

14-DAY SPANISH EXCHANGE PROGRAM February 8-21, 2019

SCARSDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Directors: Mr. Mitchell Thompson & Mr. Vincent Modafferi

DAY 1: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Depart New York on your trans-Atlantic flight to Madrid. American Airlines recommends checking in a minimum of three hours in advance of departure. *Note hotel accommodations for directors only.*

*American Airlines Flight #94
Departing New York/JFK at 7:00PM
Arriving Madrid/MAD at 8:15AM*

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DAY 2: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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 10

HOME-STAY

Home-stay with families.

DAY 4: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

HOME-STAY

Home-stay with families.

DAY 5: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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. 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 13

HOME-STAY

Tour of historic Madrid, with local guide! 8:30AM pick-up at the high school, and 4:00PM drop-off at the high school. Your tour of Madrid begins this morning, as you transfer into the city by private coach. After a panoramic drive, your local guide takes you to the **Palacio Real**, the Spanish Royal Family's official residence, for a guided tour and time to explore the Royal Armoury. There is free time for lunch at Mercado San Miguel or

similar, and a stroll through the historic quarters of the city. Included this afternoon is entrance to the **Museo Nacional del Prado**.

DAY 7: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

HOME-STAY (L)

Excursion to El Escorial and Segovia, with local guide! 8:30AM pick-up at the high school, and 4:00PM drop-off at the high school. 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. The town is full of charming cafes and included today is a **two-course lunch** of local specialties.

DAY 8: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

HOME-STAY

Home-stay with families.

DAY 9: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

HOME-STAY

Home-stay with families.

DAY 10: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

HOME-STAY

Home-stay with families.

DAY 11: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

HOME-STAY

Tour of cultural Madrid, with local guide! 8:30AM pick-up at the high school, and 4:00PM drop-off at the high school. "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 excitement of the players, 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 19

HOME-STAY (L)

Excursion to Cuenca, with local guide! 8:30AM pick-up at the high school, and 4:00PM drop-off at the high school. 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 Espanol**. A **two-course lunch** of is provided at a local restaurant, and there is free time allocated to further explore the town.

DAY 13: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

HOME-STAY

Home-stay with families.

DAY 14: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

DEPARTURE

Meet at the school, for your **transfer** to the airport. Depart on your day flight to New York. American Airlines recommends checking in a minimum of three hours in advance of departure.

American Airlines Flight #95

Departing Madrid/MAD at 10:55AM—Arriving New York/JFK at 1:35PM