



New from Seville International Business and Culture Program September 1-7, 2008



General News:

Cultural Visit

Wednesday September 3rd, visit to the Reales Alcázares (Royal Palace). The Alcázar comprises a series of palaces which are the most important example of civil architecture in Seville. In the interior, outstanding palaces, gardens and servants' quarters which nowadays host our royal family when they come to Seville. You can sign up in the list in the Student Service office and **meet up with your guide Deborah at Puerta del León (Alcázar main entrance) at 4.45 pm.**

Daytrip to Cadiz

Saturday, September 6th. Please remember that you need to sign up in the Student Service office before Wednesday Sept. 3rd. Cadiz is the most ancient city in the West, a peninsula full of history and legends with one of the best beaches in Spain. We will walk in the city center with our guide and you will have free time in the afternoon to enjoy the beach. You will have to bring your lunch, the swimsuit and, please, don't forget your camera! Departure from **Puerta de Derecho at 9 am on Saturday September, 6th.**

Volunteering

On **Sunday, September 7th** CIEE has organized a **volunteer project** with an elementary school in a low income neighborhood. The school needs our help to paint the hallways. There will be free pizza and drinks for lunch. The last day to **sign up is Wednesday September 3rd with Nancy Merchant.** Remember to integrate in the Spanish culture you must participate!!!

Move Dates

Remember that your first move date is **Friday, September 5th.** If you don't like your homestay or have any problem with your host, come to talk to María in the Student Service office.

Academic News:

IBCP Students: Many of you have settled into your new life in Sevilla, and are now wondering about the upcoming school year at Universidad Pablo de Olavide (<http://www.upo.es/>) Please mark your calendars for the following mandatory meetings:

UPO Placement Test

Monday, September 8th: Meet at **the Puerta de Derecho of the University of Seville at 8:45 am**. Bring your bus passes or 1.10 Euros. We will take the bus to Pablo de Olavide together this first time. Do not be late, as we will leave when the bus comes. If you are late, it will be your responsibility to take the bus and get to the UPO. You will have your **Spanish placement test** at 10 am. After the test, you will have a tour of the campus.

UPO Orientation

The UPO orientation begins at **5.30pm on Tuesday, September 9th**. Meet the group a little before 5.30pm in front of the Paraninfo building. During the orientation, you will receive the results of your placement exam, course schedules, academic policies, further information on sports facilities/activities. There will be a welcome reception for you to meet other students in the program as well as your professors. **Attendance is mandatory.**

Important dates for the month of September:

Wednesday, September 10th: First day of classes at UPO.

SLIGHT VARIATION IN SCHEDULE: On **Friday, September 12th**, your Monday classes will be held.

Friday, September 19th: Last day to change classes (last day of drop and add).

Friday, September 19th: morning excursion to the town of Carmona.

****Remember:** As we discussed during orientation, **absences do count**. Please do not make any travel plans until you are certain what your schedule is going to be like at UPO. Wait until the regular session begins and you have all the information you need before making any travel plans.

Emergency Phone Number

We remind you that we have an emergency cell phone, 24 hours per day, to help you in emergency situations. In case of an emergency, please call the number in pink on your ID card, **696 91 89 49**.

Free time activities:

XV Bienal de Flamenco

Best flamenco artists in the world will be in Seville from September 11th to October 11th in the most important Flamenco Festival in Seville. There will be famous singers, dancers and guitarists playing in all the theatres in the city. Great opportunity to enjoy the best flamenco at a very good price. You can have more information on www.bienal-flamenco.org and buy your tickets on line (www.generaltickets.com). Try to make reservations as soon as possible because it's very popular.

Last week-Nights in the Gardens of the Real Alcázar

Last days to enjoy the nice concerts (medieval, classical and ethnic music) at 10.15pm in the gardens of the Real Alcázar. You can buy your tickets (4 euros) in the Alcázar the same day of the concert from 9 to 10.10pm. More information on www.actidea.com/nochesalcazar2008.

Vegetarian food

If you want to try some vegetarian food, it's possible in Habanita Restaurant (calle Golfo, 3; near Alfalga). Excellent choice in the only restaurant in the city which offers Cuban, vegetarian, international and Mediterranean food.

OV Movies in the open air

On **Sunday September 7th**, the Cine de Verano offers the film *It's a free world* of Ken Loach in original version. It starts at 10.15 pm. Go to Diputación de Sevilla (Menéndez Pelayo, 32; in front of the Jardines de Murillo) and buy your ticket for only 3 euros.

La Carboneria

Live music and flamenco shows for free everyday, starting at 11pm, in this popular bar. You can have a drink in its *patio* and meet other students. Go to calle Levías, 18 and try a glass of the "agua de Sevilla". (calle Levías, 18; behind Bar Levías).