

# The Porvenir Times

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## THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

### CULTURAL VISITS

See pictures from our tour at Seville's Fine Arts museum and Gothic Cathedral.

### TRIPS IN ANDALUCÍA

Discover all about our trips to the breathtaking cities of Granada and Córdoba.

### ACTIVITIES

Learn about our last cooking classes of the semester and our latest podcast broadcast.

### STUDENT CORNER

Don't miss this month's blog by University of Hawaii at Manoa student, Gabriela Cervantes.

To view all our student blogs, click here: [ics-seville.org/blogs](https://ics-seville.org/blogs).

# CULTURAL VISITS VISITING A CITY RICH IN HISTORY

GUIDED TOUR BY  
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## THE FINE ARTS MUSEUM

Considered the most important art museum of Spain after El Prado, this beautiful 16th Century former monastery houses Spanish visual arts from the medieval period to the early 20th Century, including a choice selection of works by artists from the Golden Age of Sevillian painting of the 17th Century.



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# SEVILLE'S GOTHIC CATHEDRAL

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## THE CATHEDRAL

After its completion in the early 16th century, the Seville Cathedral became the largest Gothic church in the world. Built on the site of the former Muslim

Great Mosque, it houses most impressive works of sacred art and magnificent architectural elements.



# LATEST EPISODES

Check out two of our newest episodes of the **Places You Can Go**. In these episodes we have alumni and current students join us to discuss the wide ranging impacts of studying abroad and how our local politics can affect our international identity.



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# A BITTERSWEET FAREWELL TO SEVILLE



As December arrives, it brings with it the end of an unforgettable chapter. It's hard to put into words how I feel knowing that soon, I'll have to say goodbye to the incredible friends I've made this semester. These people, who started as strangers, have become like family. Together, we've shared laughs, adventures, and countless memories that I will treasure forever.

I'm deeply grateful to the staff at ICS for always putting our well-being and growth first. Their guidance, the engaging talks we had, and the amazing trips they organized truly enriched my time here. They made Seville feel like home and this semester an experience I'll never forget.



But what stands out most to me as I reflect on this journey is how much I've grown. Immersing myself in a new culture, embracing different traditions, and stepping out of my comfort zone have transformed me in ways I couldn't have imagined. I've learned to adapt, to appreciate the unknown, and to trust in my ability to thrive in new situations.

This experience has shown me that I'm capable of so much more than I thought. It's a reminder to always say yes to new opportunities and to never stop exploring the world and myself. I know that this semester will stay with me for a lifetime, and five years from now, I'll still look back on these moments with immense gratitude and pride.

**Seville, thank you for the lessons, the joy, and the memories.  
You'll always hold a special place in my heart.**





# VISIT TO CÓRDOBA

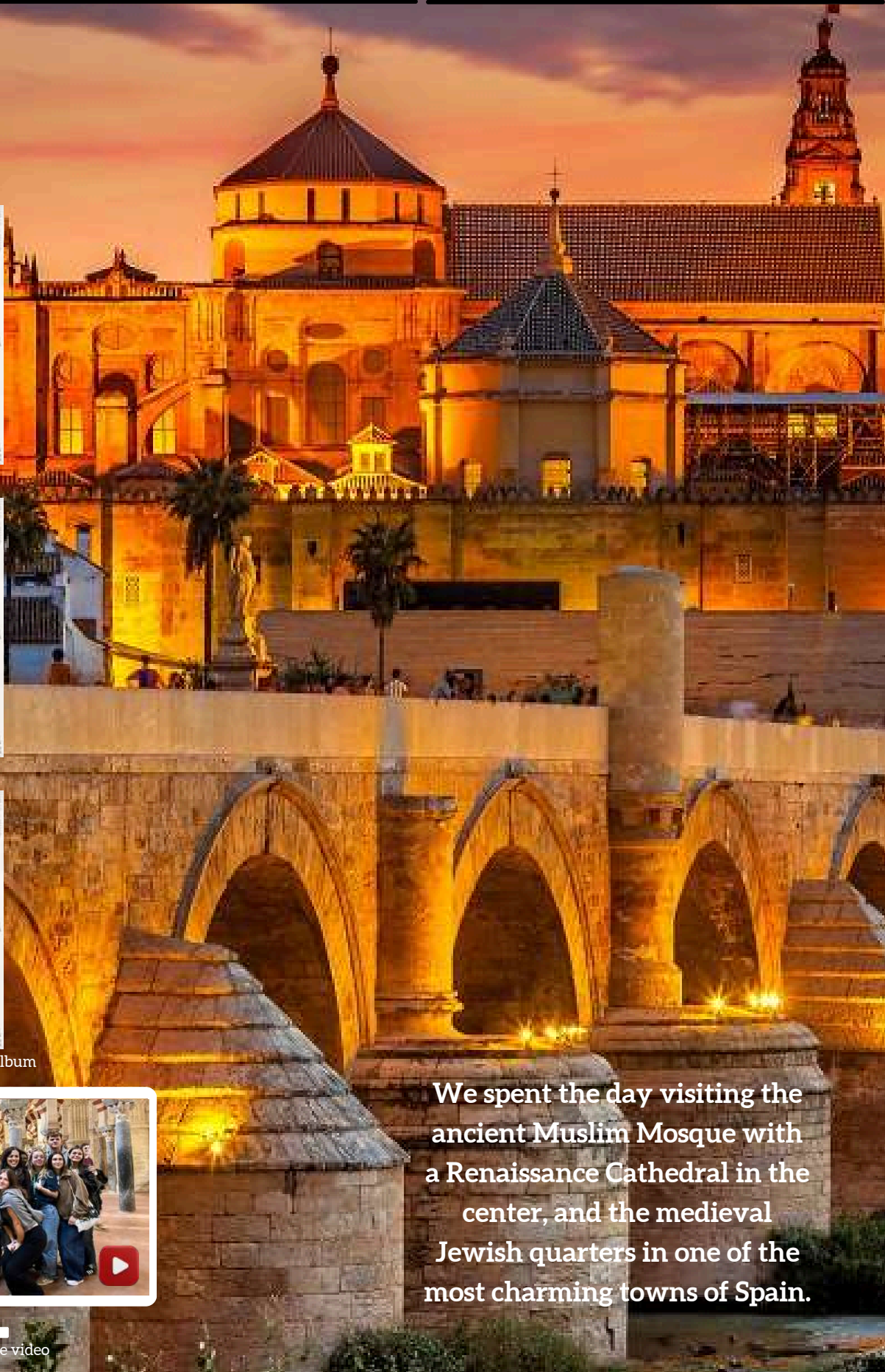
*Al-Andalus in its heyday of glory*



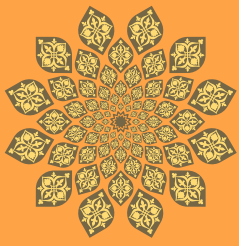
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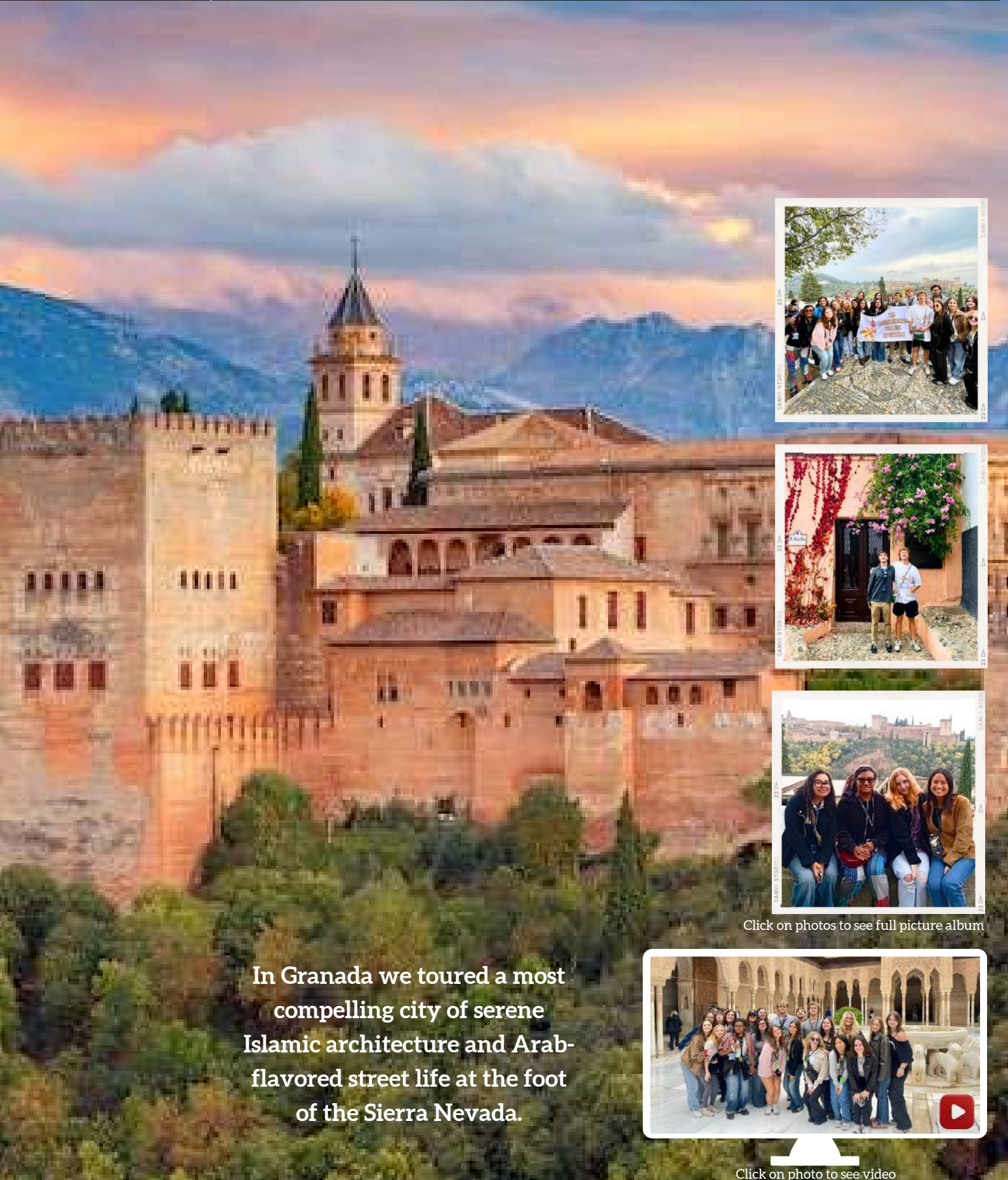


We spent the day visiting the ancient Muslim Mosque with a Renaissance Cathedral in the center, and the medieval Jewish quarters in one of the most charming towns of Spain.



# VISIT TO GRANADA

*The last vestiges of Al-Andalus*



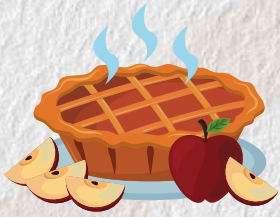
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In Granada we toured a most compelling city of serene Islamic architecture and Arab-flavored street life at the foot of the Sierra Nevada.



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# THANKSGIVING



*And what a wonderful evening of thanks and gratitude we had!*



*A delicious All-American Thanksgiving dinner in the best of company!*



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# SPANISH COOKING CLASS



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This month our 2 cooking classes were dedicated to two more Spanish classics: *La Tortilla Española*, or the Spanish Potato Omelette, and Fruity Sangría.



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# UPCOMING AT THE ICS



## *Student travels*

See how much our students have explored Europe during their weekends and holidays!

## *Christmas party*

We look forward to sending off our students with a memorable and truly fun party



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