



# AT A GLANCE VALLADOLID, SPAIN

On the high plain of North Central Spain, in the heart of the wine and castle region (“La Ruta de los Castillos”), lies the charming city of Valladolid, Spain. Once the capitol of Spain, historic Valladolid lies in the autonomous region of “Castile y León”. This area is said to be the origin of the “purest” form of the Spanish language. Located along the banks of the River Pisuerga recreational opportunities abound, including hiking and kayaking. Unspoiled by tourism, Valladolid is still within one hour of the thriving metropolis of Madrid.

In the heart of this mediaeval city located in a setting of outstanding historical monuments is the Universidad de Valladolid, the oldest university in Spain dating back to the 13th century. You will study language and culture at this most prestigious institution that boasts modern, high tech facilities.

You will spend a summer session (or two) studying at UVA’s Center de Idiomas (Center of Languages), living with a host family and engaging in substantive volunteer service for 12-15 hours per week. Your volunteer service immerses you in the culture and deepens your understanding of Spanish society in a way that goes beyond that experienced in traditional study abroad programs.



- Curriculum Focus: Spanish language and culture
- Local University Partner: Universidad de Valladolid
- Language of Instruction: English and Spanish
- Housing: Homestay with Spanish family
- Service Opportunities: Women’s shelter, preschool, centers for immigrant services
- Excursions: Typical excursions may include: La Ruta de los Castillos, local excursions including the house of Christopher Columbus in Valladolid, Madrid (El Prado, and La Reina Sofía museums).