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## SPAIN: Spanish in the Land of Don Quixote™

For more than a language course, travel to Toledo, Madrid- the perfect setting for a full Spanish experience in Castilla-La Mancha.

### OVERVIEW

The passions of Spain's people are the fabric of daily life; this is a country with music in its soul, a love of fine food and wild landscapes, and a special talent for celebrating all things in life. Based in the city of Toledo, you'll be surrounded by rich history and architecture, and get to visit medieval monuments and historic cathedrals. Sharpen your Spanish skills through a mix of language immersion and formal instruction, and practice with passionate native Spanish speakers as you volunteer alongside local youth. Experience two of Spain's amazing cities—Toledo and Madrid (and visit Barcelona on the 21-day program) on this life-changing Spanish experience.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Improve your Spanish through language immersion
- ★ Walk the historic streets of Toledo, known as "the city of three cultures"
- ★ Visit some of Madrid's oldest restaurants on a tapas tour
- ★ Go kayaking on the Alto Tajo River
- ★ Support needs within the local community with a focus on youth development

## 14-DAY PROGRAM

July 2 - July 15, 2022

Tuition: \$4,399  
Service Hours: 20  
Language Hours: 35  
Max Group Size: 30  
Age Range: 14-18  
Student-to-Staff Ratio: 8-to-1  
Airport: MAD

## 21 - DAY PROGRAM

July 2 - July 22, 2022

Tuition: \$6,599  
Service Hours: 30  
Language House: 35  
Max Group Size: 30  
Age Range: 14-18  
Student-to-Staff Ratio: 8-to-1  
Arrival Airport: Madrid (MAD)  
Departure Airport: Barcelona (BCN)

## DAILY BREAKDOWN

*Actual schedule of activities will vary by program session. The information detailed here is typical for what you can expect to experience; however, site visits, activities and service work vary depending upon a number of factors, such as the weather, scheduling and constraints of the locations in Spain.*



### Days 1-14 (14 & 21-Day Programs)

#### DAY 1: ¡BIENVENIDO A ESPAÑA!

Welcome to Spain! GLA staff will be waiting to greet you when you land in Madrid (MAD). Together we'll travel to your Home Base in Toledo. Get settled into your room and start getting to know your fellow travelers. We'll have our first Spanish welcome dinner together and then gather for a brief orientation.

#### DAY 2: ORIENTATION

Today we'll start off with an orientation and then move into Spanish placement based on skill level for our first Spanish class! After lunch we'll have an evening activity that is designed to be a fun, engaging way to get to know your group. We'll have dinner that night at the Home Base and prepare for tomorrow's activities.

#### DAY 3-6: SERVICE & CULTURAL EXPLORATION

Today we'll dive right in to our service project with the local community! Over the next few days, we'll spend our mornings at a school summer camp in Toledo. You'll assist in running activities to help local children learn English, which is a much needed skill that has many benefits for Spanish youth. Activities may include arts and crafts, a small theatre, career exploration, a family tree activity, an environmental-focused project, and more! This is also a great opportunity to practice your own Spanish as you engage with the





school children and local teachers each day.

After service, we'll work hard in our language classes, where you'll improve your Spanish even further through formal instruction while practicing with native speakers.

In the afternoons, our group will dive into a variety of different cultural activities around the local community:

- ❖ Discover the legends of Toledo as you explore a maze of alleys and town squares, untouched for centuries and overflowing with history with a knowledgeable tour guide.
- ❖ Experience a piece of history with a teacher at Alcazar Library and then head Damasquino, where guildsmen have crafted swords, sabres, and daggers since Roman times.
- ❖ Walk through the Toledo Cathedral, a structure widely considered to be the magnum opus of High Gothic cathedrals in Spain
- ❖ Learn about the cultural history of Flamenco, and learn the dance moves firsthand from a local professional.
- ❖ Go on a supervised scavenger hunt around town and practice your Spanish as you enlist the help of locals in order to locate the items on your list.
- ❖ Zip across the skyline with some evening ziplining! We'll finish off the day with a Summer Cinema evening after dinner.

## DAY 7: TRAVEL TO MADRID

After an early breakfast, we'll travel to Alto Tagus, a beautiful natural park, to kayak. We'll spend time out in nature with a picnic before traveling to Madrid for an overnight to explore the city.

## DAY 8-9: EXPLORING MADRID

We'll get to relax a little and have a late breakfast after yesterday's workout. Start the day with a traditional Spanish paella class, in which you'll make your own tasty food for lunch. In the evening, we'll visit the Prado Museum or enjoy the Tour Bernabéu. Later, we'll do a Spanish cultural activity and have a dinner picnic.

The next day, we'll spend the morning seeing more of Madrid with a start in the Madrid Center Cathedral, pay a visit to the Palacio Real, and see the famous Opera Theater. After lunch, we'll spend a relaxing afternoon in Retiro park on a small boat or bicycling around the park. In the evening, we'll have free time and a farewell tapas tour dinner.

## DAY 10-12: SERVICE AND DON QUIXOTE

This morning, we'll head back to school for a second day of service. Now that you've gotten to know the children the first day, it's time to really forge those connections. After lunch, Spanish class will focus on what we've learned up to this point and how to push our conversation skills to the next level. In the evening, we'll hear



*leyendas de Toledo*, or legends of Toledo, from tour leaders and locals to give us an idea of the folklore surrounding Toledo and Spanish culture.

In the afternoon, enjoy a local excursion to the windmills made famous in the iconic novel Don Quixote.

### DAY 13: FINAL PROJECTS IN TOLEDO

After breakfast, we'll spend our final Spanish class as a full group together sharing our final projects with each other. In the evening, we'll go to the market at the center of Toledo for one last shopping excursion before heading back.

### DAY 14: DEPARTURE (14 day only)

Before you even know it, the 14-day discovery journey must come to an end. Head to the airport today with memories and knowledge that will benefit you for life! Staff will assist students with checking in and accompany them until they have safely departed for their gates at Madrid Airport. The 21 day group will continue on their adventure!

## Days 14-21 (21-Day Flagship Program Only)

### DAYS 14-16: SERVICE & CULTURE

In the mornings, we'll have our last days of service at the school. We'll wrap up our projects, and say farewell to the children and school staff we've worked with for the last two weeks. In the afternoon, we'll have the opportunity to visit a local food bank and take part in a ceramics workshop.

### DAY 17: LAST DAY IN TOLEDO

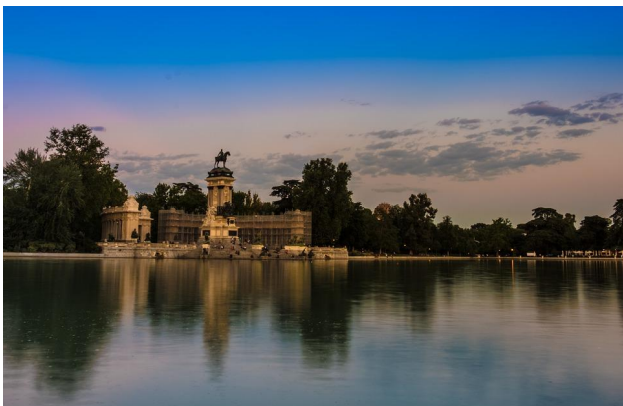
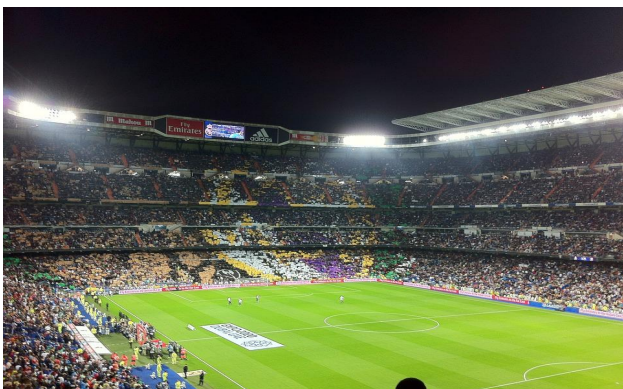
Today we bid a final farewell to the city of Toledo, which by now is sure to have a special place in your heart! Our group will do final Spanish presentations in the morning, and then we'll have some free time in the afternoon to play soccer, journal, or rest.

## BARCELONA EXCURSION

### DAYS 18-20: ¡BIENVENIDO A BARCELONA!

Today we'll awake early and make the long journey to Barcelona, the bustling capital of the Catalonia region and the most-visited city in all of Spain. When we arrive we'll take a walking tour of the city so you can get acquainted with your new surroundings, and later we'll have Mentor groups and free time. The rest of our time in Barcelona will be filled with exciting and culturally immersive activities!

- ❖ Visit Park Güell, a UNESCO site and one of the most impressive public parks in the world.
- ❖ Tour Gaudi's awe-inspiring Sagrada Família, an unfinished Roman church that remains one of the most stunning works of architecture in Spain.
- ❖ Spend a day at the beach where you can soak up the







sun, play games, and swim in the water.

On our final night in Barcelona, we'll enjoy a farewell dinner and celebration at La Boquería, a world-famous market.

## DAY 21: DEPARTURE

Today, the time has come for students on the 21-day program to say farewell to Spain and the friends you've made along the way. Our group will travel to the Barcelona airport (BCN) together after breakfast to board our flights home. GLA staff will help students check in and see you off on your return flight. ¡Un fuerte abrazo! ("Hugs!")



## NOTICE ON PROGRAM UPDATES

Every year brings new and exciting opportunities for experiences we can offer students on our programs. While this program is being planned for 2022, some activities or details may change between now and the program start date. Please note that references from past participants and previously published information may not accurately reflect every aspect of this program. Refer to the sample itinerary above or to the GLA website for the most up-to-date version of program activities, and please note that further updates may be made between now and the program start date.

## POSSIBLE CHANGES TO PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DUE TO COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please note that program activities may change in order to accommodate COVID-19 regulations. In particular, service projects and other activities that typically involve close contact or engagement with members of the local community may be curbed, altered or skipped depending on staff evaluations on the ground and/or at the discretion of our Executive Director and Director of Program Operations & Risk Management. Every effort will be made to provide an exceptional experience on-location, at whatever level of community interaction is deemed safe at the time.

## TRAVELING TO SPAIN

**FOOD** | Food is an integral part of life in Spain, and long, shared meals hold strong significance in Spanish tradition and culture. From diverse tapas to incredible seafood, the culinary experiences you'll have in Spain will be memorable and unique to the area.

**CLIMATE** | The local area can get very hot during the central hours of the day with slightly lower temperatures at night. Spain also has much longer days in the summer months, with sunset occurring late in the evening around 9:30pm.

# LEADERSHIP

Global Leadership Adventures started as an educational institute, so we continue to think and act like educators—not tour operators—as we deliver life-changing programs. We intentionally weave a leadership curriculum into the daily experience on our programs. Through group discussion, meaningful service, workshops, speakers and excursions, staff guide students to reflect on program events through the lens of leadership, and celebrate outstanding examples of leaders they encounter in the local community. Lending this context to the experience creates opportunities for students to dig deep into their vision, purpose and knowledge of themselves and the world.

## ABOUT GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES

**Global Leadership Adventures** was founded in 2003 by Fred Swaniker, a native of Ghana, TED Fellow and educational entrepreneur whose work has been praised by Barack Obama. Born as a global extension of the revolutionary African Leadership Academy, Global Leadership Adventures now operates programs centered around leadership, sustainable community service projects, and meaningful travel across Africa, Asia, Europe or the Americas. Through life-changing adventures, we strive to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.

GLA HAS BEEN FEATURED IN:

**The New York Times**

 **USA TODAY**

 **NBC NEWS**

**The Boston Globe**

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## Our Expectations

### **Be present**

Our mission at GLA is “to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.” To that end, we expect GLA students to maintain high standards of personal behavior and to be open-minded. The culture may be different, sometimes shockingly so. GLA will challenge students as they are expected to work hard and be present physically and mentally for all activities. We also ask students to take a step back from regular use of technology - particularly their smartphones - so as to maximize their engagement with the program and their fellow participants. Students may get hot, dirty and bug-bitten along the way, but their contribution can transform the community. The goal is for each student to return home having had a life-changing experience.

### **No tolerance**

GLA has a no-tolerance policy towards drugs, alcohol, tobacco and disruptive behavior. Those who violate or are suspected of violating this policy will be immediately dismissed from the program at the sole discretion of GLA staff.

### **Community-Led experiences**

GLA makes every effort to offer thoughtfully crafted programs for teens and young adults. Detailed planning and exhaustive communications with partners are indispensable parts of our program development process. However, occasionally service and

activities are adjusted from session to session, due to weather, changing needs of our local community partners and/or various cultural celebrations and customs. We expect participants to be open-minded and flexible, willing to embrace the experience when plans change. GLA makes every effort to communicate adjustments to students and families with advance notice. We expect you to be open-minded and flexible.

### **Mentorship**

GLA is not a therapy program. Our staff are highly skilled, professional, caring and fun, but they are not licensed therapists. GLA programs can be physically and emotionally demanding, and applicants should be in good physical and mental health.

## **We're Here to Help**

### **Contact Us**

Want to learn more about Global Leadership Adventures and our available programs? Our Admissions Team has expertise and insights into our slate of program offerings, and we're happy to answer any questions you might have. We have collectively visited or staffed many of our GLA programs around the world, and we have advice to share on everything from getting your travel documents together to what a typical day on a program is like. Call us at 1-858-771-0645 any time during office hours for assistance.

### **Enroll Now**

We encourage you to enroll on your 1st choice program as early as you can! In fact, our most popular programs fill early every year, and many students end up putting off the quick and easy application process only to end up on the waiting list. The best way to ensure that you save your spot is to place your deposit and apply early. You can easily enroll online at [www.experiencegla.com/enroll](http://www.experiencegla.com/enroll).