



Madrid, Andalusia, and Portugal Student Tour

March 21st, 2025 – March 31st, 2025

Benefits of Educational Travel



Expanded worldview

- Understanding and appreciation of different cultures



Personal growth

- Increased confidence and competence
- Language and cultural immersion



Life skills

- Demonstrates maturity and worldliness
- Enhances college and job applications

Travel impact by the numbers...

92% of students

who have traveled report the experience had a lasting impact on their world view.



On Average, students who travel...



Score 19% higher on their SATs



Hold a GPA that's 23% higher



Are 32% more likely to attend college



Are 61% more likely to be employed full time

Why Explorica?



Proven experience

- 55 years of safe travel experiences
- More than 1 million travelers
- Tours to 75 countries on all 7 continents



Excellent value

- Fully inclusive
- Quality hotels, meals & activities
- Guaranteed best prices



Incredible Tour Directors

- Professionally trained, multilingual Tour Directors
- Specialized in student travel
- Local experts bring the destination to life
- With group 24/7



Exceptional safety record

- Proven systems in place at all levels of operations
- Worldwide network of support
- Local staff and partnerships
- Proactive risk management
- 24/7 On-Call Support Team
- *Unmatched in industry*

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Where we're going

And why...

- **March 21-31, 2025**
- **11 days**

Stroll through the famous Plaza de España and Gran Vía at the center of Spain's bustling capital city, tour the Royal Palace, and enjoy authentic churros and chocolate in Puerto del Sol. Head south to Andalusia to explore twisted avenues and whitewashed houses in Seville, visit a sprawling Moorish castle in Alhambra, and bask on a beach in Costa del Sol. Finally, we're off to explore Lisbon before heading home!

Next up

Our itinerary day by day

Tour Itinerary

DAY 1 | Start tour

- Begin your tour by boarding your flight to Madrid

DAY 2 | Hola Madrid

- Meet your tour director and check into hotel
- Madrid city walk
 - Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor, Plaza de España
- Tapas class with dinner

DAY 3 | Madrid landmarks

- Madrid guided sightseeing tour
 - Calle Mayor, Gran Vía, Cibeles Fountain, Puerta de Alcalá, Columbus Square, Royal Palace visit
- Toledo guided excursion
 - Toledo Cathedral visit, Church of Santo Tomé visit, St. Mary's Synagogue visit
- Dinner
- Puerta del Sol treasure hunt



Tour Itinerary

DAY 4 | Madrid to Granada

- Travel to Granada
- Alhambra guided visit
 - Alhambra gardens, Summer Palace, The Medina, Royal Arab Baths, Alcazaba fortress
 - Dinner

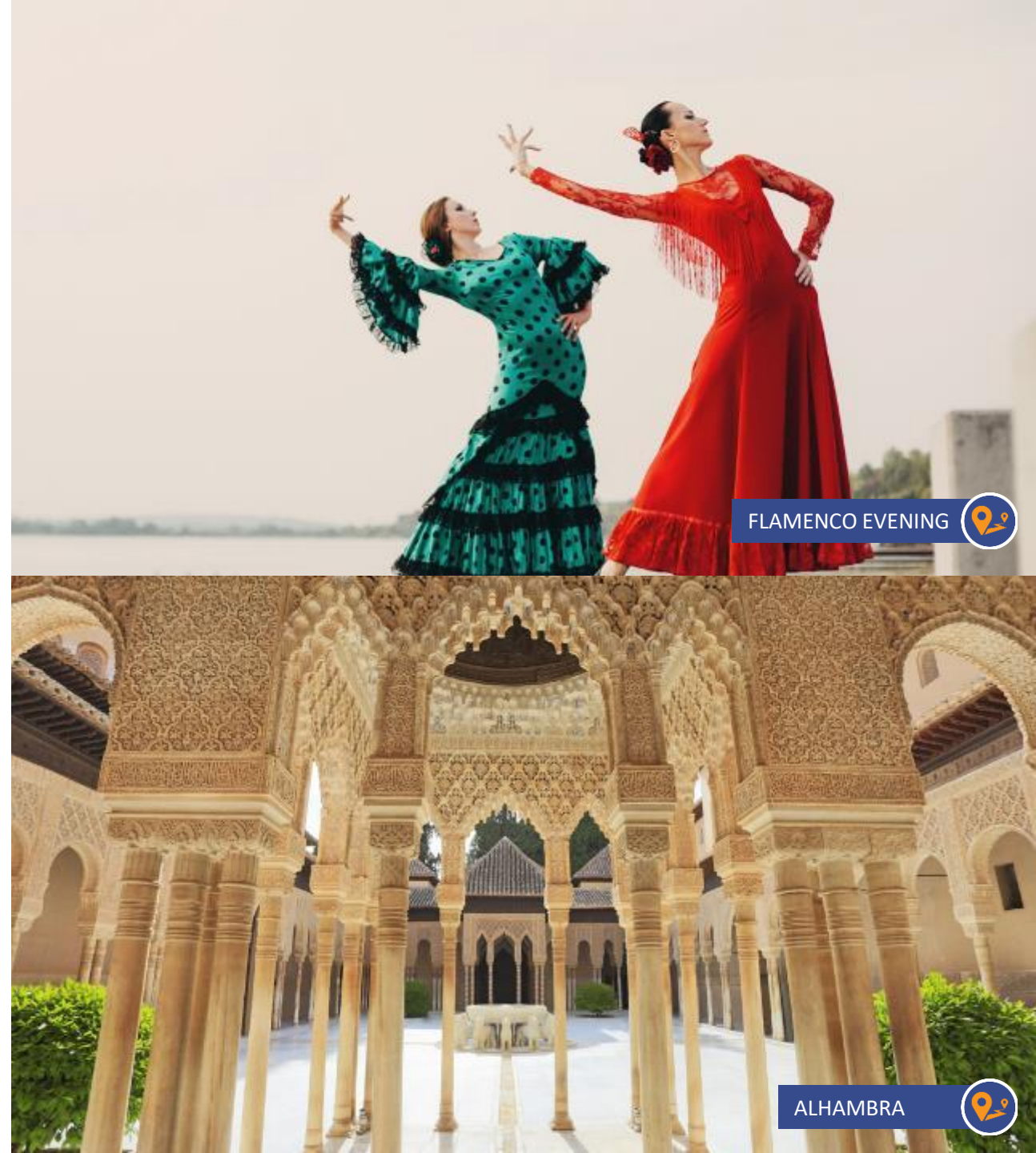
DAY 5 | Granada to Costa del Sol

- Travel to Costa del Sol
- Malaga guided sightseeing tour
 - Malaga Cathedral visit, Picasso museum visit, Harbor, Gibralfaro Castle

Dinner

DAY 6 | Costa del Sol

- Costa del Sol beach time
- *Mijas*
- Dinner



Tour Itinerary

DAY 7 | Costa del Sol to Sevilla

- Travel to Sevilla via Cordoba
 - Mezquita guided visit
- Dinner

DAY 8 | Sevilla Landmarks

- Sevilla guided sightseeing tour
 - Plaza de España, Old Jewish Quarter (Santa Cruz and San Bartolomé), Casa de Pilatos visit, Seville Cathedral visit, Giralda Tower ascent, Columbus' gravesite
- Flamenco evening
- Dinner



Tour Itinerary

DAY 9 / Sevilla to Lisbon

- Travel to Lisbon via Italicea
- Italicea visit
- Dinner

DAY 10 / Lisbon landmarks

- Lisbon guided sightseeing tour
 - Monument to the Discoveries, Mosteiro dos Jerónimos visit, Belém Tower, Mirador de Santa Justa
- Fado evening
- Dinner

DAY 11 / End tour



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Highlights

Toledo



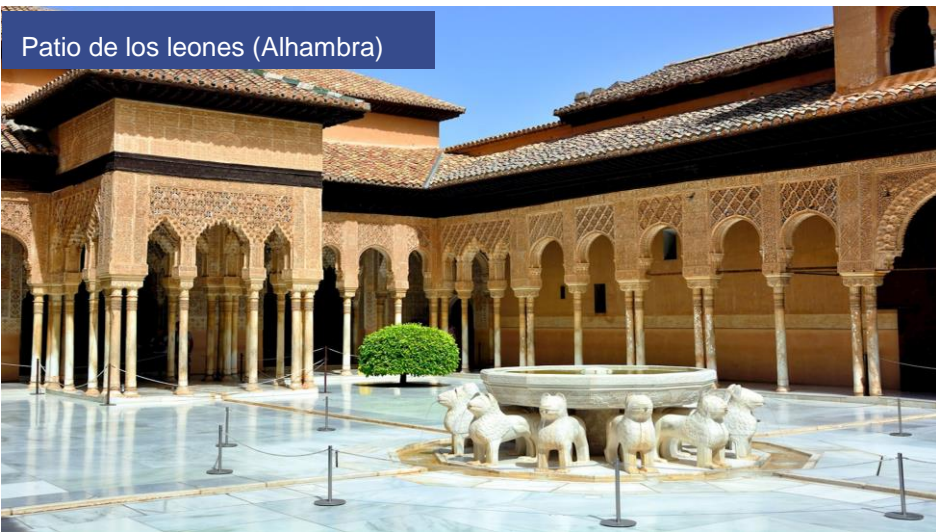
Sevilla



Madrid



Granada



Highlights

Córdoba

Mezquita de Córdoba



Malaga

Old Town



Lisboa

Mosteiro dos Jeronimos



Lisboa

funiculares



What's included

Almost everything!



Round-trip airfare



All on-tour transportation



Accommodation in triple or quad rooms with private bathrooms



Full breakfast daily



Hearty, authentic dinner daily



Entrance fees to attractions per itinerary



Guided sightseeing tours and city walks per itinerary



Full-time, professional Tour Director



Online Tour Diary™, so you can follow our journey from home



24-hour emergency service

Passports & visas

All travelers are responsible for securing the necessary documentation for travel. These pieces of documentation may include a passport and visa.



Passports



- Passports are needed 3 months prior to your departure date.
- Apply for your passport when you enroll.
- Passports should be valid for at least 3 months (preferably 6 months) beyond the length of our stay.
- The application process takes 8-12 weeks, so plan accordingly.



Visas

- Since requirements vary for each nationality, we recommend all travelers verify the individual requirements for their nationality with the local consulate for all the countries to be visited, or VisaCentral Explorica's partner for travel visas

Your responsibilities

These costs vary and are not included in the tour fee:



Acquiring a passport and
visa (if applicable)



Travel to and from the
airport, for departure and
arrival back home



Tips for our tour director
and bus driver
(unless included)



Spending money for
optional excursions, free
time activities, lunches,
beverages/snacks, and
souvenirs

These are all necessities each traveler will be responsible for during the tour—please plan accordingly for them.

Your responsibilities

Optional travel protection



Travel Protection Plan

\$16/day

This plan covers your child for:

- A traveler's injury, sickness, or death of a family member
- Theft of passport or visas
- Flight cancellations due to strike or bad weather
- Loss of luggage and personal effects
- Trip cancellation or trip interruption due to covered reasons such as a covered sickness, illness, or injury
- Trip cancellation or trip interruption due to terrorist acts, as defined

*Cost of plan is due in full at the time it is selected.
This plan must be selected before your final trip payment.*



Travel Protection Plan PLUS

\$24/day

This plan covers your child for:

- Everything in the standard plan
- Plus Explorica's exclusive "Cancel for Any Reason" protection:
 - If you cancel your trip 48 hours (2 days) or more before your scheduled departure date, you will be reimbursed for 75% of the non-refundable cancellation fees, less the deposit and insurance premium

*Cost of plan is due in full at the time it is selected.
This plan must be selected within 14 days of trip enrollment.*

Academic Credit

How this differs from a family trip

- Students can complete assignments before, during, and/or after the tour.
- This option provides the opportunity to earn high school and/or college credit for their travel experience.



High school credit (students in grades 6-12)

- Middle and high school students can earn **free high school credit** in conjunction with their trip. To participate, choose a course from the options carefully paired with your travel program, then work at your own pace to complete the online coursework within six months of your tour. (.5 HS credits)



College credit (students in grades 9-12)

- Explorica partners with George Mason University to issue college credit in conjunction with our travel programs.
- High school students can earn college credit by successfully completing a course after they return from their travel program. Choose a **1-credit or 3-credit** course option, then work at your own pace to complete the online coursework within six months of your tour.
- The cost of credits is based on George Mason University's competitive fees.



Easy ways to pay

Making it possible for every student to travel

1

Pay in full at enrollment

- Entire trip paid upon registration
 - No remaining balance
- Payment rendered manually

2

Automatic monthly payment plan

- \$50 deposit paid upon registration
- Balance divided into equal monthly installments
 - Payments charged automatically

3

Manual payment plan

- \$99 deposit paid upon registration
- Balance divided into 4 installments
 - Payments rendered manually

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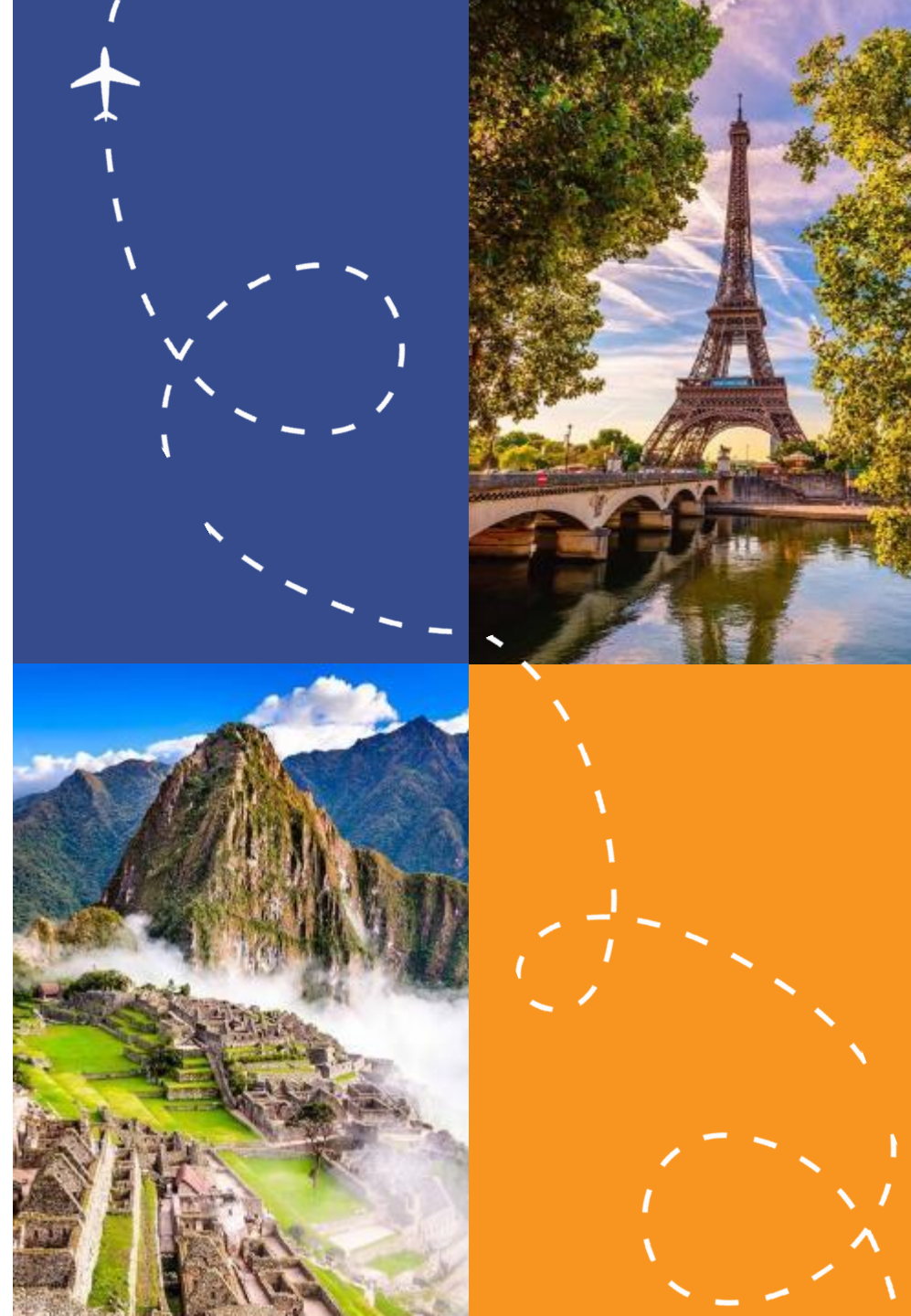
Fundraising support

- Personal fundraising page on explorica.com
- Easily request and accept credit card donations from friends and family



Financial assistance

- Need-based support for qualifying families
- Call 1.888.310.7121 for a confidential application



Thanks for joining us!

Enroll online at:

<http://www.explorica.com/Carlson-8438>

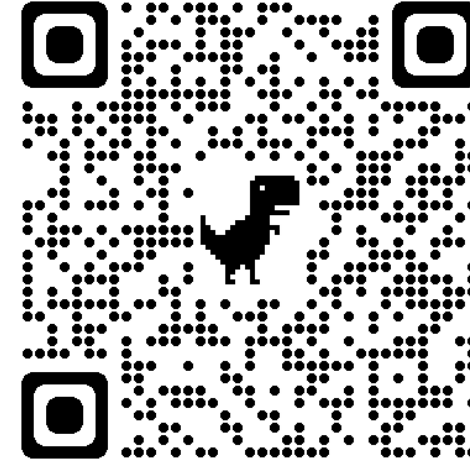
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\$150 discount with code "2025EarlySavings" (through 3/27/24)
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The Explorica experience



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