Current FWCD 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Families,

Continuing a 9 year FWCD tradition, we are excited to announce the registration period is now **OPEN** for our
Summer 2018 trip… ***"Spanish Vistas"***
(Open attachment for trip details).

Enrollment will be on a ***"first come – first served"*** basis. This trip is open to our "current" 6th, 7th, and 8th graders for travel in the **Summer of 2018**. This trip is truly a lifetime reinforcement of the learning your student acquired in their future history and foreign language classes. Please note this is *NOT* a FWCD-sponsored event.

Trip leaders are FWCD's own Michael Parker (6th Math and Science), Christine Spikes (7th and 8th Science), Jackie Rains (7th English), and Chuck Maddux (6th History). We have "earned our stripes" leading student travel groups all over the world since 2002.

Because we are able to announce early our travel dates **(June 5 – June 14, 2018)**, our FWCD families can make suitable plans for camps, family vacations, and other summer events **now** for the **Summer 2018 trip**. Register online now and lock in your price.

***Please* go online a register at:**

http://www.acis.com
***Click* on "Register" at the top of the web page.**
***Scroll* all the way down to "Participant Registration Form" link. *Click* on it.**
Information: Group Leader = MADDUX,
Group# = 65956,
Travel dates = 6/5/2018 - 6/14/2018
Program name = "Spanish Vistas".

Families need to read the attached trip information brochure. If unable to access the .pdf file, have your student come by room 105 (Mr. Maddux) to get the trip information. Please email chuck.maddux@fwcd.com with any questions or concerns.

We believe the middle school age group gets more out of these trips and are more appreciative of these opportunities than any other age group. Rest assured that our veteran leadership team is with these students 24/7, everywhere, from start to finish. After all, we are traveling with "*our" kids*!

Join us,

Parker, Rains, Spikes, and Maddux

Spanish Vistas

Jun 5 - Jun 14, 2018
Group Leader:
Charles Maddux
Group ID:
65956
Depart From:
Dallas/Ft. Worth

what's **included**

- Round-Trip Flights
- Centrally Located Hotels
- Daily Breakfast and Dinner (unless otherwise noted)
- 24-Hour Tour Manager

- Madrid Tour with Guide
- Prado Tour with Personal Headsets
- Cordoba
- Granada Tour with Guide
- Alhambra and Generalife Gardens with Personal Headsets
- Flamenco Lesson, Dinner and Show in Granada
- Seville Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- Seville Cathedral and Giralda Tower
- Triana Ceramic Tile Workshop
- Seville-Barcelona AVE
- Barcelona Metro Round-Trip Ticket
- Paella Cooking Lesson
- Barcelona Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- Parc Güell
- Barcelona bike tour
- Sagrada Familia

our **promise**

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from "good enough" to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives.*

cultural **connections**

HIGHLIGHTS waiting to happen

Flamenco Lesson, Dinner and Show in Granada

In the caves of Sacromonte, learn the steps from a flamenco expert, then enjoy dinner and watch your teacher perform in a professional show.

Barcelona by Bike

Get a closer look at the city as you cycle through lovely Ciutadella Park and the waterfront Olympic Port area.

Paella Cooking Lesson in Barcelona

Learn the methods for creating paella from an expert before working in teams to cook and enjoy the dish for dinner.

Triana Ceramic Tile Workshop

Learn about historic Triana's famed ceramic tiles, or azulejos, and decorate your own piece.

trip **itinerary - 10 days**

Jun 5, 2018: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

Jun 6, 2018: Madrid

¡Bienvenidos a España! Arrive in Madrid, meet your ACIS Tour Manager and settle in before exploring the wide avenues and open plazas of Spain's capital city. (D)

Jun 7, 2018: Madrid

Madrid's rich heritage comes alive on your guided sightseeing tour of classic Spanish boulevards, grand plazas, and the diverse architecture of modern-day Madrid. Highlights include the Plaza de España with its statue of Don Quixote, the majestic Alcalá Gate, and the famous bullring Las Ventas. Then visit the magnificent Prado (skipping the lines with a timed reservation), one of the world's premier art museums. Here, an expert provides illuminating commentary via personal headsets on the artwork of Velázquez, Goya, Raphael, Rubens, and Bosch. Even the 18th-century Neo-Classical building that houses the collection is stunning. Tonight, you may decide to sample churros y chocolate for dessert as you stroll down to see the artists and street performers in the Plaza Mayor. (B,D)

Jun 8, 2018: Granada

Journey to Córdoba by AVE today where sightseeing with a local expert includes discovering the unique striped arches of the Moorish Mezquita with an audio guide and wandering the narrow lanes lined with whitewashed buildings.Drive through Andalucía's sunflower fields and olive groves to Granada Tonight you will tour the fascinating caves of the Sacromonte neighborhood, stopping to learn the steps to Spain's most famous dance during a flamenco lesson. Enjoy a special dinner, then watch your instructors show you how it's done in a show. (B,D)

Jun 9, 2018: Seville

Your local guide provides commentary via personal headsets as you visit the legendary Alhambra, the most magnificent of all the Moorish palaces in Spain, and wander through the aromatic Generalife Gardens before continuing to Seville. The rest of the day is free for you to explore more of Seville at your own pace. Perhaps practice your Spanish as you shop for souvenirs, visit the Torre de Oro or stroll in the Parque María Luisa. (B,D)

Jun 10, 2018: Seville

A sightseeing tour by a local expert using personal headsets includes the immense Gothic Cathedral, burial place of Christopher Columbus, and the grand Giralda Tower. This afternoon, you'll learn about the historic Triana neighborhood's famed ceramic tiles, or azulejos, and decorate your own piece in a ceramic tile workshop. Tonight, take a disco boat ride (pending arrangement by Tour Manager). (B,D)

Jun 11, 2018: Barcelona

Journey by high-speed AVE train to Barcelona. Founded by the Romans in the 3rd century BC, it's known for its artistic treasures and fine architecture from Gothic to Modernist. Take time to wander through the narrow cobbled streets, peaceful squares and towering old buildings that characterize Barri Gòtic (the city's Gothic Quarter) which was at times home to both Picasso and Joan Miró. (D)

Jun 12, 2018: Barcelona

Begin your day with spectacular views over Barcelona and the Mediterranean from Mirador del Migdia Park on the side of Montjuïc Hill. Our local expert will also point out, via personal headsets, all the major sights of Barcelona, including Gaudí's famous houses. Antoni Gaudí, one of Catalonia's most famous sons, was a Modernist architect whose distinctive style is revered to this day. After, you'll be able to study the intricate design inside and out of his still-unfinished Sagrada Familia and stroll whimsical Parc Güell. This afternoon, visit the Chocolate Museum. (B,D)

Jun 13, 2018: Barcelona

This morning enjoy a Barcelona by bike tour through lovely Ciutadella Park, and the nearby Olympic Port. This afternoon is free to explore Barcelona for any last-minute souvieners. This evening become familiar with Spanish culinary traditions as you work in teams during a paella cooking lesson and dinner. You will use traditional methods to cook paella—a spicy tango of rice, seafood and vegetables considered by many as Spain's national dish. (B,D)

Jun 14, 2018: Departure

Departure for the U.S. Optional Extensions and Extra Nights: Further immerse yourself in the culture and wonders of cosmopolitan Spain with an extra night in Madrid, including the services of your ACIS Tour Manager, at the beginning of your tour. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.

learning **objectives**

1. Students will learn about Modernism/Art Nouveau through the architecture of Antoni Gaudí.

2. Students will examine Spain's ties to the New World of the Americas through the funding of explorers like Columbus, Balboa, Cortés, and Pizarro.

3. Students will become familiar with forms of art and cooking unique to certain regions of Spain through hands-on workshop participation.

tour **cost**

Participant Fees

Program Fee	$4879
Early Registration Discount	$-100
Full day excursion to Cordoba, with sightseeing	$110
Total Participant Fees[2]	$4889

[2] Valid through 03/01/17 with $200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)	
Adult Surcharge	$95
Single Room Supplement	$760
Double Room Supplement	$360
Ultimate Protection Plan	$300
Comprehensive Protection Plan	$250

notes from **acis**

- Save $50 off your Total Participant Fees if you pay for your trip by E-Check or through our Automatic Payments Plan.
- All registered participants can enjoy the convenience, security and savings of having payments automatically withdrawn from a checking account by enrolling in an Automatic Payments plan. To learn more, visit www.acis.com/autopay
- Adult travelers age 24 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Participant Fees.
- This educational travel program is not school or district sponsored unless expressly stated by the Group Leader.

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Travel Changes Lives

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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

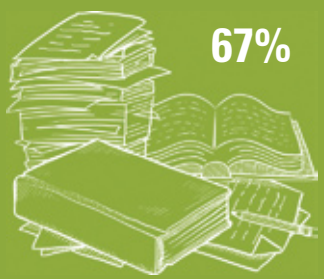
education

81%
of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%.

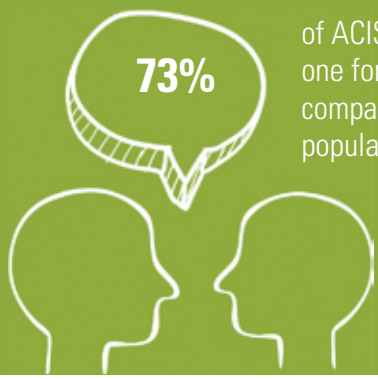
of travelers ,who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.

57%
of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

language **skills**



67%
of students continued to study foreign language in college.



of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

personal **development**

94% felt more independent after their trip.

78% saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

92% noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.

65%
have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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