



News from Seville International Business and Culture Program January 14-20, 2008

¡¡Welcome to Seville!!

From CIEE we want you to wish a happy time here in Sevilla during the semester. This weekly newsletter in it you'll find all the information, academics and non academics referring to your program, so that leisure activities to do in your free time.

Remember we are here to help you in any thing you need, and make your life in Seville easier, so don't doubt asking us for help. Thank you for choosing Seville for your study abroad!

María Montes de Oca
Coordinadora de Actividades



General News

Homestays

We hope that everyone is adjusting well to their new home. If you are finding it more difficult than you had thought, don't worry. It takes time to adjust to a new home environment, new foods, new family, understanding what they say, etc. Be patient with yourself and with your families. Although this adjustment time is very frustrating and overwhelming, you will get through it....promise!

If you do have minor concerns with your homestays (need new towels, heater, don't like certain foods), don't be shy about talking to your señora. They want you to be happy and comfortable too. If you have other concerns, you should get in touch with Nancy. You can reach her via e-mail at nmerchant@cíee.org or at her office-954 41 2002 ext. 102.

Cell Phone number

If you have purchased a new cell phone, please give your new number to Alayna, so she can contact you, if needed.

Cultural visits

VERY IMPORTANT

We remind you it's very important to read the News from Seville to check the deadlines for the trips. The sheet where you have to sign up if you want to go to a trip is located on the second floor of the Study Center.

Visit to the Cathedral of Seville and the Giralda

Sign up in the Study Center before Wednesday the 16th at 2pm and you will be able to know the most important monument of Seville, the world's third largest cathedral and the biggest gothic one. You will experience the best sights of the city. The day of the visit, **Thursday the 17th**, we will meet up with our guide at the Study Center at **3pm**.

Volunteer in Seville's Public Schools

Get a different perspective on life in Seville and sign up to volunteer as an English assistant. Work 4 hours a week in a public elementary or high school, helping the pupils and professors learn to speak English and understand American culture. Come to one of the informational meetings on Thursday, January 17th at 16h, or Wednesday, January 23rd at 12h, in the Palacio in Aula Huelva. If you can't come to either of the meetings, contact Sara Herald at sherald@ciee.org for more information.

CIEE - Sports

Basketball: Irene will meet you up at Puerta de Derecho on Tuesday the 15th at 6:15pm to take you to IFNI sport center to play there. We will reach the place by bus.

Volleyball: a guide will meet you up at Puerta de Derecho on Tuesday the 15th at 6:15pm to take you to IFNI sport center to play there. We will reach the place by bus.

Soccer: Esteban will meet you up at bus stop number 43, at the Plaza de la Magdalena, on Wednesday the 16th at 7:15pm for coming together to play soccer at Charco de la Pava. We will reach the place where play by bus

CIEE - Cineclub

Every week we propose you a new movie with our expert in cinema, Abraham. The date, every Thursday at 9pm at the CIEE Study Center.

Internet-Wifi at the Palacio Study Center

CIEE provides you 2 ways of free Internet access, with the computers at the computer lab, and via WIFI for your laptop. For that, you need a password that CIEE receptionists will facilitate it for you.

Wifi in the UPO

A staff person in CIC (Centro de Informática y Comunicaciones, building 6) will be available beginning January 14th to help with configuration of laptops. There are also 5 CD's in the Center for Foreign Students office if you would like to try and configure your laptop on your own. PLEASE RETURN THE CD TO THE OFFICE WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED. You will need your username and password information. Some of you may not yet have a username because your passport information was missing or you are missing a photo. If you do not have this information, stop by the Center office.

Recharging Your Phone Card, Buying a Bonobus

For those of you who have Vodafone (may be other companies as well), you can recharge your phone in the campus store on the first floor in the Celestino Mutis building. They also sell phone cards and bus cards.

Sports at the UPO

Want to get involved in sports activities, here's what you need to do:

Sports Card

If you want to join a sports team such as basketball, rugby, volleyball, soccer, etc with Spanish students you will need a Sports Card. CIEE/Center for Foreign Studies will cover the cost of the sports card.

Procedure:

Go to the Sports Office (SDUPO) in Building 14. Tell them 1) Your name, 2) that you are a student in the Foreign Studies Center and 3) The activities in which you would like to participate. If you only need the Sports Card, there is no cost to you.

Joining the Gym

If you are interested in joining the gym, you will have to pay the registration fee (10,65€) plus the monthly fee (13€ one month or 28€ for three months) at the Banco Santander (there is a bank located in the

Celestino Mutis Building). Keep a copy of the "carta de pago" (receipt) and give it to Alayna. CIEE will reimburse you the Gym Registration Fee (Note: the bank only accepts cash in the mornings.)

Please note that if you register for the gym in the middle of the month (for example January 18th), the monthly gym membership ends at the end of that same month.

For your sports card and/or joining the gym, you will need to bring 2 passport size photos as well.

Hiking Trip to Sierra de Huelva

There is a full-day day hiking trip organized by the UPO Sports Office on Saturday, January 19th. In order to go on the hiking trip, you will need to sign up in the SDUPO (sports office) and get a Sports Card. You will need to bring a packed lunch as well, water, and adequate clothing/shoes. The bus leaves from the campus at 8:30am and you will return at approximately 6pm. This is a great opportunity for you to meet Spanish students and enjoy Andalusia's natural beauty as well! Space is limited so if interested sign up soon in SDUPO.

Last Day of Program

The last day of the program is Friday, May 16th (last day for final exams as well). Your last day in your homestays is May 18th.

Academic News

CIEE Office Hours

The CIEE part-time office on the UPO campus is located in the Celestino Mutis Building (bldg. 17). Alayna is in the UPO office the following days and times:

UPO

Tuesdays 10:15-1:15

Wednesdays 10:15-1:15

The office location will change in the next week or so...stay tuned to your e-mail and/or newsletter for new office location. During the intensive session, Alayna will be in the lobby area during your morning break and in building 24 during your transition to your business Spanish class.

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Office Phone: 954 219 508 ext.17

Mondays 9:00-5:00

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons

Thursdays 9:00-5:00

Fridays 9:00-14:00

You can always get in contact with Alayna by email as well at abrown@ciee.org.

Study Center/Palacio Hours (this week)

Monday-Friday 9am-9pm

UPO Orientation

The orientation regarding your regular session classes will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd from 5:30pm to approximately 8pm in the Paraninfo building at the end of the campus (in front of the cafeteria). During the orientation you will receive the results of your placement exam, course schedules, academic policies, information on the sports facilities/activities, etc. After the orientation there will be a welcome reception where you will meet other students in the program as well as your professors. Your Attendance is mandatory. Please be punctual!!

Missing Photos

Alayna is missing photos for the following individuals:

Scott Brennan

Lauren Howard

Ashley Mickelwaite

Joe Pappas

Giri Shah
Jessica Woods

Please turn in a passport size picture to her as soon as possible. You will also need to a picture for your CIEE Student ID card and UPO Student ID card. You can get passport-size pictures taken at a photo/camera store or in the photo booths around the city

Important Dates for this month:

Saturday, January 19th: Hiking Trip to Sierra de Huelva @ 8:30am

Tuesday, January 22nd: UPO Orientation/Reception @ 5:30pm

Wednesday, January 23rd: Regular Session Classes Begin

Friday, January 25th: Make-up Class (Thursday's class)

Free Time Activities

Cooking course

M^a Carmen teaches students how to cook typical Spanish food. The course takes place on triana. You can call her at 954 342139 or 617 452 218.

Ceramic course

If you are interested in ceramics, Ena y Pepa they are here to teach you. Friendly environment. Call them at 647 022 088.

Sevillanas course

Valle offers you individualized Sevillanas' classes. You can reach her at 617 219 821, and get more information.

Soccer. 1st division Spanish League. Real Betis vs Recreativo de Huelva

Sunday the 20th at 5pm, at the Ruiz de Lopera Stadium. Tickets on sale at the stadium.