

The Porvenir Times

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Day trip to the city of Córdoba.

IN OUR DECEMBER ISSUE:

TRIPS & CULTURAL VISITS

LEARN ALL ABOUT THE DIFFERENT GUIDED TOURS OUR FALL STUDENTS HAVE TAKEN DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IN SEVILLE.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SEE PICTURES FROM OUR TORTILLA COOKING CLASSES & SEVILLANAS DANCE INSTRUCTION.

THANKSGIVING

SEE THE FESTIVITIES WE CELEBRATED.

UPCOMING NEWS

READ ABOUT WHAT'S NEW AND COMING AT THE ICS THIS MONTH.

STUDENT CORNER

"EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF MOROCCO" BY UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA STUDENT, KORYNN GRENER AND "IMAGES FROM MOROCCO", BY BROWARD COLLEGE STUDENT AND WINNER OF THE ICS MOROCCO ESSAY/ART CONTEST, ISABELLA HARDMAN.



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Thanksgiving at the ICS

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Exploring the wonders of Morocco!



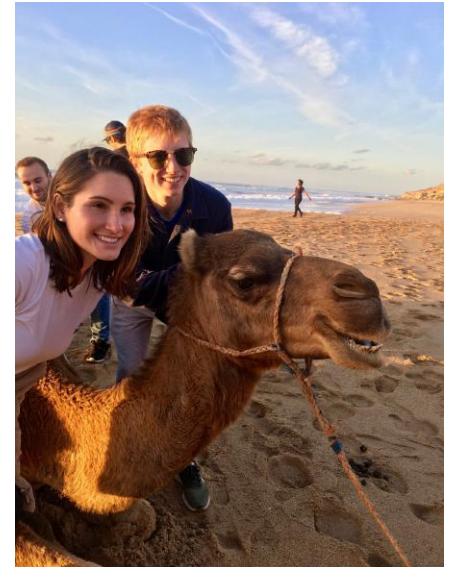
Tangiers at dusk.



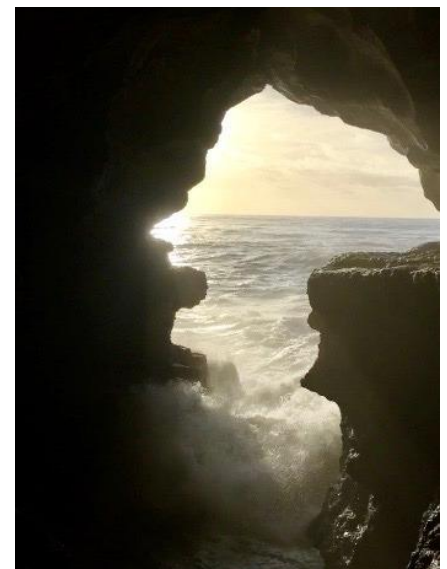
In the mountain town of Chefchaouen.

Just a bit after sunrise on Friday morning, ICS departed by bus for the Southern coast of Spain where we took a ferry across the Strait of Gibraltar. The ferry was so massive that it could have passed as a cruise ship, and as the giant engines moved the boat sideways from the dock my friends and I rushed outside to watch us speed away from land. Although the wind was whipping through my jacket, my friends and I stayed outside watching the beautiful Gibraltar Rock fade into the distance as the mountains of Morocco loomed ever larger. We landed in Ceuta, a tiny Spanish territory bordering Morocco, and then drove up beautiful winding mountains to Tangier, a Moroccan Port on the Strait of Gibraltar.

We first visited the Caves of Hercules, a giant cave complex where Hercules allegedly rested during his Twelve Labours. It was partly man-made by the Berbers who cut stone wheels from the walls, and the giant cave has an opening to the ocean in the shape of Africa, making for a fantastic view! After visiting the caves, we went down to the beach to ride one-humped camels on the sand! Though the ride was a bit bumpy, the camels moved surprisingly fast and it was tons of fun hooting and hollering with everyone. After petting the camels for a bit and taking photos with them, we traveled to the point where the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean meet, and we watched an incredible sunset from up above the water! That night we were treated to a special Moroccan meal by our hotel, and afterwards my friends and I walked along the beach and listened to the sounds of the seagulls. It was the perfect ending to an amazing day.



Making friends!



The Caves of Hercules.

Exploring the wonders of Morocco!

Part II



Swimming in the frigid waters of Tetouan.



Shopping in Chefchaouen.

The next day we took our bus to the mountain town of Chefchaouen, otherwise known as Morocco's Blue City because it is almost entirely painted blue! We were given a fantastic walking tour by our guide Larbi through the city and then we were given free time to roam the numerous small shops and streets in town. After shopping for a bit, Larbi walked us up to a mosque overlooking the entire city, and I was in awe of the beauty of the contrasting blue buildings with the green mountains. Just as the sun was setting, four of my friends and I swam in the freezing Mediterranean Sea right outside our hotel, and it was incredibly serene--even though I couldn't feel my limbs afterwards! We went to dinner that night at a restaurant in the nearby town of Tetouan, and halfway through dinner my friend Eli and I were very surprised that we were picked to get married in traditional Moroccan style! We dressed up in traditional wedding garments and were paraded with singing, dancing, instrument playing, and a performer doing tricks with a flame. It was a night to remember!!



In the mountain town of Chefchaouen.

The next morning I woke up early to watch a gorgeous sunrise on the water, and the outlines of dozens of birds flying over fishing boats filled the orange and pink sky. We drove to the historic center of Tetouan and after touring the monuments, we were able to shop in a traditional Berber pharmacy, an amazing leather market and then to walk around the Medina before heading to the ferry that would take us back home. Going to Morocco was truly an unforgettable life experience!

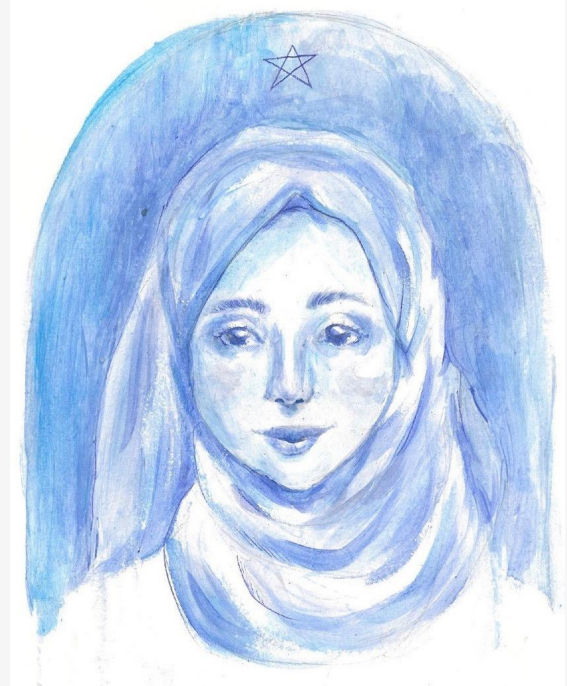


Our traditional Moroccan wedding party.

Winner of the ICS Writing/Art Contest on Morocco.

Invisible Woman

Inspired by the gorgeous blue hues and arches of the city of Chefchaouen, this painting represents the lack of presence of the woman in Moroccan society as well as her existence in every aspect of daily life. Quiet and hidden, she is alive in the walls, in the fabric, and under the flag that both oppresses her and gives her hope.



Pride

Present as a regal and ferocious pair in Morocco's coat of arms, the Barbary lion is the national animal of Morocco and an embodiment of its people. These magnificent creatures once lived in the Atlas Mountains of Northern Africa and unfortunately, have since been hunted into extinction, but they remain as a symbol of courage and dignity. The one depicted lays alert but at ease amongst the six prominent colors in Moroccan culture. Each is extended outwards in radiating patterns beginning with blue, representative of the absolute and infinitive, and ending in white, a color associated with wisdom, honor, dignity, purity, and creative thinking.



VISITING A CITY RICH IN HISTORY

Guided tours by Professors John Boyle & Duda Popovich.



Click on pictures to see Facebook albums.

THE FINE ARTS MUSEUM

Considered the most important art museum of Spain after El Prado, this beautiful 16th Century former convent houses Spanish visual arts from the medieval period to the early 20th Century, including a choice selection of works by artists from the so-called Golden Age of Sevillian painting during the 17th Century.

THE CASTLE OF SAINT GEORGE

The Castle of St. George was a medieval fortress used for centuries as headquarters of Seville's Inquisition Tribunal. At present, it stands alongside the Triana market and houses a museum which honors victims of repression throughout the world

VISITING CÓRDOBA AND MOROCCO

Exploring the original vestiges of Al-Andalus in the charming city of Córdoba and then traveling to Africa to see highlights of Contemporary Morocco.



MOROCCO

Three days and two nights touring the towns of Tangiers, Tetuan and Chefchaouen. We experienced an authentic Moroccan Fantasy dinner and rode along the coast of Cape Spartel on camels.

CÓRDOBA

A day spent visiting the Ancient Muslim Mosque, the medieval Jewish quarters, and the summer palace of the Catholic Sovereigns in one of the most charming towns of Spain.

Spanish Cooking

"La Tortilla Española"



Having learned how to make one of Spain's most loved dish of "La Paella", this month our students took on another popular classic: "Tortilla Española", or the Spanish Potato Omelette. They learned the art of making a tender and fluffy potato omelette and then they mastered the trickiest part of all: How to flip it!



Sevillanas Dance

Flamenco



In November our second group of students learned how to dance "Sevillanas" as the first did in October. "Sevillanas" is a style of Flamenco that is the most typical dance of Seville and the best known folk dance from Spain. In our Goodbye party we will have Flamenco dresses and accessories for our students to try on so they can dance like authentic "Sevillanas"!

UPCOMING AT THE ICS

Goodbye - Christmas Party.

The semester has ended all too soon at the ICS. We will make sure to end it with lots of laughter and pleasant memories.



And we will have:

SECRET SANTA

Students and staff have participated in the ICS Secret Santa in which everyone will receive a gift.

ICS "MY SEVILLE" PHOTO CONTEST

Students can submit one to three photographs taken during their semester in Seville. Photos will be displayed and voted on by all at the Goodbye Party. The winner will receive a prize to take back home.



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