



Toledo, Spain





In Toledo, you get your first experiences of tapas and Spanish culture. In class, we learned language that would help us get through the next couple of weeks. It was a very small city and became easy to navigate through by the end of the week.

Madrid, Spain









During a day field trip with the class, we were able to visit the construction site of a bridge.



All of these pictures were taken near, outside, or in the Royal Palace of Madrid.

The Royal Palace in Madrid was my favorite palace from the whole trip. They don't let you take pictures inside the rooms. The rooms are designed so that when you see them, it absolutely takes your breath away. It is definitely a sight you have to see for yourself. The garden next to the palace was also very pretty and we even ran into a peacock there!

Lisbon, Portugal







Beach day! We spent a whole evening at the beach and even though the water was freezing cold, we got to enjoy the view. We all had a lot of fun playing volleyball that day and just overall hanging out as a group.

Lisbon, Portugal







In Portugal, we did a lot of general walking around and sight seeing. Portugal's metro station was my favorite of all the stations I've been at. Not only was it pretty from the outside (second picture), but it was also connected to a mall across the street. I had never seen a metro station/mall but I'm not complaining!

Cuidad Real, Spain







I never expected to love Cuidad Real as much I did. I have to say it was the place that I had the most memories. We had a lot of group meals here which were mostly at fancy restaurants. It was over these meals and dinners that we were able to bond and get to know each other better. In addition to that, we were able to meet a lot of the UCLM students and get an inside scoop of the city. I am also very grateful for my host mom. She made me a lot of Spanish cuisine and she truly became my second mom over the course of this trip.

Cuidad Real, Spain



Since we spent a lot of time in Cuidad Real, we quickly found our favorite places to always go. One of them was at La Deliciosa bakery, located on the street next to the hotel. The server there was always very cheerful and we enjoyed the overall environment. The server let me struggle with my Spanish for several occasions before she finally let on that she knew very good English.



El Portalon also became an easy favorite restaurant since it was so close to the school. It was a great place to have cheap tapas. Unfortunately, there is such a thing as too much El Portalon. By the end of this trip, I've eaten here enough times to last me a lifetime. We hardly went to any other restaurant because we were always here!

Seville, Spain

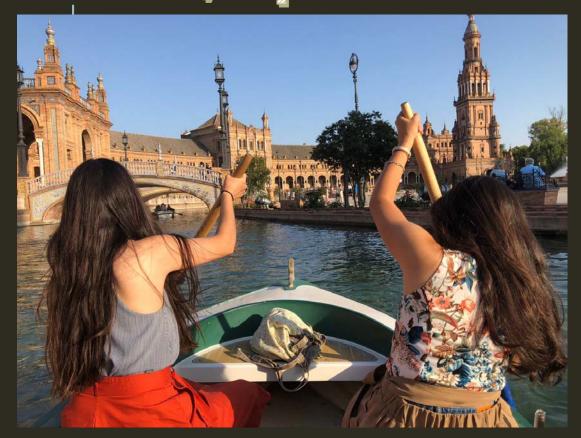






Seville seemed to be a very historic city. We visited Italica where there are ancient roman ruins. We also went to Plaza de Espana where we paddled boats on a canal. Visiting the plaza was my favorite part as we realized how hard it truly is to paddle. We tried so hard the entire time so we could be back in time (so we don't pay extra money).

Seville, Spain







We also went to the Alcazar which is an old palace. It had very intricate designs on the building and was overall different than anything I had ever seen. Along the way to the Alcazar, we took another detour in the park. We managed to take some more pictures with the varied landscape. After the Alcazar, we went to a place we all know and love... Taco Bell!

And we also found out the Taco Bell there served Pina Colada!

Caminito Del Rey/ Malaga, Spain/ Granada, Spain



Caminito Del Rey was a very long, hot, and tiring day. We hiked for more than two hours so make sure to be prepared if you go! One of my favorite parts of being in Granada was taking a horse carriage around the city.

While In Malaga, I spent a long day at the park. The parks here are very beautiful and plentiful, so it was always nice to relax there.