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Spain Seville 15-16 Mariah DeWeese
Sunrise over Plaza de España



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I have been in Sevilla for about 6 weeks now and feel as if I have really settled into my life here. I refer to my homestay as “home” and can officially get around town without using my GPS. So in light of 6 successful weeks in Sevilla I thought I would share what an average day looks like for me here. Obviously my days vary depending on the week, but this layout shows a pretty typical day here in Sevilla!

8:00am: Wake up, shower, get dressed. Drink some café con leche, eat an orange (Sevilla is famous for their oranges) and head out the door by 8:45.

8:45am: Leave my apartment building and start the walk to school. Stop for two minutes to say hi to the puppy that is often hanging out a few blocks from my school with its owners. I seek out animal interactions (the cat in my homestay is just not cutting it) and the two guys that own the puppy know to expect me nearly every day on my walk to school.

8:57am: Arrive at school. My first class of the day is always Advanced Spanish Grammar. With only 4 total students in the class, we cover a lot of material and I have learned a lot of new grammar so far. I would really recommend taking a grammar course; many students in the center are not and their language level is not improving as much as those who are taking a language class.

10:15am: Spanish class ends. I leave school and head to one of the cafes nearby to get some more coffee and breakfast. My favorite place is mere minutes from the center and one can find amazing coffee as well as toast with ham, tomato, and olive oil (my favorite) for only 3,25 Euro. I usually spend about an hour at the café, either talking with a friend or catching up on some schoolwork.

11:45am: head back to school and go to my next class; Digital Storytelling. I am taking this class to fulfill my CS requirement back at Linfield. The class is very casual and about half the time involves walking to a new neighborhood in town to take photos and then heading back to the center to edit and compile. The homework consists of 6 projects, which most people do in the forms of videos to show their experiences here in Spain.

1:45pm: Go to my final class of the day; Advanced Skills in Listening. This class is fun and goes by quickly. We essentially just do different speaking and listening activities to assist us in advancing our language level.

3pm: Walk home; probably stop to pet the puppy again.

3:30pm: Eat lunch with my host family. Lunch is the biggest meal of the day and we usually spend about an hour at the small kitchen table discussing random things and catching up on things happening in our lives.

4:30pm: Sneak in a quick 20-minute siesta. As mentioned before, I’m trying to fully immerse into the culture, and if taking a siesta each day is part of that then you can count me in!

5:15pm: Leave for tutoring. Each week I go to Fátima and Paco’s apartment and tutor their 8-year-old daughter in English. I work with Blanca for one hour and then speak with Fátima and Paco for an hour to

help them improve their English as well. The school has a program set up for the American students who are interested in meeting another Spanish family and making a little money. I work for the family two hours a week and get paid 20 Euro to do so, so it's a great way to have a little spending money each week.

8:00pm: Return home and do a bit of homework before dinner.

9:30pm: Dinner time! At my house dinner is usually anytime between 9pm and 10:30pm, which is definitely something that took some getting used to.

10:30pm: Head out to meet some friends. We don't have classes on Fridays here in Sevilla so we can get an early start on the weekend festivities. We typically like to go to a bar to get a drink or go sit by the river or in a park and participate in "botellón," which is a way to hang out with friends and have a drink in a more relaxed setting.

2am: Head back home and go to bed! I plan to touch more on Spanish night life in a later post, so stay tuned for that!

That's all for now! I know this is not terribly interesting, but I hope it gives any readers a glimpse into what our day-to-day life might be like if you study abroad in Sevilla!

Hasta luego,

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