



News from Seville International Business and Language Program September 25 – October 1, 2006

As the month of September comes to a close, I encourage you all to continue to actively participate in your experiences in this unique city under construction. Did you know that Seville is going to have a metro? We still don't know when it will be completed, but supposedly in the near future. Meanwhile we enjoy the potholes, mud puddles, and cement mazes through which we all have to pass every morning. The construction makes the city seem more and more like 17th century Seville...maybe it's all an odd work of art. By the way, the weather has started to change, so make sure to dress appropriately and take care of yourself to avoid getting a cold.

José Viñas, Coordinador de Actividades



General News

Housing Move Date

Sunday, October 1 is a housing move date. If you want to change your housing situation or you're thinking about it come talk to Nancy Merchant in the Student Services office before October 1.

Intercambios

If you don't have an intercambio or there is a problem with the one you have, talk to José Viñas. There are a lot of interested Spanish students, so don't hesitate to give it a try.

Scavenger Hunt

CIEE has developed a scavenger hunt as an optional activity for you and your intercambio. Each week we'll send you and your intercambio around the city looking for a specific object. Once you find it, take a picture (of you, your intercambio, and the object) and send it to jvinas@ciee.org. For each completed task you will receive a present from the Student Services Office.

- This week, find the two most famous dolls in the Alcázar (entrance is free with a student ID).

Cultural Visits

This week we're going to repeat two visits, so that those of you who were unable go during the Intensive Session will be able to enjoy two of Seville's most famous monuments.

- Wednesday, September 27. **Visit to the Alcázar de Sevilla.** One of Seville's most emblematic buildings, the Alcázar is a combination of the many cultures that have passed through this city. To go on the tour, you only have to stop by the Student Services Office and sign up before Wednesday, September 27 at 12:00h. Once you've signed up, meet the guide on Wednesday at 17:00h at the "Puerta de León" of the Alcázar. Don't forget your student ID!
- Thursday, September 28. **Visit to the Cathedral.** Without a doubt, this is the most important monument in Seville. It was built as a mosque and later converted into a cathedral that has become legendary. If you'd like to go, come to the aula Almería and sign up on the list before Thursday, September 28 at 12:00h. Later that day meet the guide in the patio of the Palacio at 15.00h. If you have class right before the visit, bring a bocadillo from home and eat before the tour. Don't be late!

Socio-Cultural Trip to the Museo de Bellas Artes

On Wednesday, September 27 (18:00h, Group A) and Thursday, September 28 (18:00h, Group B), there will be visits to the fine arts museum organized by Universidad Pablo de Olavide. If you'd like to go, stop by the Centro de Estudios para Extranjeros at UPO to sign up and find out about meeting places and times.

Trip to Estepa CANCELLED

The scheduled visit to Estepa for October 6 has been cancelled. We're sorry to those of you who signed up, but limited interest has forced us to cancel it.

CIEE Sports

Each week more students participate, which means that each week is more fun! This week, invite your intercambio to:

Basketball: Starting on Tuesday, October 3, the 3-on-3 basketball tournament begins. In order to participate you must form a team of 4 people (one of which should be Spanish) and stop by the aula Almería to fill out a participation form. It's free. However, this Tuesday, September 26, we'll be playing basketball with Irene from 19.00h to 21.00h at Ifni.

Volleyball: Last week's game was great. Let's have another fun round of volleyball on Tuesday, Sept. 26. Meet Laura at the IFNI gym and we'll play from 19:00h to 21:00h.

Soccer: Wednesday, Sept. 27. Meet Laura and the rest of the Spaniards at Charco de la Pava and play soccer with us from 20:00h to 22:00h.

Cine Club

What did you think of last week's movie? Remember that the best sessions of Cine Club are those that include your intercambios, in order to exchange ideas and opinions. This Thursday, September 27 at 21:15h, come to the Palacio to see "El traje." See you there!

Writing Center

If you'd like to improve your written Spanish, the CIEE Writing Center is the ideal spot. You can bring in your essay or text, and the tutors will guide you through the process of writing in Spanish. The tutors are Spanish language professors here at CIEE. If you'd like to make an appointment, contact Marga Jiménez (Writing Center Coordinator) from Monday – Thursday from 9:00 – 13:00h, in the Writing Center (Aula Cádiz, 1st floor, next to the elevator). Or if you'd prefer, you may send an email to mjimenez@ciee.org.

Things to do in your free time:

English Teaching Opportunity

We'd like to offer the chance to all CIEE students the possibility to collaborate with the Junta de Andalucía in their Bilingual school project during their stay in Seville. The commitment will be 2 hours/day, twice a week, either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. The school hours are from 9h00-14h00, so if you have anytime available during this time slot you are a good candidate. Schools are located in Seville capital and should you need transportation, bonobuses will be provided. Duties could include assisting in the development of bilingual classroom material and activities, cultural presentation in classes, or working with teachers who need to improve English conversation skills. This is a very rewarding opportunity, providing the chance to integrate with a part of the local culture. We're looking for serious candidates who are truly motivated and willing to commit their time to contribute positively to the development of this bilingual initiative. Anyone interested should send an e-mail to Mike Harewood: mharewood@ciee.org

(CIEE Teaching Development Program coordinator) indicating which program you belong to and what times and days you would be available to volunteer. Thanks again for your show of interest.

Ramadan

This year, Ramadan begins on September 23 and ends on October 22. For more information, including prayer schedules and mosque location, go to <http://www.mezquitadesevilla.com>.

Yom Kippur

The holiday Yom Kippur begins on Sunday, October 1. There will be religious services in the Synagogue of Seville (Centro, c/ Bustos Tavera 8) on Sunday, October from 19.15h – 20.30h and Monday the 2nd starting at 9 in the morning.

Night Run

We have been able to put together a 30 person team to run in the most famous *Carrera Popular* in Seville. Remember to meet the group on Friday, September 29 on the steps in front of the main entrance of the Plaza de Armas bus station at 21:15h. Good luck to all the runners!

Curso de Sevillanas

There is a group of CIEE students who want to take sevillanas classes in Los Remedios. The academy is called Estudio de Danza (María Ángeles Renshaw) and it's located on C/Padre Damián n 1. Tfno. 954 457773 o 636539 398. 3 more students are needed to form the group, so if you want to learn how to dance sevillanas and you live in Los Remedios, head to the dance studio and sign up.