

Upcoming Dates:**February 3**

Art History visit to Toledo 9:30

**February 4**

Art History visit to El Escorial 10:00

**February 7**

Internal transfer mtg. 2:30-3:50

**February 7**

Intercambio 8 pm

**February 8**

Film Club  
*The Descendants*  
8 pm

**February 10 - 12**

Trip to Lisbon

**February 13**

Academic advising for course selection begins (SU & FA 2012)

**February 14**

Last day to drop a course without a grade of "W"

**February 14**

Film Club 8 pm

**February 16**

Andén 0 visit 2:30

**February 17**

Horseback Riding in El Bolo

**February 20**

Midterm exams begin

## Seville Orientation Trip



Above: N. Whittredge, S. Meszaros, C. Kraverath, R. Brandon and E. Pradillo inside Itálica's amphitheater. -photo by Prof. A. Cros Gutiérrez



Above: A scene from the flamenco show. -photo by Prof. A. C. Gutiérrez

Just shortly after their arrival in Spain, new and returning students boarded an AVE train enroute to sunny Seville. Ears popping as the coaches hurtled us down south towards the Straits of Gibraltar, the group landed on its feet in a city of streets lined with orange trees and festive palms, in an ambience of flamenco music and oodles of culture. We started off the official tour weaving our way through the serpentine streets of Seville's center, all the more to be dazzled with the vision of its magnificent cathedral. Massive. And the greenish-blue hues of the rose window...divine. If you've never seen the Roman ruins at Itálica and wandered around its amphitheater, suffice it to say that it's an impressive sight. Later on, the purebred Andaluz horses at Rancho el Rocío bewitched us with a graceful repertoire of dance from the moment we first laid eyes on them. *Impactante*. On our last evening in the city, we watched flamenco dance and heard the music from just an arms-length away. It was just a matter of course to sense the passion, feel the artistic tension, and then finally to be swept away by the beauty of the moment.



Above: Purebred **caballos andaluces** and their riders, in a scene from the horse show at Rancho el Rocío, in Puebla del Río (Seville). -photo by Prof. A. Cros



Above: The Cathedral of Seville. -photo by C. Szmania



## Disfruta Madrid Club: Chocolate con Churros



SUMC's Disfruta Madrid Club inaugurated the semester with a visit to San Ginés, one of Madrid's most famous chocolate shops. Founded in 1894, this *chocolatería* is one of many that sprang up after cacao was discovered in America and brought back to Spain. SUMC students learned that dark chocolate is good for your heart; this tidbit of information encouraged them to dive into two big platters of churros! ¡Buenísimo!

*Left: Hot chocolate with churros is a common sight which can be enjoyed throughout Madrid.*

## Pyrenees Ski Trip



*Left: Students Chris Maynard, Nick Denver, Caroline Margolis, Csaba Rosznik and Gareth Jones during a break from snowboarding.*

*—photo by Csaba Rosznik*

Despite winter's late entrance to the Iberian peninsula, SUMC students managed to get the timing just right when they went to the Pyrenees Mountains in late January. Some students are die-hard snowboarders while others prefer downhill skiing; a few were brave adventure-seekers off to try their luck at a winter sport. Most were sporting aching muscles by Sunday night; a few had rather spectacular tumbles of which to tell. Sophomore Kevin Dwyer confided that "it was probably the most exciting SUMC trip I've ever been on!"

## More orientation trip photos:



*—photo by Prof. A. Cros Gutiérrez*



*—photo by M. Lebrun*

*Left: Students during one of the Flamenco dance workshops.*

*Right: A highlight from the visit to Rancho el Rocío was watching the grand entrance of the impeccable horses and their riders.*