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PARISH EPISCOPAL – SPAIN PROGRAM

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Parish Episcopal study abroad in San Sebastian, Spain truly gives students an insight into Spain’s language, culture, and history from an insider’s perspective! Students will live with 1-2 other Parish students in a caring homestay family and take exciting classes in the morning to improve their language skills. Students will visit some of the country’s most inspiring sights and cities on the weekends where they will experience Spain’s art, architecture, literature and history come alive! The Parish program is operated by SPI Study Programs International which specializes in providing high quality language immersion programs exclusively for high school students since 1996.

***Parish Program is limited to 24 students and the chaperone to student ratio is 1 to 8. For answers to commonly asked questions regarding homestay families, classes, supervision, standards of conduct, and overall program methodology and mission please visit the SPI website www.spiabroad.com**

PROGRAM VITALS

DATES: June 10 – 27, 2010

PRICE: \$3,500 + Airfare

PREREQUISITES: Must have had at least 2 years of Spanish and must be 15 years of age or older.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: December 1

Late applications will be accepted only if space is available.

HOW TO APPLY: Download an application online www.spiabroad.com/customprograms.asp or ask Mrs. Johnson for one. Please return the application packet to Mrs. Johnson before the due date.

FLIGHT INFORMATION: Students will be responsible for booking their own airfare on the designated Parish Program group flights. Booking information is located online www.spiabroad.com/flightinfo.asp

PROGRAM SPONSORS

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PROGRAM ITINERARY

Day 1	Depart USA for Madrid
Day 2	Arrive in Madrid MAD Airport. Transfer to your hotel located in the heart of the city's art district. Join your group for an orientation lunch followed by a small walking tour around Madrid. Visit the famous Prado Art Museum, the modern Reina Sofia, stroll through the Plaza Mayor and take an evening tour around the city.
Day 3	After breakfast depart for Segovia and Burgos. Visit the Alcazar Castle where Columbus obtained permission to sail to America and see the famous Roman Aqueduct! Enjoy an incredible evening in Burgos strolling around the lively streets with Spain's famous Gothic cathedral in as the backdrop.
Day 4	Visit the Burgos Cathedral and see where 'El Cid' made his mark. Travel to the old town of Bilbao to visit the famous Guggenheim Museum and the Arenal. Arrive in San Sebastian to meet your host family. Enjoy the first night getting to know your family.
Day 5	Start your first day of classes. You will take an informal placement test to determine your level. Spend the afternoon exploring the city on a guided orientation tour followed by a typical "Chocolate con Churros".
Days 6-9	Regular morning classes followed by various afternoon activities. Possible activities include: Beach Volleyball, Surf Lessons, a visit to the local Aquarium, hike to Monte Urgull Park and Cafe Social with locals to practice Spanish.
Day 10	Full day excursion along the beautiful Basque Coast. In the morning visit the Peace Museum in Guernica (students will learn about the importance of Guernica in their classes). Spend the afternoon visiting Bermeo (Basque fishing village) and Mundaka (known for the best surfing in Spain!)
Day 11	Enjoy a relaxing Sunday with your homestay family.
Days 12-16	Regular Classes and afternoon activities in San Sebastian. This week take afternoon excursions to Fuenterrabia, Zumaia, and enjoy an afternoon of sporting activities with your new friends on the beach (or salsa classes).
Day 16	Enjoy a farewell party with your group this evening and say goodbye to your homestay family and new friends!
Day 17	Travel to the historic city of Toledo. Explore the historic sites with a guided tour to the Cathedral, El Greco, Alcazar and the City Walls. Enjoy your final dinner with your group.
Day 18	Wake up early and travel from Toledo to the Madrid Airport via private bus. Depart Madrid for USA.

***Certain afternoon activities are subject to change due to inclement weather or any change deemed necessary by the On-Site Program Directors.**