

Educational Travel Experience Designed Especially for Hill School



Exploring Spain & Morocco - Trip ID #182945












March 6 - March 19, 2020

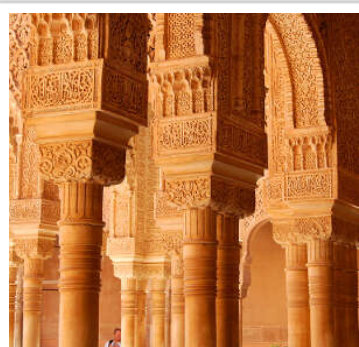
ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NEWARK
- DAY 2 ARRIVE MALAGA - GRANADA (6 NIGHTS HOMESTAY)
- DAY 3 GRANADA (LEGACY OF THE MOORS)
- DAY 4 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & FLAMENCO SHOW)
- DAY 5 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & ALHAMBRA)
- DAY 6 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & COOKING CLASS)
- DAY 7 GRANADA (LANGUAGE CLASSES & AFTERNOON HIKE)
- DAY 8 GRANADA - FERRY TO TANGIER (1 NIGHT)
- DAY 9 TANGIER - CHEFCHAOUEN (1 NIGHT)
- DAY 10 CHEFCHAOUEN - FES (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 11 FES
- DAY 12 TANGIER - RABAT - CASABLANCA (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 13 DAY TRIP TO MARRAKECH
- DAY 14 DEPARTURE FROM CASABLANCA



ITINERARY

Investigate the World: Spain is a vibrant country that combines the spirit of its various rulers over the centuries, from the Phoenicians and Romans, to the Moors and Christians. Its rich history is complimented by an expansive landscape of mountains, deserts, and glorious beaches. From the pounding rhythms of the flamenco and the unique experience of the bullfight, to the food that brings all people together, Spanish culture is defined by a deep passion for life that is contagious to all visitors.






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|  Educational Tour/Visit |  Cultural Experience |  Festival/Performance/Workshop | Tour Services |
|  Recreational Activity |  LEAP Enrichment |  Match/Training Session |      |





DAY 1 Friday, 06 March 2020

-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Newark to Malaga, Spain
-  Our International Studies Abroad (ISA) Resident Director will meet us at the airport to escort us to our hotel and will be available to the group throughout the tour.

DAY 2 Saturday, 07 March 2020





-  We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the day.
-  We will meet our Homestay families in Granada (area), who will host us for the next six nights. Three meals daily will be provided whilst on homestay.
-  Granada was one of the last major strongholds of the Moors, whose influence is reflected in the design and architecture of the city. This beautiful city sits at the base of the Sierra Nevada mountains, as well as at the confluence of three rivers, and this important geography drew Celts, Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Jews, and Moors over its long and complex history.
-  We will participate in an orientation session, covering Health and Safety aspects of the week ahead.
-  Daily Reflection and Group Discussion
"We do not learn from experience, we learn from reflecting on experience" - John Dewey
On every evening of the program, we will set time aside to update our Reflection Journal and share thoughts and impressions that have come to the fore in the course of the day.

DAY 3 Sunday, 08 March 2020



-  Shop in the Alcaiceria. This was a silk market in Moorish times, and is now an oriental bazaar with craft and souvenir shops.
-  Explore Spain's local cuisine by going on a Tapas Tour throughout Granada.





DAY 4 Monday, 09 March 2020

-  We will have an orientation meeting to provide students with relevant information and useful tools to familiarize them with their host country and the program ahead.
-  We will continue with our Spanish Language and Culture classes.
-  Stroll through the old Moorish quarter, the Albaicín, where the city of Granada was born. It is now a maze of steep streets filled with quaint shops and secluded plazas.
-  Enjoy a Flamenco Show at Los Tarantos, where we will observe the rhythmic art of flamenco dance and music.



DAY 5 Tuesday, 10 March 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish Language and Culture classes.
-  Explore the Alhambra, Spain's finest display of Moorish architecture. Set high upon a hill overlooking Granada, and shadowed by the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Moors built this city within a fortress to be a symbol of power and strength on the outside, and a "paradise on earth" on the inside. Our visit will also include the Generalife, the country estate of the Nasrid Kings, where they could enjoy tranquility high above the city, a little closer to heaven.









DAY 6 Wednesday, 11 March 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish Language and Culture classes.
-  Tonight we will both enjoy preparing and eating a traditional, local dish in a Cooking Class.

DAY 7 Thursday, 12 March 2020

-  We will continue with our Spanish Language and Culture classes.
-  This afternoon will be spent hiking around the mountains.

DAY 8 Friday, 13 March 2020

-  We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the day.
-  We will take the ferry from Spain to Tangier, Morocco.
-  We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring.
-  Our accommodation for the night will be in Tangier. While here, we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  Tangier is a beautiful city nestled along the North African Coast right at the mouth of the Strait of Gibraltar. Tangier's history, legacy, and culture are very rich due to the presence of various civilizations since its founding in the 5th century BC.
-  Visit the Tangier American Legation Museum, which is located in an elegant five-story mansion. Morocco was the first country to recognize the fledgling United States, in 1777, and this was the first piece of American real estate abroad, as well as the only US National Historic Landmark on foreign soil.
-  Just 14km west of Tangier lies Cap Spartel, the northwestern extremity of Africa's Atlantic Coast. A dramatic drive takes you through La Montagne, an exclusive suburb of royal palaces and villas, and over the pine-covered headland to the Cap Spartel Lighthouse (closed).
-  Visit the Grottoes of Hercules (also known as the Caves of Hercules). Hercules is believed to have slept in these grottoes before attempting one of 12 labors. These 12 labors were given to him by King Eurystheus of Tiryns and took Hercules 12 years to complete. Hercules traveled all over in order to complete these tasks.



DAY 8 Friday, 13 March 2020

- ★ This evening, we will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

DAY 9 Saturday, 14 March 2020

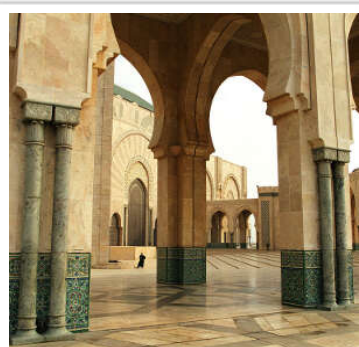
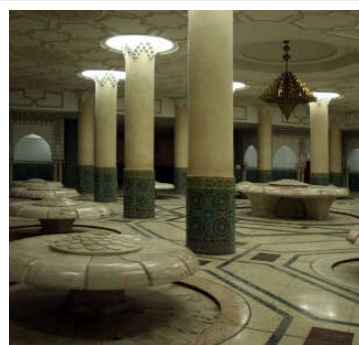
- 🚌 Today we will travel from Tangier to Chefchaouen.
- 🏠 Our base for the evening will be in Chefchaouen, breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel.
- ★ Beautifully perched beneath the raw peaks of the Rif, Chefchaouen is one of the prettiest towns in Morocco, an artsy, blue-washed mountain village that feels like its own world. The old medina is a delight of Moroccan and Andalusian influence with red-tiled roofs, bright-blue buildings and narrow lanes converging on busy Plaza Uta el-Hammam and its restored kasbah.
- 🏠 Tour Chefchaouen's medina; one of the loveliest in Morocco. Small and uncrowded, most of the buildings are painted a blinding blue-white, giving them a clean, fresh look, while terracotta tiles add an Andalusian flavour. The heart of the medina is the shady, cobbled Plaza Uta el-Hammam, dominated by the red-hued walls of the kasbah and the adjacent Grande Mosquée.

DAY 10 Sunday, 15 March 2020

- 🚌 Today we will travel from Chefchaouen to Fez.
- 🏠 Our accommodation for the next two nights will be in Fez. While here, we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- ★ Fez is the spiritual heart of Morocco and is the most ancient and the greatest of the country's imperial cities. Within the walls of its medina lies the world's largest intact medieval city where narrow streets and dim alleyways wind endlessly up and down, around and around, crammed with people, music, noise, and smells.
- 🏠 Take a Walking Tour of the historic city center. Highlights of our tour will include the impressive Bab Boujloud gate, the bustling Tanners Quarter, the many open-air marketplaces or Souks, the Karaouine Mosque, the Andalusian Quarter and Place el-Seffarine.
- ★ We will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

DAY 11 Monday, 16 March 2020

- 🏠 See the Bouinania Madrasa, a group of buildings built between 1350 and 1356 by Sultan Abou Inan which provide an excellent example of Marinid architecture. The madrasa simultaneously functioned as both an educational institute and as a congregational mosque.
- 🏠 Visit the University of Al Quaraouiyine, which dates back to the ninth century. It is the oldest existing, continually operating and the first degree-awarding educational institution in the world according to UNESCO and Guinness World Records and is sometimes referred to as the oldest university. It was founded by Fatima al-Fihri in 859 with an associated madrasa, which subsequently became one of the leading spiritual and educational centers of the historic Muslim world.
- ★ We will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.



DAY 12 Tuesday, 17 March 2020

- Today we will travel from Fes to Casablanca. En route, visit Rabat.
- Literally translating from Berber to 'fortified place' the nation's capital Rabat is considered Morocco's most conservative city and displays a civilized orderliness more akin to European cities. Located on the Atlantic Ocean at the mouth of the river Bou Regreg, Rabat was fortified in 1146 by the Almohad ruler Abd al-Mu'min to use as a launching point for attacks on Spain.
- Escape the heat in the shade of the Andalusian Gardens which were originally constructed during the French protectorate era on the old palace grounds. The palace buildings now house a museum with various exhibitions of jewelry, clothing, ceramics, and traditional musical instruments.
- Visit Le Tour Hassan, the towering minaret of the Hassan Mosque, which began construction in 1195 under the Almohad Yacoub el Mansour. The tower was intended to be 200 feet tall but today is incomplete at 145 feet; construction of the mosque was abandoned upon the death of the Sultan in 1199. Facing the tower we will also visit one of the country's most important shrines, the Mausoleum of Mohammed V.
- Our accommodation for the next two nights will be in Casablanca. While here, we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Know locally as Casa, Casablanca is the largest city in Morocco, both in population and size of economy, and host to the country's primary naval base. No longer a safe haven for pirates Casablanca is now a thriving, and rather European feeling, centre of industry, art and fashion.
- See the Hassan II Mosque which is the largest mosque in Morocco and the 13th largest in the world, whilst its minaret is the world's tallest at 689 feet.
- Enjoy some time at the Morocco Mall, which is the largest shopping center in Africa (Time permitting).
- We will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

DAY 13 Wednesday, 18 March 2020

- Today we will travel from Casablanca to Marrakech.
- Marrakech is a vibrant city of marvellous contrasts. From the narrow, and thus car-free, streets of the old walled city to the French colonial areas with their more spacious feel. Experience the glorious sights and sounds of the timeless souks and the circus atmosphere of the Djemaa el Fna. The, oft snow capped, High Atlas Mountains are clearly visible from many parts of the city with the promise that behind lies the Sahara.
- Enjoy an exciting adventure as we spend the morning taking camel rides.
- Visit the Saadian Tombs, which are sepulchres in Marrakech and date to time of the Saadian dynasty sultan Ahmad al-Mansur (1578-1603). The mausoleum comprises the interments of about sixty members of the Saadi Dynasty that originated in the valley of the Draa River. Among the graves are those of Ahmad al-Mansur and his family. The building is composed of three rooms. The most famous is the room with the twelve columns.
- The palace of Bahia (palace of the beautiful, the brilliant) is a nineteenth century palace of eight hectares located in Marrakech. It is one of the masterpieces of Moroccan architecture and one of the major monuments of the country's cultural heritage.
- We will enjoy a special farewell dinner tonight in Marrakech. We will be able to enjoy traditional Moroccan music while we dine.
- Final Reflection and Discussion Session
This evening we make the final entries in our Reflection Journal and share some of the most significant observations and perspectives that have taken shape in the course of our travel experience and how these may be most relevant for us all as we return home.



DAY 14 Thursday, 19 March 2020



Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.



Recognize Perspectives and Communicate Ideas:

3 College Preparatory Credits Through the University of California at San Diego Extension

As a result of participating on this program, all high school students are eligible to take an online Global Perspectives course through a learning management system, where all the grading and assessment will be undertaken by the WorldStrides Curriculum and Academics team, led by Wendy Amato, PhD.

The course offers 3 college preparatory credits through the University of California at San Diego Extension, where credit will be awarded upon successful completion of the online coursework with all costs associated with the course covered by WorldStrides.



TOTAL PER PERSON TOUR COST BASED ON NUMBER OF FULL-PAYING PARTICIPANTS

| Hill School (Subject to final airfare confirmation) | Full Paying Participants | Price In USD |
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| This proposal is valid until Friday, 08 November 2019 and this tour cannot be operated in its present format with fewer than 10 participants. | 20 12 | 4,595 4,795 |
| How to Enroll | | |
| <p>The Trip ID for your program is 182945 and you can register today by credit card or echeck by going to: www.worldstrides.com/register</p> <p>A \$300 initial deposit is due by 10/31/2019.</p> <p>Please contact your Program Leader for further information.</p> <p>Program Leader: Yassine Benzinane Contact Details: ybenzinane@thehill.org</p> | | |
| Tour Prices Guaranteed at Time of Enrollment! | | |
| <p>Our Price Guarantee: Once you have accepted this proposal, the dates have been confirmed and WorldStrides online registration portal (or equivalent paperwork) has been made available for your group's tour, the prices shown for the relevant group size level(s) will not change, regardless of any subsequent rate fluctuations (for example, on visits to attractions, airline fuel/taxes or currency movements on overseas programs).</p> | | |

What is Included:

- Round trip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights and guaranteed dates
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in three and four star hotels with private facilities guaranteed throughout in Morocco
- Homestay accommodation in Granada, including daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- A filling breakfast every day to get the day started well throughout your touring program
- A hearty three course dinner daily reflecting local cuisine on every evening (usually in local restaurants in capital cities)
- A full-time International Studies Abroad Resident Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- The expertise and perspective of local guides during your tour
- All excursions, cultural activities and (several pre-booked) admissions as per your itinerary
- Transportation by private coach for airport transfers and touring, except in capital cities where public transport is used (and the cost included) for group sightseeing
- Three college preparatory credits issued by UCSD-Extension for high school students (upon successful completion of online course work)
- Medical Insurance is included for the duration of your program

This Does Not Include:

- Lunches (while not on homestay) or personal beverages with meals
- Visas (if required)
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Travel insurance - We offer and always recommend our Trip Mate travel insurance policy to all participants. This comprehensive policy includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149
- Alternatively, you may wish to purchase our enhanced policy which includes a Cancel For Any Reason option for \$249



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Insurance: Liability and Financial Security

Liability Insurance –

WorldStrides' insurance is the largest in the industry at \$50 million. This coverage extends to certain individuals acting on behalf of WorldStrides as tour directors, program leaders, and chaperones. Your school can be named as additionally insured.

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\$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership.

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Risk Management

Embedded Insurance –

Program participants are covered by \$7,500 primary medical and dental insurance and \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

Crisis Management Team –

Led by executives with decades of Risk Management experience, our team actively monitors world events, International SOS and State Department notices 24/7.

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A George Washington University Hospital doctor serves on staff as the WorldStrides Medical Director, overseeing medical response planning for the organization. Through an exclusive agreement with the GWU Department of Emergency Medicine, participants have worldwide, 24/7 phone access to medical support (including phone consultations and translation services).

Emergency Contact Services –

WorldStrides' on tour support office is open 24 hours a day and staffed with trained professionals ready to assist with any problems or questions during travel.

Accreditation and Educational Strength

WorldStrides is accredited as an educational institution through AdvancED. WorldStrides was the first travel provider to attain this accreditation, which validates the quality, stability, and educational value of our programs.

WorldStrides provides educational travel programs for more than 5,000 middle and high schools, 400 universities and 400,000 students annually.

WorldStrides programs are unique in offering the LEAP Enrichment Program. LEAP brings contemporary teaching strategies to the environments encountered while traveling.

Student Registration and Payment Collection

Custom online registration platform to facilitate a smooth registration and payment process for students.

Dietary, health, and meal information collection.