

MEMO—Office of the Principal

Date: February 5, 2014
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler
From: Tom Rogers
Re: Out-of-Country World Language Summer 2015 Trip



World Language teacher, Lynn Fors, would like to request permission to organize a summer 2015 trip to Spain. The purpose of the trip is to provide an educational and cultural experience for our students that will reinforce and enhance their language abilities and cultural appreciation. It will provide students with the unique opportunity to experience and interact with people from Spain. Tentative itinerary and trip details are attached:

1. Trip Dates: Summer 2015
Approximately June 8 through June 18, 2015
10 days
2. Number of Students Attending: Approximately 8-10
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier / ACIS, Student Tour Company
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$4499
5. Adult Chaperones: Mrs. Lynn Fors
6. Goals:
 - a. To provide opportunity for student participation in sightseeing and language immersion experience.
 - b. To reinforce and enhance student language mastery and cultural appreciation through the experience.
 - c. To provide students the opportunity to experience and interact with people from Spain through their participation in this activity.

Date: January 31, 2014

Memo to: Dr. Kent Mutchler and School Board Members
cc: Tom Rogers, Sue Khalaieff

From: Lynn Fors, Spanish teacher, Geneva High School

Subject: Proposal for 2015 student trip to Spain

At this time, I would like to propose a trip to the Geneva School board to Spain during June of 2015. The Geneva School board approved previous trips undertaken by our foreign language program for the summer of 2009, 2011 and 2013. . The trips related to language immersion and cultural relevance for our Spanish students are an important part of our curriculum. As world language teachers, we incorporate culture into our curriculum on a daily basis. The language guided trip is a very important educational opportunity for language students, to change their perspective and apply their language skills. Our students had the opportunity to experience first-hand the beauty, history, and current culture of the countries they are studying in Spanish language classes, as well as the opportunity to use the language in real-life situations.

Based on our highly successful student trips during these summers, I would like to submit for your approval a student trip to Spain during the summer of 2015. This trip is 11 days, leaving approximately June 8 through June 20, 2015. This trip is intended for all levels of Spanish students, focusing on language and culture of Spain. Although there will be other student trips during 2015, I ask the approval to reflect the curricular relevance and impact on the student body and learning. Language students who travel make more connections to their own learning as well as expand their interest and perspectives about other countries and cultures.

I, Lynn Fors, have experience leading three students on trips in Spain and also France. I will be working with the acclaimed, and widely used company, ACIS. This company ACIS is a national, bonded, experienced student tour company will provide us with a highly-skilled guide that will accompany us on the entire trip. We also will have local guides in the cities travelled, as well as place students in near hotels and offer additional opportunities and excursions. We have used ACIS previously with excellent results.

The itinerary and cost of the trip is included on the attached sheet. This trip will also include an optional trip to Morocco.

We will be happy to answer any additional questions you might have, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynn Fors
Geneva High School Spanish Teacher

TOUR DETAILS

Jun 8 - Jun 18, 2015

Group Leader

Ms. Lynn Fors

Group ID

47737

Depart From

Chicago



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Round-Trip Flights
- ✓ Centrally Located Hotels
- ✓ 24-Hour Tour Manager
- ✓ Madrid Tour with Guide
- ✓ Prado Tour with Personal Headsets
- ✓ Toledo Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Toledo Gothic Cathedral, Synagogue, Church of Santo Tomé
- ✓ Madrid Tapas Evening
- ✓ Córdoba Tour with Guide
- ✓ Córdoba Mezquita
- ✓ Seville Tour with Guide
- ✓ Seville Cathedral and Giralda Tower
- ✓ Granada Tour with Guide
- ✓ Alhambra and Generalife Gardens with Personal Headsets
- ✓ Flamenco Lesson, Dinner and Show in Granada

La Fiesta

JUN 8, 2015: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT Depart from the USA.

JUN 9, 2015: COSTA DEL SOL Arrival in Malaga and transfer to your hotel on the picturesque Costa del Sol. (D)

JUN 10, 2015: COSTA DEL SOL Today you may take an optional trip to Tetuan in Morocco, where you can visit the medina and enjoy an included lunch. If you choose not to take the optional excursion, take advantage of abundant sporting facilities or sample the local fried fish specialty. (B,D)

JUN 11, 2015: GRANADA Morning drive to the white village of Mijas for sightseeing with your Tour Manager. Continue to Granada, the former seat of Spain's Moorish kingdom. Visit the legendary Alhambra, the most magnificent of all the Moorish palaces in Spain, and wander through the aromatic Generalife Gardens. (B,D)

JUN 12, 2015: SEVILLE Drive through Andalucía's sunflower fields and olive groves to Seville this afternoon. Located in the heart of Andalucía, Seville is the region's capital. Spend your evening exploration time strolling the whitewashed Santa Cruz quarter, and imagining the days when the Spanish Explorers were bringing gold from the New World! (B,D)

JUN 13, 2015: SEVILLE During morning guided sightseeing, discover the immense Gothic Cathedral, burial place of Christopher Columbus, the fabled Moorish tilework of the Alcázar, and the Giralda Tower. Use your afternoon exploration time to visit the Torre de Oro or stroll in the Parque María Luisa. (B,D)

JUN 14, 2015: MADRID Drive along the lush Guadalquivir River, the only navigable river in Spain to Cordoba for sightseeing with a local guide. Enjoy a tour of the city's famous Moorish Mezquita. Pass through the legendary plains of La Mancha, land of Don Quixote, en route to Madrid, Spain's modern and cosmopolitan capital.

JUN 15, 2015: MADRID Madrid's rich heritage comes alive on your guided city sightseeing tour. View classic boulevards and fountains, discover the Plaza Mayor and see the statue of Don Quixote in the Plaza de España. Marvel at the Palacio Real and delight in the lively Puerta del Sol, the point from which all distances in Spain are measured. You will also feast on world-acclaimed art at the Prado, including works by El Greco, Velázquez, and Goya. This afternoon you may choose to step back to Spain's golden age on an optional excursion to El Escorial before reflecting on somber memories at the Valley of the Fallen. (B,D)



*Map may not reflect your final trip itinerary.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ✓ By visiting Toledo students will become acquainted with the Jewish, Arabic and Catholic influences on Spanish culture.
- ✓ Students will compare and contrast the architectural styles of Spain's different regions.
- ✓ Students will experience the works of the great artists of Spain—El Greco, Velázquez, Goya; and learn how they are situated with regard to time, place, and style.

TOUR COST

Group Fees

Program Fee	\$4450
Early Registration Discount	\$-100
Extra day in Madrid	\$149

Total Group Fees² \$4499

² Valid through 04/01/14 with \$200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$720
Double Room Supplement	\$405
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$300
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$250
Half-day Excursion to El Escorial	\$70
Tangier, Morocco with lunch	\$200

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JUN 16, 2015: MADRID Experience medieval Spain in the old Visigothic Spanish capital of Toledo this morning. Tour the towering Gothic Cathedral, the Church of Santo Tomé, and the Mudéjar-style Medieval Synagogue. Today lunch is included rather than dinner. Return to Madrid for evening exploration time to sample traditional tapas such as tortilla de patata (Spanish potato omelet). (B,L)

JUN 17, 2015: MADRID Extra Day in Madrid

JUN 18, 2015: DEPARTURE Depart for the USA. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.

Notes from ACIS

Suggested Daily Tipping: \$6 for Tour Manager; \$4 for bus driver.

Participants registered on our 2015 tours will be exempt from any airline-imposed changes to Departure Fees.

Adult travelers age 24 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Group Fees.

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This educational travel program is not school or district sponsored unless expressly stated by the Group Leader.