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SEVILLE, SPRING 24



ORIENTATION OVERVIEW



**GLOBAL
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**LOCATION
ORIENTATION**
YOU'RE HERE!



**CARE TEAM
CIRCLE**
FEBRUARY 7

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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



Packing Tips: Advice from Alumni

- Do research on the local weather and fashion
 - Both hot/cold weather during Spring 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 - 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



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).



ARRIVAL PROCESS



Arrival and Orientation

Airport Arrivals

- Pickup at Seville airport is provided automatically on Saturday, February 10th
- 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 the student residence hall

Train Arrivals (Santa Justa)

- Pickup at Seville train station is provided **by reservation only** on Saturday, February 10th
- Arrival window: 9AM - 8PM
- Email us at seville@vertoeducation.org to reserve your ride



Arrival and Orientation

Independent Arrivals

- **All students arriving independently will meet at the student residence hall** (even homestay students!)
- If you are a homestay student and prefer to meet your family directly at their house, please coordinate with them and communicate your plans with seville staff via email.

Arrival outside of the pickup window?

- Please find your own transportation directly to your housing (either the student residence hall or your homestay).

MY FLIGHT IS DELAYED?

Contact Verto Staff via Email seville@vertoeducation.org

- We will help you make a plan!



PROGRAM -SPECIFIC INFORMATION



ACADEMIC AND STUDENT LIFE EXPERIENCE:

YOUR SUPPORT TEAM



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AMANDA CUMMINGS

CCATS

Discovery Day

Sunday - First day of Program

Monday - Classes start

- Full cohort, Care Team, and Small Group Sessions
- Expect to be engaged from 9:30AM - 4:30PM
- Sunday evening will be free
- Informative sessions, chances to meet staff, professors, and fellow students
- Paella lunch
- Schedule will be in your Welcome Pack upon arrival to your housing



ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS



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.





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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



CARE TEAMS

- **WHO IS IN YOUR CARE TEAM**

- Your Student Success Coordinator (María Esther A, Nadia B)
- 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
- February 7th they will be hosting a virtual **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 Walking Tours (Neighborhood and City Center)
- Yoga and Mindfulness
- Wellness Activities



PROGRAM EXCURSIONS

- Hiking excursión to Aracena
 - Hike lead by local guides and a visit to the underground cave system
- Day Trip to Mérida
- Weekend trip to Northern Morocco (Tangier, Tetouan and Chefchaouen)
 - All meals and lodging will be covered
- Beach trip to Cádiz: Top 20 Leaderboard winners



HOMESTAYS AND RESIDENCIA



WHAT ABOUT MY HOUSING ASSIGNMENT

- **You should have received your assignments on Tuesday via email**
 - 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

		Residence Hall	Homestay
Accommodation		Double studio (indiv. bedroom)	Double or individual room
	Meals	Three meals per day(Spanish Time) *Dinners are not served on holidays	Three per day (Spanish time). Picnic meals included
Meets vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free or religious dietary requirements?		yes*	yes*
Laundry		Laundry room onsite, not included (3,5 € wash, 2,5 € dry)	Included (once/twice a week)
Room cleaning		Once a week	Once a week
Pillow, towels, sheets		Included	Included
Internet		WiFi	WiFi
Curfew		No	No
Personal set of keys		Yes	Yes
Alcohol or drug possession		Not permitted	Not permitted

Homestay Students - RSVP now!



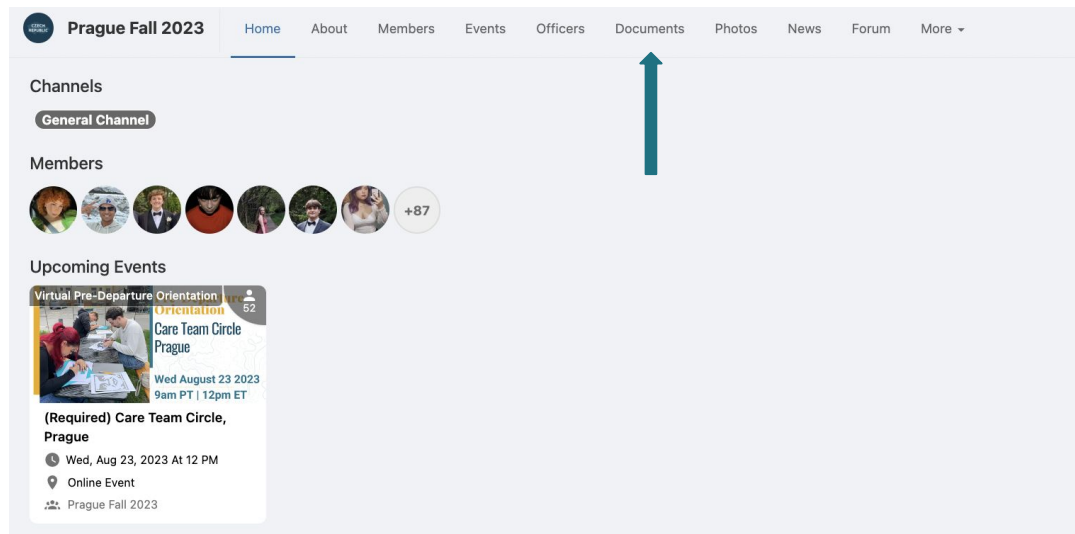
Verto Education Living in Your Homestay Seville

Wednesday Jan 31
9 AM PT / 12 PM ET

PRE-DEPARTURE DOCUMENTS

These can be found in on the [STUDENT PORTAL](#) documents section:

- Pre-Departure Resources, including:
 - Packing List
 - Using Your Phone in Seville
 - Mail and Package Guidelines
 - Verto Seville Study Center
 - Visiting Your Student in Seville
 - Code of Responsibility
- Arrival Guide
- Money Abroad
- Verto Housing Overview
- Verto Discovery Week Overview (General)



 Documents (5)

 Pre-arrival Documents (1)

QUESTIONS



MARK YOUR ATTENDANCE

IMPORTANT: Report Your Attendance
before the end of the Session



(Required) Care Team Circle Date

February 7th at vertoeducation.org/orientation

Location Resources

- In Enrolled Participants Page

To access, visit
bit.ly/vertoattendancesp24

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.

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



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!



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.



Behavior & Safety

FOLLOW YOUR COMMUNITY GUIDELINES:

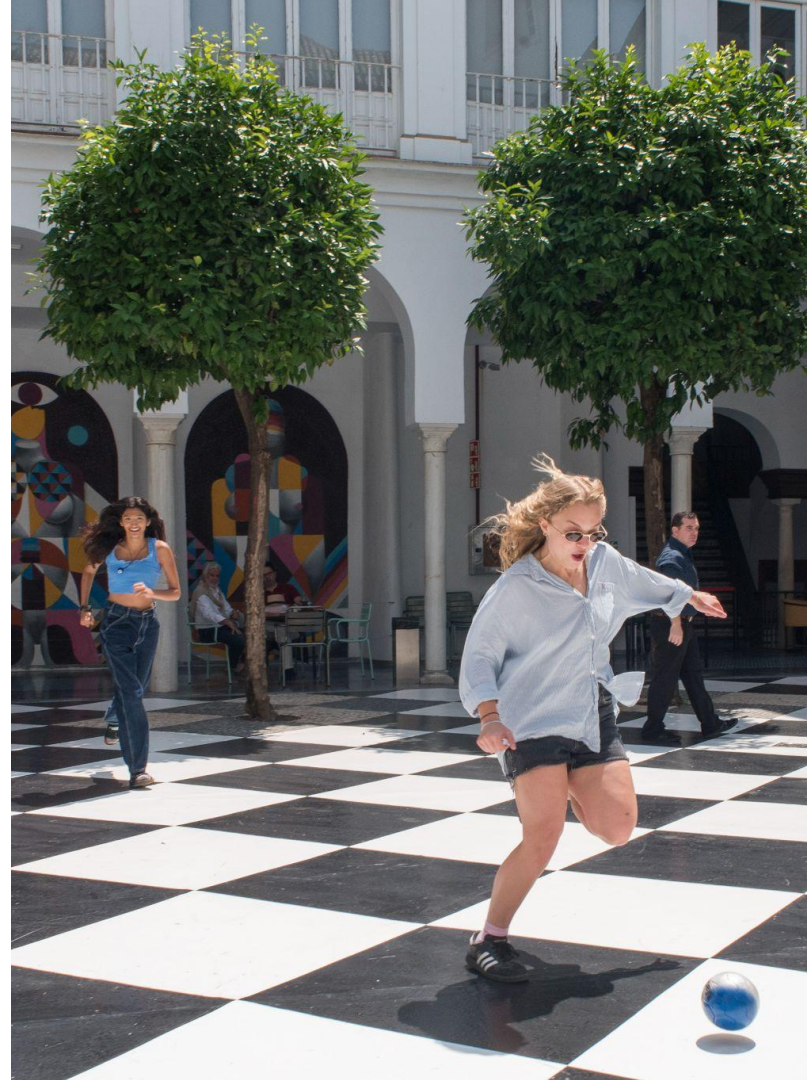
A guide for your actions/decisions

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 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



Museo de Bellas Artes

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**



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
 - 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)!



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!



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