**SCARSDALE HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Chaperones: Mr. Mitchell Thompson & Ms. Heather Waters

**DAY 1: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Depart New York on your trans-Atlantic flight to Madrid:

*American Airlines Flight #94*

*Departing New York/JFK 7:05PM—arriving Madrid/MAD 8:15AM*

**DAY 2: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
HOME-STAY

Arrive in Madrid’s Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas Airport, and meet your host families from Colegios Ramon y Cajal. Transportation and home-stays are under the arrangements of Scarsdale High School.

**DAY 3: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
HOME-STAY

Home-stay with families.

**DAY 4: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
HOME-STAY

Home-stay with families.

**DAY 5: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
HOME-STAY (L)

Excursion to Toledo, with bilingual local guide! 8:30AM pick-up at the high school, and 4:00PM drop-off at the high school. Transfer to Toledo by private coach, where upon arrival you’ll begin your walking tour of the historic city center. Stroll through the medieval streets and see iconic landmarks, as your guide provides educational and fun commentary throughout your visit to this UNESCO-listed World Heritage city.

See the Jewish quarter, Alcazar fortress, Gothic cathedral, and the Monastery of san Juan de los Reyes. A *two-course* lunch is included at a local Spanish restaurant, and there is free time for exploration on your own and in small groups. Included are entrances to the Church of Santo Tome, to see El Greco’s painting, and a tour of the treasures within the Gothic Cathedral.
DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12  

Tour of historic Madrid, with local guide! Transfer into the city this morning by private coach. A panoramic drive comes alive with guided commentary, and the diverse architecture, boulevards, and grand plazas that make up the modern-day city. Highlights include the Alcalá Gate and Plaza de Espana, with its statue of Don Quixote. Visit the Museo Nacional del Prado with audio guides, to explore the single best collection of Spanish art. Your local guide takes you for a stroll through the historic quarters of the city, the Madrid de los Austrias, dating from the Habsburg dynasty. Spend time in the Plaza Mayor, walk the stairs of the Arch of Cuchilleros, and explore the area of the Plaza de la Villa, and finally the Plaza de Oriente, where the Royal Palace is located. There is free time for lunch at Mercado San Miguel. Included this afternoon is entrance to the Palacio Real, the Spanish Royal Family’s official residence, for a guided tour and time to explore the Royal Armoury.

DAY 7: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13  

Excursion to El Escorial and Segovia, with local guide! Today’s journey takes you to the palace monastery of El Escorial for a guided visit. It’s importance to Spanish history is communicated by its immense size, and elaborate decoration, and was built by King Philip II to honor San Lorenzo. Continue to ancient Segovia for a walking tour. See the Roman aqueduct, and visit the Alcazar, one of the most distinct palaces in the country with its turrets and cliff-side location. Included today is a two-course lunch of local specialties.

DAY 8: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14  

Home-stay with families.

DAY 9: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15  

Home-stay with families.

DAY 10: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16  

Home-stay with families.

DAY 11: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17  

Tour of cultural Madrid, with local guide! “Football” is one of the great leisure activities in Europe, and soccer is king. Explorations begin with Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, home to Real Madrid. The third most visited museum in Madrid, enter the dressing rooms and feel the players’ excitement, witness trophies and historic items, and enjoy a panoramic view of the stadium. Continue to the city center and stroll through El Retiro Park’s incredible natural beauty. Estacio de Atocha was the first train station in Madrid, and has a spacious design adorned with beautiful wrought iron and tropical gardens; Gustav Eiffel, better known for his Parisian tower, collaborated on the project. Visit the Reina Sofia, Spain’s national museum of 20th century art. See Picasso’s massive Guernica; created for the Spanish Pavilion at the International Exposition in Paris in 1937, it tells the story of the Basque town and stands as a Civil War protest.

DAY 12: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18  

Excursion to Cuenca, with local guide! Founded by the Moors, the historic walled town is set in the mountains and retains its steep cobbled streets and medieval castle ruins. See the famous and well preserved hanging houses “casas colgadas” that seemingly cling to the cliffs’ edges. A Unesco World Heritage Site, in the modern age Cuenca has defined itself as a center for abstract modern art. Included is entrance to the Museo de Arte Abstracto Español. A two-course lunch is provided at a local restaurant, and there is free time allocated to further explore the town.

DAY 13: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19  

Home-stay with families.

DAY 14: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20  

Departure

Meet at Colegios Ramon y Cajal, for a private coach transfer to the airport. Depart Madrid on your day flight to New York:

American Airlines Flight #95  Departing Madrid/MAD 10:55AM—Arriving New York/JFK 1:35PM