

# Denton Independent School District Request for Travel Out-of-Country Non State- Sanctioned Activities\*

## I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Campus Ryan HS Date Submitted 01/11/19 School Organization Spanish Dept.  
 Activity Sponsor Mary Durbin Name and Date of Event Adventure in Spain Mar. 7-15, 2019

## II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRAVEL

Destination(s)\*\* Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Seville, Costa del Sol  
 Description of Activities or Events (be specific) Museum tours, city tours, cathedrals, cultural meals, dances and scavenger hunt.  
 Dates of Travel Mar. 7th - 15th, 2019 Mode of Travel Bus to Airport, Plane to Spain, Tour Bus in Spain  
 Number of Student Participants 7 (RHS) Number of Adult Sponsors 1 Chaperones \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational Purposes and Value (be specific)  
Opportunity to explore Spain and use their Spanish language in real-world setting, connect their learning to different cultures and communities. All TEKS goals will be met

\*\* Attach copy of proposed itinerary and any supporting documentation

## III. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Source	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> District Title 1	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students (personal)	\$3,065 each
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Activities***	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____
Total Cost of Activity	<b>21,455.00</b>
Estimated Cost/Student	<b>per student</b>

\*\*\*Name and Description of Fund Raising Activities (if required)

None

## IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW / APPROVAL

Principal Vernon Reeves  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Operations Dr. Gwendolyn M. Perkins  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 Superintendent Jamie Wilson  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 Board President \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Reference Policy FMG (L)

**EF Educational Tours- EF= Education First- eftours.com 1-800- 665-5364**

**EF Emergency number while overseas-001-617-619-2913. (given to all travelers on a bracelet to be worn at all times)**

**Tour Name: Adventure in Spain**

**Ryan HS -Tour Number: 2115116HY**

**Group Leader: Mary Durbin- AP Spanish Teacher at Ryan HS**

**Departure Date: 3/7/2019**

**Return Date: 3/15/2019**

**Requested Departure Gateway: Dallas (TX)**

*Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Seville, Costa del Sol*

**Experience historical sights alongside icons of Spanish art and literature.**

See masterpieces by Velázquez, Seville's Barrio de Santa Cruz, and the famous Alhambra in Granada. From Madrid's Palacio Real to the Cathedral of Toledo, discover the many religious and cultural influences that have made Spain the eclectic country it is today.

- **Day 1- 3/7/19 : Fly overnight to Spain-** from DFW airport -to Boston- American Airlines; Boston to Madrid- Iberia Airlines
- **Day 2- 3/8/19: Madrid**
- Meet your Tour Director at the airport  
Take a walking tour of Madrid  
With your Tour Director you will see:
  - Puerta del Sol
  - Plaza Mayor
  - Market of San Miguel
- **Day 3- 3/9/19: Madrid**  
Tour Madrid with an expert local guide  
Visit the Royal Palace  
Enjoy lunch in Madrid  
Visit the Prado Museum  
Enjoy time to explore on your own
- **Day 4- 3/10/19: Madrid and Toledo**
- **Day 5- 3/11/19: Madrid • Consuegra • Granada**  
Travel via Consuegra to Granada  
See Don Quixote's windmills  
Enjoy time to explore on your own
- **Day 6- 3/12/19: Granada • Seville**  
Take a guided tour of the Alhambra  
With your expert local guide you will see:
  - Gardens of Generalife
  - Summer Palace
  - Alcazaba Fortress
  - Medina Arab baths
  - Charles' V (5th) Palace
  - Partal Palace
  - Compete in a "City Challenge" scavenger hunt

- Travel to Seville
- **Day 7- 3/13/19: Seville • Costa del Sol**  
Take a guided tour of Seville  
With your expert local guide you will see:
  - María Luisa Park
  - Barrio de Santa Cruz

See the Plaza de España

Visit the Seville Cathedral  
Take a walking tour of Seville  
With your Tour Director you will see:

- La Giralda bell tower
- Torre del Oro
- Plaza de Toros de Maestranza

Travel to Costa del Sol

- **Day 8- 3/14/19: Costa del Sol**

Enjoy time to explore on your own

- **Day 9- 3/15/19: Depart for home-** Malaga to Madrid and Madrid to Florida- Iberian Airlines  
Florida to DFW airport- American Airlines

**Parents will make arrangements to pick up their students from the airport by 10 pm.**

**Teachers will wait with students until all have been picked up. Teachers will not give rides to students.**



**Some EF Rules and Teacher Rules for safety and comfort of our group:**

**-Teachers and EF director will accompany travelers at all times.** We do all activities together, accompany students at the airport, through security and customs check points, fly together, stay in same hotel with rooms adjacent to each other, eat at the same restaurants, etc.

**-At NO time are students allowed to go anywhere by themselves.** - Travelers will be accountable for their buddy or group. All will be accounted for several times daily- to be sure all are present, safe and healthy. The bus will not leave until all travelers are present.

**-There are NO water activities planned on this trip.**

**-Teachers will have a system for safeguarding passports; a first aid kit; students are provided with emergency phone numbers of teachers and EF tour director.**

**-Teachers will NOT give rides to students in their private cars. Students/parents must make their own arrangements to transport to and from home.**

**- Denton ISD rules of conduct and dress code will be expected of all travelers.**

**-Ground transportation in Spain will be by private bus- arranged by EF tour director.**

**-Overnight accommodations and breakfast and dinner meals are arranged by EF tour director. Lunches are on our own in the towns where we are visiting. Travelers will choose their own lunch meals and will pay for these with their own money- separate from the tour price.**

**-Male students room with male students (4 to a room).**

**-Female students room with female students (4 to a room).**

**-Adults room with other adults (2 to a room) or pay extra for single rooms.**

## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly overnight to Spain

#### Day 2: Madrid

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Madrid, the capital and largest city in Spain.
- Take a walking tour of Madrid.

#### Day 3: Madrid

- Take an expertly guided tour of Madrid and explore Puerta del Sol, the heart of the city. Then, travel back in time to Spain's Golden Age at Plaza Mayor, where you'll learn about the grand square's history of bullfights, royal weddings, and public executions.
- Get a taste of royal Madrid at the extravagant Palacio Real, where you'll wander the fabulous palace interior and find more than 2,000 rooms decked in beautiful frescoes, delicate porcelain wares, and finely woven rugs.
- Visit the Prado to behold Velázquez's *Las Meninas* and Goya's paired canvases.

#### Day 4: Madrid

- Full day to see more of Madrid or
  - visit Toledo
  - visit Toledo and enjoy a zip-line experience.

#### Day 5: Granada

- Travel to Granada via Consuegra.
- See Don Quixote's windmills.
- Enjoy a free evening or
  - experience a flamenco evening.

#### Day 6: Granada | Seville

- Take an expertly guided tour of Granada.
- Compete in a "City Challenge" scavenger hunt.
- Visit the Alhambra, Granada's crowning jewel that's widely recognized as the world's premier example of Moorish architecture. Built as an all-in-one alcazaba (fortress), alcazar (palace) and small medina (city), the Alhambra was home to the last of the Nasrid Sultans. Elaborately embellished in the 14th century and surrounded by lush green trees, it was described by Moorish poets as "a pearl set in emeralds." See the exotic mosaics, fountains, latticed windows, arabesques, and ornamented courtyards that made this vast stronghold worthy of royal occupancy. Here, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella agreed to finance the historic voyage of Christopher Columbus
- Travel to Seville.

#### Day 7: Seville | Costa del Sol

- Today you will explore Seville, city of bullfights, flamenco dancing, Don Juan and Carmen, and the heartbeat of Andalusian culture. During your stay you can follow narrow, twisting alleys through the Barrio de Santa Cruz, where picturesque whitewashed houses, flower-filled patios, and tiled benches are pleasant reminders of an unhurried lifestyle. Pass by Maria Louisa Park to admire the mosaics and fountains of Plaza de España, centerpiece of the 1929 Ibero-American Fair. Visit the grave of Christopher Columbus inside Seville's Cathedral. And imagine the spectacle of a traditional Spanish bullfight at the Plaza de Toros, celebrated for its Baroque architecture and historical significance.
- Take an expertly guided tour of Seville.
- Visit the Seville Cathedral.
- Take a walking tour of Seville.
- Travel to the Costa del Sol.

#### Day 8: Costa del Sol

- Time to see more of Costa del Sol or
  - visit Gibraltar.

#### Day 9: Depart for home

#### • 1-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

##### Day 9: Costa del Sol

- Participate in a "Spirit of Andalusia" tour with your Tour Director: olive oil factory; traditional meal at local village; Historical House Museum.

##### Day 10: Depart for home



*Third day in ESPANA visiting the royal palace #eftours #spain #royalpalace*

- SONIA, TRAVELER



Via Instagram

*Going to Madrid, Granada, Toledo, Costa Del Sol, and Seville, was a memory and experience I will never forget.*

- ALEJANDRO, TRAVELER



Via Facebook

## TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## **EF Spain Trip Itinerary and Transportation plans: March 7-15, 2019**

EF changed the dates of travel to March 7-15, rather than previously approved dates of March 8-16 due to flight availability at pricing agreed upon.

**Mary Durbin-RHS Group leader (940-391-8485 cell)** combined with **Cristina Galindo- DHS Group leader**

Current transportation plan:

**Thursday, March 7:** Parents will drop off their student travelers at Denton HS at 6:30am.

We will ride a school bus together to DFW airport. There are 8 of us from RHS; 17 from DHS.

Cristina Galindo is making the bus arrangements.

If a parent prefers to drive their student to DFW airport – this will be agreed upon before hand.

EF Tours has made all transportation arrangements:

Flight is at 10:45 am American Airlines to Boston.

In Boston we fly Iberia Airlines to Madrid, Spain.

Private bus and tour guides arranged by EF Tours for all our itinerary while I Spain.

### **Friday, March 15:**

Return flights from Malaga to Madrid and Madrid to Miami- Iberia Airlines

Miami to DFW – American Airlines

Students will be picked up by parents at DFW airport at 10 pm at arrival gate.

Ms. Durbin and Ms. Galindo will wait to be sure all travelers have rides home before we depart ourselves.

Teachers will not give students rides.

Teachers will accompany students for the entire trip and ensure safe buddy system among students.

Teachers will have student and parent cell phone numbers and will stay in communication for emergency purposes.

**Please see detailed daily Itinerary while in Spain in attached pamphlet.**

**Mary Durbin**