in Spain are very expensive and you will be expected to be conservative in your use of electricity, telephone and hot water. Plan to use the “movil” phones we provide to make phone calls. You may have one hot shower a day, but please be considerate with the amount of water you use. Most Spanish homes do not have internet connections, but you will be able to use the computer lab at our school to send and receive e-mails.

VI. TRAVEL PREPARATIONS

A. PASSPORTS. Before you leave the U.S., you must have a valid passport. If you do not have one already, apply as soon as possible to avoid any delays in processing. Call the central post office in your city or your county clerk’s office for information and an application. You can learn about passports and the application process at

<http://travel.state.gov/passport>.

You will need:

- two professional passport pictures
- valid birth certificate, or expired passport, or naturalization papers
- your Social Security number
- \$97 fee

Canadian students should contact any travel agency to get information needed to obtain a passport.

Make four photocopies of your passport. Mail two copies to our office in Illinois, keep one copy at home, and carry one copy with you to Spain. If

you lose your passport or have it stolen, it is very difficult to replace without a copy.

B. VISAS. All students attending the Spring or Fall Semesters will need a visa from the Spanish consulate since you will be in Spain for more than 90 days. If you are attending the Summer terms you will NOT need a visa, unless you are not a U.S. citizen. To obtain a visa, you must apply to the Spanish consulate with jurisdiction over your home address. Our office in Illinois will provide more information on the application process and the location of the consulate in your area of the US.

C. MEDICAL INSURANCE. Before departure, you must have adequate health insurance. Check to see if your current policy will cover medical expenses that you may incur outside the U.S. Most U.S. insurance companies will cover such costs, but if yours does not, you may want to modify your policy to provide that coverage. You will have to pay all medical costs in Spain in cash at the time of treatment. You then submit a claim with your own insurance company in the U.S. Bring your insurance card and a copy of your policy with you to Spain. Our program will provide you with supplemental study abroad insurance for emergency medical insurance coverage. We will provide you with registration, coverage, and claim information before departure.

D. IMMUNIZATIONS. At present immunizations are not necessary to travel to Spain. However, consult with your physician for the most complete, up-to-date information. Immunizations are not necessary to travel to any other countries in Western Europe.

E. CLOTHING. It is very warm in Seville in the late spring, summer, and early fall. It can be cold in the winter, though the temperature rarely falls below freezing. Therefore, layers of clothing—shirts, sweaters, and a coat are needed for the cool months of November through March. Students often remark that those months are cooler than they anticipated. Students should also properly dress for class. The Spanish people tend to dress a bit more formally than American students. Shorts may be worn during warm weather, but athletic wear is not accepted in Spanish classrooms. Jeans are acceptable. You must wear shoes or sandals at all times. In Spain it is considered to be extremely bad manners to go barefoot in the street or in your home. You may want to bring house shoes or slippers to wear in your Spanish home.

VII. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

A. GROUP TRAVEL. Although group travel is not included in our program fees, we do make arrangements for group flights for our Fall and Spring Semester students. Information about our group flight arrangement will be sent to all Fall and Spring applicants. You will have the option of joining the group flight or making your own travel arrangements. Payment for the group flight is separate from our program fees and will be made directly to Witte Travel.

Our group flights usually depart from Chicago-O'Hare airport. Domestic connections are also available through Witte Travel.

When making your own travel arrangements you should know that you **CANNOT** move into your Spanish home until the date of the group arrival. Also, you must plan to depart your Spanish home on the same day as the group. Travel plans should be made in accordance with these dates. Consult our U.S. office to confirm these dates before finalizing your plans.

B. LUGGAGE. According to current airline regulations, you may check two suitcases for your international flight. The total combined height-length-width measurements of the each bag may not exceed 62". Each bag must not weigh more than 50 lbs. Also, you may bring one carry-on bag, which must fit in the overhead compartment, in a space which measures 21"x16"x8". You are also allowed one personal item – such as a purse or tote bag, back pack, laptop case, or camera bag. This item must also be able to fit under the seat. This information applies to international flights. Domestic flights may have different restrictions. Further carry-on restrictions can be found at the Transportation and Safety Administration web site: www.tsa.gov.

Pack a change of clothing and some essentials in your carry-on luggage in case your checked luggage goes astray. If you need daily medications, make sure it is in your carry-on luggage. DON'T pack your passport in your luggage.

VIII. TRAVELING IN SPAIN AND EUROPE

A. HOLIDAYS AND TIME OFF. Classes are not held on Spanish national,

regional, or local holidays. There are some three-day weekends worked into the schedule to allow you to travel if you wish, although when classes are not in session on Fridays they are reserved for consultation with your professor or tutoring. A calendar will be sent to all participants several weeks before departure so that you will know what time you will have off from classes.

B. TRANSPORTATION. Bus, train, and air transportation are readily available in Seville to Spanish and other European destinations. There are many travel agencies around the city to help you make arrangements. Our office in Spain can recommend one to you.

C. TRAVEL PASSES AND DISCOUNTS. If you plan to do a lot of traveling around Europe before, during, or after the semester, you may want to check out the discount carriers such as Ryan Air. Now that cheap flights are more readily available, the Eurail Passes are not used by our students nearly as much as they once were. The Eurail Pass is not valid for travel on the AVE (high-speed) train. Also, the National Railroad of Spain (RENFE) offers a similar pass for in-country travel, which is available at local train stations and offices. Check local stations for updated information.

D. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ID CARD. We suggest that all SIS students purchase the **International Student Identification Card (ISIC)**. The ISIC card includes medical reimbursement insurance coverage for catastrophic events. It will be your basic form of identification while in Europe. It also entitles you to some discounts for travel, museum entrance fees, etc. The card is available at all **STA** travel agencies and may also be available at your school's study abroad office. Applications are also available on-line at: www.myisic.com.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. MAIL. To receive mail in Spain, it is best that it be addressed to:

[Your Name]
Semester In Spain-Acento de Trinity
Paseo de Cristina 1-3
Entreplanta A-B
41001 Seville
SPAIN

Mail is distributed daily. Have packages sent to you through the U.S. Postal Service, not by Federal Express, etc., since customs in Madrid will likely hold them for customs charges.

To send mail to the U.S., there are several post offices in different districts. The central post office is near the school at Avenida de la Constitución in front of the cathedral. For most services, the post office is open M-F 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM (Saturdays 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM). Stamps can also be purchased from "estancos" (tobacco and cigarette stores). Letters can be mailed from any "buzón" (red, cylindrical mailboxes in the street). Send everything marked airmail ("por avión") in which case it will usually take between 7 to 10 days to arrive at its destination in the U.S. Letters marked "Urgente" will reach the U.S. in 5 to 6 days if you pay the extra charge. If you wish to mail such a letter from a box on the street, you must place it in one of the red "buzones." Information about sending registered mail and postal express mail will be available at orientation in Seville. The cost of sending a letter to the U.S. is about .75 euro, and to other locations in Spain - .21 euro. These prices are subject to change.

B. FAX. Letters may be sent to you by fax. The fax number is 011-34-95-421-3192. There is no charge for receiving a fax. You may send a fax using the school's machine. The charge is 1 euro.

C. TELEPHONE & "MOVILES". Telephone services are very expensive in Spain. You will receive a cell ("movil") phone during orientation. Cell phones in Europe work a bit differently than in the USA. There are no monthly contracts nor is there a roaming fee. You purchase a "tarjeta de recarga" that is in euro increments of 5, 15, and 30 and dial the code number and "recharge your phone" (actually you are just putting money back into your cell phone). The best feature of this system is that incoming calls are free to you. So, the best option is to have someone from the USA, Canada, or wherever, call you on your cell phone in Spain. Although we allow you to use these phones, you should take special care of them while they are in your possession. If it is lost, stolen, or you break it, you will have to replace it. You will need to return the phone a few days prior to departure from Spain (they do not work outside of Europe). If, for some reason, you need to accept calls at your señora's home, you should be careful that callers (especially from other countries) respect the time differences. The policy for making local calls will be decided by your family,

although your cell phone should eliminate this need. You are not allowed to receive collect calls on your host family's phone.

Note: Calls from the U.S. to Spain are usually less expensive than from Spain to the U.S., so it is wise to have friends and family call you at scheduled times and places. There is a seven-hour difference between CST and Seville time. Example: When it is 8:30 AM in Chicago, it is 3:30 PM in Seville.

Long distance calls can also be made from any telephone booth using money, a credit card, or a telephone card. The school office sells phone cards at the best possible rate (approx 255 minutes for 6 euros using a landline). You should be aware that most phone cards provide for cell calls, but at a higher rate than the public phones.

D. E-MAIL. Access to e-mail is available to students at our school in Seville. Details will be outlined for you at the orientation in Spain. You should be able to use your *hotmail*, *yahoo*, *gmail*, or university address to send and receive emails. If not, we will issue an email address to you. There are also dozens of Internet cafes in Seville for reasonably priced Internet services. Details about them will be available at orientation.

We have recently added a wireless internet connection to our computer lab, so you can use your laptop, if you choose to bring it with you.

E. SENDING PACKAGES. You might want to try Cayco Transportes to mail packages and suitcases via air to the USA. It is fairly economical and definitely faster than the mail. Contact them at 954 25 82 19.

X. TRANSPORTATION

For the majority of our students the walk to school can take anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes.

A. BUSES. City buses run a circuit about every 10 to 15 minutes under normal conditions. Routes are shown on the signs at the bus stops which correspond to the map you have received.

A ride costs 1 euro, but your best buy is the purchase of a "bonobus" multiple ticket which can be purchased in various parts of the city or at "estancos" and newsstands. The "bonobus" is valid for 10 trips and costs 5.15 euros with transfers, or 4.25 euros without.

Seville also has two **regional bus stations** that carry passengers to places like Madrid, Granada, the beach, and Portugal. One is the Estación de Autobuses del Prado which is located near the Universidad de Sevilla. You can reach them at 954 41 71 11 or 954 41 71 18. The other is Estación de Autobuses Plaza de Armas. You can take a bus to Matalascañas, the nearest beach, which takes a little over an hour. They are located across from Hotel Plaza de Armas and Plaza de Armas Centro Comercial (shopping mall with nice movie theater and grocery store). Call them at 954 90 77 37 or 954 90 80 40. Caution: if you are traveling to Portugal over the weekend, there is no return to Seville on Sundays. Always confirm your return schedule before you leave. You will be expected to be in class on Monday.

B. TAXIS. A taxi driver is only allowed to take a maximum of four passengers at a time and he/she has the right to refuse service to anyone whose behavior seems strange or abnormal. There are surcharges added to the fare for luggage, weekend travel, and travel after 10:00 PM. The minimum charge is about 2.75 euros. You can call a cab company and receive a minivan (camioneta para equipaje) which should cost not much more. Be wary of cabbies that call another cab to transport some of your luggage. Presently, Seville has set a fixed price for a cab to/from the airport to the center. It costs 15 euros (including luggage) on work days and 18 euros on holidays (you may need to remind them of this rate). Remember, you must be prepared to arrange your transit to the airport once the semester is over. You can call Radio Taxi at 954 58 00 00 or 954 57 11 11.

C. IBERIA AIRLINES. Located at Avenida de Buhaira 8, local 4-5. Their hours are 9:00 – 13:30 and 16:30 – 19:30. You can reach them in Seville at tel 954 98 82 08. For information on flights and reservations call 902 400 500.

D. TRAINS. You can easily travel by train to weekend spots, or Madrid and other Spanish cities where you can make connections to flights or other high speed trains. The AVE is a high speed train that goes to/from Madrid/Seville in a little over 2 hours (a bus takes 6 hours). To contact RENFE/AVE call 902 24 02 02. To make a reservation on the AVE call 954 54 03 03. The RENFE travel office is located on Calle Zaragoza, 29. The telephone number is 954 21 79 98. The web site is: www.renfe.es

XI. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

A. CONSULATE REGISTRATION. You must register with your consulate (U.S. or other) when you arrive in Seville. If you are not registered there is little they can do for you in case of an emergency. If you are not a U.S. citizen you will need to visit your consulate's office. This is essential in case of loss of passport, local emergencies, etc. Forms will be filled out during orientation and handed in by the school unless the student misses the deadline. The U.S. consulate is at Plaza Nueva #8, and is open from 10:00 to 1:00, from Monday through Friday. Their telephone number is 954 21 87 51.

B. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT. You will be responsible for your own actions. Any student who, by his or her misconduct, causes serious inconvenience for the rest of the group, is guilty of a serious breach of Spanish law, or in some way threatens the well being of the program, may be expelled. The use of illegal drugs is absolutely forbidden. The excessive use of alcoholic beverages is not allowed. Sanctions for any serious misconduct range from an oral warning to dismissal from the program. The judgment of the International Director and/or the Spanish Director will be final in all matters of discipline. If dismissal is made, no refund will be given.

Semester In Spain is also aware that some students may sign a Code of Conduct agreement with their university that prohibits behavior such as drinking alcohol and dancing. While we do not act to enforce each university's code of conduct we are sensitive to this issue of integrity.

C. RISK/RELEASE FORM. You will be required to sign a Risk/Release form before leaving the U.S., in which you agree to live by the regulations and conditions of the program and release the Semester In Spain program of any liability. SIS may also choose to use your image to market the program. No student is officially enrolled without signing the Risk/Release form.

D. NEEDED INFORMATION. In order that we might best inform you of what to expect in Spain and help you once you get there, it is very important that you inform us of any disabilities, illnesses or mental health issues, and any medication you have to take regularly, etc. Spain is not as advanced as the U.S. in providing for the needs persons with disabilities, and the streets and buildings often present formidable barriers and dangers

for those with special needs. A study abroad experience itself is no cure for depression or emotional needs. Also, medications are often marketed under different names, with different concentrations, etc., so you may not be able to get what you need once you are Spain. We also need to be able to inform you if there is adequate help available in case of problems with a recurring serious illness. Therefore, please let us know regarding such matters so that we can help you make informed decisions about coming so far from home to study.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

A. RELIGIOUS & FAITH ACTIVITIES. Although Spain is predominately Catholic, there are several Protestant churches and a Jewish synagogue in Seville. Our program also offers a weekly Bible study and Praise and Worship time. During Orientation students will receive information from our Student Ministries Coordinator on various activities and excursions planned for the term. Students will also receive information on specific churches in the area that they may choose to attend. Everyone is welcome to take part in these activities.

B. BANKING/MONEY. Banks are open from 8:30 am to 2:00 PM Monday through Friday and until 12:00 on Saturdays. You may open an account if you wish, but it will not be necessary if you will only be using traveler's checks and debit or credit cards.

There are many automatic teller machines (ATMs) in Seville, just as there are in the U.S. These machines take PLUS (Visa) and Cirrus (MasterCard) system cards. If you have one of these cards it is a convenient way to withdraw money when needed. In this way, you eliminate the necessity of exchanging money, you get the best rate, and money can be deposited in your home bank in the U.S for you to withdraw in Spain. Check with your bank to see if your card will be accepted by the PLUS or Cirrus network. Your card must be connected to a CHECKING account and your PIN must not be more than 4 digits.

The best way to have funds sent to you is through a deposit made at your bank that you can access by using your debit card. You may also receive funds by wire transfer from your bank in the U.S. We will give you information on how it is done at the SIS office in Seville.

Money should be taken along in the form of traveler's checks, not cash.

Personal checks are very difficult, if not impossible, to cash in Spain. Traveler's checks are still accepted but it is getting more difficult to find places that will cash them, so we recommend just using your ATM/bank card and a credit card. Credit cards are convenient -- Visa, American Express, or MasterCard are widely accepted. Obtain the card from a major bank, and remember - it must be in your name.

Money should be carried in a front pocket or an inside coat pocket as pickpockets are common in Europe. A small money pouch hung around the neck or a money belt is effective in preventing theft. Purses are not safe since they are easy to grab. Always carry a little emergency money with you.

Note: When cashing traveler's checks or using credit cards, you may be asked to present your passport for identification.

We recommend that you change at least \$100 to Euros when you arrive in Spain. You can do it at an exchange counter in one of the airport terminals in the U.S., or in Madrid, if you connect through that city. You will need euros when you arrive in Spain for the taxi fare to your home if you are not arriving on the group flight. Using an ATM machine at the airport is also an option to receive cash from your credit or debit card.

For wire transfers, Western Union is located at Puerta de Jerez, 4 tel. 900 633 633 and is open Monday-Sunday 8:30-22:30.

C. SHOPPING. Stores generally are open from around 10:00 am to 1:30 PM and again from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The larger department stores (El Corte Inglés, Los Arcos, Nervión Plaza and Plaza de Armas) do not close at midday and are open until 10:00 p.m. El Corte Inglés is a large department store where you can find just about anything you need. It is a bit more expensive than some of the smaller shops, but it is very convenient.

D. SUPPLIES. You will need the same types of supplies for class as you would need in the U.S. and they can all be purchased in Seville. You may bring along a Spanish/English dictionary. However, it would probably be better to buy one in Spain which will emphasize more of the Castilian Spanish words you will come across in Spain, rather than Latin American vocabulary. The book *501 Spanish Verbs* might be useful.

E. GOVERNMENT TOURIST OFFICE. Booklets and maps on places of

interest all over Spain can be obtained at the Government Tourist Office on the Avenida de la Constitución. English language editions are usually available.

F. RECREATION/SPORTS. There are wonderful beaches within 100 miles of Seville. Skiing is good in winter and spring in the mountains located about three hours from the city. There are some tennis courts available in the area but you will not find as many as in the U.S. There are several gyms in the city where you can go to lift weights or do aerobics. Generally speaking, you can enjoy many of the same sports in Spain that you enjoy at home although facilities are neither as numerous nor as inexpensive as in the U.S.

G. MEDICAL ATTENTION. If you need medical attention, Leslie Routman, Director in Spain, will assist you in locating a doctor. The school has a list of reputable doctors. Our staff will assist you with any language difficulties. Also, the American Consulate has a list of doctors who speak English.

It has been our experience that the medical care in Seville is high quality. The hospitals and clinics are well managed and staffed by competent professionals.

Remember that you must pay in cash or credit card when you have an appointment with a doctor. Likewise, if you need hospital care, you will be expected to pay in cash at the time of dismissal. Fees for doctor's appointments are approximately \$70.00 per visit.

H. TEXTBOOKS. The cost of textbooks and course materials is included in the price of the program. You will receive your textbooks and course materials in Spain.

I. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES. Generally, you will find that your electrical appliances will not work as well in Spain as in the U.S., even with adapters, because of the difference in electrical systems. Electricity in Seville is 220 volts, 50 cycles. A transformer must be used with 220 volts. If 110 volts is available, you will not need the transformer. Most of our appliances in the U.S. are made for 60 cycles hertz - not 50. If you don't want to risk damage to your equipment, you might want consider buying a cheaper version in Spain.

J. SPENDING MONEY. It is very difficult to recommend an appropriate amount of spending money because everyone has different spending habits and the value of the dollar fluctuates. Before you leave, you should decide how much traveling you plan to do, how much you would like to spend on souvenirs, how much you generally spend on entertainment, a little extra for medical expenses, etc. In general, we suggest that you plan to have approximately \$2,500 - \$3,500 for the semester or about \$200 per week.

K. PERSONAL NEEDS. You can get anything you might need in Seville in the way of personal products. You do not have to come to Spain with a semester's supply of shampoo, shaving products, etc. The only thing you must be sure to bring with you is an adequate supply of any medication you are taking. You will not be able to refill a prescription without first visiting a doctor in Seville.

Also, if you need regular allergy tests, or have any other condition that requires tests or treatments, please inform us in advance so we can see if you can take care of those needs without difficulty. You will find that such services are often more expensive in Spain than in the U.S.

L. IMPORTANT ADDRESSES. Addresses of various facilities will be posted on the bulletin board at school. Other important addresses and phone numbers will also be given to you at orientation. Following is a list of important contacts:

IN U.S.A.

Semester In Spain - Trinity Christian College

6601 W. College Drive

Palos Heights, IL 60463

E-mail: spain@trnty.edu

Phone: 800-748-0087, FAX: 708-239-3986

Office hours: 8:30-5:00 (CT) Monday – Friday

Burton Rozema, Off-Campus Progs. Dir: 708-239-4760, burton.rozema@trnty.edu

Stephanie Tegman Bradac: 708-239-4775 office, 708-497-0544 cell,

stegman@trnty.edu,

Deb Veenstra, SIS Program Coord: 708-239-4766, deb.veenstra@trnty.edu

EMERGENCY:

708-497-0544 - Steph's cell phone

708-361-2207 - Burt's home phone, cell phone: 708-254-7641

708-429-6156 - Deb's home phone

Witte Travel Agency
3250 28th Street, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

FAX: 616-957-9716
CindyG@wittetravel.com
Phone: 800-253-0210, ask for Cindy Gless

IN SPAIN Remember that Seville is 7 hours ahead of CST.

**When dialing from the US use international code 011 + country code 34*

Semester In Spain Phone: 011-34-95-422-6431

Paseo Cristina 1-3 FAX: 011-34-95-421-3192

Entreplanta A-B e-mail: sis@acentosevilla.com

41001 Seville, SPAIN

Office hours: 9am-2pm & 5pm-9pm M-Th, Fridays-no evening hours

EMERGENCY only: 011-34-616-96-5141 (cell phone - Director in Spain, Leslie Routman)

When in Spain:

Emergencias en general	112	Policía Local	092
Información Ciudadana	010	Guardia Civil	092
Urgencias Sanitarias	061	Bomberos	080
Policía Nacional	091		

CHECKLIST

Complete and return the following items to Semester In Spain:

- Address Questionnaire
- Course Request/Course History Form
- Housing Request/Miscellaneous Info Form
- Transcript Request Form
- Travel Questionnaire
- Two photocopies of your passport
- Risk/Release

Be sure to do the following:

- ▶ Send \$100 deposit to secure your place
- ▶ Apply for passport
- ▶ Apply for student visa (semester/year students)
- ▶ Have your courses approved by your school
- ▶ Complete financial aid papers, if necessary
- ▶ Make travel arrangements
- ▶ Arrange for insurance coverage, if necessary
- ▶ Plan to make full payment on/before the due date
- ▶ Change \$100 into Spanish euros (this can be done at an ATM or currency exchange at the airport in Europe)

Things to bring to Spain

- Your passport- don't pack it in your luggage
- Important medications – in your carry-on luggage
- Credit and debit cards in your name
- Phone card
- Insurance card and copy of the policy
- International Student ID card – optional but useful
- Basic toiletries-can replenish in Spain

Things you should NOT bring to Spain

- Large trunks
- Bicycles
- Surf boards
- Expensive jewelry (don't mail these either)
- Illegal drugs

XIII. YOUR SEVILLE GUIDE

A. DEPORTES

GIMNASIOS

Hay muchos gimnasios de barrio pero los más económicos son:

Deportivo Hispano Aviación. Calle Ignacio Gómez Millán, S/n. Tel. 954 33 86 08 (Triana)

Centro Deportivo Galisport El Porvenir. Avda. Bueno Monreal, s/n. Tel. 954 29 65 55

TENIS/FÚTBOL

Complejo Deportivo Municipal Hytasa. Avda. Héroes de Toledo, S/n. (Barrio Cerro del Águila. Tel.954 92 59 94.

PIRAGÜSIMO

Centro de Alto Rendimiento (en el Río Guadalquivir).

PISCINAS

Piscina Trastamara. C/Trastamara.(paralela a Marqués de Paradas). Piscina cubierta. Unos 60 euros /mes.

Piscina Pública de Camas. 955 98 03 03

Piscina Pública de Coria del Río. C/ Ruidera, s/n. 954 77 03 94/ 954 77 0066

Parque acuático Aquópolis Sevilla. Avda.del Deporte s/n – www.aquopolis.es

B. TEATROS (ver la programación en el tablón de anuncios de secretaría)

Teatro Central.-Isla de la Cartuja. Tel. 954 46 07 80

Sala Imperdible-. Plaza de San Antonio de Padua, 9-local 3.Tel.954 38 8219

Lope de Vega. -Avda de María Luisa, s/n . Tel. 954 59 08 53

Teatro de la Maestranza.- Paseo Colón, 22-23. Tel. 954 22 33 44

Teatro Municipal Alameda.- C/ Crédito, 11 41002-Sevilla Tel.: 95 4900164 / 95 4900165 (Sala dirigida al público infantil y juvenil. Posee un sistema de gradas telescópicas, con un aforo de 416 localidades.)

Teatro Imperial.- Sierpes, 25. 41004-Sevilla Tel.: 95 4226878 (Aforo: 889 localidades.) *Sala Cero Teatro* -Miguel Cid, 67. 41002-Sevilla Tel.: 95 4902736 (Medidas y aforo reducido. 70 localidades. Ambiente cercano entre el espectador y el artista. Cuenta con un servicio de ambigú situado en la sala multifuncional, independiente de la sala principal. Acoge distintas propuestas: exposiciones, lecturas, miniespectáculos... También cuenta con una "Sesión Cómica " viernes y sábados a las 23:00 h.)

Sala la Imperdible -Plaza de San Antonio de Padua, 9 . 41002-Sevilla Tel.: 95 438 82 19

Aforo de 180 localidades. Dotada humana y técnicamente para recibir compañías nacionales e internacionales. Programación: teatro, danza y música. Abierta de octubre a mayo.

Sala la Fundición. - Habana, 18. Casa de la Moneda 41001-Sevilla Tel.: 95 422 58 44

La sala La Fundición es la sede social de la Asociación de Amigos del Teatro y las Artes Escénicas de Sevilla, tiene como objetivos principales organizar colectivos estables de creación escénica y promover la cultura en nuestra ciudad. Su aforo es de 150 localidades y está situada en la antigua fundición real.

Sala Talía - Sol, 5 Tel.: 95 4225165

Esta sala está dentro de la categoría de Salas Alternativas, de pequeño formato y muy funcional. Tiene aforo de 170 localidades. Inaugurada en el mes de noviembre de 1999, cuenta con las infraestructuras técnicas mínimas que se necesitan para la puesta en escena de obras de teatro con montajes de pequeño y mediano formato

C. CENTRO COMERCIALES

El Corte Inglés. Plaza del Duque (Dos edificios. Uno de música, libros y tecnología y el otro de todo lo demás con supermercado)

EL Corte Inglés. Plaza de La Magdalena.(Dos edificios: uno de muebles y el otro de cosas del hogar y ordenadores)

El Corte Inglés. Nervión. Hay de todo.

Centro Comercial Nervión Plaza. Avda. Luis de Morales, s/n. (Salas de Cine)

Centro Comercial Los Arcos. Avda de Andalucía, s/n. (Salas de Cine)

Centro Comercial Plaza de Armas. Calle Torneo. (Salas de Cine)

Centro Comercial El Mirador. Avda. Kansas City. (Salas de Cine)

D. FLAMENCO, BAILANDO, MÚSICA Y PUBS

ESPECTÁCULOS DE FLAMENCO

Casa de la Memoria de Al-Ándalus. C/Ximenes del Enciso, 28. Tel. 95 456 06 70

El Tamboril. Pl. Sta Cruz s/n. Tel. 954.561.590

Arenal. c/ Rodo, 7 (Entre La Maestranza y el Teatro) Tel. 954.216.492

Adriano. Calle Adriano, 5. Tel. 954 21 68 45

El Patio Sevillano Paseo de Cristóbal Colón, 11 (Junto al la Maestranza) 95 421 41 20

Los Gallos. Plaza de Santa Cruz, 11. Tel. 954 21 69 81

Puerta de Triana c/ Castilla, 137 (Barrio de Triana) 954 342 204

El Palacio del Embrujo. Avda M^a Auxiliadora, 18B. Te. 954 53 47 20

Soniquete. Calle Benito Más y Prat, 5. Tel 954 58 12 20

SEVILLANAS

Candela, c/ Salado, 11, TF. 954 271 936

La Caseta, c/ Febo esquina Salado

Corazón de Triana, Pureza, 118

Puerta de Triana, Castilla, 137

La Raya Real, c/Salado, 2

Las Tres Farolas, c/Salado, 8

Canela Pura. C/ Salado, 9

Casa Anselma. Calle Pagés del Corro, 49

El Corral de la Pacheca. Calle Fernando Tirado, 8. Tel. 954 58 24 32

Lo nuestro. Calle Betis, 31. Tel. 954 72 60 10

La Raya Real. Calle Salado, 2. Tel. 954 28 19 05

Señorío. Calle Salado, 11.

Las Tres Farolas. Calle Salado, 8

JAZZ

Blue Moon. Avda. Jun Antonio Cavestany, s/n

Naima Café Jazz. Calle Trajano, 47. Tel. 954 38 24 85

El Sol Jazz Club. Calle Sol, 40

DISCOTECAS

Aduana. Avda. de la Raza, s/n.

Catedral. Cuesta del Rosario, 12

Boss. Calle Betis, 67^a (un día a la semana está dedicado al Hip-Hop, normalmente los jueves)

No&Do. C/ Federico Sánchez Bedoya, 20

Sevilla Salsa. C/Castilla, 137

Skipper. C/Monte Carmelo, 14

Quórum. C/ Juan Sebastián Elcano, 12

Boulevard-Bar. Avda. Ramón y Cajal, Edificio Viapol.

Sala Marbella Sunflowers. C/ José Recuerda Rubio.(Viapol)

Apandau. Avda. de María Luisa (junto a teatro Lope de Vega)

PUBS

Antigüedades. Calle Argote de Molina, 40

Tetería árabe Inshallá, c/ Peris Mencheta 24 (Alameda de Hércules)

Boulevard café, en Alameda de Hércules.

Cuesta. Cuesta del Rosario, 8

Chile. Paseo de las Delicias, s/n (Junto Pabellón de Uruguay).

Louisiana. Calle Blanco White, s/n

Máxima Culpa. Calle Julio César, 12

The Trinity Irish Pub. Plaza Nueva, 7

Madigan´s Irish Pub. Plaza de Cuba.

Flaherty. Calle Alemanes.

MÚSICA EN DIRECTO

La Carbonería. Calle Levías, 18

*Suele haber conciertos en diferentes bares cada semana, pero es mejor consultar la revista *El Giraldillo* que es una revista mensual que puede encontrarse gratuitamente en Oficinas de Información, bares y cafeterías, cines... Su página web es www.elgiraldillo.es _En esta revista podréis encontrar toda la información sobre eventos culturales en Andalucía.

E. RESTAURANTES CON COMIDA TÍPICA ANDALUZA

BECERRITA	Recaredo, 9
BODEGÓN TORRE DEL ORO	Santander, 15
CASA CUESTA-CASA RUIZ	Castilla, 3-5
CASA MANOLO	San Jorge, 16
CASA ROBLES	Álvarez Quintero, 58
COLONIALES	Plaza Cristo de Burgos, 19
DOÑA ELVIRA	Plaza de Doña Elvira, 6
ENELDO	Pérez Galdós, 20
ENRIQUE BECERRA	Gamazo, 2
HOSTERÍA DEL LAUREL	Plaza de los Venerables, 5
LOS CUEVAS	Virgen de las Huertas
MESÓN DON RAIMUNDO	Argote de Molina, 26
REAL VENTA DE ANTEQUERA	Avda. de Jerez, 2

F. OFICINA DE TURISMO DE SEVILLA

HORARIOS DE MONUMENTOS DE SEVILLA

CATEDRAL Lunes a Sábado 11:00-17:00 Domingo 14:00-18:00 (Giralda y Catedral). Gratis Precio normal: 4.20€ Estudiantes, jubilados y sevillanos 1.20€ Tlf: 954214971.

REALES ALCAZARES Martes a Sábado 9:30-20:00 Domingo 9:30-18:00. Lunes cerrado, Sevillanos, menores de 12 años, jubilados y estudiantes gratis. Precio normal ~ 4.20€ Tlf: 954502323

CASA PILATOS Todos los días 9:00-19:00. Precio-6.00. Tlf: 954225298.

ARCHIVO DE INDIAS Lunes a Viernes. 10:00-13:00. Investigación: 8:00-15:00. Sábados y Domingo cerrado. Gratis .Tlf: 954211234.

TORRE DEL ORO. Martes a Viernes 10:00-14:00. Sábados y Domingos 11:00-14-00 Lunes cerrado. Cerrado Agosto.. Precio: 0.60€. Tlf: 954222419.

PLAZA DE TOROS Lunes. a Domingo 9:30-14:00 / 15:00-18:00. Precio:2.40€ Dias de corrida- 10:00-15:00 Tlf: 954224577.

MUSEO DE BELLAS ARTES Miércoles a Sábado 9:00-20:00 Domingo 09:00-15:00 Martes 15:00-20:00 Lunes y festivos cerrado. Precio~1.50€ Gratuito U. E. Free E.U. Tlf: 954220790,

MUSEO ARQUEOLÓGICO Miércoles a Sábado 9:00-20:00- Domingos y festivos 9:00 a 14:30 Martes: 15:00-20:00 Lunes cerrado. Precio-1.50€Gratis U.E. Free E.U. Tlf: 954232401

MUSEO COSTUMBRES POPULARES Miercoles a Sábado 9:00-20:00.Domingos y festivos 9:00-14:30 Martes 15:00-20:00 Lunes cerrado Precio-1.50€ Gratis U.E Free F_U_ - -If: 954232576

BASÍLICA MACARENA Lunes a Domingo 9:00-13:00 / 17:00-21:00 (BASÍLICA) Gratis 9:30-3-.00 y 17:00-20:00 (MUSEO) precio 2.40 € Tlf: 954370195.

IGLESIA STMO. CRISTO DE LA EXPIRACION (EI CACHORRO) Sala de exposiciones Martes a Sábado, 10:30-13:30 / 18:00-21:30 Domingo, 10:00 -13:30 h. Tlf: 954333341

HOSPITAL VENERABLES Lunes, a Domingo 10:00-14:00 / 16:00-20:00. Precio:3.60€ Tlf:954562696

IGLESIA DE EL SALVADOR Lunes a Domingo 18:30-21:00.

AYUNTAMIENTO Martes, Miércoles, Jueves 17:30 / 19:30 Sábado 11:00-13:00 Tlf: 954590101.

HOSPITAL DE LA CARIDAD Lunes a Sábado 9:00-13:30 / 15:30-18:30. Domingos y Festivos- 9:00/13:00- Precio-2.40.€Tlf: 954223232.

CONVENTO DE SANTA PAULA Martes a Domingo 10:30-12:30 16:30-18:30 Lunes cerrado Tlf: 954536330.

CENTRO ANDALUZ DE ARTE CONTEMPORANEO (CARTUJA) Martes a Sábado 10:00-20:00

Domingos y festivos 10:00-15:00. Lunes cerrado. Precio 1.80 Martes gratis U.E. Tlf: 955037096. Las visitas de las 11:00-12:00-17:00 y 18-00 son guiadas.

PALACIO DE LA CONDESA DE LEBRIJA Lunes a Viernes 11:00-13:00 / 17:00-20:00. Sábado 10:00-13:00 Precio:3.00€ Tlf: 954218183.

GRAN PODER (SAN LORENZO) Lunes a Domingo 7:30-22:00 Tlf: 954384558.

IGLESIA DE SAN LUIS Miércoles y Jueves 9:00 - 14:00 Viernes y Sábado 9:00-14:00 17:00-20:00 Tlf: 954550207.

MUSEO MILITAR Martes a Sábado 10:00 - 14:00 Lunes y Festivos cerrado Gratis Tlf: 954239909.

MUSEO DE CARRUAJES Lunes a Domingo 10:00 - 14:00 Precio 3.60€ Mayores de 65 años y estudiantes 1.50 € Tlf: 954272604

G. COSAS PARA VER EN SEVILLA PROVINCIA

CONJUNTO ARQUEOLÓGICO DE CARMONA Martes a Sábados 10:00-17:00 Domingos 10:00-14:00 Lunes y Festivos cerrados Precio 1.50€ Gratis U.E, Tlf: 954140811.

ALCAZAR DE LA PUERTA DIE SEVILLA (CARMONA) Lunes a Sábados 10:00-18:00 Domingos 10:00-15:00. Tlf: 954190955.

OSUNA MUSEO DE ARTE SACRO, COLEGIATA (PANTEON DUCAL), CONVENTO DE LA ENCARNACIÓN Martes a Domingo 10:00 / 13:30 / 15:30-18:30.

MUSEO ARQUEOLÓGICO Martes a Domingo 11:30-13:30 / 16:00-18:00 Tlf: 954812211.

ITALICA (SANTIPONCE) Martes a Sábado 9:00- 20:00 Domingo 10:00-15:00 Lunes cerrado

LUNES FESTIVOS ABIERTO Precio-1.50€Gratis U.E. Tlf: 955997376.

ARBORETO: Coca de la Piñera. Invierno: (del 1 de Octubre a[31 de marzo) de 10:00-14:00 / 16:00-19:00 (del I de Abril al 30 de Septiembre) de 10:00-14:00 / 17:30-20:30. Precios 1.80 €niños, estudiantes y 3ª edad 0.90 €Autobús: Líneas a Castilleja de la Cuesta con parada en Coca de la Piñera desde la Estación de Autobuses plaza de Armas. Lunes cerrado

Estos horarios pueden cambiar sin previo aviso.

H. TIENES QUE VER

La catedral

Los Reales Alcázares.

Pasear por el Barrio Santa Cruz y los Jardines de Murillo.

El parque María Luisa.

La Antigua Fábrica de Tabaco (actual Universidad de Sevilla).

Perderte por las calles de Sevilla: son como un laberinto lleno de sorpresas arquitectónicas.

I. ¿DÓNDE ESTÁ SEVILLA?

Sevilla está situada al SO de la Península Ibérica, en el centro de la Comunidad Autónoma de Andalucía.

Sevilla, capital de Andalucía, es la cuarta ciudad de España en cuanto al número de habitantes. Ésta cuenta con 704.114 personas en el área metropolitana. La población total en la capital y los 105 pueblos de la provincia es de 1.758.720 habitantes .

Sevilla tiene clima mediterráneo, con una temperatura media anual de 26° C en verano y 12° C en invierno, con suaves brisas que soplan durante toda la primavera y el verano. Los inviernos son suaves y los otoños poco lluviosos. Sus casi 3.000 horas de sol durante todo el año, hacen que el clima de Sevilla pueda ser considerado casi perfecto en todas las épocas del año.

El Guadalquivir dispone de un puerto de primera categoría, siendo el único interior de España. Mantiene un intenso tráfico, tanto de cruceros turísticos como de líneas regulares de mercancías.

J. HISTORIA

En el s.V el **Imperio Romano** entra en crisis y los pueblos bárbaros comienzan a invadir el país. Para impedir la entrada de los mismos llegan los **visigodos**, aliados de los romanos, que convierten a Sevilla en residencia real. Ésta es una época de esplendor económico en la que **comerciantes sirios, judíos y griegos** comienzan a frecuentar la ciudad para sus trámites mercantiles.

Esta situación se mantiene hasta el año 711, cuando los **musulmanes** invaden casi toda la Península, a la que llaman **Al-Andalus**, y conquistan Sevilla, la ciudad más grande e importante. Le dan el nombre de **Isbilía** y la convierten en la primera capital islámica del país, sede del gobierno general de Al-Andalus y puerto y base militar para las expediciones.

Pero tan sólo diez años más tarde los **cristianos** asentados en el norte comienzan a avanzar, iniciándose la etapa de la Reconquista. Empieza, de este modo, un proceso de mestizaje que convertirá a la ciudad en un mosaico social, cultural y religioso, fruto de la convivencia de musulmanes, judíos y cristianos. Desde este

momento, se suceden períodos de guerra y paz, mientras que Sevilla se va engrandeciendo con importantes obras como la Mezquita Mayor o la Giralda.

El puerto, donde confluyen mercancías, del Atlántico y del Mediterráneo, permitirá que Castilla se integre en la corriente comercial del Europa y, dos siglos después, impulsará a Colón al descubrimiento de América.

A partir de entonces Sevilla, se convierte en la capital financiera y comercial de dos mundos: **Europa y América**. De los muelles sevillanos parten galeones con conquistadores y colonizadores que regresan a la ciudad cargados de mercancías, plata, oro y piedras preciosas. En torno al río comienza a funcionar todo un mundo de banqueros, comerciantes extranjeros, artesanos y mano de obra barata que van a hacer que la ciudad crezca vertiginosamente.

El s. XX trae consigo un magnífico período cultural, teniendo como máximas representaciones la generación del 27 en literatura y la **Exposición Iberoamericana de 1929**, que consigue embellecer y reestructurar urbanísticamente la ciudad. Pero la mala gestión, los nuevos brotes revolucionarios y el desencadenamiento de la **Guerra Civil** afectarán gravemente a su patrimonio artístico.

En la segunda mitad del siglo, la instalación de **bases americanas** en nuestro país, la admisión de España en la **ONU** y el plan económico de estabilización abren la economía al exterior y ésta empieza a crecer aceleradamente, provocando una profunda transformación de la sociedad española. Sevilla se convierte en **destino turístico** esencial y se va modernizando poco a poco.

En 1992 tuvo lugar en Sevilla la Exposición Universal, coincidiendo con el 500 aniversario de la llegada de Colón a América.

FLAMENCO

El **FLAMENCO**, también conocido como "cante jondo" constituye la expresión más pura del folclore andaluz. Sus orígenes, aún discutidos, se relacionan con la llegada de los gitanos en el siglo XV a las campiñas de Cádiz y Sevilla. Se cree que procedieron de una región del norte de la India, llamada Sid, que en la actualidad pertenece a Pakistán, de la que huyeron por una serie de conflictos bélicos o invasiones de conquistadores extranjeros.

A mediados de siglo XIX se populariza a través de los cafés cantantes. El primero de ellos se abre en Sevilla hacia el año 1885, extendiéndose posteriormente por

Andalucía y Madrid. Hasta entonces el flamenco no había salido de reuniones familiares o fiestas particulares.

Míticamente este arte se ha relacionado con la raza gitana. Sin embargo el flamenco constituye un fenómeno complejo, con múltiples variantes y difícil de circunscribir a un grupo social o étnico determinado.

El interés actual por todo lo autóctono ha hecho que el auge flamenco sea hoy extraordinario. De ahí que esté naciendo un "nuevo flamenco", clásico y virtuoso por una parte y más abierto a otros géneros musicales por otra. Así mismo, a lo largo de cada año se celebran numerosos festivales relacionados con el tema, destacando por su importancia la famosa Bienal de Arte Flamenco, celebrada en la ciudad en los años pares y a la que suelen acudir las máximas figuras del cante y el baile. Este incomparable encuentro lleva funcionando ya veinte años y tiene como principal finalidad la interiorización de esta cultura en el tejido social sevillano y su posterior apertura en la totalidad del territorio andaluz.

COMERCIO Y ARTESANÍA

Otro de los aspectos que representan a nuestra ciudad es la larga tradición comercial que se ha ido desarrollando y manteniendo durante siglos.

Sevilla se caracteriza por su industria artesana, protagonizada, principalmente, por la cerámica y la alfarería. La producción de cerámica artística se localiza en el barrio de Triana y se inicia en la época árabe. Los ceramistas hispanomusulmanes aportaron el vidriado y su aplicación a la arquitectura en fachadas, solerías, zócalos y techos. Sorprendentemente, hoy en día muchos de estos ornamentos siguen siendo los protagonistas principales en muchas calles, edificios, patios e, incluso, bodeguitas o restaurantes de nuestra ciudad. Muy apreciadas son también las piezas semiartesanales de La Cartuja, firma fundada en 1839 por Carlos Pickman.

Además de la labor artesana que caracteriza a nuestra ciudad, Sevilla se ha convertido en un importante centro de moda en los últimos años, contando con modistas locales de la talla de **Victorio y Lucchino o Toni Benítez** - pertenecientes a la Asociación de Moda de Sevilla (ADEMOS)- y el Centro Andaluz de la Moda (CAM), a los que se han unido recientemente establecimientos de firmas de gran relieve como Adolfo Domínguez, Roberto Verino, Loewe y una infinidad de tiendas recogidas en los más modernos centros comerciales que pueblan la ciudad.

Junto a ellos se siguen manteniendo los tradicionales **mercadillos** ubicados al aire libre y en determinados días de la semana, en los que los visitantes pueden encontrar desde objetos usados o valiosas antigüedades hasta sellos, animales y artesanía en general, como por ejemplo:

***“El jueves”**: los jueves en la calle Feria, donde se venden antigüedades y objetos varios de segunda mano.

***En la Alfalfa**: los domingos en la plaza de la Alfalfa. Es un mercado de mascotas y todo lo relacionado con ellas.

* **Antiguo mercadillo de la Alameda**: situado actualmente en la isla de la cartuja, cerca del monasterio. En este mercadillo es posible encontrar prácticamente de todo.

FIESTAS POPULARES

El conjunto de una serie de factores externos, como es el clima o la ya comentada variedad cultural que ha caracterizado a la ciudad desde sus orígenes, también se ve reflejado hoy en día a través de sus fiestas, algunas de las cuales han llegado a ser conocidas y admiradas en el mundo entero. Desempeñan, en este caso, un papel prioritario la **Semana Santa** y la **Feria de Abril**.

CALENDARIO DE FIESTAS

Año	Semana Santa	Feria
2009	4- 12 Abril	26 Abril- 3 Mayo
2010	28 Marzo - 4 Abril	20-25 Abril

La Semana Santa, es, sin duda, la fiesta grande de Sevilla. Una celebración que alcanza en nuestra ciudad una intensidad, **tanto estética como espiritual**, única en su estilo. De este modo, entre el Domingo de Ramos y el de Resurrección salen a la calle cerca de sesenta cofradías que dan vida a **la pasión y muerte de Cristo**.

En definitiva, la Semana Santa sevillana **no es sólo una fiesta católica con más de cuatrocientos años de tradición, sino la síntesis de toda una cultura centrada en el placer de los sentidos y la esencia del ser humano**.

Dos semanas después se celebra en Sevilla la Feria de Abril. Sus orígenes son recientes: la inventaron dos concejales con espíritu mercantil como **feria agrícola y ganadera, a mediados del s. XIX**. Sin embargo, rápidamente fueron aumentando sus tres casetas iniciales, en detrimento de los animales, hasta llegar a convertirse en el más auténtico fenómeno social que vive nuestra ciudad en la

actualidad. Su origen rural, que aún conserva el uso del caballo y el gusto por el traje corto y el sombrero de ala ancha, se combinan con la influencia del desarrollo urbano, dando lugar a una armónica mescolanza. **El flamenco, los toros y el vino son algunos de sus elementos esenciales.** Especial mención merecen **los trajes de flamenca** que llevan las mujeres, derivados de la bata de faena que éstas últimas utilizaban en el s. XIX.

Otras de las numerosas celebraciones que comprenden el místico universo sevillano es el **Corpus Christi**, desfile procesional en el que quedan representados todos los estamentos sociales, eclesiásticos y civiles de la ciudad **conmemorando la institución de la Eucaristía.**

K. Protestant churches in Sevilla

- This is not an exhaustive list. If you desire to know of more, call Julie Ann at 618 965 175. Or look online at <http://www.idcsevilla.org/iglesias.htm>

- **Baptist**

Iglesia Bautista de Sevilla Este, c/ Casiodoro de Reina s/n (Sevilla Este)

Teléfono: 954-52-93-53 *Reuniones: domingo 11:00 mañana y 18:00 por la tarde*

Bus 27 de P. Encarnación

- **Brethren**

Iglesia Prosperidad, c/ Prosperidad N° 35B (Sevilla, Triana)

Teléfono: 955-60-01-27 *Reuniones: domingo 11:00 mañana*

www.iglesiaprospereidad.com

Iglesia Betania, c/ Castilla N° 63 (Sevilla, Triana)

Teléfono: 954-76-29-83 *Reuniones: domingo 11:00 mañana*

- **Church of Christ**

Iglesia de Cristo

c/ Mariano Benlliure, N°29 (Sevilla)

Teléfono: 954-72-33-97 *Reuniones: domingo 11:00 mañana*

- **Reformed Presbyterian**

Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada c/Huesca 13 (Cerro del Águila) (Sevilla)

Reuniones: domingo 11:00 a.m. y 18:00 por la tarde 954.64.05.77

Bus 24 o 27 de P. Encarnación o 23 del Prado

- **Pentecostal**

Iglesia Cristiana Pentecostal, c/ Navarra N° 18 (Sevilla)

Teléfono: 954-37-06-82 *Reuniones: domingo 11:00 mañana*

Bus 10 de P. Encarnación

- **Assembly of God**

Iglesia el Sembrador Calle Canal, 52 *Reuniones: domingo 11:00 mañana*

Bus 5 de Puerta Jerez

- **Reformed Episcopal**

Iglesia de la Ascensión, c/ Santa María del Robledo, Torre 6 (Sevilla)

Teléfono: 954-96-03-95 *Reuniones: domingo 11:00 mañana*

Bus 11 o 12 de P. Encarnación

- **Non-Denominational**

Iglesia de Horeb, C/Dr. Laffon Soto, S/N espalda complejo deportivo San Pablo

www.horebsevilla.org

Teléfono: 945-40-34-65 *Reuniones: domingo 11:00 mañana*

Bus 21 de P. Jerez o Bus 20 de P. Encarnación

Cuerpo de Cristo, Avd. de la Industria, #11 (Sevilla)

Tel. 954-999-480, www.iglesiacuerpodecristo.es

Reuniones: domingo 11:00 mañana

Bus 5 de Puerta Jerez (Enfrente del Centro Comercial Los Arcos)

Nueva Vida, c/Lepe, #16 (Sevilla)

Tel: 954-254-468 *Reuniones: domingo 11:00 mañana*

Bus 22 desde el Prado

Nueva Sión, C\ Estornino 1 Centro 12 Nave 2G (Sevilla, Los Pajaritos)

Teléfono: 954-44-51-02 o llama a Manolo Reyes 606 96 87 88

Reuniones: domingo 10:30, 12:30 mañana Bus 23 de P. Jerez

Manantial de la vida

C/ Antonio Susillo 36 (Barrio Alameda)

Reuniones domingo 11:00am

Bus C1, C2, C3, C4

Christian Bookstore:

CLC- Centro de literatura Cristiana

Cristo de la Sed N° 115

(Cerca del Gran Plaza)

Teléfono: 954-57-86-30