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SEVILLE, FALL 2023



ORIENTATION OVERVIEW



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ORIENTATION**
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**CARE TEAM
HANGOUTS**
AUGUST 23

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MEET YOUR SPEAKERS

We're excited to support you as you prepare for a Verto semester.

We're joined here today by:



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AGENDA

- Breakout Warm-Up
- Preparation and Arrival Process
- Program-Specific Expectations
- Your Academic Experience
- Living Life In Seville
 - Housing
 - Staff
 - Academic Facility
 - Packing & Budgeting
 - City Transportation, Food & Spots
- Next Steps & Questions

MINI-BREAK

Share Out in Chat

What are you most
excited about?

What questions do you
have?

*Also mention your name,
pronouns, and where you are
from!*





BIENVENIDOS A SEVILLA

We're excited for you to study abroad in the beautiful city of Seville



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PREPARING TO GO



Pre-Departure Documents

These can be found in on the Student Portal Documents section:

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 - Code of Responsibility
- Arrival Guide
- Money Abroad
- Verto Housing Overview
- Verto Discovery Week Overview (General)

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Upcoming Events

Virtual Pre-Departure Orientation
Orientation
Care Team Circle
Prague
Wed August 23 2023
9am PT | 12pm ET
(Required) Care Team Circle,
Prague
Wed, Aug 23, 2023 At 12 PM
Online Event
Prague Fall 2023

Documents (5)

Pre-arrival Documents (1)

Packing Tips - Carry on:

- **Important documents for the Airport**
 - Passport
 - Photocopies of your PASSPORT, VISA and printout of your CISI (medical insurance) card.
 - "Proof of return" - your flight home

***Note: Be sure that your passport is stamped upon arrival in the EU (your first entry point)*

- **Electronics & outlet adapters**
- **Layers - temperatures on planes are unpredictable!**
- **Prescription medicine and doctor's notes**
- **Supplies in case your luggage gets lost or you experience a delay:**
 - A change of clothes, toiletries etc



Documents for Customs

REMEMBER TO CARRY:

- Your Passport! (with Student Visa)
- Proof of Return Flight or onward travel
- Photocopies of your PASSPORT, VISA and printout of your CISI (medical insurance) card.

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Packing Tips: Advice from Alumni

- Do research on the local weather and fashion
 - Both hot/cold weather during Fall semester
 - Neutral and interchangeable clothing & comfortable shoes
 - Throw in a pair of fuzzy slippers or thick socks
- Embrace a minimalist lifestyle
- Travel sized toiletries
- Medicines & contact lens solution
- Raincoat/Umbrella (or plan to buy one there)



Packing Tips: What To Avoid

WE RECOMMEND YOU DO NOT BRING:

- Items that will not work with the voltage difference:
 - Hair dryers, flat irons, or curling irons (we suggest you purchase these when you arrive in country)
- Prized possessions: heirloom jewelry, irreplaceable tokens, etc. It's not worth the risk of losing an item.
- Too many clothes - chances are you'll want to acquire some new stuff!
- Pro trip - only bring what you can carry alone!



Important Information:

CELL PHONE PLAN:

- Having a working cell phone is a requirement for program participation
- Make sure your Cell Phone is unlocked
 - Getting a Spanish SIM Card (You can do this now through You2Call if you'd like to have your SIM card ready for pickup at orientation)
 - How? Send a photocopy of passport and completed CC authorization form to sims@you2call.com.

Debit/Credit Cards

- Inform your bank you will be abroad
- Plan to take out cash in Euros from ATMs when you arrive (don't bring a lot of US Cash to convert).



Money Matters

Before you go: Inform Your Bank That You'll Be Abroad

- If you don't, they may block your card for suspicious activity

ATMs Abroad

- Find out whether your bank has a 'sister' bank in Europe that will give you good withdrawal fees (e.g. Bank of America has a sister bank called BNL)
- Know how much you'll be charged

Avoid bringing U.S. dollars in cash, you can get Euro directly when withdrawing from a local ATM, or bring cash (100 euros)

- You can use cards nearly everywhere (Amex and Discover, less so)



Have a plan with your money:

Start thinking about a personal budget:

- Expenses are dependent upon your lifestyle! On average, a student will spend about \$75 per week on basic things while in Seville. Some will spend less and others will spend more.

To create your budget, think about:

- How many meals do you plan on eating outside your housing?
- How important are clothes, souvenirs, or physical items to you?
- Do you plan to take any weekend trips outside of planned activities? (transportation, food, activities, accommodations)
- Snacks, toiletries, and discretionary
- The basics: laundry, cell phone plan, medicine
- Plan to attending budgeting activities with your SLCs and ASCs during Orientation Week and the first few weeks of the semester.



ARRIVAL PROCESS



Arrival and Orientation

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- Pickup at Seville Airport and Train Station and transportation to housing is provided on Monday, August 28th
- Arrival window: 9AM - 8PM
- Get your luggage, exit baggage claim, and look for the Verto staff there (t-shirts and signs!) More info in your Student Portal
- Shuttle will leave every couple hours and take you to your new home

IN PERSON DISCOVERY WEEK (ORIENTATION)

- Get ready for an exciting and informative week!
- Discovery Week starts the day after arrival and your attendance is required
- We'll cover everything you need to know to get the best start to the program and get to know Seville



What if ...

MY FLIGHT IS DELAYED?

- **Contact Verto Staff via Email**
seville@vertoeducation.org
- We will help you make a plan!

I ARRIVE OUTSIDE THE ARRIVAL WINDOW?

- You will have the address of your accommodations this Friday, so you'll be able to take a taxi or Uber to your accommodation
- Residence students will meet staff directly at the residence and homestay students at our Study Center
 - **Check your Student Portal for "Arriving Outside Arrival Day Instructions"**



Discovery Week

First week of Program

- Full cohort, Care Team, and Small Group Sessions
- Expect to be engaged all day starting at 9AM (but we'll have breaks too)
- Evenings will be free
- Informative sessions, chances to meet staff, professors, and fellow students
- Activities in the city and a kayaking excursion at the end of the week!
- Picnic lunches
- Schedule will be in your Welcome Pack upon arrival to your housing



PROGRAM -SPECIFIC EXPECTATIONS



Behavior & Safety

FOLLOW YOUR COMMUNITY GUIDELINES:

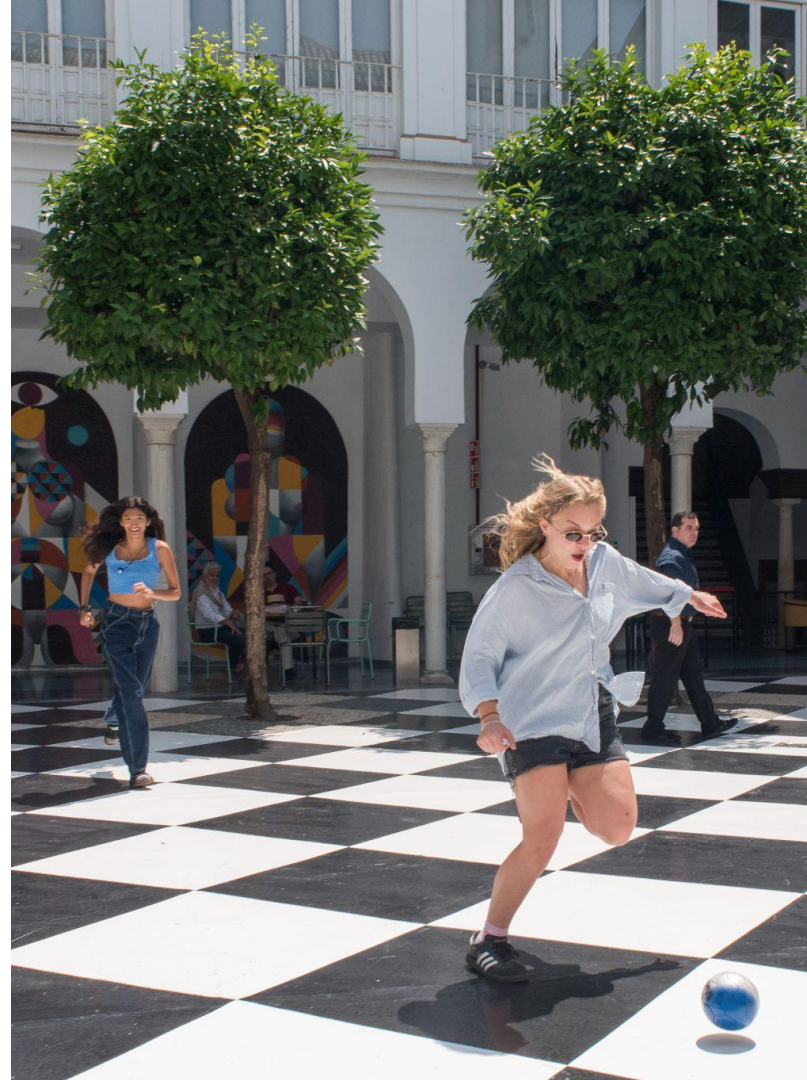
A guide for your actions/decisions

TIPS FOR LIFE IN SEVILLE:

- Life in Southern Spain in the Andalusia Region: a warm and welcoming people!

SAFETY:

- Don't make yourself a target by walking with airpods, flashing your phones, or carrying your wallet in your back pocket
- Walk with friends after dark
- Let others know where you're going
- Use the independent travel form when traveling outside of Seville
- Don't accept drinks from strangers
- Carry a bag with a zipper and keep it in front of your body



Alcohol Safety

FOLLOWING YOUR CODE OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- You are 18 and legally allowed to consume alcohol in Spain (not possess it in Verto facilities)
- Expect periodic and random checks at the residence hall
- You are NOT permitted to use alcohol in an irresponsible way or to abuse alcohol
- Being a “drunken American” wandering the streets puts you and your peers at risk and makes you a target
- Code of responsibility violations can lead to serious consequences up to dismissal



ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS



ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

YOUR ACADEMIC TEAM



MANOLO SALGUERO
ACADEMIC MANAGER



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ACADEMIC FACILITY: STUDY CENTERS

IN THE CLASSROOM YOU CAN EXPECT TO...

- Engage in discussions with your instructor and peers
- Collaborate on group projects and assignments
- Take ownership of your learning
- Gain a different perspective by learning from a diverse group of people

AND KEEP IN MIND...

- Verto will cover the cost of textbooks
- Experiential learning activities might take place on Fridays.



ACADEMIC FACILITY: STUDY CENTERS

- You will take courses at our Study Centers located within the heart of Seville's commercial and social center.
- We have two sister buildings - located on the same street (Calle Harinas). We often refer to them by their street number: "H16" and "H5"
- The facility includes classrooms, study space, indoor/outdoor common areas to hang out and study, air conditioning, a rooftop terrace, and WIFI.
- Student lounges - with a microwave to warm up your lunch if you don't have time to go home between classes



Things to keep in mind:

- Verto will cover the cost of textbooks needed for courses.
- Each course includes experiential learning activities that may take place on Fridays.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE: COURSE RELATED ACTIVITIES



Alcázar Royal Palace



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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:

Volunteering

- Most of our students volunteer in local schools as English assistants
- One hour/week, immeasurable community connection
- Keep a look out for other volunteer opportunities during the semester such as...



LIVING IN SEVILLE



ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

YOUR STUDENT LIFE TEAM



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STUDENT LIFE MANAGER



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VERTO DISCOVERY

- **Verto's Values in Action**
 - Compassion
 - Responsibility
 - Transformation
 - Vulnerability
- **Verto Education is all about developing community both inside and outside of the classroom**
 - Care Teams
 - Discovery Week
 - Weekly Activities
 - Discovery Labs
- **Take control of your semester - you get to choose how much or how little you participate**



CARE TEAMS

- **WHO IS IN YOUR CARE TEAM**

- Your Academic Success Coordinator (ASC)
- Your Student Life Coordinator (SLC)
- About 30-35 other excited Verto Seville students - you will find out your Care Team on Friday

- **WHEN WILL YOU MEET WITH YOUR CARE TEAM?**

- You will receive an email from your Academic Success and Student Life Coordinator very soon
- Next week (Wednesday, 23rd) they will be hosting an online **Care Team Circle**, where you'll meet them, your new group, and get a jumpstart on your semester together



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Want to do more? Your Student Life Coordinators will also organize lots of other activities for you to join!

- Kayaking on the Guadalquivir River
- Workshops
 - Time management
 - Journaling
 - Budgeting
 - Creative Writing
- City Tours
- Yoga and Mindfulness in the Park
- Wellness Activities



PROGRAM EXCURSIONS

- Day Trip to Cádiz
- Hiking excursión to Aracena
 - Hike lead by local guides and a visit to the underground cave system
- Weekend trip to Northern Morocco (Tangier, Tetouan and Chefchaouen)
 - All meals and lodging will be covered



How to start your cultural adaptation to life in Seville:

Things to keep in mind when interacting with locals:

- Patience - give yourself and other grace while adapting to cultural differences
 - Things are just different, not wrong.
- Be respectful and try to communicate in Spanish
 - Learn the basic words and questions
 - Don't expect them to speak English – but don't be surprised if they do.

Things to keep in mind about your behavior:

- Be accountable for your actions.
- You are not exempt from the law in other countries.
- Your behaviour affects you and the community around you (city, housing, classroom - everywhere!)
- Be willing, flexible and open to new adventures.



TRANSPORTATION

- The best way to get around Seville is by foot.
- There is a city bus, tram, and metro system that connect various parts of the city.
- You will receive a re-fillable transportation card. You can add more money if you decide to use it.
- There is also a city-wide bike-renting service called Sevici.
 - Cost is around 35 euros/year



CITY FOOD

- You might have heard of tapas, the famous appetizers or snacks in Spanish cuisine
- Famous dishes are Salmorejo, Flamenquines, Pork cheek, Spinach and chickpeas, bull tail, and croquettes



CITY SPOTS

Beautiful architecture with rich history:

- Seville Cathedral
- Alcazar of Seville
- Plaza de España
 - and so many more!

Some of the most beautiful natural parks and nature reserves in the world:

- Parque de María Luisa
- Parque de San Jerónimo
- Jardín Americano
 - and so many more!



HOMESTAYS AND RESIDENCIA



WHAT ABOUT MY HOUSING ASSIGNMENT

- **THIS IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 18th!**

- Housing Assignment
- Class schedule
- Care Team Assignment

- **LIVING IN COMMUNITY**

- Upholding our Code of Responsibility
- Respecting those in our Verto Community as well as other residence students, homestay families and the greater Sevillano community



HOUSING

Accommodation

Meals

Meets vegan, vegetarian,
gluten-free or religious dietary
requirements?

Laundry

Room cleaning

Pillow, towels, sheets

Internet

Curfew

Personal set of keys

Alcohol or drug possession

Residence Hall	Homestay
Double studio (indiv. bedroom)	Double or individual room
Monday - Friday (B,L,D) Saturday - Brunch, Dinner (take away if you sign up by Thursday) Sunday - Dinner, Lunch ((take away if you sign up by Thursday)	Three per day (Spanish time), picnic meals included
yes	yes*
Laundry room onsite, not included (3€ wash, 2€ dry)	Included (once a week)
Once a week	Once a week
Included	Included
WiFi	WiFi
No	No
Yes	Yes
Not permitted	Not permitted

STUDENT RESIDENCIA

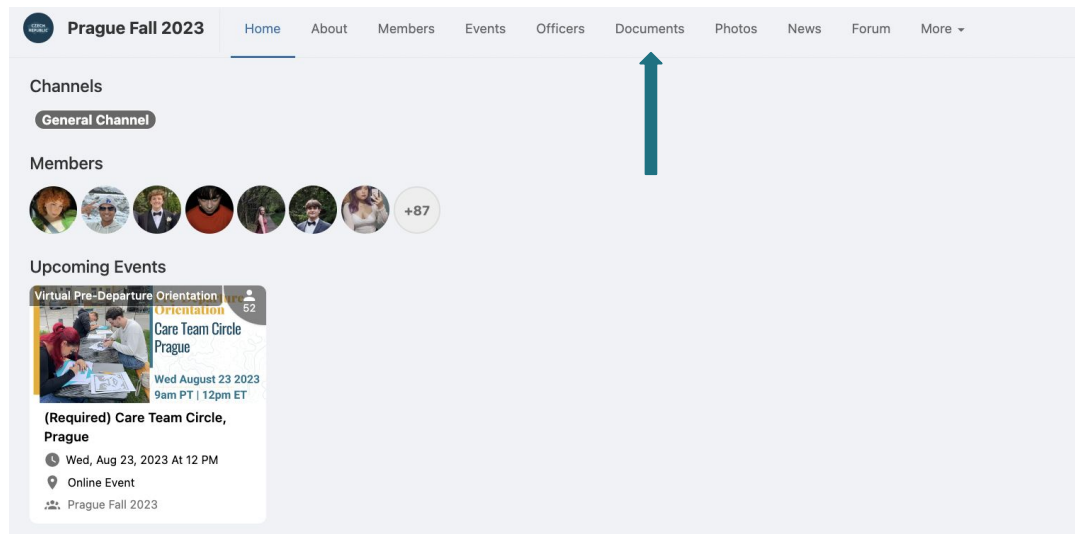
- Located in one of the main University areas of the city.
- Individual room in a double studio.
- Common areas (TV room, study rooms, gym and open area)
- **Services:**
 - Cafeteria for breakfast, lunch, and dinner
 - Internet and secure entry with a 24h staff person on duty.
 - Students will be provided with bed & bath linens. Rooms will be cleaned weekly. Linens will be changed weekly.
 - Self-Service Laundry - washers & dryers are available for use in the residencia
 - The residencia is air conditioned (and heated)!



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QUESTIONS



MARK YOUR ATTENDANCE

IMPORTANT: Report Your Attendance
before the end of the Session

(Required) Care Team Circle Date

August 23 at vertoeducation.org/orientation

Location Resources

- In Student Portal

To access, visit
bit.ly/vertoattendance23

