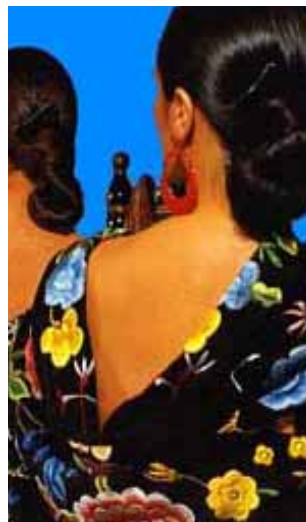


Flamenco Madrid Route

PlusAbroad offers study abroad languages courses with a Flamenco Madrid Route. Visit the Madrid Flamenco route with stores selling flamenco products; visit the most prestigious flamenco Madrid academies and talk with professionals; Drink and try tapas in flamenco bars and taverns; attend a flamenco show; visit the most important flamenco Madrid festivals; try a practical flamenco class with an introduction to taconeo, las palmas and flamenco dancing at a school in Madrid; listen to historical flamenco pieces by the most famous flamenco performers.

Origin of Flamenco

Flamenco is one of the great European non-academic musical genres. More than simply a type of folk music, flamenco embodies a complex musical and cultural tradition. Although considered part of the culture of Spain in general, flamenco actually originates from one region —Andalusia. and a great number of outstanding flamenco artists have been born in other territories of the state. There are many questions remaining about the roots of flamenco, but it is generally acknowledged that flamenco grew out of the unique interplay of native Andalusian, Islamic, Sephardic, and Gypsy cultures that existed in Andalusia prior to and after the Reconquest. Latin American and especially Cuban influences have also been important to shape several flamenco musical forms. Once the seeds of flamenco were planted in Andalusia, it grew as a separate subculture, first centered in the provinces of Seville, Cádiz and part of Málaga —the area known as Baja Andalucía (Lower Andalusia) — but soon spreading to the rest of Andalusia, incorporating and transforming local folk music forms. As the popularity of flamenco extended to other areas, other local Spanish musical traditions (i.e. the Castilian traditional music) would also influence, and be influenced by, the traditional flamenco styles. Flamenco can be seen in many bars and taverns in Madrid. Normally one goes for an evening meal to one of these places and listens to the music afterwards. You could start off an evening at Casa Patas, La Torre del Oro or Viña Pe, where you sit down to eat or just order a glass of wine, some “tapas”, listen to the music and take in the flamenco atmosphere.



FIAMENCO MADRID AT A GLANCE

QUICK FACTS

- 1 Small groups: 6 to 12 participants
- 2 Commencing first Monday of month (except July, August and December)
- 3 Duration 1 week
- 4 No language requirement
- 5 8 levels of language classes from complete beginners to composition classes for advanced speakers.
- 6 Designed for active travellers who prefer around 50/50 organized activities with free time

INCLUDED

- 1 Transfers from and to Madrid's Barajas airport
- 2 50/50 balance between organized activities and time to explore on your own
- 3 Options for lodging in Madrid in shared apartments with Spanish family or other program participants
- 4 One week intensive language course daily from 9:30 to 1 pm, 20 classes
- 5 Full-coverage health and accident insurance
- 6 Orientation pack
- 7 One group cultural activity (concert, excursion, exhibition, et al)
- 8 Optional cultural activities coordinator for those who want more with free and small fee activities
- 9 Bilingual staff
- 10 Free Internet access at Spanish school
- 12 Testing, materials, certificates, value-added taxes
- 13 Activities as stated in description
- 14 Low bureaucracy

Not included: Transportation, normal meals, communication costs, personal expenses and lodging costs. If the minimum number of participants is not covered we will join our group with another to guarantee participation

START DATES

- July 30 - August 5, 2007
- September 10 – 16, 2007
- October 15 – 21, 2007
- January 28 - February 3, 2008
- March 17 – 23, 2008