

Sevilla February 2023

In February students and staff had the opportunity to go to Sevilla on the first language trip since lockdown restrictions were lifted and it feels like a real milestone moment to see QMHS students' exploring other cultures again and broadening their horizons. I wanted to share one student's journey on the trip and say well done for the great behavior displayed by all students involved. They were a credit to QMHS!



Las Setas

On Thursday, after we arrived at Malaga airport, we took a coach to Sevilla and the journey was so scenic and beautiful, we got to enjoy Spain's beautiful landscape and views. When we arrived at our hotel, we got ready and went into town to a well-known building called 'Las Setas' to have ice cream and go shopping and take in the scenery - Sevilla was so pretty and lively at night time, people were still in restaurants with friends and family at 10pm on a Thursday.



On Friday we had a tour of Seville which was very educative and interesting as we learned about its history. We also visited the cathedral which was gorgeous and went up its tower and saw a high view of all of Seville.

Views from the Cathedral

After that, we had some time to eat and go shopping so we ate at a tapas restaurant and had some delicious traditional food. Then we went shopping and had many conversations with the local people in Spanish which I feel was really helpful in improving my confidence in speaking in Spanish. We finished shopping and had a Spanish lesson with a man called Luis and he helped us learn common phrases when talking to people in public places like shops or restaurants. It was a very educative and enjoyable lesson. Overall I loved the trip, everything we did was so fun and I got to learn so much more about Spain and fully take in the culture and history. I definitely want to go again.



Walking around Seville

As usual, in the morning we woke up and had a delicious buffet breakfast downstairs at the hotel. Then we left the hotel and started off the day by walking to Seville's centre for some shopping, I must admit the variety of the clothes shops in Spain did some serious damage to my bank account. It was heaven: Zara, Pull and Bear, Bershka, Mango, Stradivarius. We managed to also grab some frozen yogurt which was so refreshing in the sun.

Plaza De España

Next, we walked to La Plaza de España, which was so beautiful. The best way I can describe it is as a massive park with amazing buildings. But it wasn't the scenery that made La Plaza so memorable, it was the atmosphere. There was music and street entertainment everywhere: guitar, flute, singers, dancers.



La Plaza de Toros

From there it was a half hour walk to La Plaza de Toros: the famous bullring in Seville, where we learned all about the history of bullfighting and of course took more photos. After that, we walked to the Hard Rock Café, stopping off at a souvenir shop on the way. The meal was lovely, especially because our group of 8 bonded well, so it was nice to all sit, eat and chat. We completed the day at El Museo de Baile Flamenco, and it was such an honor to watch such talented dancers. Finally, our small group played card games and tried Spanish snacks together before heading to bed.

Churros!

The following morning after breakfast, because we had been so well-behaved on this trip, the teachers kindly treated us all to churros at a local café. They were so different to the churros that are served in England: much bigger but so tasty.

We made the most of the sunny weather and sat outside until it was time to travel back. Strangely, the coach trip home was one of the best parts of the trip. The scenery was breathtaking. We grabbed some food and then had a smooth flight home.



It was sad that the trip ended so soon. **It was one of the best experiences ever!**