HER-SPANIA
A Woman’s History of Spain • with Florinda Ruiz and Lorri Olán
June 2–12, 2022

SPECIAL PAYMENT TERMS: If you book by June 30, 2021, payments are 100% refundable until February 27, 2022. See inside for details.
Two of W&L Traveller’s most popular travel leaders, Florinda Ruiz and Lorri Olán, have designed a fascinating tour of Spain, a nation of vibrant cities, culinary wonders and stunning art and architecture. Our recurring theme will be the remarkable women who have helped to shape the history of Spain, from saints, queens and nuns to artists, scientists and lawmakers. Throughout this traditional itinerary, many of the women who inspired the admiration and devotion of Spanish citizens over the centuries will at last have their voice.

Our program begins in Madrid, Spain’s capital, known for its historic landmarks, enticing street energy, and one of Europe’s finest concentrations of art. We’ll explore the city’s treasures from the Prado Museum to Palacio Real and from elegant Plaza Mayor to bohemian La Latina, sampling some of Spain’s best tapas. From Madrid, we’ll travel to the grand Monasterio del Escorial, the historical residence of Spanish royalty, and the charming Castilian town of Segovia. Thereafter, we’ll visit the medieval walled city of Ávila enroute to Salamanca, Spain’s famed Renaissance city and home to the prestigious Universidad de Salamanca, one of the world’s oldest universities.

We’ll next venture deep into Andalucía, entering this breathtaking corner of Spain through Córdoba. The obvious highlight is Córdoba’s 8th-century Mezquita, an immense mosque dating from 784 A.D. Dinner with local W&L alums will be another. In Seville, we’ll witness the dazzling Reales Alcázares, the Royal Palace boasting the greatest example of Mudejar (Christian-Muslim) architecture, as well as the passion of Flamenco during a private dance performance. We’ll conclude with a tour of Granada’s incomparable Alhambra and a final banquet of Spanish cuisine in the Albayzin. Flor and Lorri will be with us throughout, sharing their enthusiasm and guiding our discovery of the role of women in Spanish history.
Traveling With You

Florinda Ruiz, a former Spanish professor, is now director of W&L’s Writing Program and a Visiting Associate Professor of Writing. A native of Madrid, Spain, she studied at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and at the Universidad de Salamanca. She obtained her M.A. and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. Prior to her current position at W&L, Florinda worked as a translator for the Sheikh of the emirate of Sharjah and developed a passion for travel photography.

Lorri Olán serves as Associate Director of Career Planning at W&L. Prior to joining Career Development, Lorri served as Director of Career Planning and Professional Development at W&L Law and lived in Florence, Italy with her family. She served as a permanent clerk for two judges on the Court of Appeals of Virginia; as Executive Director of Project Horizon, a rural domestic violence and sexual assault agency; as a trial court law clerk in Boston; and as a Legal Assistant in New York City. A native of New York City, Lorri obtained her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law and her B.A. from Oberlin College.
**Thursday–Friday, June 2–3**

**HOME / MADRID, SPAIN**

Arrive mid-day on June 3 and transfer to the 5-star Hotel Villa Real, located in the heart of Madrid, steps from Puerta del Sol square and El Prado Museum. Enjoy an afternoon tour of Madrid’s Old Quarter including a visit to Las Descalzas Reales Convent, rich in historical connections to the women of the Spanish Hapsburg dynasty. Gather tonight for a welcome orientation and dinner featuring Spain’s famous tapas.

**HOTEL VILLA REAL (D)**

**Saturday, June 4**

**MADRID**

Begin today with our first lecture by Florinda Ruiz before exploring Retiro Park, Madrid’s green oasis of 125 hectares and home to more than 15,000 trees. Continue to the Museo del Traje (Dress Museum) displaying a wide variety of historic and contemporary pieces from the 16th-20th centuries including. Following our private tour, sit down for lunch overlooking the museum’s beautiful gardens. Spend the afternoon at the famed Prado Museum, housing one of the finest art collections in the world. Venture out this evening to experience Madrid’s famed gastronomic culture and nightlife. Under the guidance of a local food expert, sample Spanish tapas just like a resident and meet the people behind the food.

**HOTEL VILLA REAL (B,L,D)**

**Sunday, June 5**

**MADRID / EL ESCORIAL & SEGOVIA**

Embark on a full day excursion beginning at the Royal Palace and Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, built in the 16th century when Spain was at the height of its imperial power. Visit the Monastery, Basilica, Royal Pantheon, Library, and Habsburg apartments. Continue to Segovia, a picturesque town filled with 12th-century Romanesque churches, Renaissance fortresses, palaces, and residences. See the lovely late-Gothic Cathedral, the well-preserved 1st-century Roman aqueduct, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Alcázar of Segovia, a 14th-century medieval castle considered to be one of Spain’s most impressive. This evening is free to enjoy dinner independently in one of the city’s many fine restaurants.

**HOTEL VILLA REAL (B,L)**

**Monday, June 6**

**MADRID**

Begin today at the Reina Sofia Contemporary Art Center where Picasso’s “Guernica” is housed. Once a hospital, it now boasts an addition designed by Jean Nouvel, the architect known for his work on the Cartier Foundation. See the extraordinary collection of 20th-century art by Spanish artists before rounding out the morning with a visit to Madrid’s Royal Palace, the official residence of Spain’s Royal Family and most important Baroque palace in Spain. The rest of the day is free for individual pursuits.

**HOTEL VILLA REAL (B)**

**Tuesday, June 7**

**MADRID / ÁVILA / SALAMANCA**

Travel by motorcoach to the World Heritage City of Ávila, guarded by remarkably well-preserved ramparts from the 11th century. As the birthplace of St. Teresa of Ávila, this small city has played a strong spiritual role in the region. After lunch and free time in Ávila, drive to Salamanca, another World Heritage City, home to one of the oldest universities (founded in 1134) on the planet. Check in to our elegant hotel, housed in a restored 15th-century
palace in the heart of Old Town Salamanca. Dinner is enjoyed independently, with many restaurants within easy walking distance.

NH PALACIO DE CASTELLANOS (B,L)

Wednesday, June 8
SALAMANCA

Following a morning lecture, spend the day learning about Salamanca's rich and vibrant history and how the city has been influenced by the Celts, Romans, Visigoths, Moors, Christians, Jews, and many others. Visit Plaza Mayor, where bull fighting continued until the mid 1800's, the Old and New Cathedrals, and the Casa de la Conchas, today a modern library but once the palace of a knight of the Santiago Order. Also visit the nearby gardens of Calixto and Melibea as well as the modernist-style home of Casa Lis. This evening is again at leisure to enjoy dinner in Salamanca independently.

NH PALACIO DE CASTELLANOS (B,L)

Thursday, June 9
SALAMANCA / CÓRDOBA

Depart this morning for the spectacular drive to Córdoba. En route, stop for lunch in the beautifully preserved village of Guadalupe, with its whitewashed houses, narrow streets, and famed monastery. Arriving in Córdoba, stretch your legs during a walking tour of the Old Quarter, located between the walls of the city and the Mosque. Check in to our hotel, a converted 18th-century mansion in heart of the Old Quarter, before dinner with local Washington & Lee alumni living in Córdoba.

HOTEL NH AMISTAD (B,L,D)

Friday, June 10
CÓRDOBA / SEVILLE

Venture to nearby Seville for a privately guided tour of Andalusia’s capital. Begin with a visit to the Reales Alcázares (Royal Palace), one of the purest and greatest examples of Mudejar (Christian-Muslim) architecture, containing Moorish, Gothic, and Renaissance elements. Also visit the soaring Seville Cathedral, once the world’s largest, that rises up on the site of the grand 12th-century mosque that only retains its minaret, known as the Giralda Tower. Dine on regional specialties at lunch before free time in Seville. Return to Córdoba in the early evening to attend the popular Alma de Córdoba night visit at the unique Mosque-turned-Cathedral of Córdoba, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

HOTEL ALHAMBRA PALACE (B,L,D)

Saturday, June 11
CÓRDOBA / GRANADA

Travel by motorcoach this morning to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada and the city of Granada, the land of a thousand castles. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of the city center, including the Granada Cathedral, a masterpiece of Spanish Renaissance style. Continue to the famed Alhambra for lunch and a private tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, Spain’s single biggest attraction. This hilltop fortress-palace is the most remarkable monument to Moorish art in Spain. The gardens of the Generalife, the summer palace of the Sultans, are famously lush and vibrant. Check in to the luxurious Hotel Alhambra Palace, situated just outside the Alhambra’s ancient walls, offering spectacular views of Granada. Celebrate our journey during a festive farewell dinner in the medieval Albayzin quarter while enjoying wonderful views of the Alhambra from below.

HOTEL ALHAMBRA PALACE (B,L,D)

Sunday, June 12
GRANADA / HOME

Following breakfast, transfer to the Granada airport for flights home. (B)
General Information

**PROGRAM RATES**
Per person, sharing.......................................................... $6,990
Single supplement.......................................................... $1,300

**PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE**
- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, and 4 dinners
- Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, presentations, and musical entertainment
- Airport transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates
- All gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers for all group activities
- Entrance fees
- House wine and beer with all group dinners
- Comprehensive packet of pre-departure information
- Professional tour manager throughout the program

**GROUP SIZE**
This program can accommodate 29 participants and is exclusive to The Washington & Lee Traveller.

**PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE**
- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport/visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates
- Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour
- Airline baggage charges
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted
- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges
- Room service
- Other items of a personal nature

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS**
As U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates, Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**
This is a moderately active program. Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health, be able to walk unassisted for extended periods (up to three hours) over uneven surfaces such as cobblestones and up and down narrow stairs, sometimes without handrails. In June, the average high temperature in central Spain is in the low to high 80s F, with evenings somewhat cooler and very infrequent rain. Although the hotels and motorcoaches are air-conditioned, many tourist sites such as cathedrals are not, nor are some restaurants and museums.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**
Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

For questions or more information call the W&L Traveller office at (540) 458-8723 or visit lifelong.wlu.edu
For the ease of registering online (preferred method), please visit lifelong.wlu.edu/her_spania. Once you have submitted your online reservation, Criterion Travel will call within two business days to confirm your reservation and collect your deposit.

If you would prefer to mail your registration, please complete the form below and mail with your deposit check payable to Criterion Travel to:

Washington and Lee University
Office of Lifelong Learning
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Lexington, VA 24450

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PAYMENT
Enclosed is my check for $_______($1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) to reserve ______ place(s) on Her-Spania

SINGLE TRAVELERS
  O I prefer to have single accommodations (limited availability)
  O I plan to share accommodations with:

  O I'd like to know about roommates
I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of February 2, 2022, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Bed Preference (not guaranteed):  O One bed  O Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

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Complete Terms and Conditions including:
Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed “Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Upon payment of a $1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by The W&L Traveller office. Deposits are fully refundable if written notice of cancellation is received by the final payment deadline (120 days prior to departure). For bookings on or before June 30, 2021:

- All payments are 100% refundable if written notice of cancellation is received before February 27, 2022.
- Cancellations after stated refund dates. All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date.
- For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate.

Neither The W&L Traveller nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

RESPONSIBILITY
The W&L Traveller, Washington and Lee University, and Criterion Travel, its officers and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, owners, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (hereafter referred to as “the Organizers”) act only as agents for the passenger with respect to the travel services on this program, including but not limited to transportation, ship arrangements, food services, etc. The Organizers are not responsible for any injury, loss, accident, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, negligence, acts of God or force majeure, COVID-19 or other illness, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time. If delayed past tour dates due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this program at any time. Passenger certifies that he/she is in good physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers. We reserve the right to change the itinerary, trip features, or accommodations at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, as deemed necessary by program staff. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the program. The Organizers do not accept liability for any airline carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket connected with the tour.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS
Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

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