

**Choate Rosemary Hall's Summer Program in La Coruña, Spain
June 16 – July 21, 2019**



Program Details:

Choate Rosemary Hall's summer program in Spain offers intermediate to advanced high school Spanish students the opportunity to live, study and travel in Spain. During our five-week program participants live with families in La Coruña and take courses taught exclusively in Spanish by our in-country faculty. Daily immersion in Spanish studies and in the routines of life in La Coruña enables participants to improve their knowledge of Spanish language and culture and also to gain self-confidence and a better understanding of themselves as global citizens.

Academic Program:

Students take courses in Spanish Civilization and either Spanish Grammar or Spanish Literature (depending on the language level of the student). Topics covered include the current cultural, political and social life in Spain, with a focus on the Spanish customs that students often observe, discuss and participate in during their home stay. In addition, all students study Spain's most renowned artists and architectural wonders in the Spanish Art and Architecture course taught by program Co-Director Louis Bao.

Faculty:

Mr. Louis Bao (who lives in La Coruña) and Ms. Nancy Burress (based in Wallingford) co-direct the program. Our additional in-country faculty guide students in the study Spanish Literature and Spanish Civilization. A Wallingford based Choate Spanish teacher joins Mr. Bao and our in-country faculty each year to teach, chaperone, and be a resource for participating students.

Accommodations and Excursions:

While in La Coruña participants live one student per local homestay families, allowing them to be fully immersed in Spanish culture and language.

During the homestay portion of the program, students visit historical and cultural sites in and around La Coruña, including a trip to the capital city of Galicia, Santiago de Compostela. Cultural visits



outside of La Coruña include trips to Salamanca, Segovia, Toledo and Madrid. All excursions are an integral part of the program and are sometimes timed to coincide with topics discussed in classes.

Program Dates and Travel Arrangements:

Students depart on Sunday, June 16 for Spain, and the program officially begins with arrival in La Coruña the following day. The program concludes on July 21 in Madrid.

Choate holds some seats on a designated round-trip group flight from JFK International Airport to La Coruña, Spain. A Choate faculty member travels on this outbound flight on June 16, but not necessarily on the return flight on July 21. Participants are not required to purchase a ticket on the designated flight, but those not doing so are asked to arrive in Madrid by a specified time on June 17, in order to make the required connecting flight to La Coruña.

Eligibility:

Participating students must have completed the ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade and two years of high school Spanish (or its equivalent).

Application Deadline:

The application for Choate's summer abroad program in Spain can be found here: <http://www.choate.edu/summer>. The application deadline is **March 15, 2019**.

Medical and Emergency Services:

During this five-week program students are covered by International SOS, an international medical and travel security services company while they are in-country. If you are interested in learning more about ISOS's services please visit www.internationalsos.com and enter Choate's membership number: 11BCAS088164.

In addition to our services with ISOS, Choate continuously monitors world events and may, when safety and/or security dictate, move a program's location or cancel a program entirely.

Cost:

The program cost is \$7,500. This fee is inclusive of ground transportation within Spain for all program activities, tuition, homestay, meals and all lodging, entrance fees, and International SOS coverage. Not included in this cost are international airfare, passport and visa fees (if applicable), and personal spending money. Financial aid is not available for Choate summer abroad programs.

For more information:

Please contact program Co-Director Ms. Nancy Burress, nburress@choate.edu, (203) 697-2129. In the month of January, 2019, please contact Ms. Angela Weston, aweston@choate.edu, (203) 697-2429 who will be covering for Ms. Burress during a leave.

