



SEMESTER AT SEA®



Fall 2014 Parent Trip

Portugal and Spain

September 29 - October 7, 2014

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DAY 1

September 29: Arrival to Lisbon

Upon arrival at the Lisbon Airport, you will be met by a driver and transferred to the hotel. Our first “official” gathering will be an evening Welcome Reception at the hotel featuring Portuguese wines and hors d’oeuvre. *(As most arrivals to Europe from the U.S. are very early in the day, we will have a hospitality desk with a guide to orient everyone to the hotel and Lisbon. The hotel will attempt to make rooms available as early as possible.)* Meals: Evening Reception | Lodging: Pestana Palace Hotel, Lisbon

DAY 2

September 30: Lisbon

In the morning we will have an introductory tour of Lisbon to acquaint you with this extraordinary city. The afternoon will be free to explore Lisbon with your family. In the evening we will have dinner in Lisbon with a Fado and Folklore show. Meals: B, D | Lodging: Pestana Palace Hotel, Lisbon



DAY 3

October 1: Lisbon (Arrival of the MV Explorer)

This morning we will have an early transfer to the port to see the arrival of the *MV Explorer*. Parents and family members will be free to board the ship. The remainder of the day today will be free for families to explore Lisbon together. In the evening we will have dinner in the Lake Lusitano Room at our hotel. Students will check into the hotel today and join the parents and family members until the Parents Reception in Cádiz on Sunday, October 5. Please note that some students will have required Field Labs on this day. Meals: B, D (Optional lunch on the ship), D | Lodging: Pestana Palace Hotel, Lisbon

DAY 4

October 2: Sintra and Cascais

In the morning we will travel to the lovely and unforgettable town of Sintra, where we will visit one of its spectacular palaces. Leaving Sintra, we will travel along the coastline of Portugal to the cosmopolitan town of Cascais. We will stop along the way for lunch at Porto de Santa Maria Restaurant overlooking the Guincho beach. Meals: B, L | Lodging: Pestana Palace Hotel, Lisbon



DAY 5

October 3: Lisbon – Évora – Seville

This morning we will leave Lisbon and travel east to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Évora, renowned for its stunning combination of Roman, Gothic, and Baroque architecture. Following lunch in Évora, we will travel to the quintessentially Andalusian city of Seville, Spain. After checking into our hotel, we will have the evening on our own. *Meals: B, L | Lodging: Hotel Gran Melia Colon, Seville*



DAY 6

October 4: Seville - Cádiz (MV Explorer Arrival in Cádiz)

On this day we will have a walking tour in our historic neighborhood that includes Seville's magnificent Alcázar and cathedral, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The Cathedral of Saint Mary of the See, better known as the Seville Cathedral, is the largest Gothic cathedral and the third-largest church in the world. Following time for lunch and browsing in Seville, we will travel southwest through Andalusia to Cádiz, considered by many to be the oldest city in Europe. In the evening we will have dinner and a Flamenco show. *Meals: B, D | Lodging: Hotel Playa Victoria, Cádiz*

DAY 7

October 5: Cádiz

This day will be free to explore Cádiz with your family. In the late afternoon there will be a reception for parents and family with voyage deans and faculty aboard the *MV Explorer*. Please note that some voyagers will need to attend required Field Labs on this day. *Meals: B, Evening Reception | Lodging: Hotel Playa Victoria, Cádiz*

DAY 8

October 6: Jerez - Cádiz

On this day we will visit nearby Jerez, world renowned for its sherry and its Spanish Andalusian horses and equestrian culture. After visiting the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art, we will have a guided tour of one of Jerez's famous bodegas, where we will have tapas and a sherry tasting. We will return to Cádiz in the early afternoon and have time for leisure. We will celebrate our last night in Spain at El Faro Restaurant. *Meals: B, L, D | Lodging: Hotel Playa Victoria, Cádiz*

DAY 9

October 7: Cádiz

Departures from Jerez Airport. Transfers to the airport are included.

Please note that as this trip begins in Lisbon, Portugal and ends in Cádiz, Spain, we recommend that trip participants fly into Lisbon Portela Airport (LIS), also known as Lisbon Airport, and out of Jerez Airport (XRY), also known as La Parra Airport, which is approximately 28 miles from Cádiz.

