Napa Valley College
Summer Study Abroad
Salamanca, Spain
June 27 – July 18, 2015
Program Faculty
Professor María L. Villagómez has been teaching Spanish Language, Culture and Literature courses for more than 15 years. Mrs. Villagómez has led numerous Spanish language summer programs to Mexico and Spain as well as cultural excursions to Costa Rica, Peru, France, and other European countries. Currently she teaches full-time at Napa Valley College and is the Coordinator of the Modern Languages Department. Traveling has made her passionate about international education and the positive impact it has on students, both personally and professionally. Mrs. Villagómez sums it up this way: "I help people communicate in a new language which not only empowers individuals but also strengthens community. I enable my students to develop their own voice and give them the tools they can apply to their own fields and in their own lives. As a language teacher, my main contribution is in helping others to contribute."
Day 1     Saturday, June 27     Depart San Francisco for Madrid
Transfer on own from San Francisco Area to SFO Airport for flight on own to Madrid.

Day 2     Sunday, June 28     Arrive Madrid/Salamanca
Rendezvous at the Madrid airport in the morning and meet your transfer driver who will take you directly to Salamanca. The drive takes approximately two hours. Upon arrival, you will rendezvous with your host family at the school and then transfer to your homestay accommodations for your first lunch (time permitting) and dinner with your host family. (L,D)
June 29 – July 3

Day 3–7  Monday, June 29 – Friday, July 3  Salamanca

Begin intensive Spanish instruction at the Pontifical University, Salamanca, from 9:00am – 1:00pm, Monday through Friday. The first afternoon, a walking tour of Salamanca’s historic district will be offered by a professional guide. The city of Salamanca, which has been named a "World Heritage City" by UNESCO, is famous for its university founded by Alfonso IX in the early 1200s, and is remarkably well preserved, with turreted palaces, faded convents, Romanesque churches, and colleges that have attracted scholars from all over Europe. Students will have complimentary internet access at the University two afternoons per week. In addition, cultural activities, such as Cine-Forum (Spanish movies) will be offered periodically through the week full days of Spanish instruction in Salamanca, 4 hours per day. Three meals a day will be offered via the host family. (B,L,D)
Day 8  
Saturday, July 4  
Madrid

A full day excursion with private motorcoach and guide (10 hours round-trip from Salamanca) will be offered today to Madrid. Spain’s capital city is bursting with sights to see. We will focus today on perhaps the two most famous: the world-famous Prado Art Museum and Royal Palace. With more than 7,000 paintings, the Prado is one of the most important repositories of art in the world. It began as a royal collection and was enlarged by the Habsburgs, particularly Charles V, and later the Bourbons. In paintings of the Spanish school, the Prado has no equal; on your first visit, concentrate on the Spanish masters (Velázquez, Goya, El Greco, and Murillo). No longer occupied by royalty, but still used for state occasions, Madrid’s Royal Palace stands on a ridge above the Manzanares River and Campo del Moro Park. It was begun in 1738 on the site of the Madrid Alcázar, which burned to the ground in 1734. Some of its 2,000 rooms -- which that "enlightened despot" Charles III called home -- are open to the public; others are still used for state business. The palace was last used as a royal residence in 1931, before King Alfonso XIII and his wife, Victoria Eugénie, fled Spain. Lunch will be on own. Return to Salamanca in the early evening for dinner with host family. (B,D)

Day 9  
Sunday, July 5  
Salamanca

No organized activities; at leisure in Salamanca. Three meals a day will be offered via the host family. (B,L,D)
July 6–12

Days 10–14  Monday, July 6 – Friday, July 10  Salamanca

Five days of Spanish instruction in Salamanca, 4 hours per day. (B,L,D)

Day 15  Saturday, July 11  Segovia–La Granja

Today a full day excursion will be offered to the fabled city of Segovia and La Granja. More than anywhere else, Segovia typifies the glory of Old Castile. Wherever you look, you'll see reminders of a golden era -- whether it's the most spectacular Alcázar on the Iberian Peninsula or the well-preserved, still-functioning Roman aqueduct, which will be included on our tour. This afternoon, visit the nearby town of La Granja. San Ildefonso de la Granja was the summer palace of the Bourbon kings of Spain, who replicated the grandeur of Versailles in the province of Segovia. Set against the snowcapped Sierra de Guadarrama, the slate-roofed palace dominates the village that grew up around it. Lunch will be on own. Return to Salamanca in the early evening for dinner with host family. (B,D)

Day 16  Sunday, July 12  Salamanca

No organized activities; at leisure in Salamanca. Three meals a day will be offered via the host family. (B,L,D)
Day 22  Saturday, July 18  Salamanca – Madrid – San Francisco
A morning transfer from Salamanca will return the group to Madrid Airport for return flights on own to San Francisco. Welcome home!
COURSES—3 UNITS.
Students choose 1 class only in consultation with instructor

SPANISH 110: First Semester Spanish (Part A)
The first half of a two-course sequence that introduces the basic elements of the language (listening, speaking, reading and writing) in real world contexts. Emphasis is on language, production, grammar, vocabulary building, and exposure to the Hispanic culture.

SPANISH 111: First Semester Spanish (Part B)
The second half of a two-course sequence that introduces the basic elements of the language (listening, speaking, reading and writing) in real world contexts. Emphasis is on language production, grammar, vocabulary building, and exposure to the Hispanic culture. (NOTE: In order to fulfill the one-semester foreign language requirement of some universities, transfer students must complete the sequence of SPAN 110 and 111). Prerequisite: SPAN 110

SPANISH 130: First Semester Spoken Spanish
The course provides students with fundamental listening and speaking skills. In-depth study of grammatical concepts, with major emphasis on accurate pronunciation and intonation. Study of the life and culture of Spanish-speaking people.

SPANISH 131: Second Semester Spoken Spanish
Pronunciation, vocabulary, listening, speaking, and grammar. Readings and conversations stress the culture and life of the Spanish-speaking people.

SPANISH 260: Third Semester Spoken Spanish
The course further develops the student’s ability to understand and communicate in Spanish on abstract as well as concrete topics. Emphasis is on development of vocabulary, idioms, grammar, and cultural studies.

SPANISH 261: Fourth Semester Spoken Spanish
An advanced course in the listening and speaking skills with emphasis on extemporaneous conversations, cultural studies, readings, grammar and letter writing.

SPANISH 282: Introduction to Hispanic Literature
This course is designed for Spanish native speakers and other linguistically qualified students who wish to improve their skills to a high-advanced level of reading, writing, and literary analysis. The emphasis is on critical thinking and reasoned support of ideas. Literary discussions will be an important component of the class, but writing compositions will also be included, as well as exposure to international Hispanic culture. This course is strongly recommended for prospective Spanish majors.
Program Price Includes:

- 20 nights homestay accommodation in Salamanca sharing a twin–bedded room.
- Round–trip transfers by motorcoach from the Madrid Airport to Salamanca.
- Spanish Instruction: 20 hours per week, 4 hours per day, Monday through Friday, at the Salamanca Universidad Pontificia, focusing on Conversational Spanish, Business Spanish and Spanish Review, from beginning to advanced instruction.
- Three meals a day in Salamanca: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
- Two full–day excursions with private motorcoach and guide, to both Madrid and Segovia/La Granja, including admissions.
- Guided half–day tour of Salamanca.
- Free Internet access at the Universidad two days a week in the afternoons.
- Language laboratory available two days a week in the afternoons.
- Taxes and service charges as related to academic instruction, meals and motorcoach transportation.
- Universidad Pontificia health insurance package
- TravelGuard Travel Insurance. This group travel insurance policy covers travel delay, missed connection, baggage and personal effects loss, baggage delay, medical expenses and emergency medical transportation. Additional optional trip cancellation insurance available with individual policy at an additional cost.
Program Price Does Not Include:

- Round-trip airfare, San Francisco/Madrid.
- Gratuities for local guides on excursions.
- Personal expenses, such as passport.
- Napa Valley College tuition and registration fees.
- All other items not listed under “Program Price Includes”.

Prices

Prices are based on current (2015) agreements with suppliers of services such as airlines. Pricing based on current exchange rates ($1.00 USD = .762 euros, as of September 2014). Prices are subject to change.

The price is based on a minimum of 15 participants.

Land Only (Share Twin rooming): $2,500.
Upgrade to a Single Room: $80.
The Pontifical University of Salamanca (UPSA) was founded in 1940 in order to maintain the old ecclesiastical faculties of the University of Salamanca. The University of Salamanca itself was founded by King Alfonso IX of León in 1219 and was definitively established, in its two-fold royal and pontifical character, by Alfonso X the Learned in 1254. The University enrolls approximately 8,500 students and offers more than 40 official degrees, including postgraduate courses. The principal site of the Pontifical University is situated in Salamanca, a university city of excellence, in which more than 40,000 university students live.

Its streets are full of historically significant buildings, like the House of the Shells (la Casa de las Conchas), the Cathedrals, and the Main Square (la Plaza Mayor). Furthermore, this city has become a world icon of teaching Spanish, and for this reason every year thousands of foreign students approach the language of Cervantes in the cobbled streets of Salamanca. Please see the University’s website Pontifical University of Salamanca, Spain for further details about the program.
General Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS:
To register for this program:  A $350 deposit is required by Monday, April 13, 2015
Balance Due/ Final Payment by Monday, April 27, 2015
Payments may be made by Credit Card and Debit Card through our website. If website payment is unavailable, please contact Tour Resource Consultants LLC (“TRC”) to learn about procedures for tendering payment. Personal checks and alternative methods of payment (such as PayPal) will not be accepted. Late registrations may be subject to a Late Registration Fee of $200. If you fail to make any required deposit or payment on time, a Late Fee of $200 may be imposed. If the Balance Due is not paid by the payment deadline, a Late Payment Fee of $200 will be imposed.

Important Note: Prices are subject to change; see above.

CANCELLATIONS:
All cancellations must be submitted in writing to TRC, and are subject to the terms of the Agreement for Services with your educational institution. The cancellation date is the date on which TRC receives the signed written notification of the intent to cancel at its place of business.

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*In addition to these fees, any cancellation charges imposed by the airlines or other suppliers of travel services will be assessed.
More Terms & Conditions

REFUNDS
All refunds will be based upon the cancellation schedule provided above. Refunds may take 30 days or longer to process. No refunds will be made until payments are recovered by Tour Resource Consultants LLC from its suppliers. No refunds will be made on any services, meals or accommodations resulting from a participant’s absence from the tour itinerary or from the non-utilization of these program components by the participant.

TOUR PRICES
All rates, quoted in U.S. dollars, are based upon the exchange rate reflected in the group’s tour proposal. The price will be adjusted and may increase if group airfare reservations, air taxes/fuel surcharges, international tariffs or currency exchange rates are revised. Your study-abroad administrator, teacher or group leader will advise you of any such changes.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS
U.S. citizens are required to possess a valid passport for international travel. Please see our website, www.TourResource.com for resources helpful in applying for passports and renewing passports, as well as other valuable resources. In some instances visas may be required.

Holders of U.S. passports and passports of countries other than the United States should inqure about individual visa requirements from the consular offices of the countries in which they will be traveling. Tour Resource Consultants LLC does not assume responsibility for obtaining passports or visas, nor responsibility if participants do not acquire the required documentation and must cancel participation in the program as a result. Cancellation fees stated above will still apply.
More Terms & Conditions

PROPERTY DAMAGES
Any damages to homestay, apartment hotel premises are the sole responsibility of the tour participant and participant agrees to indemnify and hold Tour Resource Consultants LLC harmless from such claims and damages.

ONLINE REGISTRATION
Updated itineraries and important notices for this group will be posted on the TRC website, www.TourResource.com in a secure members’ area of the website exclusively for this group. The secure members’ area for this group is accessible only to registered members of this group. Please ask your professor, study abroad administrator, or group leader for the unique tour code for this group. (If you were given a tour code to view this itinerary on our website, use the same code.) Please note that each website user must have their own email address. More details are available upon request.

Participants in this program must register securely online at www.TourResource.com with this unique tour code. Once you have registered, log back in to the website to access the secure members’ area for this group and your personal page. You will have access to links, resources, the updated itinerary, your personal payment summary, links to make payments, edit your registration, and other important announcements and information about this program.
More Details about Group Travel Insurance (Included)

Offers emergency assistance for your peace of mind anywhere in the world, including:
- advancement of funds to cover on-site medical expenses,
- telephone interpretation services in major languages,
- replacement of lost passport,
- assistance to locate local physicians, dentists or medical facilities,
- professionals to monitor your condition and contact your personal physician,
- evacuation to a hospital treatment facility or back home;
- 24–hour emergency hotline.

LiveTravel
24–hour hotline to track lost luggage and more!

Live Messaging
Relay of any email or phone message to family, friends or business associates

Emergency Cash transfers
Assistance in coordinating an emergency cash advance.

Optional Travel Guard Individual Travel Insurance Policy
Please note: the group policy described above is not trip cancellation insurance.
Optional individual travel insurance policies covering trip cancellation are available at additional cost to supplement the group travel insurance policy included in this program.
TRC recommends that you evaluate the benefits of purchasing an individual travel insurance policy to provide more extensive coverage for certain events, such as Trip Cancellation.
Please see the TRC website www.TourResource.com to purchase an individual policy and for more information.
How your deposits are protected with TRC

Escrow Protection.
Pursuant to its registration under the California Sellers of Travel Law (CST# 2093740-40), Tour Resource Consultants LLC (“TRC”) has voluntarily chosen to deposit 100% of all credit card payments received from you via our website or checks received from your study-abroad program or tour directly into a Trust Account. This means that such funds will be separate and apart from the operating funds of Tour Resource Consultants LLC. Tour Resource Consultants LLC has also agreed to allow an independent Certified Public Accountant to review its financial receipts records for various dates randomly selected by the CPA during the prior year to verify its compliance with this procedure.

How Deposits/Payments received are Protected.
When TRC receives your funds through this website, they are automatically deposited into a Trust Account. If Tour Resource Consultants LLC is providing air transportation on a scheduled air carrier as a part of the tour package, TRC will pay the air carrier for your ticket in advance of your scheduled departure date. In addition, TRC will pre-pay all hotels, meals, land transportation and/or providers of travel services and other components of your study-abroad program or tour insofar as it is feasible and practical. Only after all such expenses for the program or tour are paid will the remaining funds be transferred to the regular funds of Tour Resource Consultants LLC.
What is not protected.
The Trust Account maintained by TRC does not protect you or any provider of travel services from loss (monetary or otherwise) resulting from the following:

- Your cancellation or interruption of your trip for any reason including death, injury, illness of you or a family member. However, all of TRC’s study-abroad programs and tours include group travel insurance policies which provide some coverage for trip cancellation and trip interruption. See Travel Insurance pages, above.

- Any delays in delivering any of the travel services. However, all of TRC’s study-abroad programs and tours include group travel insurance policies which provide some coverage for travel delays. See Travel Insurance pages, above.

- Any disputes involving TRC or any provider of travel services regarding the type or quality of services promised or rendered.

- Funds (including credit card payments) not received and collected by TRC.

- Travel agent payments through a miscellaneous charge order (MCO) unless Tour Resource Consultants LLC advances its own funds into the Trust Account to cover the MCO or the proceeds of the MCO are received by TRC prior to the date of your departure.

- Failure of you or your travel agent to make a timely claim for a refund in the unlikely event of a default by the airline or TRC.

- The air carrier ceases to operate after TRC has paid for your airline ticket.

- The payment of funds to your travel agent for services not provided by Tour Resource Consultants LLC, including in some cases, airline tickets.

- Various types of travel insurance programs are available to protect you from some of the above losses. All of TRC’s study-abroad programs and tours include group travel insurance policies. See Travel Insurance pages, above. The Trust Account maintained by TRC does not guarantee payment to any party which provides travel services to you.

CST# 2093740-40. This Seller of Travel is not a participant in the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund.
This document, including the preliminary itinerary, is subject to changes in both the itinerary and pricing prior to departure. Participants are responsible for any increases in price (see above). Log in to the Secure Members’ Area for this group frequently for the most up-to-date information.