## **Belmont High School**

**EXHIBIT B4** 6-4-13

## Memo

To:

Dr. Thomas Kingston

From: Colleen Foley and Daniel Richards

CC:

Janice Darias

Date:

May 10, 2013

Re:

Trip to Spain for Spanish students- April 2014

Please see attached proposal for a trip to Spain for Spanish students.

## **Proposal for Spain Trip**

**Destination:** 

Spain, Madrid, Zaragoza, and Barcelona

Dates:

April 17-26, 2014 (departing after school

on 4/17/14)

April vacation is April 19-27

**Educational Rationale:** 

This is a unique opportunity for students studying Spanish to visit Spain and be immersed in the language they have been studying throughout their high school career. The students will experience first hand the culture of Spain through visits to historical sites, shows, and museums. The group will also visit a local elementary and high school to

interact with students.

Number of participants:

20-25 (Students must be enrolled in Spanish 4, Spanish 4 Honors, Spanish 5 or AP Spanish.)

Trip Leader:

Trip leader: Adrienne Talamas Additional chaperones: 1-2

Itinerary: The group will fly to Madrid where they will begin the trip. There will be day trips from Madrid to surrounding cities. The students will then travel to Zaragoza for one night while en route to Barcelona. When the group arrived in Barcelona

they will visit important cultural sites.

**Projected Costs:** 

The trip is being organized by World Cultural Tours in Uxbridge, MA. The price includes flights,

in-country transportation, food, lodging, entrance

fees, and the cost of the chaperones.

Estimated cost: \$3,299. There will be one full scholarship available to a student in need of

financial assistance.

# Join Belmont High School Spanish Language and Culture Study Program to Experience...



Daily Itinerary (subject to change):

## Day 1: Depart USA

We depart the USA today on our overnight flight to Madrid, Spain.

## Day 2: Arrive Madrid

In route to the hotel we will have an introductory tour of Madrid. Our hotel is centrally located so that we are in walking distance to many cultural sights and have easy subway access to other spots that we will visit. Post check-in there will be a period to settle in, relax, etc. In the early afternoon we will tour the luxurious Palacio Real de Madrid, the official residence of the King of Spain. The palace was constructed over the years of 1738 to 1755, by King Philip V, atop the site of the original 9<sup>th</sup> century fortress. In the evening, we have a welcome dinner together as a group at the hotel after which we will have free time at the magnificent Plaza Mayor, a historic plaza which dates back to 1576 and has been the location of events ranging from markets, celebrations to public executions and bullfights. Today it is a breath taking square where people socialize in outdoor cafes.

(D) Hotel Claridge or similar

## Day 3: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid

Late morning we depart for a guided excursion to Toledo where we will spend the afternoon. Once the capital of the former Spanish Empire, Toledo is well-known as the religious center of the country and the seat of the Primate of Spain. After time for lunch we will tour the city with visits to the Church of Saint John of the Kings, a richly designed Gothic cathedral and the Iglesia de Santo Tome, built in the Mudejar style and housing the famous Burial of Count Orgaz by El Greco. We will have free time to explore the city before returning to Madrid in the late afternoon. We will spend the evening at El Parque de Atracciones de Madrid (an amusement park).

(B) Hotel Claridge or similar

## Day 4: Madrid

Late morning we visit El Rastro, one of Europe's largest open-air markets, which is hosted every Sunday in the center of a historic area of Madrid. The market offers a variety of goods ranging from collectibles and antiques to clothing and crafts. We will have some free time for shopping, exercising etc. before we attend a bullfight in the late afternoon (subject to availability).

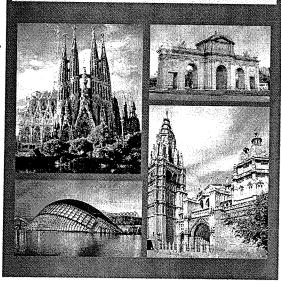
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Madrid
Toledo
Segovia
Zaragoza
Barcelona
April 17 - 26, 2014

## 10-Day Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- 8 Nights Accommodation
- Luxury Motor Coach per Itinerary
- Tour Manager Throughout
- Breakfast Daily
- Welcome Dinner
- Farewell Dinner
- Sightseeing Per Itinerary
- Air Taxes Up To \$400
- Standard A+ Travel Insurance

\$3,299 P/P Triple Occ.
(Plus Air Taxes Exceeding \$400,
Pending Air Confirmation)



## Day 5: Madrid - Segovia - Madrid

In the morning we will visit a local high school for a chance to attend a class, interact with Spanish students, and observe the Spanish educational system (subject to confirmation). In the afternoon, we travel north of Madrid to Segovia, a small historic city where Isabella I was proclaimed queen of Castile in the church of San Miguel de Segovia on December 13, 1474. Our guided tour of the city includes a visit to the Alcazar, the beautiful royal castle dating back to the 12th century and the site where Isabella first met Ferdinand. Following our visit to El Alcazar we will have free time in the city center where you will see its famous aqueduct. We return to Madrid in the evening. (B) Hotel Claridge or similar

## Day 6: Madrid

In the morning we will visit a local primary school for the opportunity to interact with younger students (subject to confirmation). In the afternoon we enjoy a guided visit to the Museo del Prado, which hosts one of the finest art collections in the world. Starting as a royal collection and enhanced by the Habsburgs and the Bourbons, the museum now has over 7,000 paintings highlighting both Spanish masters such as Goya and Velazquez as well as Italian masters like Raphael and Botticelli. We will close our visit to Madrid and its surroundings with a Flamenco Show at Florida Park (subject to confirmation), where we will have the opportunity to observe up close this dance form that has its roots in Southern Spain. (B) Hotel Claridge or similar

## Day 7: Madrid - Zaragoza

In the morning we depart Madrid by coach bus for Zaragoza, situated on the Ebro River and once the capital of the Kingdom of Aragon. In Zaragoza we will have a guided tour of the city, including a visit to La Seo del Salvador, a Gothic-Mudejar church built between 1380 and 1550. We continue to the Palacio de la Aljaferia, one of the most important Moorish buildings in northern Spain and the setting for Giuseppe Verdi's opera, Il Trovatore. In the afternoon we bike through the famous Parque Grande Jose Antonio Labordeta. In the evening we will have free time in the historic district of Zaragoza. (B) Hotel Catalonia El Pilar or similar

## Day 8: Zaragoza - Barcelona

This morning we depart Zaragoza for Barcelona. Barcelona is a unique blend of contemporary and ancient cultures as evidenced by the Romanesque structures that abound in the old quarters and the city's worldwide acclaim for its surprising and daring modern architecture. In the afternoon we visit the Joan Miró Museum and the Parc Güell, an urban park on Carrer d'Olot, designed by the famous architect, Antoni Gaudi. In the evening we will have free time in The Rambla, the iconic tree-lined shopping street in the center of the city. (B) Hotel Front Maritim or similar

## Day 9: Barcelona

This morning we visit The Museu Picasso de Barcelona, housing one of the most extensive collections of artwork by Pablo Picasso. In the afternoon we will visit Gaudi's Casa Batlló well known for its unique and remarkable design. We will have free time in El Barrio Gotico, the expansive Gothic Quarter in the old city. We will celebrate the close of our language and culture exploration throughout Spain with dinner together at a local restaurant. (B, D) Hotel Front Maritim or similar

## Day 10: Depart Barcelona - Arrive USA

Following breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our return flight home to the USA. (B)

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