

# The Porvenir Times

International College of Seville Newsletter

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## THIS MONTH:

### VISITS & TRIPS

Learn all about the Alcázar visit and three-day trip to North Africa that our students took this month.

### ACTIVITIES

See photos from our cooking classes in which our students learned to make *Paella Mixta*, as well as from our fun day of Halloween celebration.

### UPCOMING NEWS

Discover the visits, trips and activities yet to come!

### STUDENT CORNER

Don't miss this month's blogs, by Bergen Community College student, Katrina Slavinsky and University of Hawaii at Manoa student, Gabriela Cervantes.

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



# OUR SECOND CULTURAL VISIT VISITING A CITY RICH IN HISTORY

GUIDED TOUR BY  
PROFESSOR  
DUDA POPOVIC



## ALCÁZAR PALACE

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

[Click on photos to see full picture album](#)

# OUR MOST AWAITED TRIP TO NORTH AFRICA

## Three days in Morocco

We spent three  
incredible days touring  
the towns of Tangier,  
Tetouan and the "Blue  
Pearl of Morocco" in the  
city of Chefchaouen.

**A Trip to Remember!**



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# SPANISH COOKING CLASS



*Menu*  
Our two sessions of Mixed Paella were as instructive as they were fun! Next month, we will make the classic Spanish Omelette with Fruity Sangria.



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# The Places Ep. 13 You Can Go



## Echoes of Heritage: Navigating Hispanic and Latino Identity in Seville

with Host Evan Kindle

### Featuring



**Karla Pardo Garcia**  
Florida Atlantic  
University



**Rodrigo Filio**  
Broward College

In this episode of The Places You Can Go, host Evan Kindle sits down with two inspiring ICS students, Karla Pardo Garcia and Rodrigo Filio. Together, they explore what it means to experience Spain as study abroad students of Hispanic and Latino heritage who already have a shared linguistic and cultural bond with the country, yet find themselves navigating a landscape full of fresh perspectives and surprising contrasts.



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# HALLOWEEN AT THE ICS



What a fun celebration we had! We celebrated the festivity with a Halloween Trivia - Pin the Tail on the Skeleton party, complete with prizes for the winners!



# SEVILLE V.S. MADRID?



**Why you should choose Seville (ICS) for your study abroad experience!**

## VISITING MADRID

Even though it's better to study in Seville, its still good to take a weekend to explore Madrid



### SUPER EASY!

Spain has many speed trains to many major cities and traveling to them is a breeze! Just a 2 and half hour ride from Seville on a comfortable train will land you in center of Madrid



### LOTS TO EXPLORE!

I recently traveled to Madrid to visit my cousin who is also studying there. He showed me around Plaza Major, El Retiro Park, Royal Palace of Madrid and so much more. It is a beautiful city to do some exploring / lots of shopping in!

## PROS OF STUDYING IN SEVILLE

- Everything is WALKABLE!--in Madrid for example, you NEED to take metro everywhere, but in Seville you can walk practically everywhere in under a hour
- Way cheaper!-- going out to a simple tapas and a drink in Seville would cost MAX 15 euros, in Madrid I paid 30
- Less dense-- in Madrid it felt very claustrophobic and touristy, in Seville you get a true 'Spanish' vibe with way less tourists and more locals
- FLAMENCO/CULTURE!-- the Spanish culture in Seville is much more prominent and you have many opportunities to indulge yourself within it

## ICS Seville

Not only is being in Seville great, but being part of ICS is even better! Not only do they take us on amazing excursions/ tours that let us deeply explore Seville, but we also get to be part of so many cultural events which really makes you immerse yourself into the Spaniard culture.



Plaza Major



El Retiro Park

# ONE MONTH IN SEVILLE

## ADVENTURES AND ADJUSTMENTS

It's hard to believe that a month has already flown by here in Seville! We've settled into the rhythm of Spanish life, fully adjusted to the different paces, and we even look forward to our siestas! This past month has been packed with new adventures and incredible travel opportunities, each one leaving us with unforgettable memories.



The highlight of the month was definitely our trip to Morocco, something I'd been eagerly anticipating. The experience lived up to the hype! We rode camels during sunset at a beautiful beach, which felt surreal. We had a traditional local dinner, where two of my friends (Lola and Brendan) staged a fun, pretend wedding ceremony (definitely one for the memory books). Exploring the bustling local markets was another unforgettable part of the trip; seeing Moroccan culture's colors, smells, and vibrancy was amazing. As my friend Jack said, "The shops were a haggler's dream and the culture was EXTREMELY lively."

Our weekends have been a mix of local discovery and international travel, with a few free weekends that many students used to explore Europe. Some ventured off to London, others to Italy, Portugal, France, Ireland, and beyond. The chance to be immersed in Seville's culture during the week and hop over to other parts of Europe on the weekend has been an incredible part of this study abroad experience.

Looking back on the month, I'm grateful for the memories and friendships I've made, and I can't wait to see what the coming weeks bring!



# UPCOMING AT THE ICS

*Cultural Visits*

During November we will have a guided tour of Seville's Gothic Cathedral.

*Granada & Córdoba*

We will visit the historic and breathtaking cities of Granada and Córdoba!

*Thanksgiving*

And, of course, we will have a wonderful All-American Thanksgiving dinner!!

Follow us to stay updated and visit our website to learn more about our programs!



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