

# The Porvenir Times

International College of Seville Newsletter, October 2019



*Night Tour of Seville's "Curiosities and Legends".*

## IN OUR OCTOBER ISSUE:

### WELCOME WEEK

Learn all about the first week of activities organized for our students.

### TRIPS & CULTURAL VISITS

See the different guided tours our Fall students have taken during their first month in Seville.

### CHANGES & CELEBRATIONS AT ICS

We welcome Ms. Catherine Kolar as our newest member of the ICS Student Affairs staff and celebrate Ms. Gina de los Santos' 25th anniversary working as ICS Housing Director.

### UPCOMING NEWS

Read about the two new academic programs offered at the ICS as of this Fall semester: Courses in English at the U of Seville branch campus of EUSA, and a two week Term in January. Listen to the live CCIS Webinar on it! (Info on Page 8).

## STUDENT CORNER

"First Impressions of My Study Abroad Experience" by Mount Saint Vincent University student, Mia Peters.



To view all of our student blogs visit: [ics-seville.org/blogs](https://ics-seville.org/blogs)



# Fall Semester Welcome Week

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# *First Impressions of My Study Abroad Experience.*



ICS Fall students have been presented with the unique opportunity to study, travel, and participate in a multitude of exciting activities all while immersing ourselves in the beauty of Seville's art, food, language, and culture. While I was nervous about leaving my hometown and shed many tears in the days leading up to my trip to Spain, the amazing people and places I have had the pleasure of coming across in my travels have made me feel right at home nearly 4,000 miles away.

My first night in Seville was spent with my roommate and our lovely host family. We enjoyed tapas at a small restaurant located next to our homestay. After that we had a week filled of tours, activities, and foods that have cultivated a profuse love for my new home. We began the week touring our new neighborhood of "El Porvenir" that ended with a tapas reception dinner with ICS professors and staff at "Los 100 Montaditos." The overwhelming joy I felt while enjoying tapas, french fries, and drinks in the company of my new professors, advisors, and peers dissipated any fear I had of being an ocean away from my loved ones for the next three months.

We shared a "Desayuno Andaluz" of bread and toppings with coffee or different teas at a trendy café; enjoyed exotic teas and enticing Arabic dance at the "Tetería Bagdad", and strolled through the historic shopping district of Seville for churros at "Las Setas" and the most electric and awe-inspiring Flamenco show at the "Museo del Baile Flamenco" later that night.

On Sunday, ICS students took a trip to southern Portugal. The beach trip, filled with games, fun, and breathtaking views, was overwhelmingly beautiful and wonderfully refreshing. I remember thinking to myself fairly often throughout the day about how lucky I am to be surrounded by so much beauty and so many amazing people. I was, and still am, in disbelief of the opportunities I have been given to experience not just the majesty and magic of Europe but of the amazing professors, staff, and students at ICS, as well.

Welcome Week ended with a night tour downtown and a luxury cruise down the river. I have fallen so deeply in love with everything this beautiful city has to offer, and I am so excited to make more amazing memories this semester that I will cherish for a lifetime.

# Celebrations and new additions.

This month of September has made 25 years that ICS Housing Director, Ms. Gina de los Santos, has been a member of the ICS staff and support group. We couldn't be more pleased and honored to work along side her in the promotion of international education and supporting U.S. students abroad! We celebrated the anniversary with the whole ICS staff.



Anniversary lunch party at the restaurant Ignacio Vidal.



Sandra Soto, Gina de los Santos & Lisa Dolan.

To see the complete album of Gina's anniversary lunch party, click on the photos.

Ms. Catherine Kolar has broad academic experience in international settings and with working with students of diverse backgrounds. After living in Finland and Spain as a study-abroad student, she earned B.A's in Global, Cultural and Language Studies, and Spanish at the College of St. Scholastica. Upon completion of her degree she moved to Seville where she has taught English as a Second Language with Cambridge University Certification for several years before taking on the position of Assistant Director of Student Affairs. We are certain that she will be a most valuable member of the ICS.



Ms. Catherine Kolar.



# VISITING A CITY RICH IN HISTORY

*Guided tours by Professors Rocío Rojas-Marcos and John Boyle*



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## THE MARÍA LUISA PARK

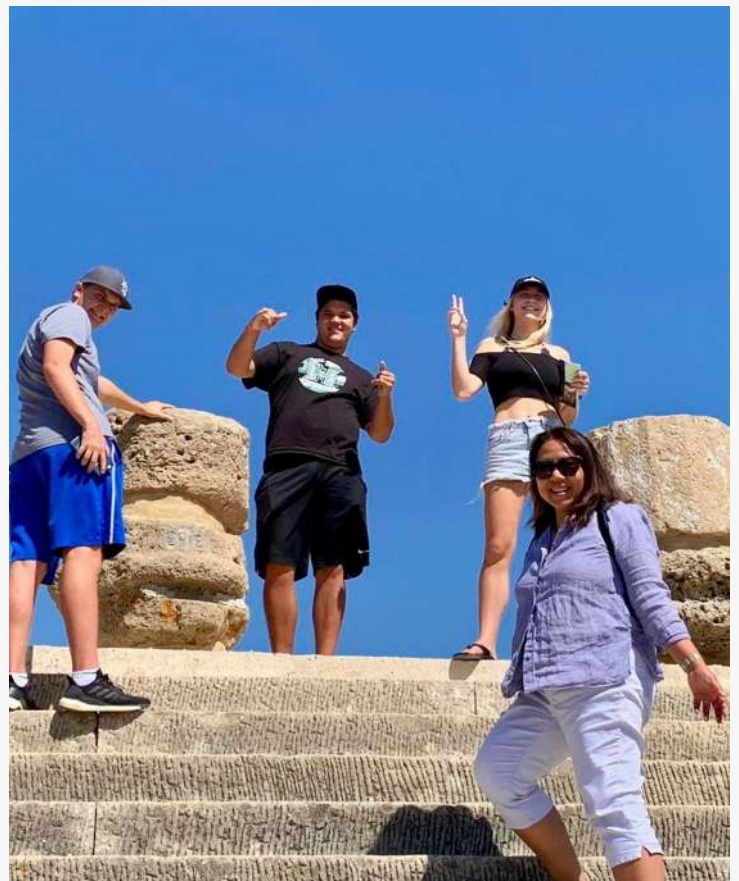
In 1893 María Luisa, the Duchess of Montpensier, donated part of her private gardens to the city of Seville for use as a public park. With the Ibero-American World Fair of 1929 and the construction of the Plaza de España and Plaza de América the park became one of Seville's most important tourist references.

## THE ALCÁZAR PALACE

The Alcázar was built by Castilian Christians on the site of a Muslim residential fortress. It is a preeminent example of Mudéjar architecture in the Iberian Peninsula, and is universally renowned as one of the most beautiful. It is also the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe.

# VISITING JEREZ & BOLONIA

*Learning of the present-day industry of Spanish wine and the ancient Roman salting industry while exploring the province of Cádiz.*



## JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA

We visited the Sandeman wine cellars where we learned about the history and industry of Sherry wine production and distribution in Spain and throughout the world.

## BAELO CLAUDIA / BOLONIA

After visiting the Archeological Museum and ancient Roman town, we spent the rest of the day enjoying one of the most beautiful beaches in Andalucía.



# New at the ICS: International Student ID cards



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# ICS

## *New* EUSA Program!

ICS students may now enroll in courses taught in English at EUSA University in Seville. At this branch campus of the University of Seville, EUSA offers a wide range of courses in the fields of Communications, Journalism, Advertising, Marketing, Management, Tourism & Public Relations. Located only five minutes from the ICS our students will take class alongside both Spanish and international students.

Students enrolled in the EUSA program follow the same timeline and participate in the same activities as those enrolled in classes at the ICS and/or University of Seville.

### COURSES:



Communications, Sociology  
Media Studies, Public Relations  
Journalism, Creative Writing, Advertising  
Tourism Management, Marketing & Business  
Audiovisual Technology, Photography,  
Film-Making



# UPCOMING AT THE ICS

## Cultural Visits.

During this month we will have the guided visits to the ancient Roman town of Itálica, and to the city's Gothic Cathedral.



## Overnight Trip to Granada.

We will spend two days and one night visiting the enchanting city of the Alhambra Palace, the Albaycín, and the Royal Chapel where we will see the tombs of the Catholic Monarchs!



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