



Bienvenidos!

This first week has been filled with amazing opportunities to immerse ourselves into the Spanish culture as well as get to know a lot of Sevilla's astonishing history. From the start, I have been surprised by Spain. When coming here I expected so many things that are completely untrue. I expected to see less people and I thought the people in this town would be very closed off. From the first day, I saw how amazingly big this city is and how so many people are opened to speaking to you about anything. They are excited to share their Sevilla with you!



On the first day, we were greeted with a wonderful welcome party at a tapas restaurant/bar called "Los CienMontaditos." For me that was the first introduction to the concept, Tapas. Tapas are the great

invention of small portioned meals. In easy terms, a snack. The amazing thing about tapas is that you have the opportunity to try different foods without having them in full meals!

The second day was where we saw a more historic side of Sevilla. We passed by a lot of historic buildings like El Alcazar, but sadly did not go inside. We had to be patient and wait for Today! We also saw a newer building that had an amazing structure called Las Setas. The views that we were able to see from there were perfect! Many students explored the town and stores afterwards. It's crazy how this town looks so small but is actually an enormous maze. I would even say it's not a bummer to get lost. Every inch is so beautiful, especially at night. In the afternoon, we regrouped to see an amazing belly dancer while drinking incredibly delicious exotic tea.



By the third day we were all exhausted, but starving to see more of Sevilla. It was a very exciting day because we were going to try Spanish churros. It was definitely worth the hype. There's something about freshly made food that makes me fall in love! The best part of the week, in my opinion, was the flamenco show that we were so lucky to attend. We were even lucky enough to meet Cristina Hoyos, one of the most famous flamenco dancers all around the world. She showed us some of her moves and we were all in awe. The performers as well were amazing, many people that have been to flamenco shows say it was the best one they've seen. A M A Z I N G.



On the fourth and fifth day, we roamed around Sevilla exploring on our own. We took a close look at Parque Maria Luisa. The art in the building was astonishing. There was so much art, so much to look at. It is definitely a place to visit more than once. There is always so much going on in Sevilla, parades, boat rides, horse rides, etc. There is never a dull moment here in Sevilla. Whether you are hanging out with your family or going out with your friends, we will always be having fun and learning new things. The secret to having a great study abroad experience is to come with an open mind and pen mind, ready to accept and learn a new culture. I am the pickiest eater in the world. But here in Sevilla I have tried so many foods that I would have never tried anywhere else! For example, I ate snails for the first time ever last night and I loved it! So, enjoy every second of Sevilla because the clock does not stop and our lives do. Live in the moment and breath.