

Spain Engineering Summer 2017

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Toledo



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Toledo is a beautiful city and I loved learning about it's history! The time spent in Toledo was when I started getting to know the people on our trip. I enjoyed the Spanish classes and meeting some of the faculty at UCLM. They were very vibrant and friendly. I loved the beautiful views from the outside of the city looking at Toledo! One of my favorite parts of our trip to Toledo was making the hike with everyone up the hill and eating at the restaurant that overlooked the city!

Cuenca



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Cuenca was a short but sweet trip! The landscape was absolutely beautiful and I enjoyed learning about the city on our tour. My group of friends really became close when we were here because we stayed up late talking and hanging out, and just sharing different things about ourselves. It was a lot of fun!

Alicante



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Alicante was definitely more modern than other cities we visited on this trip! It was filled with many tourists when we visited. The beaches were very cold but the water was so beautiful and very blue! One of my favorite memories of Alicante was walking up to a castle on top of a hill near the beach with my friends. The view was incredible and I got some really amazing pictures!

Ciudad Real



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Ciudad Real reminded me a lot of College Station and also my hometown. I really felt like I was able to experience day-to-day life of the Spanish culture. I learned how to work around a language barrier because my host family did not speak any English and I do not speak Spanish. It was definitely a challenge but I would not have wanted to change my experience in any way! I was able to attend a bible study at my host mom's church, which I really enjoyed! I also really like the way of life here and the resourcefulness of families. They are grateful for what they have and do not live in excess like many people in America. It is a good reminder that there is much more to life than money!

Valdepenas



Valdepenas was fun! It was a quick trip but the wine tour was really cool and I enjoyed hanging out with friends!



Malaga

Malaga was a short trip but we tried to cram in as much sight seeing as we could! I forgot to take a lot of pictures but we went to a nice restaurant, took a ride on a ferris wheel, and made a quick visit to the beach! If I were to come back to Spain in the future, I'd like to try to spend more time in Malaga!



Caminito Del Rey



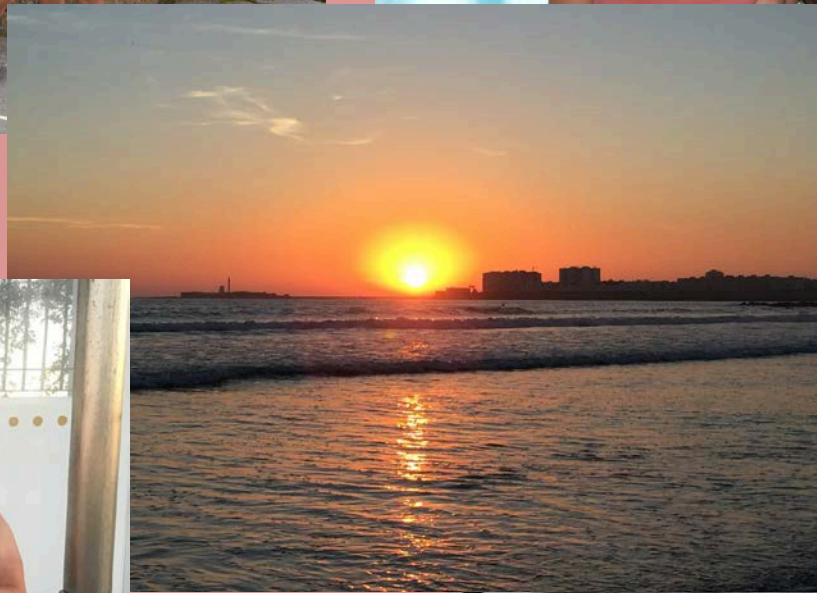
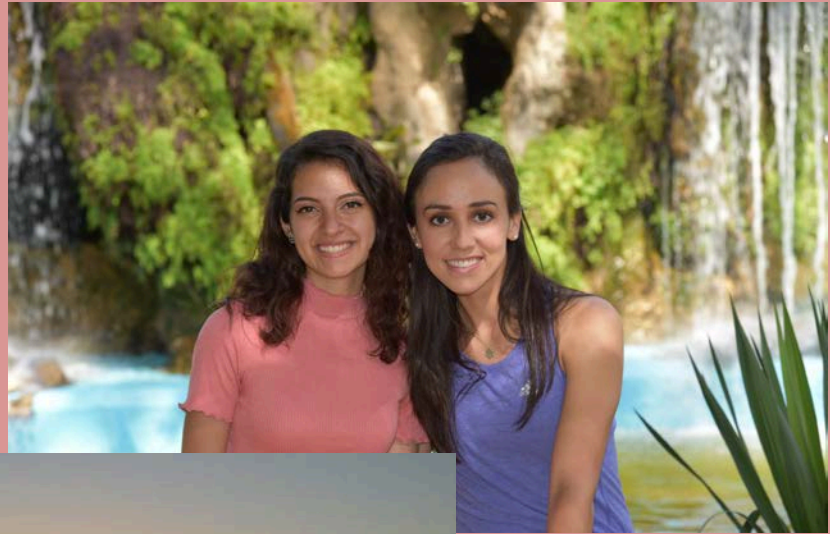
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Caminito Del Rey was so beautiful! I love hiking and walking trails so I thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the unique landscape! I also was very exhausted at the end of the hike but it was more than worth it!

Rhonda

Rhonda was a very quick trip but I managed to get a couple pictures! The bridge was beautiful and I enjoyed walking around the city with friends, looking in souvenir shops and having some good laughs!





Cadiz



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I had a blast in Cadiz! It reminded me a little of Alicante in that there were a good amount of tourists there! The beach was very beautiful here and I enjoyed the tour we went on of the city. I enjoyed the night we went out dancing and ran into another group from the trip! We stayed out on the beach that night until the morning to watch the sun rise and it was beautiful! So many good memories here 😊

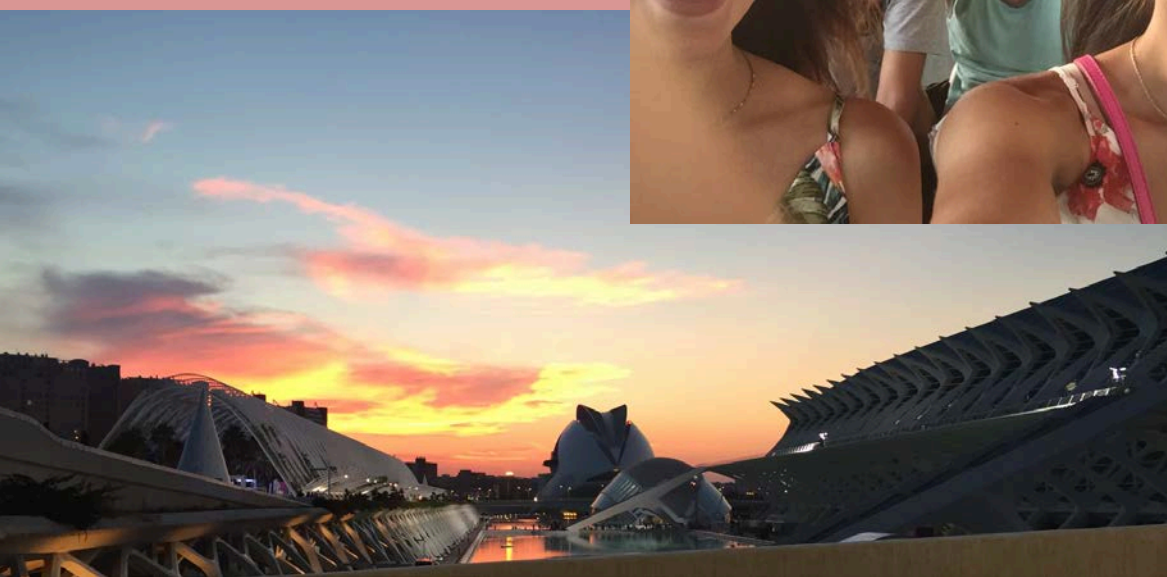
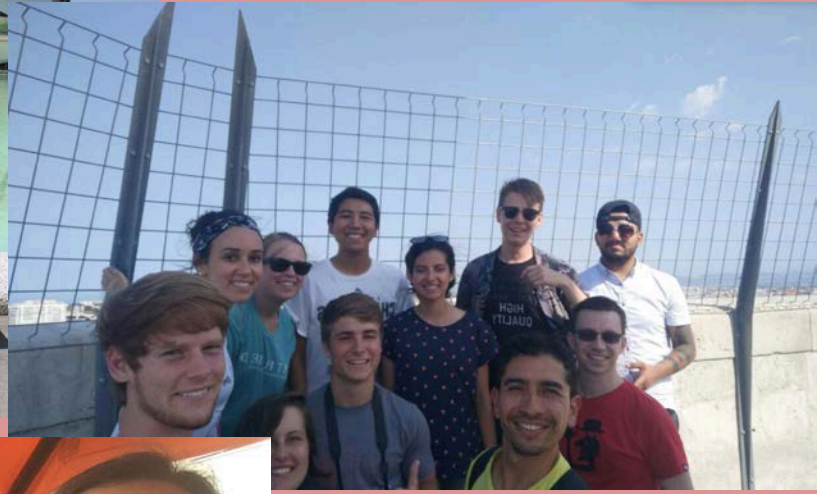
Seville



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Seville was the trip my friends and I took on the short weekend. I really want to go back to this city! It was very beautiful and different from any of the other cities I went to on this trip. We paid to ride in a few paddle boats, walked through a beautiful park, visited the Alcazar palace and watched a Real Madrid soccer game! We did so much in such a short period of time and I enjoyed every minute of it!

Valencia



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I loved Valencia! My friends and I went here on our long weekend trip. We went to the Biopark, an aquarium, and a couple museums that were very different but cool. One night we sat and hung out while listening to music played by students from the college of Berkley. We went on a long walk one day through the city and saw a lot of unique architecture and landmarks. We also had a great time celebrating Aileen's 21st birthday!

Barcelona



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I wouldn't have wanted to end the trip anywhere other than Barcelona! The city was incredible and I have so much appreciation for the architecture. One of my favorite parts of this trip was seeing the Sagrada Familia. I loved Gaudi's vision and how every part/design of the cathedral had so much meaning. It was much more unique than I expected and left me speechless! We also went to Park Güell and that was very beautiful as well. We even met people from Australia and spent a day hanging out with them and comparing our English languages. I experienced so much in Barcelona! I loved just walking around, continuing to get to know people and enjoying the culture!