

November 2022

Year 10 GCSE Spanish Residential Trip March 2023

Dear Families

I am pleased to inform you that the Languages Department will be taking a group of students on a language tour to Madrid in March 2023. This trip is aimed at students in the current Year 10 who are taking GCSE Spanish. This is our first trip as a department to Spain and I am sure it will prove to be very popular. A trip of this kind offers a unique educational opportunity both culturally and linguistically. The cost of the trip is £595 and this can be paid in three instalments. The price includes flights, transfers, accommodation with bed and breakfast plus evening meals.

Madrid is a vibrant, bustling city with an abundance of things to see and do. It is renowned for its attractions including the Prado, Thyssen and Reina Sofia Museums, el Retiro Park, the Royal Palace and the arcaded square of the Plaza Mayor. The students will enjoy an authentic taste of Spanish culture and history. They will be able to put the theory of the classroom into practice with opportunities to converse with native speakers in real life situations. In addition, students will be able to further improve their language skills by visiting Inlingua Language School one morning to take part in a two hour-long workshop. Students will practise their culinary skills by preparing a three-course meal to include paella at the Cocina Cayena cooking school and no trip would be truly authentic without trying some flamenco dancing and watching a real live show.

Accommodation

We will be staying in one of the best youth centres in Madrid, The TOC. This hostel offers high standard accommodation in the heart of the city. All rooms have ensuite facilities and students will be accommodated in groups of up to six per room. Evening meals outside are included.

Our Proposed Programme

Thursday 23 March

We will travel by British Airways from Heathrow Airport to Madrid. Students are required to make their own way to Heathrow Airport. Transfer to the centre of Madrid will be by coach, arriving in Madrid late morning. There will be time to settle into the hostel and then go for a walk to the nearby Plaza and shops and have lunch. We will have a guided tour of the city in the afternoon, watch sunset at Templo Debod followed by bowling and an evening meal at The Hard Rock Cafe.

Friday 24 March

Students will have breakfast then head to their first Spanish language workshop at Inlingua Language School. Then we will visit the Royal Palace & Prado Museum (Optional visits: Reina Sofia Museum,



Outdoor Sculpture Museum on any day of the itinerary). Students will head to the Cocina Cayena Cooking School early evening to prepare and eat a three-course paella meal.

Saturday 25 March

Students will have breakfast, visit the Rastro Flea Market, followed by boating / walking / picnicking in El Retiro park. Students will have a three-hour flamenco experience early in the evening to include a taster flamenco dance session, a three-course meal followed by a one-hour flamenco show.

Sunday 26 March

Students will have breakfast, check out and leave bags in storage. A packed lunch will be provided by the *TOC Hostel*, then time for souvenir shopping, before heading to the airport for the return flight to London. We will be returning in the evening. Students should be collected from the airport or have organised their travel home.

Included in the price

- Travel by British Airways
- Coach to the *TOC Hostel* and back to the airport
- Bed and breakfast accommodation. (Breakfast is provided by the hostel, evening meals are provided outside, packed lunch provided last day)
- Full programme of excursions
- Language lessons
- Travel within Madrid
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance

In order to travel, students will need to have:

- An individual valid passport which is **valid for 3 months after 26 March 2023**
- A [GHIC or EHIC Health Card](#)
- As of today's date, there are no Covid-19 restrictions on travel to Spain.

If you wish to apply for a place on the trip, please:

- Make a payment of £150.00 on Parent Pay
- Complete the form below and hand it to Mrs Wapshott in the Finance Office no later than **Monday 21 November 2022.**

Further instalments will be available to be paid via Parent Pay.

Financial support is available for all students who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding and Free School Meals, as well as all other students for whom cost or the schedule of payment is a barrier to attendance. Please email finance.dept@orleanspark.school to enquire about this. We want to ensure that no students miss out on this opportunity due to the cost and all enquiries will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Demand for the trip is likely to be high and in the event of more students applying for the trip than there are places available, all places will be chosen by ballot. However, if we were to receive insufficient numbers, the trip would be cancelled and parents' money would automatically be refunded.

Yours faithfully

Paula Todd
Teacher of Languages



Check in for British Airways Boarding Passes

Name of student as it appears on the passport, including any middle names:

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Date of Birth:

Tutor Group:

Student's Passport Number:

Place of Issue of Passport:

Student's Nationality:

Parental contact number:

Date of expiry on passport:

I have made a deposit of £150 on Parent Pay, to be refunded if the trip does not go ahead.

Signed.....(Parent/Carer)

Date:.....

To be returned to Mrs Wapshott in the Finance Office by Monday 21 November 2022.

