

The Porvenir Times

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THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

END OF THE SEMESTER

Our fun farewell party ended the Spring semester.

STUDY ABROAD BONDS

A host mom's journey to Hawai'i

WELCOME WEEK

The semester began with a bang. Discover where we took our new students in Seville.

STUDENT CORNER

"My Welcome Week in Seville", by Florida SouthWestern State College student, Hannah Fernander.

To view all of our student blogs,
visit: ics-seville.org/blogs.





Spring Farewell Party

GOOD BYE!



It was a wonderful semester, filled with memorable moments and great students. We hated saying goodbye, but since we had to... well, we wanted to turn it into a truly delightful celebration! Our housemothers came with delicious food, and we ended the semester with a bang!



Click on pictures to see Facebook album.



ICS EVENINGS

Final Spring 2024 Event



FIERCE COMPETITION

Our students eagerly participated in a thrilling trivia night and language exchange event, where competition was fierce and spirits were high. Teams battled it out, testing their knowledge on a range of topics from pop culture to history, each vying for the coveted first-place title.



LOVE OF LEARNING

Despite the fierce fighting to clinch victory, the night was ultimately a celebration of collaboration, learning, and the joy of coming together as a community.

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A HOST MOM'S JOURNEY TO HAWAI'I



One of our hostmothers made ICS history this past month! After much begging and pleading, Ester, one of our most beloved housemoms, crossed not only an ocean, but a continent to visit some of the ICS students she has hosted from the University of Hawaii at Manoa over the years! She was so impressed by the beauty of the state of Hawaii, but even more so by the love, kindness and generosity the students have shown her during her visit.



SUMMER WELCOME RECEPTION & ORIENTATION

On arrival day, our summer students were welcomed at the airport and greeted at the International College of Seville as they embarked on an exciting orientation that introduced them to their academic schedules, thrilling cultural immersion activities, and essential city tips, setting the stage for an unforgettable and enriching semester abroad.



Great airport welcome reception!



Summer students' arrival at the ICS



ICS Orientation day



Click to see Welcome to Seville YouTube video



Teja meeting her host family on arrival day



Evan and ICS students participating in our cultural adjustment session



WELCOME WEEK

PART I OF A GREAT WEEK!



Walk through the park to the Alcázar!



"Museum of Popular Arts & Customs."



For our first morning we walked through the María Luisa park, into the University of Seville and over to the Alcázar palace.



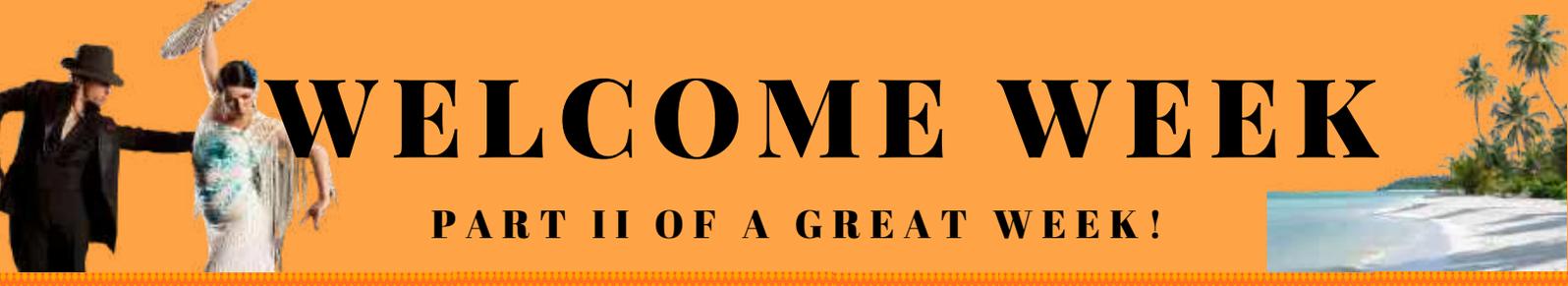
Traditionally, Saturday is shopping day in Spain. Where better to visit than the city's bustling commercial district (and stop at the largest wooden structure in the world: Las Setas)

Visit to the commercial district. "Las Setas"!



"Las Setas" monument.





WELCOME WEEK

PART II OF A GREAT WEEK!

Great night out at El Museo del Baile Flamenco!



No ICS Welcome Week would be complete without taking our students to see the best Flamenco show in town!



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Visit to the beach of Punta Umbría



Many of our students took advantage of their first Sunday in town to head to the beach on a one-day excursion with the student travel agency, We Love Spain. And a great day it was!



Click to see Welcome Week YouTube video.

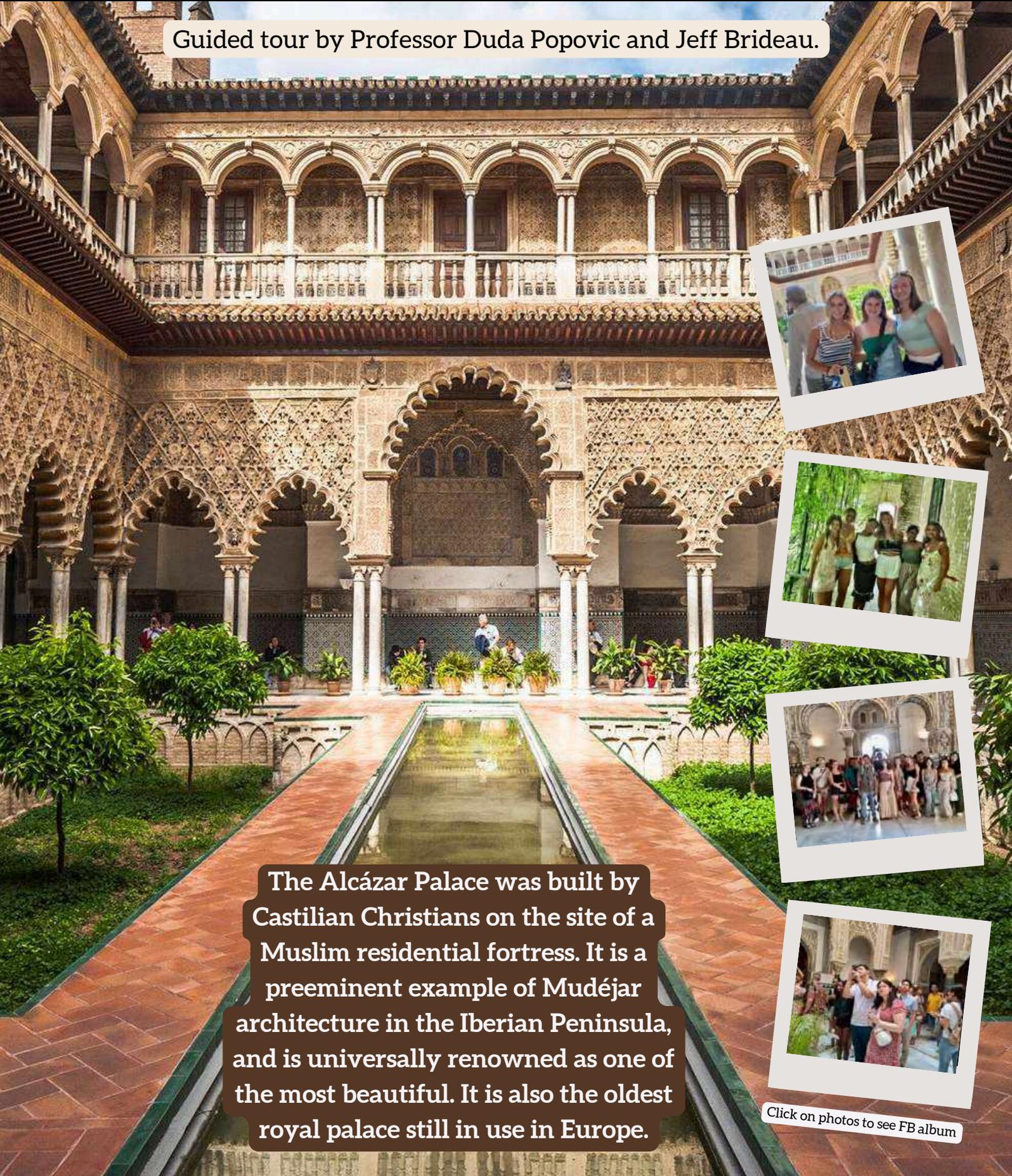


THE ALCÁZAR

Summer Cultural Visits



Guided tour by Professor Duda Popovic and Jeff Brideau.



The Alcázar Palace was built by Castilian Christians on the site of a Muslim residential fortress. It is a preeminent example of Mudéjar architecture in the Iberian Peninsula, and is universally renowned as one of the most beautiful. It is also the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe.

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My welcome week in Seville.

Studying abroad has presented me with the opportunity to experience a different culture, be exposed to a different language and overall enjoy the way of life in a new place. While studying abroad was initially daunting for me, I have genuinely felt welcomed and valued.



Hi! I'm Hannah!



To truly feel welcomed in a new place, one must connect with other people. The International College of Seville (ICS) has done a wonderful job of connecting its students to the language, history and beauty of the people here in Sevilla. ICS has also done a wonderful job of giving us opportunities to connect with each other. There were a few Welcome Week activities that stood out to me the most and became the foundation for connection with other people. These activities were the Flamenco Performance, the Guadalquivir River Cruise and the tour of the City Center.



flamenco

The Flamenco Performance was an experience of a lifetime! The passion and raw emotion combined with inspiring and intricate musical rhythms created an atmosphere of mutual awe. My friends and I frequently reference the captivating flamenco performance we watched, because it gave us a shared background upon which we could authentically connect. We enjoyed it so much that we went to another flamenco show led by one of the ICS staff members Evan Kindle! Participating in this art form connected us more deeply to the culture and life that is present in Sevilla.

cruise

The Guadalquivir River Cruise gave me the chance to further connect with many people who I met through the program. I initially thought it would be awkward and hard to connect with the people on my boat, but we warmed up to one another rather quickly and soon danced our way around Sevilla's gorgeous river! The conversations, food of vulnerability, openness and joy that I truly believe the people I've met thus far. A special thanks to Mario for his great music taste!

My welcome week in Seville. Part II

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One of my favorite experiences was touring parts of the city like the Alcázar, the Puerta de Jerez, the María Luisa park and the city center. We learned so much about Sevilla through our tour guides and the influences that make this city what it is today. It feels surreal to walk around and see such beautiful architecture; to know the history behind how it came to be is even more beautiful. The unique charm of Sevilla comes alive when you take the chance to walk around the city!

el centro

I am grateful for the activities we've done this week which have facilitated the process of connecting with others and have made my time here extremely enjoyable. My hope for the remainder of this program is to continue participating in all of the experiences and opportunities that arise, making solid friendships and having rich cultural and language exposure along the way!



"We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open."
Jawaharial Nehru

UPCOMING AT THE ICS

Activities.

What an intensive Summer Session this will be! Welcome Week, Visits, Trips, Cooking Classes... and all in one month!

And...

At the end of the month we will send off our students with a big Farewell Party!

Follow us to stay updated and visit our website to learn more about our programs!



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