



WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE

STUDY ABROAD

Spring Semester
Salamanca
Spain 2009

85 Days/ 83 Nights
February 7 - May 2, 2009





Spain

The Iberian Peninsula has a long and full history, dating from long before the Roman arrival, to the Visigoths, and Moors. With the completed re-conquest of Spain in 1492, the Spanish monarchs embarked on an unequalled campaign of exploration and conquest. With the defeat of the Armada, the Napoleonic Wars, the Spanish-American War, and the Spanish Civil War, the Spanish empire was reduced to a few small outposts. Interwoven with these political, religious and military struggles, however, is a rich culture produced by literary masters, musicians, artists, and architects. The countryside is full of monuments, from Roman aqueducts and magnificent castles, to immense cathedrals and Moorish palaces. The Spanish Language Study in Salamanca program provides students with a first-hand experience in discovering the country, its colorful past, its people and language.

Pontifical University of Salamanca

Pontifical University of Salamanca (UPSA) was founded in 1940 in order to maintain the old ecclesiastical faculties of the University of Salamanca. University of Salamanca itself was founded by King Alfonso IX of León in 1219 and was definitively established, in its twofold royal and pontifical character, by Alfonso X the Learned in May 8th, 1254. The university enrolls approximately 8,500 students and (it) offers more than 40 official degrees, postgraduate courses. The principal site of the Pontifical University is situated in Salamanca, a university city of excellence, in which more than 40,000 university students live. Its streets are full of culture carved in stone, like the House of the Shells (la Casa de las Conchas), the Cathedrals or the Main Square (la Plaza Mayor), and of living knowledge. Furthermore, this city has been converted into a world icon of the Spanish teaching, and for this reason every year thousands of foreign students approach the language of Cervantes in the cobbled streets of Salamanca. Please look at their www. <http://www.spanishcourses.upsa.es/> for further details of the program.



Courses

Spanish I - 6: Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced.
14 Units Transfers to UC/CSU



Itinerary

Day 1: Saturday, February 7: LOS ANGELES - MADRID
Depart Los Angeles via own air arrangements for Madrid.

DAY 2 – Sunday, February 8: ARRIVE MADRID – SALAMANCA
Arrive Madrid Airport, transfer on own from Madrid Airport to Salamanca (via taxi from airport to bus station then direct bus to Salamanca, approximately a two and half hour drive. Upon arrival you will rendezvous with your host family at the school and then transfer to your home stay accommodations for your first dinner with the family. (D)

Days 3-84: Monday, February 9 – Friday, May 1: SALAMANCA
Five days of Spanish instruction in Salamanca, 4 hours per day, Monday through Friday, typically 9:00am-1:00pm. (BLD)

Day 85: Saturday, May 2: SALAMANCA – MADRID – LOS ANGELES
Transfer on own from Salamanca to Madrid Airport for your own air arrangements and return to Los Angeles. (B)

Excursions & Activities

SALAMANCA is a city known as La Dorada because of the golden glow of its sandstone buildings. It has also been declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, one of 5 cities in Spain that has been given that honor. There are many famous monuments, such as the Cathedral in plateresque style with magnificent sculpture inside; the University of Salamanca, whose façade has numerous figures including the elusive "frog" and on Calle Calderon is the Unamuno Museum where the poet and rector had his office. There are many other landmarks in this town of Renaissance palaces and courts, 16th Century convents and legendary statues, as well as the famous El Puente Romano, the Roman bridge over the Tormes River. The city offers also weekly concerts, lectures or theater in various plazas throughout the city, and features one of the prettiest baroque squares in Spain, the Plaza Mayor.

The following excursions are available on an optional basis at a supplemental cost:

ÁVILA's churches, palaces and the oldest and best-preserved city walls in Spain are recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Ávila changed hands numerous times between the Christians and Muslims over 300 years and emerged as a center for commerce. The city is also known as the birthplace of Santa Teresa de Jesús 1515 - 1582 and where she became a nun at the Convento de la Concepción.

SEGOVIA This city is in the heart of Old Castile with its spectacular 12th Century Moorish castle-fortress, the Alcázar. Here also discover the engineering genius of the 2000-year old Roman Aqueduct, and explore the Gothic cathedral on the spot where Isabella was proclaimed queen.



The Price Includes

1. 83 nights Home-stay accommodation in Salamanca, price per person sharing a twin bedded room.
2. Three meals a day in Salamanca. With host families, or when on excursion the meal may be bag-style.
3. Spanish Instruction: 20 hours per week, 4 hours per day, Monday through Friday, at the Salamanca Universidad Pontificia, focusing on Conversational Spanish, Business Spanish and Spanish Review, from beginning to advanced instruction.
4. Free Internet access at the Universidad two days a week in the afternoons.
5. Language laboratory available two days a week in the afternoons.
6. Taxes and service charges as related to the Universidad.
7. Itinerary and travel documents preparation..

PROGRAM PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Round-trip air transportation to Madrid.
- Round-trip transfers, Madrid Airport/Salamanca.
- Optional Travel Insurance
- Sightseeing tours while in Salamanca (available at additional cost).
- All other items that are not listed under "The Price Includes."

Program Price

Price is based on current exchange rates, on current airfares and land prices, and are subject to change. Pricing based on current (10/08) exchange rate of \$1.00 USD = .73 euro.

Prices are based on a minimum of TWO passengers.

Pricing based on February 2009 departure.

Share Twin:

\$4925

Single Supplement: \$290

Payment price remains same, regardless whether payment is via e-check or credit card. (No service fee will be assessed for credit card payments.)

How to Register

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PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL TO SPAIN.

Processing a US passport may take up to six weeks.

See <http://travel.state.gov/passport/index.html>

For citizens of other countries, please inquire directly with the Spanish Consulate in Los Angeles.
(323) 938-0158/ 0166.

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equal opportunity to all qualified employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry status, religion, creed, sex, pregnancy, age, handicap, marital status, medical condition (cancer related), sexual orientation or veteran status. Inquiries regarding the application of this policy may be directed to the Office of Diversity Programs, (213) 891-2315.

The LACCD assumes responsibility only for providing an instructor and academic credit for classes. All classes are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees of the LACCD. All students enroll for class credit through West LA College. Payment of deposit with the application to the contractor does not guarantee acceptance.

General Information & Conditions:

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS:

Deposit required to register for this tour/program: \$500 (paid online)
Balance due: December 5, 2008
To find out how and to what extent your deposit/payment can be protected at no additional cost to you, see the section captioned 'National City® Travel Funds Protection Plan' elsewhere in this brochure.

CANCELLATIONS:

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Tour Resource Consultants, are subject to the terms of the Agreement for Services with your educational institution. The cancellation date is the date on which Tour Resource Consultants receives the signed written notification of the intent to cancel at its place of business.

Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Charges
Until December 5, 2008:	\$500*
December 6, 2008-January 7, 2009	\$1000*
January 8, 2009-Departure	No Refund

*In addition to these fees, any cancellation charges imposed by the airlines or other suppliers of travel services will be assessed.

REFUNDS:

All refunds will be based upon the cancellation schedule provided above. No refunds will be made until payments are recovered by Tour Resource Consultants from its suppliers. No refunds will be made on any services, meals or accommodations resulting from a participant's absence from the tour itinerary or from the non-utilization of these program components by the participant.

TOUR PRICES:

All rates, quoted in U.S. dollars, are based upon the exchange rate reflected in the group's tour proposal. The tour price will be adjusted if group airfare reservations, air taxes/fuel surcharges, international tariffs or currency exchange rates are revised.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:

U.S. citizens are required to possess a valid passport for international travel. In some instances visas may be required. Holders of U.S. passports and passports of countries other than the United States should inquire about individual visa requirements from the consular offices of the countries in which they will be traveling. Tour Resource Consultants does not assume responsibility for obtaining passports or visas, nor responsibility if participants do not acquire the required documentation and must cancel participation in the program as a result. Cancellation fees stated above will still apply.

AIR DEVIATIONS:

Under certain circumstances, land and air deviations from the tour itinerary may be available. A deviation fee of \$100, PLUS the cost of the change, must be paid at time of request. Once you have registered at our website, <http://www.tourresource.com>, more information is available in the member's area on the link "Deviations."

PROPERTY DAMAGES:

Any damages to homestay, apartment or hotel premises will be the sole responsibility of the tour participant and participant agrees to indemnify and hold Tour Resource Consultants LLC harmless from such claims and damages.

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

Updated itineraries and important notices for your tour will be posted on the TRC website www.TourResource.com on a secure website specifically for this program. Please ask your study abroad administrator, professor or group leader for the unique tour code for this program. With this unique tour code, tour participants will then register securely online and make payments online at www.tourresource.com via credit card, debit card, or e-check, at no supplemental cost to the participant. The secure members area for your group will be accessible only to registered members of this tour. Once logged in

to the secure members area you may view the updated itinerary and other important announcements and information about the tour. Please note that each website user must have their own email address. More details are available upon request.

Optional Individual Travel Insurance Policies:

We do everything we can to make sure you have a safe and enjoyable travel experience. However, unforeseen circumstances can occur from the time you make your first deposit until the time you return from your trip. We recommend that you have adequate travel insurance to protect yourself from potential losses that can occur because of trip cancellation and other unforeseen events. Please note: Homeowner policies and insurance offered by credit card issuers do not cover trip cancellation, trip interruption, travel delay or baggage delay. TRC is not responsible for such losses. Therefore, we suggest purchase of the optional ProtectAssist individual travel insurance policy from TravelGuard. To apply for an individual policy, go to our website www.TourResource.com and register for the tour. You can then navigate to <https://www.tourresource.com/members/Insurance/> and click on the Travel Guard logo to begin the application. The link also appears on the Frequently Asked Questions about travel insurance. Use the FAQs link to find it. This optional individual travel insurance policy can be purchased at any time up to 48 hours prior to departure, but if you wish to apply for special enhanced coverage, the individual policy must be purchased no later than 14 days after TRC's receipt of your first payment on the website. In addition, Waiver of Pre-existing Medical Condition is in effect if policy is purchased during this two-week window.

NATIONAL CITY® TRAVEL FUNDS PROTECTION PLAN

Effective August 1, 2008, Tour Resource Consultants LLC is a participant in the National City® Travel Funds Protection Plan ("Plan"). The Plan offers the opportunity to place your deposit/payment into an escrow account maintained by the Trust and Financial Services Division of National City Bank ("NCB"). NCB is a banking subsidiary of National City Corporation, whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

True Escrow Protection.

Tour Resource Consultants LLC has voluntarily agreed to deposit 100% of all cash, check or credit card payments received by the Tour Operator from you or your group directly into the NCB escrow account. This means that such funds will be separate from the operating funds of Tour Resource Consultants LLC. The Plan differs from some so-called escrow agreements where a tour operator opens a bank account in its own name as trustee. At the request of the Escrow Agent Tour Resource Consultants LLC has also agreed to allow an independent Certified Public Accountant to review its financial receipts records for various dates randomly selected by the CPA during the prior year. You or your travel agent may obtain a copy of the CPA's report upon delivery of a written request to Escrow Agent.

How Deposits/Payments received are Protected under the Plan.

When NCB receives your funds, they will be deposited into a NCB escrow account. If Tour Resource Consultants LLC is providing air transportation on a scheduled air carrier as a part of the tour package, NCB will pay the air carrier for your ticket in advance of your scheduled departure date in accordance with the instructions of the Tour Operator. After your scheduled return date according to NCB's records (and after the Tour Operator should have rendered the services to you), NCB will deliver the remaining funds to Tour Resource Consultants LLC and/or providers of travel services. In the unlikely event that the air carrier or the Tour Operator defaults or ceases to operate, you must file a refund claim with NCB for that portion of your funds which are still in the escrow account. Your claim must be filed as soon

as possible but no later than 2 business days after your scheduled return date.

What is not protected under the Plan.

The Plan does not protect you or any provider of travel services from loss (monetary or otherwise) resulting from the following:

- Your cancellation or interruption of your trip for any reason including death, injury, illness of you or a family member.
- Any delays in delivering any of the travel services.
- Any disputes involving the Tour Operator or any provider of travel services regarding the type or quality of services promised or rendered.
- Funds (including credit card payments) not received and collected by NCB.
- Travel agent payments through a miscellaneous charge order (MCO) unless Tour Resource Consultants LLC advances its own funds into the NCB escrow account to cover the MCO or the proceeds of the MCO are received by NCB prior to the date of your departure.
- Failure of you or your travel agent to make a timely claim for a refund in the unlikely event of a default by the airline or Tour Operator.
- The air carrier ceases to operate after NCB has paid for your airline ticket.
- The payment of funds to your travel agent for services not provided by Tour Resource Consultants LLC, including in some cases, airline tickets.
- Various types of travel insurance programs are available to protect you from some of the above losses. The Plan does not guaranty payment to any party which provides travel services to you.

Plan Summary.

This is only a summary of the Plan. The obligations of NCB with respect to deposits/payments received by NCB are governed solely by the terms of an Escrow Agreement by and between Tour Resource Consultants LLC and NCB.

All Claims for refunds under the Plan should be submitted to:

National City Bank
Travel Industry Financial Services, Dept. TFPP
755 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. 1400
Troy, MI 48084

Effective until December 31, 2009

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