

A low-angle, upward-looking shot of a narrow street in Spain. The street is lined with multi-story buildings. Numerous Spanish flags are strung across the street, hanging from balconies and windows. The flags are in various sizes and orientations, creating a festive atmosphere. The sky is bright and clear. In the foreground, a red rectangular box contains the word 'ESPAÑA' in large white letters, with 'Victoria Childress' written below it in smaller white text. The overall scene is vibrant and celebratory.

ESPAÑA

Victoria Childress

Merced 14

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Toledo



Lisbon



Sintra



Madrid



Valencia



Bilbao



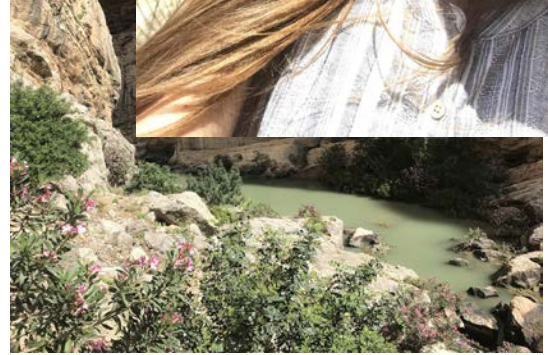
San Sebastián



Malaga



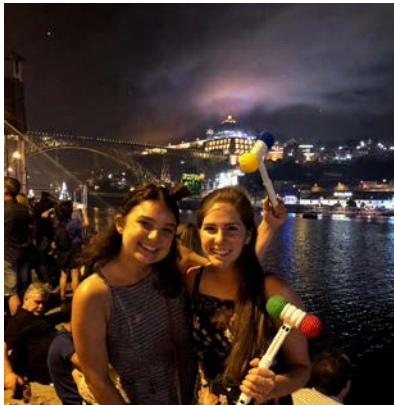
Caminito Del Rey



Granada



Porto



Ciudad Real



Reflections

An aerial photograph of a Spanish town, likely Seville, showing a river winding through the center, surrounded by dense buildings with characteristic red-tiled roofs. The town is built on a hillside, and the river is flanked by walkways and some greenery.

~Spain now feels like a second home.

I was told that no one in Europe wore white shoes, bright colors, or shorts. That is all my Spanish friends wear.

~I am going to miss the long, sunny days and 5 day weekends

~Texas is going to feel even more horizontal after visiting the vertical cities of Spain.

~ I originally thought Portugal was entirely past its glory days, but it is one of the most incredible countries I have visited.

~I am no longer as dependent on my phone; I can navigate a city I have never been to without speaking the language or any cell service.

~I learned how to communicate with people who cannot understand me. However, jokes take far too long to translate after 11pm.

~Puppies don't need leashes in Spain. American dogs are not near as well behaved.

~I have rediscovered love for fresh fruit, but I still believe eggs should be eaten for breakfast.