



Spanish Exchange Program Invitation Letter
Episcopal-Colegio Inglés, Zaragoza, Spain
Traveling: June 6-20, 2024
Hosting: March-April, 2025

Dear Students & Parents,

I am pleased to announce that Episcopal will begin a new 2024-2025 Spanish Exchange cycle with [Colegio Inglés](#). Our community did an amazing job this past spring hosting Colegio Inglés and they are very excited to receive us this summer! We will travel to Spain June 6-20, 2024 and stay in Zaragoza with host families for 10 days. Afterwards, we will spend two nights in Barcelona and then return to Florida. In turn, ESJ students and families will host Spanish exchange students in Jacksonville in March/April of 2025. There are spaces for 20 students in grades 9-10, ages 14-16; they will be matched with students in the same gender & age range with similar interests. There may be a few additional spots available for older students, subject to host family availability. Priority is given to students who can both travel and host. This is an exchange program and character is very important. Students need to be in good standing, academically and behaviorally, with the ESJ community and Student Life.

Mrs. Nitza Plaski, Mr. Alex Hernández and Mrs. Cristi Skeels, ESJ teachers, will be the trip leaders for the program in Spain. The total cost for the program will be determined once we have a final list of students, but is not expected to exceed \$5,500. It will include airfare, accommodation with a host family, all ground transport within Spain, all excursions and activities listed on the itinerary, medical insurance, ESJ chaperone accompaniment, two nights hotel accommodation in Barcelona and three meals a day as provided by the host family, and meals in Barcelona. ***The \$1,500 deposit is due January 10, 2024 and checks should be made to Episcopal School of Jacksonville.***

If you are interested in participating in the new 2024-2025 cycle, please fill out the [2024 Spanish Exchange Travel to Zaragoza Interest Form](#) and view the [Zaragoza-Barcelona Presentation](#) made to students in Spanish classes for more information on the proposed activities. ***Now is also a good time to renew/apply for passports, which must be valid for a minimum of 3 months post departure. Here is the complete 2024-2025 Application package and the 2024 Teacher Recommendation forms, all due no later than January 10, 2023.***

I hope you can join us! Feel free to reach out to me with any questions: plaskin@esj.org

Sincerely,

Nitza Plaski

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