Welcome to the API Experience!

Experience Seville with API

WELCOME!
¡BIENVENIDOS!
AGENDA

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Meet API Staff

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM DATES: JAN 29 - MAY 10, 2024

HOST UNIVERSITY: Universidad de Sevilla
- Centrally located campus in historic Seville
  - Most students walk to class!
  - Old tobacco factory with historic charm
- Classes are taught in English or Spanish
- Courses are mainly in history, philology and literature
  - Anatomy and Physiology and Education
    Observation hours are Spring only
ABOUT SEVILLE

• Population 700,000
• Small town feel with city amenities
• Walkable with
• Good public transportation in Seville, throughout Spain, and beyond
• Spring has great weather and festivals!

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ORIENTATION

MADRID - 2 nights

Hotel Accommodations
Welcome Dinner

Guided tours may include
● Royal Botanical Garden
● Atocha Train Station and March 11 Memorial
● Prado Museum
● Historical City Center

Orientation Activities are mandatory.
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SEVILLE:

- City bike tour
- Real Alcazar
- Cathedral & La Giralda
- Cooking classes
- Research seminars
- Flamenco lessons or performances

Day trips and overnight excursions may include Cádiz, Granada, and Extremadura
HOUSING

Housing options

- Historic student residencia
- Local host family
- Premium student dorm
  (additional fee)
Student Residencia

- Included in program fee
- Small, family-run accommodation
- Traditional style housing for local and international students
- Double rooms with shared bathrooms (limited number of single rooms available for an additional fee)
- Three meals per day, weekly cleaning, and laundry service included
Student Residencia

Shared bathrooms
Student Residencia

Located in central residential neighborhoods, average 20 minute walk to campus
Student Residencia

May include common rooms for relaxation and/or outdoor patio
Local Host Family

- Included in program fee
- Variety of family types (couples with or without kids, retirees, single adults) who open their homes to students
- Double rooms with shared bathrooms (limited number of single rooms available for an additional fee)
- Mixture of Spanish & English speakers
- Three meals per day, weekly cleaning, and laundry service included
Local Host Family

Separate, shared bathroom and family kitchen
Local Host Family

Located in neighborhoods throughout the city, average 10-30 minute walk to campus
Local Host Family

May include outdoor patios and/or common rooms for relaxation
Premium Dorm

- Additional fee required
- Individual studios with private bathroom and kitchenette
- On-site swimming pool, gym and laundry facilities
- Mix of local and international students
- Meals and laundry are not included
- 20-25 minute walk to campus
Premium Dorm

Individual kitchen and en-suite bathroom
Premium Dorm

Multiple common spaces and outdoor pool
Premium Dorm

Shared Study Areas and Laundry
HOUSING PROCESS

● After acceptance, complete your housing form in APIConnect.
  ○ Roommate/housemate requests must be mutual
  ○ Note any food allergies/dietary restrictions early

● On-site team reviews housing forms and requests on a rolling basis.
  ○ First choice may fill up.

● Housing assignments provided about 1 month prior to arrival.
  ○ Limited opportunities to make changes once you are on-site.
ACADEMICS

- Classes held Mon-Thurs
- Mix of subjects related to language, culture, humanities
- Course selection is done in stages
  - Submit preferences in APIConnect
  - Make sure to get approval for at least 5 courses
  - Class timetable published a month or two before program start date
  - Course registration is finalized on-site
Anatomy & Physiology II
Taught for QU students by University of Sevilla faculty, this course includes lecture, lab, and three required visits with health care professionals in Sevilla.

Education Observation Hours
Education students can complete your required observation hours in primary or secondary schools in Sevilla. This option must be requested upon acceptance to the program.

Wellness Weekend
QU students can participate in a weekend retreat focused on student wellness, mental health, and culture with QU’s Director of Fitness and Well Being, Tami Reilly.

Cultural Engagement Activities
QU students will have the opportunity to socialize with local Spanish students at two QU cohort events during the semester.

Gym Membership
A membership at a local gym is included for all QU students for the spring semester.
If you don’t have a valid passport that expires at least 6 months after your program end date, apply for one immediately with expedited processing!

This program requires a student visa. Visa requirements are set by the immigration policies of the Spanish government.

It typically takes 4-8 weeks to issue a visa once application has been submitted. Expedited service is not available.

Visa applications must be presented in person at the New York Consulate of Spain.

REMINDER: You cannot travel internationally while waiting for your passport to be returned to you so please do not make any international travel plans during the visa process.
API GROUP VISA SERVICE

GROUP VISA PROCESS:

- Deadline to receive documents is October 2. Note: this is before the application deadline. Students must apply early to opt in!
- Student submits documents by mail to API Office in Austin, Texas.
- API reviews visa materials and goes to the New York consulate on your behalf to submit application.
- No individual in-person appointment is required for the student.
- API will retrieve your passport and visa from the consulate and return it to you by mail.
- Students who do not opt in to group processing must make an appointment at the New York consulate and apply in person.

COST FOR GROUP VISA SERVICE:

- $185 API Visa Service fee
- plus $160 Spanish Consular fee (U.S. passport holders)

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE VISA INSTRUCTIONS AFTER COMPLETING THE API APPLICATION.
# VISA PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Please note that the times below are estimates only.

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<td>4-5 months before departure</td>
<td>Identify your consulate. Opt in to group processing or make visa appointment. Gather required documents.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 2</strong></td>
<td>8-12 weeks before departure</td>
<td>Submit required documents for processing.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 3</strong></td>
<td>2-4 weeks before departure</td>
<td>You will receive your passport with the visa affixed inside.</td>
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<td>Processing typically takes 4-8 weeks</td>
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**SUCCESS!**
WHAT’S NEXT?

● Apply for or renew your passport!
● Apply to the program
  ○ QU and API work closely with each other and each student to ensure success
● Check your email regularly
● Reach out with any questions!

RESOURCES:
QU in Seville Program Website
API Student Visa Information
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