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CÁDIZ SUMMER HANDBOOK

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Cádiz 2018

This handbook offers guidelines that we hope you will find useful in making your preparations and while studying in Cádiz. Please read the handbook carefully before your departure and **bring it with you** to Spain, either as a paper or email copy. The program policies are included, along with lists of important items to bring with you, tips for handling your money, and precautions for safeguarding your health and belongings. In an effort to serve you best, the material in this handbook is edited each year and contains the latest information available to assist you in preparing for your trip. While we do our best to provide you with the most accurate information, inevitably some changes may take place and we will need to make adjustments. Your program director and the Global Education Office Advisor at the Reves Center will keep you informed of any changes.

Handy Information

SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS IN SPAIN

Date	Holiday	Description
May 31	Corpus Christi Festival	Religious festival celebrating the Eucharist and its elements, particularly the Holy Ghost.
June 23	Festividad de los Juanillos	Night festival celebrating the start of summer
June 24	San Juan (St. John's Day)	Religious holiday

AVERAGE MIN/MAX TEMPERATURES IN CÁDIZ (°F)

January	February	March	April	May	June
48/59	49/61	52/64	55/68	64/73	68/78
July	August	September	October	November	December
69/82	70/82	67/81	60/73	54/66	49/61

TIME ZONE COMPARISON: CÁDIZ IS 6 HOURS AHEAD OF VIRGINIA DURING SUMMER

Pacific (US)	Mountain (US)	Central (US)	Eastern (US)	Cádiz, SPAIN
5:00am	6:00am	7:00am	8:00am	2:00 pm (14:00)
1:00pm	2:00pm	3:00pm	4:00pm	10:00 pm (22:00)
9:00pm	10:00pm	11:00pm	Midnight	6:00 am (next day)

Overview, Dates, and Money

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- **Fees:** \$6,550
- **Program Director:** Professor Carla Buck, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
- **Accommodations:** Students will live with a Spanish host family that will provide all meals.

PROGRAM DATES

- Arrive May 18, 2018
- Depart June 24, 2018

1 SPRING CREDIT COURSE

Students will be automatically enrolled in a one credit pre-course after Spring Break. Coursework includes an introduction to contemporary Spanish culture and society, and preparation of research proposal for the on-site research project. The professor also provides information about pre-trip preparation.

MONEY

A note on currency: Regardless of the level of financial resources you may have available for your period of study abroad, all students share the same need to have quick access to their funds and, at the same time, to have their money protected against loss. The currency of Spain is the Euro (€) and is equivalent to the US dollar at a rate of approximately: \$1 = €0.85 or €1 = \$1.177 (as of October 2017). You can check the current exchange rates on the web at <http://www.xe.com/ucc> or in the financial section of a large city newspaper.

Visa Information and Budgeting

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Passport

You should apply as early as possible before departure to secure your passport through a Passport Agency (found in major cities), a local issuing office, a Federal or State Court House, or a Class I Post Office.

Start the process early so that there will be plenty of time to resolve any problems that may arise. If you will be using your current passport, make sure that it is good for six months after your return to the U.S. If it is not, you will need to renew it.

Guidelines on renewing your passport or applying for a new one can be found at:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html>



Visa

- No visa is necessary for American citizens for a stay in Spain of less than 90 days.
- If you are asked by immigration/custom officers at the airport for your intent of visit, you must tell them you are a tourist. Because you are in classes for less than 25 hours a week, you are considered a tourist by the Spanish government.

BUDGET

- Your budget for incidental expenses will depend on your personal taste and the amount of independent travel you intend to do before or after the program. The program fee covers most of your necessary expenses: tuition, housing, meals, and transportation and entrance fees for program excursions. For basic expenditures in Cádiz, we recommend that you budget approximately \$125-\$175 per week, plus extra money for shopping and traveling. It is probably possible to live for considerably less than this, but there is a lot to do in Cádiz and you should allow yourself funds to take advantage of the city's offerings. Naturally, if you plan to do a significant amount of shopping and/or traveling, you should budget accordingly.

Study Abroad Program Worksheet for Cadiz

Expenses:	Amount:	When due:	Paid to W&M?	Paid out of pocket?
Program Fee	\$6,550	Deposit March 2 nd , Balance April 2 nd	Yes	
Airfare	\$1,400			Yes
Meals (Included in program fee)	\$0		Yes	
Study Abroad Application Fee	\$75		Yes	
Visa, passport, photos	N/A	Prior to beginning of program		Yes
Books & supplies	\$250			Yes
Misc./Personal	\$600			Yes
Total	\$8,300			

Eating	Items	Average Price
	Eating out (1 main course without drinks)	\$10.50
Soft drink (0.3 liter can)	\$1.90	
Still Water (1 liter)	\$0.53	
Fresh milk (1 liter)	\$1.07	
Coffee (normal black coffee)	\$1.62	
Starbucks (Caffè Latte tall)	\$3.70/cup	
Living	Movie ticket (evening, weekend)	\$8.90
	Mobile call per minute (prepaid, national)	\$0.12
	Daily newspaper	\$1.89
Traveling	Transportation Methods	Average Price
	Single ticket (City Zone, Public transport)	\$ 2.02
	Monthly ticket	\$ 58.00
	Taxi 1km	\$ 1.20

How will your program be funded?

Sources:	Amount:	When Available:
Scholarship(s)		Varies by deadline, Reves scholarships will reduce your total balance due. You will find out if you've been awarded a Reves scholarship by the end of February.
Financial Aid (Loans, grants, through W&M)		First day of classes on campus or the first day of the summer program, whichever is LATER.
Savings		
Parental/Guardian support		
Other		

Total		
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Packing

PACKING TIPS

General

- Do not bring any items of sentimental value that you couldn't bear to lose.

Luggage

- **Pack only what you can carry by yourself up 2-3 flights of stairs, or walk with for relatively long distances.** A wheeled duffel bag or suitcase plus a generous tote or backpack for weekend travel should suffice. Returning students recommend that your carry-on be a backpack, rather than a handheld bag, if you plan to do any extra traveling.
- Do not pack valuables or prescription medicine in your checked luggage.
- Put address labels and contact information inside and outside each piece of luggage.
- Pack all sharp objects securely in your checked baggage.
- Pack all liquids in plastic bags to avoid leakage during travel.
- Place your camera in your carry-on. If you take film, carry it in a lead-lined travel pouch (available at camera stores).
- Put TSA-approved locks on all of your luggage so that it can be opened without the lock or bag being destroyed.

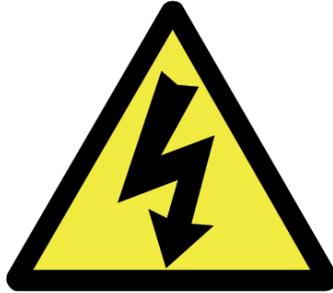
Clothes

- Bring easy care clothing items that are lightweight, drip dry, and wrinkle-proof, such as knits, permanent press, and cotton clothes.
- Pack clothes you can mix and match so as to give your wardrobe as much variety as possible without having to pack as much.
- Only bring clothes you can imagine wearing often.
- Bring clothes that you can layer for various temperatures. Check weather in Madrid before arrival; can be chilly or rainy.
- Bring sturdy, comfortable shoes/sandals for lots of walking. This is essential.
- Roll clothes instead of folding them; you will fit more in the bag, and have fewer wrinkles upon arrival.

Gifts

- Students often ask what small gifts they can take with them to give to their host families. Try to think of things that are unlikely to be available in Spain: items made in your home region, calendars, or books with photos of America's outstanding features (wildlife, national parks, cities, and so on), William & Mary paraphernalia, and the like. Local sweets, chocolates, cookies; small, inexpensive Colonial Williamsburg items with the pineapple, symbol of hospitality and friendship (bookmarks, trivet, kitchen towel, magnets, etc.)

For more tips, please consult the Summer Study Abroad Manual, as well as the "Know Before You Go" section of this handbook.



AN IMPORTANT NOTE ON ELECTRICITY IN CÁDIZ

Electricity in Spain is 220 volts, 50 cycles alternating current (AC). For comparison, in the United States it is 110 volts, 60 cycles AC current.

If you plan on using your own 110-volt appliances, you will need a voltage converter, unless your appliance is designed to also work with 220 volts electricity (dual voltage). For example, most laptop and camera chargers are designed to work both at 110 and 220 volts. **Plugging in an appliance that is not designed to run on 220 volts electricity without using voltage converter will most likely kill it and may cause fire!**

Regardless of voltage, if your appliance has flat prongs, you will need a plug adapter: Spanish sockets are designed to accept round prongs. Do get one before you leave! They are also available for sale in Spain, but nice to have as you arrive, of course.

As a matter of fact, Spanish plugs can be of two different sizes. Some sockets will take in the plugs with large prongs only, some other will take in the ones with small prongs (more common for small appliances; large prongs are used for demanding appliances such as refrigerators and washing machines). Regardless of prong size, **the outlets all produce 220 volts!**



Traveling to Cádiz

NOTE: You are responsible for your own travel arrangements to and from Madrid, where the program officially begins and ends

AIRPORT PICK-UP

You are responsible for your flight arrangements to and from Madrid. We will meet as a group in the **Madrid Barajas airport the morning of May 18**. This means you will need to book a flight leaving from the US the night before, departing on May 17. Our program will provide shuttle transportation from the airport to the hotel. Professor Buck will notify you of where and what time the group will meet up in the Madrid airport; it will be a morning time. Students arriving in the afternoon will have to take a taxi to the hotel at their own expense – please notify Professor Buck. Students must provide the Program Director with a copy of their flight schedules. We spend the night at a hotel in Madrid, and on Saturday May 19 depart together by private bus for Cádiz. (Your program fee pays for airport shuttle; hotel, dinner and breakfast in Madrid; and the roundtrip bus Madrid-Cádiz. You will only need cash to buy your lunch en route to Cádiz when our bus stops on the way at a cafetería)

Students may decide to make flight arrangements together, either through Blackboard or Facebook, depending on the city where they will depart.

REMEMBER: Please keep in mind that to be in Madrid by the morning of May 18, you must leave the United States the evening of Thursday, May 17.

The program officially ends **June 24th** in Madrid. Transportation from Cádiz to Madrid on June 24th is provided by the program; we will travel as a group. Your hotel stay back in Madrid, with breakfast, is covered by the program. (Your dinner in Madrid on June 24th is not included). You will need to leave by that date or make arrangements for your own housing for that night and beyond. If you plan to stay in Cádiz after that date, you will be responsible for organizing and incurring all additional housing and food costs. You have no commitments, academic or otherwise, to the program after that date.

Don't forget to call or email home!

As soon as possible following your arrival, remember to call or email your family to let them know you have arrived safely. This will not only save them from worry, but will also help the Reves Center and the Centro MundoLengua from receiving panicked phone calls regarding your whereabouts.

Coursework

During your stay in Cádiz, your program will be organized by:

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<https://www.centromundolengua.com/>



Main section of the library, Universidad de Cádiz

CLASSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CÁDIZ

NOTE: Class materials are provided. Students should pack any materials for the research project that they know will be needed.

Courses taught in Spanish on this program, 8 credits total, include:

Courses	
HISP 300: (3 credits)	Spanish Language and Culture (Intermediate or Advanced, according to Placement Test you will be given)
HISP 386: (3 credits)	Independent research project
HISP 392/GBST 390: (2 credits)	History of Art in Andalucía



Excursions & Activities

OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL TRAVEL OPTIONS

Excursions include one night in Madrid, with a group dinner and a walk around the city's historic center. Other excursions include overnight trips to Sevilla and Granada.

A Cádiz-based program cultural coordinator will keep you informed about cultural events in Cádiz. Students in past years have taken flamenco dance lessons.

GUIDEBOOKS

You may decide to purchase a travel guidebook prior to leaving the United States to help you make personal travel plans. These can be purchased at bookstores like Barnes & Noble, or online. Some guidebook publishers include:

- *Eyewitness Travel Guide* (<https://www.dk.com/us/search/?searchterm=spain&refinements=series=EYEWITNESS%20TRAVEL%20GUIDES~ref1>)
- *Fodor's* (<http://www.fodors.com>)
- *Let's Go* (<http://www.letsgo.com>)
- *Lonely Planet* (<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>)
- *Rick Steves' Books* (http://www.ricksteves.com/books/update/update_menu.htm)



View from the Alhambra, an excursion destination

Housing and Meals

HOUSING

Students will be housed in Cádiz with Spanish families, who will provide them with breakfast, lunch and dinner. Two students are housed with each family in a shared room. We will ask you to indicate your preferences regarding smoking, pets, children, roommates, dietary restrictions, etc., and every effort will be made to find housing that suits your individual needs.

It is essential that you always let your host parents know in advance if you will miss a meal, to help them plan for purchasing food, since they will shop almost daily.

In keeping with the policy of the W&M Office of Residence Life, the Reves Center does not offer housing for the family of any students participating in W&M-sponsored study abroad programs. Also, family members or friends may not participate in any program activities or excursions. If you have family or friends who want to visit you while abroad it is recommended they do so after the completion of the program.

LIVING WITH A HOST FAMILY:

- You should respect the timetable that your host family has set for meals. Do not be late. Tell them ahead of time if you will not be at a meal.
- Try to keep the host family informed when you plan to travel or go on an excursion.
- You should always ask permission before using your host family's phone.
- Ask your host family when it is a good time for you to receive calls on their home phone, if such a need arises (with advent of cell phones, not common)
- Always ask permission to bring friends to your host family's home.
- Try to help at home as much as possible. Keep your room and bathroom tidy.
- Switch off the lights when you leave a room. Take short showers. Electricity and water are remarkably expensive in Spain.
- Do not walk around barefoot in the house. Wear flip-flops or slippers.

Communication

ONLINE

Many host families have internet access. Students also have access to free internet service at the university, and throughout the city there are plazas with free wireless access. You should be aware, however, that university hours are more limited than at W&M, and you will no doubt make some use of commercial internet facilities, which do have a charge. You'll be less "plugged-in" than at home. Be ready to adjust your expectations.

CELL PHONES

Your American cell phone will not work in Spain unless it is unlocked and GSM compatible. **The Reves Center provides basic cell phones with local numbers for all students.**

PLACING INTERNATIONAL PHONE CALLS

See the "Handy Information" section for a time zone conversion chart before you call!

Calling Cádiz from the United States:

Dial 011+ 34 + (Cádiz = 56, Madrid = 1)+ phone number.

Calling the United States from Cádiz:

Dial 001+ phone number.

Emergency Numbers

General Emergency / Police: 112

Health & Safety

IMMUNIZATION

Students are encouraged to consider updating standard immunizations against meningitis and tetanus. For current information concerning recommended protection against communicable diseases for those planning to travel abroad, you may check the Center for Disease Control's website at:

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/spain.htm> If you prefer to talk to someone in person about the currently recommended immunizations, you can call Travel Health of Williamsburg at 757-220-9008 (located at 287 McLaws Circle), or consult with a physician in your area who has some expertise concerning immunizations for international travel.

STAYING WELL/GETTING SICK

For the duration of the program, the MundoLengua support staff is always available to assist students in obtaining medical care. Useful information on preparing for medical emergencies before you go abroad is provided at

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en.html>.

If you become ill, please alert your host family, and contact the Resident Director for assistance in finding you medical care. Please remember you must pay for any medical care at the time it is received, and to keep your receipts to submit to your insurance company for reimbursement upon your return.

For routine ailments such as colds, sunburn, stomach upset, etc. the pharmacists in Spain are trained to provide appropriate advice and remedies. The pharmacies in Spain are designated with a green neon sign showing a snake on the shape of a cross. On a rotating basis, certain pharmacies (*farmacias de guardia*) are open after-hours (list of addresses of those that are open are posted on pharmacy windows). You will find that many American over the counter medications are available in Spain, but at much higher prices than in the US. By contrast, Spanish products recommended by the local pharmacist may be much less expensive than equivalents in an American pharmacy. Pack over the counter remedies that you often use at home (if you are prone to upper-respiratory infections; sore throat; stomach upset; allergies, etc: **PACK THESE ITEMS THAT YOU OFTEN USE WHEN YOU ARE AT W&M**; then you will have them with you in Cádiz if needed (they can be purchased there too, of course). For the duration of the program, the Director is always available to assist students in obtaining medical care.

Travel & Country Information

We encourage all students to research their study abroad destination. The State Department has important information available on their website. In your 1-credit course, you will read about Spanish history, culture, and current events before your arrival. Knowing as much as possible about where you are going will not only make you more comfortable during your time in the country, but will also allow you to talk more knowledgeably with your host family and new friends.

We strongly recommend that you register your travel plans with the U.S. State Department at this website:

<https://step.state.gov/step/>

This will help the State Department contact you if there is a family emergency in the U.S., or if there is a crisis where you are traveling. On this website, you can find information ranging from geographic and political descriptions of the country, to special health and safety announcements.

Cádiz



Cádiz, founded by the Phoenicians over 3,000 years ago, lays claim to the title of ‘oldest city in Europe’ due to its strategic location on the coast dividing Europe and Africa. It has been occupied several times over its history and there is some evidence to suggest that Cádiz was a Phoenician settlement around 1000 B.C. and that it formed part of the trade route to the Atlantic. Water surrounds Cádiz on three sides, and it’s only thanks to a land bridge – the ‘Puerta de Tierra’, constructed in 1755 at the height of the city’s prominence as a port of American trade – that travelers can arrive here without a seafaring vessel. That same water covers many of the ancient ruins today – as does some modern construction – and yet the city’s unsurpassed longevity still pulses in its winding streets and stunning cityscapes.

Modern-day Cádiz is equally famous for its annual pre-spring carnival as for its residents’ hospitality and lively sense of humor. The capital of the Cádiz province, city of 130,000, is nonetheless an intriguingly less-beaten path, rarely overwhelmed with foreign tourists, and easy to get around by foot.

Frequently asked questions

Will I need a visa?

A visa for study is not required if you hold a United States Passport. If you are an international student, please check in with the Reeves Center to see if you will need a visa.

What airport will I fly into? Do all W&M students travel together on the same flights?

Please refer to the section in this handbook on “Traveling to Madrid” for specific information. W&M students do not necessarily take the same flight. However if you wish to travel with other students you can arrange this through Blackboard or Facebook.

Can I arrive earlier or stay longer than the program dates?

Yes, you may but you will be responsible for making your own accommodation arrangements. You will **NOT** be able to stay in the housing provided during the program.

If my family or friends visit, may they stay with me?

No, they will need to make their own arrangements for accommodations. Please advise your program director if you expect family or friends to visit you during the program.

Am I required to participate in all excursions provided by the program?

Yes, unless your program director says otherwise. The pre-paid excursions supplement the coursework and expand cultural learning. (you pay for these excursions through the program fee)

Will I need to seek post approval for the courses I take?

No, all of the courses offered in the W&M faculty-led summer programs have already been approved.

Will my grades be posted on my transcript?

Yes, the grades you receive will be posted on your W&M transcript and will be calculated into your GPA.

Can I take class pass/fail?

No, this is not an option.

Do I need to take my own sheets and towels?

You will be staying in a homestay in Cádiz so you do not need to bring sheets and towels. However, if you plan to travel on your own and stay in hostels, it is suggested to bring your own thin towel and sheet. You will need to pack a beach towel, or plan to buy one there (or buy a beach mat there). If you like to use a washrag, bring one from home. Not typically part of Spanish bath linens.

Will my study-abroad facility have a fitness center/gym for student use?

Unfortunately, MundoLengua does not offer a fitness center facility for students. Some students in past have joined a local gym at their own expense for a month. Cádiz does offer great places to run and walk.

How much spending money will I need?

This varies based on your normal spending habits, especially with regard to eating meals out and how much shopping you like to do. Students reported spending between \$500-1,000 during the program. Most students reported spending \$750 or more, but again this depends on your personal spending habits. Former students DO NOT recommend traveler’s checks. They recommend carrying some cash and your credit or debit card. Before you leave home, **be sure to notify your bank and credit cards that you will be traveling abroad**, to avoid having the use of debit and credit cards declined or blocked.

Know Before You Go

ADDITIONAL TIPS FROM PAST STUDENTS

PLACES TO SEE IN AND NEAR CÁDIZ

- The Cathedral, a sandy-yellow church, is much bigger up close than you would at first think.
- Climb the Torre Tavira, the highest of the old watchtowers, with a panoramic camera (*camara obscura*) showing 360° live pictures of the city.
- Go to the beach. The Caleta beach is particularly nice to watch the sunset.
- Take a virtual tour of 18th century Cádiz with a 3D video of Cádiz at the city walls.
- Eat the fried fish, in particular at the Freiduria Las Flores on *Plaza de Topete*.
- The Town Hall, built in 1799, located in the *Plaza de San Juan de Dios*.
- The Central Market, built in 1837 in a neoclassical style, located in the *Plaza de las Flores*.
- The Chamber of Commerce, built in 1801 by José Gabarrón in a neoclassical style. This was the headquarters for the Bank of Spain before it became the Chamber of Commerce.
- Aramburu House, a palace built in the 18th century and restored in the 19th century.
- Cádiz University Rector's Office, built at the beginning of the 19th century in a neoclassical style.
- Palacio de la Diputación, built in 1765 by the architect Juan Caballero, located in the former Customs building in the Port.
- Balneario de La Palma, located on La Caleta beach. This is where the Centre for Subaquatic Archeology is based.
- The Provincial Archives: Located in a 16th century building called *Casa de las Cadenas*.

MEETING PEOPLE

- When you go out in groups, try to keep your voices down and be respectful of your surroundings. Speak in Spanish! You will find that you will receive better service and earn more respect from the locals. When everyone is talking in English, you appear unapproachable to your Spanish peers.
- An excellent way to make a good impression upon first contact is by showing knowledge of Spanish culture, such as painters, writers, or historical sites. Bonus points if you can discuss local culture!
- A favorite topic is European or Spanish soccer. There is a football club (FC) in Cádiz!
- The distance when speaking to someone is smaller, compared to North Americans.
- In Spain, it is a habit to greet someone with a kiss on both cheeks; this does not go with an embrace. In professional situations, this custom is substituted for a handshake.
- Public displays of affection are very common and acceptable in Spain.

COMMUNICATION

- Not all host families have Internet, but many cafes will have Wifi. Bring your laptop!
- Cell phones are provided to the students, and students will be responsible for reloading their phones with money.

PACKING SMART

- It can get very hot in Spain, so be sure to have summer clothes.
- Skimpy clothes are appropriate for the beach, but be sure to pack a few nicer outfits for going into restaurants, town, etc.
- Bring a small backpack or duffel for weekend trips. Bring travel-sized toiletries for weekend excursions, too. Travel-sized toiletries are hard to find in Spain.
- Bring sunscreen because it is VERY expensive in Spain.
- Bring a few beach games with you, since Cádiz is so close to the beach! Don't forget your swimsuit!

PREPARE YOURSELF

- "Orientation was very helpful. We learned stuff we actually needed to know – real things, not just academic."
- "Our program director was always available and willing to answer my questions. She was very accessible."
- In the past, students have had two free weekends to explore Spain (or Cádiz!) on their own. Wait until you have an itinerary to make travel plans, since the program will take you on excursions! Some students recommend staying in Cádiz during your free weekends to gain a better understanding of the city.
- Many host families do have internet, but not all do. You shouldn't plan on having internet. Former students have mentioned that many cafes in the plazas do have wifi.
- You will live with at least one other William & Mary student with your host family.

EXCURSIONS

- "I learned a lot about Spanish culture, & enjoyed being in Madrid, Sevilla, and Granada."
- Past excursions have included dance and cooking classes, as well as overnight trips to Sevilla, Granada, and a visit to archaeological remains.

COURSEWORK

- You'll be taking 8 credits in 5 weeks – prepare accordingly.
- The University of Cádiz has a building right across from the closest beach (La Caleta) that is open 24 hours, so when the library in the main building closes after 8:30 pm, you can go and study in the other room. It is on the same road as the main school.
- The program is coordinated with MundoLengua staff. The students worked with them to do research for their final projects and used them for help in their classes. They are "very available and friendly" and great to work with.
- The workload is similar to William & Mary. HISP 386 is a research intensive course and a lot of work is needed to complete your project effectively. The class taken the semester before is quite helpful in learning how to research and keep up with the classes while in Spain. The other classes are split into two groups depending on mastery of the Spanish language so that the workload was compatible with your knowledge of the language.

- Past participants have listed their research project as a way to connect to the local community. “I interviewed fruit vendors for my project, and now I stop at their shop and we talk.”

LIVING

- A cheap place to buy food is the municipal market.
- The school cafeteria also has cheap food and is open even on your days off if you need a quick coffee or something of that sort. Don’t bring in snacks from home to eat in the cafeteria.
- If your host family does something that you don’t like, do not be afraid to bring it up with them. They want to be accommodating and want you to be comfortable. If you feel unable to bring up issues with your host family, or if something is seriously wrong, talk to the program director.
- The best beach, according to former students, is Santa María.
- “I was worried about the idea of homestay, but it was a good experience. My host family was *amazing*. The house was about five minutes away from the college on a plaza. It was a great introduction to culture in Cádiz. I would say it positively contributed to my experience – I really felt welcomed into the culture.”
- “The occasional evening mixers with Spaniards allowed for much interaction with the community. I made a few friends and was able to practice my Spanish.”
- Former students generally consider the homestay to be one of the most positive aspects of their study abroad experience.

MONEY

- Before leaving home: be sure to call your bank and put a travel notice on your debit AND credit cards. Otherwise, purchases and withdrawals may be declined due to suspected fraud.
- Discuss with your bank the fees associated with international transactions and withdrawals.

Contact Information

GLOBAL EDUCATION OFFICE CONTACTS

You may call the Global Education Office and its advisors at the numbers below between 8am and 5pm EDT (Virginia time), Monday through Friday. In case of an emergency that falls outside of these times, please call William & Mary Campus Police at +001 (757) 221-4596. Campus police will then forward your call to the correct person or office. Once you are in Spain, contact your Program Director, Prof. Buck, if any problem arises.

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