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THE ART OF LIVING IN SALAMANCA

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Do you dream of waking up each day in Spain? Of immersing yourself in another culture? Of learning a language and getting to know the locals? Perhaps you've even considered moving or retiring abroad? Then this program is for you!

AHI's three-week International Lifestyles Explorations program is not for the average tourist. This incomparable introduction to living abroad is designed for curious explorers who want to broaden their horizons and experience truly immersive living in a foreign country.

Join us for three weeks in Salamanca, an ancient university town and a bastion of traditional Castilian Spanish. Travel experts have meticulously planned this pioneering program, which includes intensive language instruction, an educational lecture series, workshops and excursions to the picturesque Castilian towns of Ávila, Segovia, Zamora, Miranda del Castañar and La Alberca, plus two nights in Madrid.

Both first-time students of Spanish and those who simply want to refresh their skills will appreciate the language classes at Lingua Globe, where you'll take classes four days a week with an instructor we call your Lifestyle Guide. This guide will help you take the language out of the classroom and into the streets of the city, exposing you to the local cultural nuances and allowing you to exercise your newly acquired or enhanced skills.

Unlike more rigid travel programs, you can tailor this experience to your desires. Explore the rolling countryside at your own pace. Stroll elegant cobbled streets on your way to buy fresh fruit at an outdoor market. Take in a performance of music or theater. Dine with locals in restaurants that no tourist could hope to stumble upon. Our AHI Travel team will be available to help you in any way, but the journey is yours to mold.

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Experience daily life in Spain and become adept and comfortable in a different language and culture.



Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

We are pleased to invite you on this unique program offering cultural immersion and extended international living. This exceptional opportunity in Salamanca transports you into the heart of Castilla y León, one of the most storied regions in Spain and the backbone of Spanish language education.

Whether or not this is your first time living abroad, you will feel right at home in Salamanca, a historic city located in western Spain about 50 miles from the Portuguese border. This small, lively city is world-renowned for being home to the “purest” Spanish in Spain, a dialect called Castilian, as well as Spain’s oldest university, the University of Salamanca.

Your customized language lessons are small and include students of the same skill level. Unlike most language classes, your studies comprise a combination of traditional classroom instruction and immersive, outdoor learning.

Your modernly equipped apartahotel is just a short walk from Salamanca’s historic Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its beautiful sandstone architecture and grand Plaza Mayor, a picturesque baroque square lined with galleries and arcades.

Immerse yourself in a rich array of Castilian customs, history and cuisine through lectures, workshops, excursions and individual exploration. By the time you return home, you’ll have expanded your circle of friends and made Salamanca a home away from home. In fact, you may decide never to leave!

Don’t miss this groundbreaking program. We’ve taken out the hassle so all that’s left is fun, learning and adventure. **Space is limited, so make your reservation today!**

Sincerely,

Marguerite I. Jones

Marguerite I. Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88
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Office of Alumni Relations
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Snippets of Salamanca: University building façade | Libreros Street | Friendly locals



University courtyard, Salamanca

SALAMANCA

Salamanca, a picturesque university city with a long tradition of learning, is the perfect place to base your international living experience. The University of Salamanca, chartered in 1218, is considered the oldest university in Spain and one of the oldest western universities in the world. Each year more than 25,000 students descend upon Salamanca to study, and language instruction is an eminent focal point. Salamanca is the city for learning Spanish.

The university and its students inject prestige and vibrancy into the city itself, a lovely confluence of golden stone, rich façades and friendly faces. Many of the university buildings were built between the 15th and the 18th centuries by a dynasty of architects, decorators and sculptors from Catalonia. The shadows of impressive Romanesque, Gothic, Moorish, Renaissance and baroque monuments fall across the grand Plaza Mayor, where local residents gather to eat, drink and watch the world go by. On this exclusive travel program, you will enjoy elegant accommodations just seven blocks from the Old City.

In 1988, the Old City of Salamanca was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site, and in 2002 it was awarded the status of European Capital of Culture. Throughout the year, the city hosts a multitude of cultural events, conferences and festivals, and golf is a popular pastime. Without a doubt, this is the ideal location to enjoy all that Spain has to offer.



Salamanca

UNESCO

The Old City of Salamanca, the Old Town of Ávila and the Old Town of Segovia are UNESCO World Heritage sites featured in this program.

CASTILLA Y LEÓN

Castilla y León is Spain's largest region, stretching from Portugal in the west to Aragón and La Rioja in the east, and from Madrid in the south to Cantabria and Basque Country in the north. Ringed with mountains on three sides, Castilla covers 36,000 square miles, more than half of which is dedicated to agriculture. With 2.5 million residents, Castilla has a fifth of Spain's land area but only five percent of the population. Thanks to the region's rich medieval history, Castilla is home to majestic stone castles, cathedrals, monasteries and fortified towns, as well as six UNESCO World Heritage sites, three of which are included on your program itinerary.

MADRID

One of Europe's premier cultural capitals, Madrid rarely sleeps. The capital of Spain has grown from humble beginnings into an international crossroads abundant in world-class nightlife, fashion, art, music and cuisine. The city practically buzzes with the enthusiasm of the madrileños, Madrid residents, who migrate from all over the world to savor the cosmopolitan Spanish lifestyle.



Post Office, Madrid

Spend your first and last days in Spain admiring the highlights of Madrid. From your luxurious accommodations at the Hotel Wellington, walk to Madrid's Golden Triangle of Art, located along the Paseo del Prado and comprising three world-famous museums: Prado Museum, the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía and the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum. Then take a cue from the madrileños and stroll through nearby Retiro Park, Madrid's most popular green space.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Groups are limited to 36 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- Enjoy three weeks in a furnished apartahotel replete with modern amenities, including a kitchenette, cable television and free Wi-Fi, situated near the heart of Salamanca in the Castilla y León region of Spain.
- Learn Spanish and explore Spanish culture, history, art and cuisine with your Lifestyle Guide, an instructor from the Lingua Globe language school.
- Attend exclusive educational lectures and workshops, including a Spanish wine lesson and tasting and a cooking demonstration. Additional cooking classes are available.
- Embark on included excursions to the jewels of Castilla, including Ávila, Zamora, Segovia, and two small villages, as well as guided tours of Madrid and Salamanca.
- Every weekend, gather with your fellow travelers to feast on local delicacies.
 - Meet Salamanca residents to learn more about the Spanish lifestyle.
 - Try out life abroad as you equip yourself to live independently in Spain.

Extracurricular Activities

To complement your studies and enhance your understanding of Castilian culture and history, AHI is offering several exclusive activities that are included in the price of your program. Distinguished professors from the University of Salamanca will deliver the following lectures:

- Contemporary Spain and Life in Salamanca
- The History of Castilla
- The Story of General Francisco Franco



In addition, participate in engaging, out-of-the-classroom learning with the following workshops:

- The Hidden Treasures of Salamanca
- The Beauty of Salamanca and the Art of Stonemaking
- The Handicrafts of Salamanca



STUDENT LIFE IN SALAMANCA

¿Hablas español? This program includes 24 hours of Spanish instruction at Lingua Globe, an accredited center of the Cervantes Institute.

The Cervantes Institute is a public, not-for-profit institution founded by the government of Spain in 1991 to promote Spanish culture and language education. Headquartered in Madrid, the institute is the world's largest international Spanish teaching organization, with more than 70 centers on four continents. Lingua Globe is a leading provider of Spanish instruction in the Castilla region.

Held Monday through Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., your language classes are limited to five students per teacher and are tailored to your skill level, guaranteeing individual attention and a comfortable progression through the lessons. You will complete a skills assessment before you arrive in Salamanca in addition to a placement test on the first day of class. Everyone from beginners to Spanish majors will develop their skills and put them to use in the city with the help of the Lifestyle Guides.

You will be provided with school supplies and a personalized student ID card that allows for discounts at certain venues, such as shops and museums. In addition to an extensive library, computers and multimedia facilities, Lingua Globe will provide all students with access to its virtual platform, which you may continue to access after the conclusion of your program. Before you leave Salamanca, you will complete a final skills assessment and receive a certificate of attendance.

SPANISH MEALTIME

Time seems to run differently in Spain. The day begins with breakfast: a small meal of sweet rolls, jam or mild cheese and café con leche, coffee with milk. Late morning tapas sate the appetite until 2 p.m., when Spaniards sit down to the largest meal of the day, la comida, which usually consists of multiple courses and is accompanied by sherry, wine or beer. This hearty meal is followed by a siesta. Businesses close shop for this two- to three-hour break each day, a tradition that dates back to early regional agriculture and the need for a midday break from the hot Spanish sun.

The afternoon begins with a return to work at 5 p.m., but it doesn't last long, as evening begins at 8 p.m., when thoughts turn to wine and other refreshing beverages. La cena, dinner, is typically served after 9 p.m. and is smaller and simpler than la comida. Spaniards typically go to bed around midnight, earning them the reputation of Europe's night owls. After a few days in Salamanca, you'll find yourself operating on unhurried Spanish time — and liking it.



Extra Credit

Cooking class: The sumptuous flavors of Castilian-Leonese cuisine excite the imagination as well as the taste buds. For your pleasure, AHI has arranged a series of three optional cooking classes during the program with a Spanish-speaking instructor at Escuela Hosteleria Salamanca. (A translator will be available if needed.) Learn the secrets of the regional cuisine, which is based on stews, vegetables, cheeses and asados, roasted meats. Try your hand at a variety of dishes as you create lasting memories and foster your passion for Spanish cooking. *(At an additional cost.)*





Clockwise: Gardening lettuce | Spanish tapas | Castilian chickpea salad | Traditional paella meal
Below right: Sangría

THE CASTILIAN PANTRY

A country renowned for its cuisine, Spain boasts rich, well-seasoned fare and distinctly Mediterranean ingredients. A typical Spanish pantry includes extra virgin olive oil, red or white wine vinegar, olives, rice, beans, lentils, saffron, smoked paprika, capers and artichoke hearts. In most of Spain, meat is enjoyed in moderation; dry cured Serrano ham, lamb, chorizo sausage and chicken are used in small amounts to add flavor and texture to dishes such as paella, a Valencian rice dish. Omelets are also popular, and seafood is customary along the coast. Bread is served with every meal, often with oil for dipping, and is also a common snack served with cheese.

Castilian-Leonese cuisine is distinguished by hearty stews and centerpiece roasted meats such as carne asada and suckling pig. The stews are made of three basic ingredients: meat, pulses (beans, lentils or chickpeas, grown locally) and vegetables. Nuts or bread are added to thicken the stew and enrich the flavor. The Castilian region is the birthplace of the Spanish national dish, a hearty stew called cocido. The region also produces Spain's best-known cheese, Manchego. Castilian desserts often feature candied almonds and marzipan.

The most famous characteristic of Spanish cuisine is tapas, small appetizers served hot and cold to accompany sherry, wine or beer. While innumerable interpretations of classic small plates can be found all over Spain, some restaurants and bars are known for a particular type of tapas. Many Spaniards like to make several stops to enjoy their favorites.

In addition to offering you the chance to enjoy three full weeks of authentic Spanish food, this program includes a special cooking demonstration and tasting. Optional cooking classes are available at an additional cost. What better souvenir from your time in Spain than a repertoire of delicious Spanish recipes?



Did you know?

Many of the vegetables now common in Spanish cooking were introduced by explorers returning from the Americas in the 15th and 16th centuries, including tomatoes, bell peppers, potatoes and zucchini. Other vegetables common in Spanish cuisine include onions, asparagus, eggplant, spinach, cabbage, cucumbers, artichokes, lettuce and mushrooms. Fruits such as apples, oranges, grapes, cherries, dates and figs are enjoyed as a snack or dessert.

THE CASTILIAN WINE CELLAR

A Spanish meal isn't complete without wine! The Castilla region claims some 400 wineries and 10 Denomination of Origin (DO) wines: Ribera del Duero, Cigales, Rueda, Toro, Bierzo, Arlanza, Arribes, Tierras de León, Valles de Benavente and Tierra del vino de Zamora. Many of the region's vineyards lie along the Duero River, which provides much-needed moisture in an otherwise arid climate. The dry, hot summers are followed by long, cold winters, both of which influence the flavor of the grapes and the character of the wine. Both red and white wines are produced in Castilla, along with sparkling wine; licoroso, wine with a particularly high alcoholic content; and aguardiente, a variety of liqueur.

Another Spanish beverage that has achieved worldwide repute is sangría, a refreshing summer punch that combines wine with fruit, seltzer and sugar. Spain is also the birthplace of sherry, wine fortified with brandy. To this day, all wine labeled as "sherry" in Europe must come from the Sherry Triangle in the Cádiz region of Spain. For a non-alcoholic treat, try a homemade horchata de chufa, a sweet, milky drink made from ground tignuts.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DAY 1~SATURDAY/IN

TRANSIT

Depart for Madrid, Spain. †
† Provided for Air Program participants.

DAY 2 ~ SUNDAY

Upon arrival in Madrid, transfer† and check in to the luxurious Hotel Wellington. Attend a Welcome Reception with your fellow travelers.

DAY 3 ~ MONDAY

After breakfast, see the highlights of Madrid, including the Royal Palace and the Plaza Mayor. After lunch, depart for Salamanca. Upon arrival, check in to the Exe Hall 88 Apartahotel. After you settle in, attend a welcome briefing with your AHI Travel Director to ensure you are fully informed about the program. You will be given a Spanish cell phone ② to use throughout your stay. Join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel.

DAY 4 ~ TUESDAY

After breakfast, tour *Lingua Globe*, your Spanish school. Meet your Lifestyle Guide, and take your placement test. Then get to know Salamanca as you explore the Old City on a guided walking tour with your AHI Travel Director and a local guide. Locate shops, pharmacies and other essentials. After having lunch at a Salamanca restaurant, visit a local market and hone your grocery-buying skills.

DAYS 5-6 ~ WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Each Monday through Thursday, experience Salamanca through your language lessons, excursions with your Lifestyle Guide and on your own.

On Wednesday, enjoy a lecture on contemporary Spain and life in Salamanca.

After your Thursday lesson, journey by local bus with your AHI Travel Director to explore some of Salamanca's hidden treasures and historic monasteries. Then enjoy lunch at a restaurant housed in an old monastery.

DAYS 7-9 ~ FRIDAY-SUNDAY

An extra language lesson on Friday helps orient you to your new setting.

On Friday evening, learn about Spanish cuisine during a cooking demonstration and enjoy a delicious tasting.

Saturday evening, enjoy a Spanish dinner as you trade stories of your first week with your fellow travelers.

Venture to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Ávila on Sunday. Take in a lecture on the history of the Castilla region and enjoy lunch at the town's parador.

DAYS 10-13 ~ MONDAY-THURSDAY

Through your lessons, continue your immersion into the language and culture of Salamanca.

On Wednesday, visit an artist's studio famous for his stonemaking. Then travel to picturesque Hacienda Zorita for a lesson on Spanish wine, a tasting and dinner.

DAYS 14-16 ~ FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Spend Friday exploring the villages of Miranda del Castañar and La Alberca.

On Saturday, visit Segovia and its Roman aqueduct, a fascinating UNESCO World Heritage site. A traditional Castilian-Leonese lunch of suckling pig will be served in a historic Segovian restaurant.

On Saturday evening, have dinner and practice

your Spanish with university students and other local residents. Meals with locals provide a great opportunity to practice your language skills and learn about the lifestyle.

Learn about regional handicrafts during a visit to local artisan's home and studio on Sunday. Savor homemade tapas prepared by the artisan's wife.

DAYS 17-20 ~ MONDAY-THURSDAY

Through your lessons, continue your immersion into the language and culture of Salamanca.

A lecture on Wednesday will showcase the brutal and powerful story of General Francisco Franco.

DAYS 21-23 ~ FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Enjoy Friday and Saturday at leisure.

On Friday evening, join your fellow travelers at a restaurant for dinner and enjoy an engaging performance of traditional Spanish tuna music.

Visit Zamora, a charming medieval city on top of a rocky hill, on Sunday. Enjoy lunch in the town's parador, a 15th-century Renaissance palace.

On Sunday night, celebrate your Spanish journey at a Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY 24 ~ MONDAY

After breakfast, depart for Madrid. Upon arrival, check in to the Hotel Wellington and enjoy the day at leisure in Spain's capital city. You



Top: St. Stephen's Convent, Salamanca

Above: Walkway on Las Murallas, Ávila

Left: Gran Vía, Madrid

Below: Chefs preparing a suckling pig dinner, Segovia



may choose to visit the Prado Museum, take a walk through Retiro Park or simply reflect on your time living in Spain as you relax at a café on the Plaza Mayor.

DAY 25 ~ TUESDAY/IN TRANSIT

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flights to your gateway city. †

Note: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

② Each cell phone has a EURO 10 credit that can be used for local or international calls. You may purchase additional time as needed.

TREASURES OF CASTILLA Y LEÓN ~ INCLUDED EXCURSIONS



ÁVILA

The beautiful, fortified town of Ávila was founded as a bulwark against Moorish invasion into Spanish territory. An impressively intact 11th-century Romanesque wall encloses Ávila's

Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Within the wall lies a wealth of medieval buildings built by the nobles who moved there after the town came under permanent Christian control in the 11th century.

In the 16th century, Ávila served as the birthplace and home of Saint Teresa, a prominent Catholic mystic and theologian.

In 2010, the European Commission gave Ávila the first ever Access City Award, which recognizes disabled-friendly cities and exemplary efforts to improve accessibility to public buildings, transport and tourism facilities.

During your full-day excursion to Ávila, you will enjoy lunch in the city's parador, located in a 16th-century palace built into the town wall.

SEGOVIA

A colossal Roman aqueduct dominates the ancient, quiet town of Segovia. Built around A.D. 50 to tap into the waters

of the Río Acebeda 11 miles away, the remarkably well-preserved monument is a feat of civil engineering and helped earn the city designation as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The aqueduct still conveys water to the upper town, ending at the Alcázar, a castle on a rocky crag that dates from the 11th century. Favored by monarchs of the Kingdom of Castilla, the Alcázar was a key defensive fortress in the Middle Ages. The town also boasts a massive, 16th-century Gothic cathedral on its enchanting Plaza Mayor.

During your full-day excursion to Segovia, you will enjoy lunch in an historic restaurant serving a traditional local favorite: suckling pig.

ZAMORA

Located along the Río Duero on a rocky hill about 30 miles from the Portuguese border, Zamora is a charming medieval town with much to offer. It has earned a reputation as an architectural museum of Romanesque art due to its magnificent cathedral and 24 Romanesque churches built during the 12th and 13th centuries. The town's rich and fascinating history saw numerous clashes between the Spanish Christian monarchy and the Moors.

During your full-day

excursion to Zamora, you will enjoy lunch in the city's parador, located in a magnificent 15th-century Renaissance palace.

VILLAGES OF CASTILLA: MIRANDA DEL CASTAÑAR AND LA ALBERCA

Journey to Miranda del Castañar and La Alberca, two tiny villages that offer a glimpse of provincial Spanish life. Miranda del Castañar is a charming hilltop village tucked into the forested mountains of Castilla y León. Encircled by a medieval wall and four gates, this ancient village is known for its 14th-century castle, masonry houses bearing coats of arms, and beautiful mountain vistas.

Continue to La Alberca located in the heart of the Sierra de la Peña de Francia. A National Historic Landmark town, La Alberca boasts extremely well-preserved medieval buildings and half-timbered houses arranged along lovely, winding streets. The town is also known for its distinctive, rich-tasting Iberian ham, which comes from acorn-fed, free-roaming pigs.

During your full-day excursion, you will enjoy lunch and free time to shop for souvenirs in these delightful villages.



Top to bottom:

The walls of Ávila, which enclose its Old Town

Cathedral, Zamora

Roman aqueduct, Segovia

The Alcázar, Segovia

Did you know?

A parador is a luxury hotel run by the Spanish government. Paradors are usually located in historic buildings such as monasteries and castles.



CASTILIAN DIALECT

The term castellano, Castilian Spanish, refers to the Latin-based language spoken in northern and central Spain. Originally the local dialect of Cantabria in north central Spain, Castilian spread through the region and became the official language of King Alfonso X's government in the 13th century. This laid the foundation for Castilian to become the basis of standard Spanish.

Other Spanish dialects are spoken throughout the country and the world; in fact, thanks to Spain's long history of exploration and conquest, Spanish is second only to Chinese as the most commonly spoken language in the world. The Castilian region, and Salamanca in particular, has retained its status as the home of the purest form of Spanish, making it the perfect place to study this practical language.



SPANISH TUNA MUSIC

While in Salamanca, you will be treated to a performance by a traditional Spanish music group called a tuna. The tuna dates from the Middle Ages, when ensembles of university students would display their musical talents in return for food or money to pay for their studies. More than 700 years later, students throughout Spain and the world continue the tradition. Membership in a tuna is an honor guarded by a set of initiation rites, similar to U.S. fraternities.

The tuna usually includes two to six charismatic students, tunos, who meander through streets, festivals, parties and restaurants, singing traditional Spanish music as well as popular and folk songs, and accompanying themselves on guitar, tambourine, lute and bandurria. The tunos don traditional Iberian gear, including stockings, baggy pants, a white collared shirt, a tight doublet, a cloak and a sash called a beca, colored to reflect the student's course of study.



**Top to bottom: Castilian-speaking Spaniards
Plaza Mayor, Salamanca**

A traditional Spanish tuna

Engaging tunos performing

"Salamanca is an agreeable place to linger in. It has a noble square, with arches all round it, and here towards evening the whole population perambulates, the men in one direction, the girls in the other, so that they may ogle one another as they pass."

– W. Somerset
Maugham, English
playwright and writer,
1874-1965,
"Don Fernando,"
1935

ACCOMMODATIONS



EXE HALL 88 APARTAHOTEL

SALAMANCA

After a day of learning and exploration, retire to the tranquility of your chic, apartment-style accommodations at the Exe Hall 88 Apartahotel. Opened in 2009, the apartahotel features modern, spacious and comfortable rooms in a convenient location next to the university campus, a 10-minute walk from the Plaza Mayor and Salamanca's historic Old City. Each guest room features a kitchenette with a refrigerator and a microwave, as well as Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, a direct-dial telephone, an LCD TV, a desk and a safety deposit box. Enjoy regular house-keeping service. Each guest room features a private bathroom with a bathtub. Upon request, wheelchair-accessible rooms are available. The apartahotel also offers a 24-hour reception desk, laundry and dry-cleaning service, vehicle rentals, free newspapers, a bar-café and a restaurant that serves delicious Castilian cuisine and local wines. Enjoy a coffee and pastry or tapas and sangria at the bar-café. Whatever your preferences, the Exe Hall 88 Apartahotel is fully equipped to be your home away from home.

Top: Exe Hall 88 Apartahotel entrance

Center: A room in the apartahotel

Left: Exe Hall 88 Apartahotel reception area

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you’ve imagined.”

– Henry David Thoreau,
American author and
transcendentalist,
1817-1862,
“Walden,” 1854

“I would sooner be a foreigner in Spain than in most countries. How easy it is to make friends in Spain!”

– George Orwell,
English writer,
1903-1950, “Homage to
Catalonia,” 1938

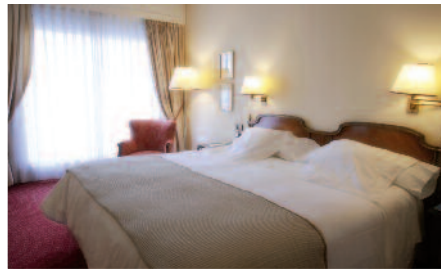
“Ávila is a miniature Jerusalem that must have been transported to Castile from Palestine on angel’s wings.”

– Arnold Toynbee,
English historian,
1889-1975,
“Between Niger and
Nile,” 1965

HOTEL WELLINGTON

MADRID

The luxurious Hotel Wellington opened in 1952 in the stately Salamanca neighborhood in central Madrid to much pomp and fanfare — an enthusiasm that hasn’t faded with age. Celebrity guests have included world-famous bullfighters, artists like Ernest Hemingway and Gene Kelly, and dignitaries like former French President Nicholas Sarkozy. Each guest room features a marble bathroom, a minibar and Wi-Fi. Hotel amenities include a fitness center with spa services, a seasonal outdoor pool and whirlpool, 24-hour room service, a concierge and a currency exchange. Dine on sushi or Basque cuisine at the hotel’s two elegant restaurants, grab a sandwich at La Llave de Oro, savor a drink at the English Bar and relax as you soak in live piano music each evening at the Lounge.



Left: Hotel Wellington guest room

Below: Hotel Wellington exterior





INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Three weeks** in **Salamanca, Spain**, at the first-class **Exe Hall 88 Apartahotel**.
- **Two nights** in **Madrid** at the deluxe **Hotel Wellington**.

Transportation

- Deluxe motor coach transfers between Madrid and Salamanca, including baggage handling.

Meals

- Enjoy five breakfasts, seven lunches and eight dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **Twelve two-hour Spanish lessons**. A Lifestyle Guide from Lingua Globe will provide small-group instruction tailored to your needs.
- All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Three educational lectures and three workshops will introduce you to the history and cultural traditions of the region.
- Attend two Welcome Receptions and a Welcome Dinner.
- Gather for a Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Reception followed by a Farewell Dinner.

LAND PROGRAM

October 26-November 18, 2014

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$4,245	\$250	\$3,995*

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel. VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air program costs (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional \$995 (limited availability).

AIR PROGRAM

October 25-November 18, 2014

AHI Travel's exclusive Air Program provides special advantages for travelers who are flying on our designated group flights. Reserve your air with us to enjoy a number of important services to help ensure a smooth and relaxing journey. We have negotiated special fares and benefits with our airline partners.

AHI Air Benefits

- **Arrival and Departure Transfers** including baggage handling.
- **Price Guarantee** — protect yourself from fare and fuel surcharge increases.
- **Advance Seat Assignments** on most airlines.
- **Group Discount Business Class Prices** on most airlines.
- **Flexibility** — most programs do not require immediate ticketing, avoiding penalties for cancellations or changes until the tickets are issued.
- **A dedicated Passenger Service Representative** — a single point of contact to assist you.
- **Knowledgeable Air Agents** will track your flights and assist with any lost baggage, flight delays or cancellations.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in your planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.
- Stay connected with friends, family and AHI Travel staff with a complimentary Spanish cell phone. ^①

^① Each cell phone has a EUR 10 credit that can be used for local or international calls. You may purchase additional time as needed.

A word about your Tour Operator

AHI Travel is the premier operator of deluxe travel programs sponsored by alumni associations. Their experienced, professional staff has offered the highest level of service in **innovative travel programs since 1962.**

In AHI Travel's care, you can rely on:

- **An exceptional travel value.** It would be impossible for an independent traveler to arrange all these unique experiences, inclusions and services at a comparable price.
- **Unique access to local sites.** Take advantage of more than 50 years of travel experience to gain preferred entrance to popular sites and to uncover the region's hidden treasures.
- **Experienced Travel Directors** who attend to every detail of your journey.
- **Expertise of local guides** who possess authoritative knowledge of the region and offer personal insight into local culture.
- **Flexibility and customization.** Free time during the trip allows you to pursue your own interests. They will also help you tailor your dream trip with add-ons and extensions.
- **Safety and security.** In a country where you might not know the language or culture, their professional staff is on hand to ease your way and get you any help you need.



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MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL-Participants should be in good health and able to walk moderate distances over varied terrain. Participants needing individual assistance for walking, dining or other personal needs must be accompanied by an able companion who will assist them. The right is retained to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of AHI Travel is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded.

AIR TRANSPORTATION-The price of air transportation offered by AHI Travel is based on Advance Purchase Excursion fares. After tickets are issued, penalties up to 100% of the ticket price may be levied. If connecting flights are requested, special promotional fares may be used, in which case penalties of as much as 100% may be assessed by the airlines if reservations are changed or canceled after ticketing. After departure, if the reservations are changed, you will be charged the higher, all year Economy class fare. **VARIATIONS TO THE GROUP ITINERARY MUST BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.** Passengers who choose to make their own airline reservations independently will be wholly responsible for any airline fees or penalties incurred as a result of program cancellation and/or change in travel dates, or airline schedule(s).

CANCELLATION-In addition to airline cancellation penalties, all cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$250 per person administrative fee. (Please note that you may choose, at the time of cancellation, to apply the withheld administrative fee to a future AHI Travel program that will operate in the current calendar year or year following.) Cancellation from 120 days to 76 days prior to departure will result in forfeiture of 10% of the entire cost of the trip per person; 75-30 days, 50% of the trip cost per person; cancellation from 29 days up to the time of departure will result in 100% forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE. AN APPLICATION WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU RESERVE.** All cancellations must be submitted in writing to AHI International Corporation.

BAGGAGE-BAGGAGE-Restrictions vary according to the airline policy and the class of service flown. Details will be provided with your pre-departure information. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice. Excess baggage charges for additional or oversized/overweight pieces are expensive and not included in your trip price; plan your wardrobe accordingly. Transport of baggage and personal effects is at the owner's risk throughout the travel program.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPANT-This program includes accommodations in an apartment in Salamanca, Spain. It is the responsibility of each participant to leave his/her apartment at the conclusion of the program in as good a condition as it was when the program began. Participants may be assessed charges for repairs or cleaning required due to damage beyond normal wear and tear caused or permitted by a participant.

AUTHORITY TO USE IMAGES AND AUDIO RECORDINGS -On occasion, AHI Travel obtains, from its staff, or from trip participants, photographic or video images of passengers and trip activities. By participating in this travel program, you authorize AHI Travel, without providing compensation to you, or obtaining additional approvals from you, to include photographic and video recordings of you, as well as voice recordings included with any videos, in AHI Travel's sales, marketing, advertising, publicity and/or training activities.

RESPONSIBILITY -AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association do not own or operate any entity which provides goods or services for this program, and act only as agents for the independent suppliers of travel conveyance, transport, accommodations or other services. All such persons or entities are independent contractors. As a result, AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association are not liable for any negligence or willful act of any such person or entity or any third person. In addition and without limitation, AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association are not responsible for any delays, delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death, damage or injury to person or property or accident, mechanical defect, failure or negligence of any nature whatsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier equipment, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. Dates, Program Details and Tour costs, although given in good faith and based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, are subject to change at or before the time of departure. No revisions of the printed itinerary or its included features are anticipated; however, the right is reserved to make any changes, with or without notice, that might become necessary, with the mutual understanding that any additional expenses will be paid by the individual passenger. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. If the entire program is canceled for any reason, participants shall have no claim other than for a full refund. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers and accepts the terms of this contract set out herein and in more specific pre-departure passenger information. The airlines and other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event, during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. The passage contract in use, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the company(ies) and the passenger and/or purchaser of this trip.

Reserve your trip to Spain today!

For Office Use Only: B #: _____ Date: _____
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Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

(1) _____
 Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Level of Spanish knowledge: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

I/we are interested in learning more about: Cooking Class

(2) _____
 Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home: (_____) _____ Office: (_____) _____

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Sharing with _____ (Form sent separately.)

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:
Land and Air Program

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the Air Program to/from Madrid, Spain, to depart from:

Departure City _____

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Please note: Air prices will be sent to you with your Reservation Confirmation and air schedule sent at 90 days before departure. International flight arrangements can be canceled with no obligation up to 75 days before departure.

Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Please call me/us to discuss my/our air options.

I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$995 (limited availability).

I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by August 11, 2014 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Make checks payable to AHI International.

Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.

Eligibility: At least one member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit alumni.jhu.edu/support.

I understand the conditions stated in this brochure and submit my reservation as indicated.

Signature _____ Date _____

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 per person required) to reserve _____ place(s).

Accept my check made payable to **AHI International**.

Charge my: MasterCard Visa Discover Expires _____/_____/_____

Card # _____

 (Signature as it appears on credit card)

Please note: Any payment to AHI International constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

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