This Spring, join us for an unforgettable journey across the centuries of Spanish history and come bask in the sunshine of Al Andalus!

Spain is a land of vivid contrasts. Timeless, sunbaked landscapes surround its vibrant cities, and traditional rural communities continue unchanged beside the bustle of modern-day urban life. The country’s proud history and architectural legacy embrace Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Moors, and the Catholic Kings of Spain’s “Golden Age.” This spring, join Discover Europe for a journey into the heart and soul of Southern Spain - Andalucia!

We begin in Madrid, the capital, and then heads outh to Toledo, Cordoba and Granada. The ethereal beauty of the Alhambra, the gorgeous gardens of the Generalife, and the old city known as the Albaicin, make Granada one of the most historic cities in Europe. We continue to Seville, across Andalucia, through wonderfully romantic white-washed villages to a city teaming with elegance and beauty.

March 6 - 15, 2021

Day 1: Depart USA
Day 2: Arrive Madrid
Day 3: Madrid
Day 4: Madrid
Day 5: Cordoba
Day 6: Granada
Day 7: Granada
Day 8: Seville
Day 9: Seville
Day 10: Depart Spain - Arrive USA

Hosted by María Luisa Guardiola
Professor of Spanish
Southern Spain

Program Highlights:

**Madrid**
- Walking tour of hotel neighborhood;
- Panoramic sightseeing tour of Madrid;
- Visit at the Museo del Prado, one of Spain’s most famous Museum;
- Visit El Escorial, massive palace built for Phillip II the Valley of the Fallen, a monument to those who died in the Spanish Civil War;
- Tour Segovia with its famous Roman aqueduct;
- Journey to Toledo and it’s cathedral, the church of Santo Tome to view El Greco’s The Burial of the Count of Orgaz, and the Synagogue del Transito;

**Cordoba and Granada**
- In Cordoba, see its extraordinary Mezquita, a Muslim mosque with a Christian; cathedral in its center and explore the old Jewish Quarter with its beautiful synagogue;
- Take a gorgeous drive southeast, past olive groves and tiny hilltop villages to arrive in Granada; In Granada, visit the exquisite Alhambra and tour the gardens of the nearby Palace of the Generalife;

**Seville**
- Walking tour of Seville and Farewell Dinner and flamenco performance

Program Inclusions

- 8 nights’ accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes & service charges;
- All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary;
- Breakfast daily, 4 dinners;
- Porterage of one large suitcase per person;
- Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary;
- Discover Europe Tour Director throughout and local guides in Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Granada and Seville.
- Arrival and departure airport transportation is provided

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**Faculty Host:** Maria Luisa Guardiola Professor of Spanish

Maria Luisa Guardiola was born in Barcelona Spain. She lived there until she moved to the USA to attend graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. She received her Ph.D. in Romance Languages (Spanish) from U.Penn and held different faculty positions at several colleges and universities in the east coast. She teaches Spanish language and literature at Swarthmore College (PA) since 1996.

Her areas of research are Iberian literature from the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries with a focus on women writers from Spain and Catalonia. At the moment she is working on a project on female workers as represented in nineteenth and early twentieth century Spanish literature. She has traveled extensively through the Iberian Peninsula with her students as director of a few American university programs abroad. She also was the faculty leader for a group of Swarthmore College alumni trip “Spain 2000: Old Treasures, New Glories.” As a Catalan, she is well versed in the complexities of this splendid autonomous community.

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