Sample Itinerary

SPAIN
Spanish Golden Age Literature and Culture
ENG/SPA 3XX: (4 credits)
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Tentative Travel Dates: March 11-19 | Estimated Travel Fee: $3,300

DAY 1 | Overnight Flight
Overnight flight from Boston to Madrid.

DAY 2 | Toledo
Arrival in Madrid airport and meet travel director, transfer to Toledo for hotel check in. In the afternoon there will be an orientation walk around this former capital of Spain. Welcome dinner.

DAY 3 | Toledo
A local guide will introduce you to the highlights of Toledo. Visit the stunning gothic cathedral, the Santa Maria la Blanca synagogue and the Santo Tomé Chapel to admire The Burial of The Count of Orgaz by El Greco. After lunch take a drive though La Mancha to Consuegra to see the famous windmills that Don Quijote mistook for giants. Continue to Puerto Lápice to see the inn where Don Quijote was “knighted.” Return to Toledo.

DAY 4 | Avila - Salamanca
Your first stop today is a visit to Avila. The city was the home of Saint Teresa and its medieval walls, dating from the 11th century, are still intact to this day! Continue to the university city of Salamanca, celebrated in verse by the poet Miguel de Unamuno. Salamanca remains a Spanish Renaissance showpiece as it rises from the banks of the Tormes River. Dinner.

DAY 5 | Salamanca
This morning enjoy a walking tour led by a local guide. You will see landmarks such as the Casa de las Conchas with its shell decorations, the famous university, the Roman bridge and the Plaza Mayor - one of the most elegant squares in Spain. Free afternoon for course related activities. Dinner.

DAY 6 | El Escorial - Madrid
This morning drive to El Escorial, the austere monastery/palace built by King Philip II in the 16th century. Enjoy a guided visit of this massive complex, which includes a palace, monastery, church, school and Royal tombs. Continue to the vibrant capital city of Madrid. Dinner.

DAY 7 | Madrid
This morning take a guided walk through the beautiful old literary quarter of the city - the “Casco Antiguo.” You will learn about the history of the city and writers that lived in this area. Included is a visit to the House/Museum of Lope de Vega. In the afternoon enjoy a visit to the Prado Museum to see works such as those by Velázquez, El Greco and Goya. Afterwards relax in the beautiful Retiro Park. Evening “tapas” dinner.

DAY 8 | Madrid - Alcalá de Henares
This morning take the train to the university city of Alcalá de Henares. Here you will visit the Cervantes Museum located in the house where he was born. You will also visit the University before returning back to Madrid.

DAY 9 | Return Flight
Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Boston.