

Suffolk University Madrid Campus

Fall 2009 SALAMANCA TRIP

This fall, SUMC is pleased to start the semester with an all-campus Welcome Trip in the province of Salamanca, located west of Madrid, near the Portuguese border. Over four days, students and members of the faculty and staff will make their base at the Universidad de Salamanca, the medieval city famous for its renowned university.



The Plaza Mayor in Salamanca

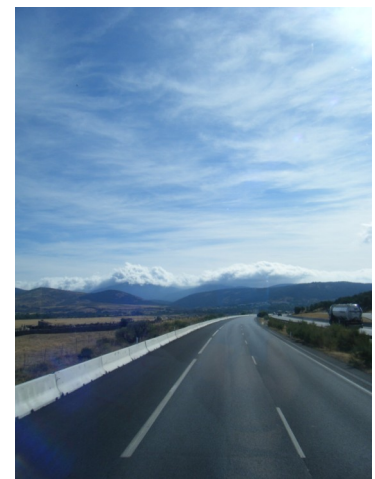
The province is particularly rich; its Roman history, natural resources, and distinct Castilian culture make it one of Spain's most interesting and delightful regions.



A bull grazing at Finca Valverde

Upon arrival in Madrid, we will hold a general meeting the first night and have a welcome reception to kick off the semester. Students will get a first view of the heart of the old city on our walking tour, which will offer a pleasant introduction to Spain's bustling capital.

On Friday, September 4th, we will make our way to Salamanca, where we will stay in a university residence that will serve as our base. Our orientation will allow students to brush up on their Spanish, learn about Spanish culture, and get to know fellow students, faculty, and staff, while experiencing the varied landscape of this beautiful region.



On the road to Salamanca

Students will tour the heart of Salamanca, starting in its Plaza Mayor and moving on to the Cathedral. A chance to walk on the roof will also be offered, for some spectacular views!



Salamanca's cathedral and Roman bridge

From mid-morning until late afternoon, students will travel in two groups to visit some of the surrounding areas. We will take students to an active ranch to see wild bulls up close, go horseback riding, so swimming, learn about the history of bullfighting, and join in a traditional "capea" if they choose. We will also take part in sports and field-day activities for some plain old fun and games.