

Spain; A Tangled History of Crusaders and Kings

March 24 – April 1, 2012

4 hours graduate level credit from Colorado School of Mines.

Cost: \$3,670 includes tuition, airfare, lodging, transportation, all entry fees, a bullfight, and trip to Morocco with guide - \$2,500 without airfare and tuition. \$3,500 with airfare but not tuition.

Day 1- March 24, 2012 - Saturday- Fly into Madrid

Day 2 –March 25, 2012 - Sunday - Spend the day in Madrid – Visit the Prado Museum, one of the world’s great museum, on to the Royal Palace, Europe’s third-greatest palace after Versailles in Paris and Vienna’s Schonbrunn, then walk Puerta del Sol , Madrid’s central square where we will see many of Spain’s historical buildings. Sights to see – Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, a Modern art museum featuring Picasso’s masterpiece *Guernica* – The Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial , a World Heritage Site and burial place of most Kings of Spain and the Chapel of San Antonio de la Florida , the church with Goya’s Tomb. In the evening attend a bullfight. Sleep in Madrid.

Day 3 – March 26, 2012 – Monday – Optional - take the early train to Toledo for a day trip or spend a 2nd day in Madrid. –Toledo is a short train ride from Madrid and has been declared a national monument. It is perched on a steep hill surrounded on 3 sides by the Tajo River. Spain’s former capital has 2,500 years of tangled history – Roman, Jewish, Visigoth, Moorish and Christian. First stop is the magnificent Catholic Cathedral and the Military Museum at the Alcazar – then off to Santa Cruz Museum that includes 15 El Greco’s. Back to Madrid to sleep.

Day 4- March 27, 2012 - Tuesday – –take the early train to Seville- buy Flamenco tickets – Concert at 7:30 - walk the Jewish quarter at Barrio Santa Cruz. Visit the Cathedral and Giralda Bell Tower, the world’s largest Gothic church with Columbus’ tomb, a treasury and climbable tower - visit Alcazar, a palace built by the moors in the 10th century, the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe. See the room where Queen Isabel debriefed Columbus after his New World discoveries with a portrait of Ferdinand with Columbus, the earliest known portrait and most

accurate picture of Columbus. See Gothic Wing with Brussels tapestries (1554). Go to the Expo building in the park- go to the Bullfighting Museum - Sleep in Seville.

Day 5- March 28, 2012 - Wednesday- Pick up mini bus in Seville- drive to Gibraltar. Gibraltar is not part of Spain but is a part of Great Britain. Take the Gibraltar Taxi Orientation Tour stopping to take photos of the tailless Barbary macaques, a type of monkey making its home on the rock. Stop to tour St. Michael's Cave and the Siege Tunnels- drive to Tarifa – Spend the night in Tarifa.

Day 6 – March 29, 2012 - Thursday -- Day trip to Morocco – 9:00 am – Meet our guide, at the ferry for a 5 hour walking tour of Tangiers to enjoy a taste of North Africa and a nonthreatening slice of Islam. On Thursday there is a Red Mountain Market in Tangiers – return on the ferry to spend the night again in Tarifa.

Day 7 - March 30, 2012 – Friday –Drive to Granada - Do the old town walk and visit the Alcaiceria, the old silk market place with 200 shops. Visit the Royal Chapel with the tombs of Queen Isabel and King Ferdinand - tour Granada's Cathedral, the second largest in Spain. Sleep in Granada.

Day 8–March 31, 2012 - Saturday -As early as possible go to the Alhambra with 4 sites at the top of the hill: Palacios Nazaries, an exquisite Moorish palace; the Generalife Gardens with a small summer palace; Charles V's Palace and the Alcazaba, a empty old fort with tower and views. In the afternoon explore Spain's old Moorish quarter, The Albayzin – then on to the Carthusian Monastery with its elaborate white Baroque stucco work – Sleep again in Granada

Day 9 –April 1, 2012 - Fly home from Granada