

SPANISH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

with Colegio San Agustin

Travel Dates: March 7- 17, 2025

Hosting Dates: April 21 - May 3, 2025

Approx. Trip Cost: \$2,600 - \$2,960



I am applying to ☐ Host Only ☐ Travel Only ☐ Host & Travel

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United States Passport - Please Attach a Copy

☐ Yes, and I will submit a copy ☐ No, but I will apply for one ASAP ☐ No, but I have a passport from another country and I understand I may need a visa to enter

Passport Country _____

Passport Number & Expiration Date _____

Student's Name (as it appears, or will appear, on passport)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Date of Birth (Month/Date/Year)

Date of Birth _____

Current Grade Level

Grade Level _____

Address

Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Parent(s) Email

Email Address _____

Student Email

Email Address _____

Family & Household Information

Preferred Contact(s) ☐ Mother ☐ Father

Contact's Full Name _____ Phone Number _____

Siblings (Name, Age & Gender) _____

Interests & Hobbies The following information will assist us in matching students with host families

Please indicate a **1** for regular activities, a **2** for occasional activities & a **0** if not applicable in the blanks below

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| cooking | shopping | jogging | singing | golf | movies | martial arts |
| swimming | volleyball | running | computer | basketball | theater | reading |
| fishing | walking | surfing | baseball | gymnastics | tennis | snow skiing |
| bicycling | hiking | hockey | softball | beach | kayaking | dance* |
| sailing | music* | history | horse riding | | | |

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|-----------|-------|---------|-------|------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| paintball | _____ | chess | _____ | crew | _____ | video games | _____ | skate boarding | _____ | weight lifting | _____ |
| boating | _____ | camping | _____ | jet skiing | _____ | computer games | _____ | water skiing | _____ | football | _____ |
| soccer | _____ | museums | _____ | art | _____ | photography | _____ | snow boarding | _____ | musical instrument* | _____ |

Please Specify Items Marked with * _____

Travel Experience

Please List Any Previous Travel Experience(s) _____

Personality Please check the boxes below that best match the applicant's personality

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative | <input type="checkbox"/> Talkative | Please Feel Free to add 2 More Personality Traits _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shy | <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible | <input type="checkbox"/> Humorous | <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Studious | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Confident | <input type="checkbox"/> Spontaneous | <input type="checkbox"/> Feels for Others | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organized | <input type="checkbox"/> Curious | <input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive | <input type="checkbox"/> Makes Friends Easily | |

Hosting Information [APRIL 2025]

Are there any animals in the house? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, please specify. _____

Are there any dietary restrictions? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, please specify _____

Does your family attend religious services regularly? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, which services do you attend and is it important to you that the student you host attends with your family? _____

Do you prefer to host ☐ a Boy ☐ a Girl ☐ No Preference

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Do you have any allergies?
(animal, medication, food, smoke, etc.) ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, please specify. _____

Are there any dietary restrictions? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, please specify. _____

Does your family have a religious affiliation? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, please specify. _____

*** It is possible that you will share a room with your host brother (for boys) or sister (for girls).
Please keep this in mind when applying.**

In addition to this application you are required to write a 100-word paragraph explaining why you are applying for this exchange program. For example, what are your interests as they relate to this program, what are you curious about, and/or what skills and qualities will you bring to the group. You may type your paragraph below in either Spanish or English or submit your writing with your application.

Custom Travel Program Acknowledgement Form

Dear Bolles Parents and Guardians,

Your child is applying to participate in a unique program that has been specifically designed by The Bolles School and Colegio San Agustin with Global Academic Travel for travel to Spain. In order to activate your travel application you must turn in the following to Mrs. Hong by Friday, October 4, 2024: the application, copy of passport, a non-refundable deposit of \$500 and the student paragraph. Parents and students, please carefully read the policies below and sign and date the form below acknowledging that you fully understand all of the the policies mentioned on this form and in the travel application.

Warmest regards,

Kristin Hong

Upper School Academic Travel Programs Coordinator

The Application Process

When we process applications, among other things, we consider grade level, world language level (if applicable), interest shown in the subject related to the program, as well as participation in local and state events. In addition, to be eligible for Bolles travel experiences, applicants must not have any major disciplinary infractions in the calendar year before travel. Violations of School policy to the one-year mark will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Furthermore, all applicants will need to be recommended by their teachers and advisor. The list of finalists selected will then be sent to the Dean's Office a second time for clearance one month prior to traveling abroad. Should you have any questions about the selection process please feel free to contact Mrs. Hong.

**** Please note that if a student is not accepted into the program, your travel deposit of \$500 will be refunded. ****

Cost of the Trip

Bolles Spanish Exchange fee is \$2,600 - \$2,960 and is based on factors such as group size, itinerary, travel dates and flight arrangements.

Payment

I understand that the price for this custom program is based on group size, itinerary, travel dates and flight arrangements.

I acknowledge that if I cancel my child's participation, my \$500 deposit is non-refundable and that additional cancellation charges may apply based on the date of my cancellation.

I understand that the airline will determine the refund policy for the airline ticket, and that there may be additional costs that are non-refundable depending upon the size of the group and the date of the cancellation.

I understand that my child will miss one or two days of school and I have checked our projected calendars to make sure that there are no conflicts with Fine Arts productions or school sporting events. I understand that no refunds can be made for cancellations postmarked fewer than 60 days before departure.

****Bolles will not arrange any travel deviations.**

****I understand that a 10% late fee will be added to all payments not received in accordance with the dates listed below. Payment plans may be available, per email request, to ensure timely payments. For payment inquiries email Drew Upchurch at UpchurchD@bolles.org.**

| Payment Schedule | Friday, October 4 | Friday, November 1 | Friday, December 6 | Friday, January 10 |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | \$500 non-refundable deposit | 1/3 of balance* | 1/3 of balance | Final Balance |
| | | <i>*After acceptance into the program</i> | | |

Refund Policy

Because of the special nature of a custom program and the importance of maintaining the group size, cancellation fees may apply. The airline will determine the refund policy for the airline ticket, and any additional fees may not be refundable depending on the group size. In the unfortunate case that a student should need to withdraw from the program at any time, a letter of cancellation must be given to Mrs. Hong or Mrs. Stam.

Participation

I am aware of, and approve of, my son/daughter/ward's decision to apply for participation in the Bolles Spanish Exchange. I am aware that his/her participation in this program is contingent upon acceptance into the program according to the established selection process. My child is also aware that his or her participation in this program is contingent upon acceptance into the program according to the established selection process. The applicant and their family understand, if the applicant is accepted into the program, any violation of school rules or code of conduct, including while hosting, may jeopardize their participation in the travel portion of the program.

Please Sign & Date below acknowledging that you fully understand all of the the policies above.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Application, copy of passport, paragraph, and registration deposit are all to be submitted no later than October 4, 2024.