

HISTORIES OF SPAIN

From al-Andalus to Almodóvar

APRIL 3–14, 2024

With Professor Raymond Craib The Marie Underhill Noll Professor of History at Cornell University



Dear Cornellians & Friends,

You are invited to take an exciting journey through the vibrant cities of Spain, filled with captivating history, stunning architecture, and enriching cultural experiences. You will experience the heart of Madrid, explore the enchanting city of Toledo, witness the splendor of Granada's Alhambra, discover the treasures of Córdoba, and acquaint yourself with the rich heritage of Seville.

Begin your adventure in the vibrant capital city of Madrid, where you will discover its historic streets and visit iconic landmarks such as Alcalá Gate, Retiro Park, and the bustling Gran Vía Street. Experience the artistic treasures of Spain as we take you on a guided tour of the renowned Prado Museum, where you'll view masterpieces by El Greco, Velázquez, Goya, and more.

Travel back in time as you venture to the charming city of Toledo, often referred to as the "city of three cultures." Here, the historic coexistence of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish communities is reflected in its architecture and heritage. The enchanting Alhambra complex in Granada awaits, captivating you with its awe-inspiring art and architectural marvels.

In Córdoba, explore the magnificent Mezquita, an extraordinary symbol of the intertwining Islamic and Christian influences that shape the city's history. Discover Seville, a city brimming with charm and heritage, as you explore the opulent Real Alcázar. You'll also take a trip to southern Spain's countryside and the ancient city of Cadiz, where you will be enchanted by its timeless beauty and breathtaking coastal vistas.

Space on this trip is sure to fill quickly, so call now to save your spot, and delve into the rich history and cultural tapestry of these remarkable Spanish destinations.

Warmly,

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Faculty Bio

**RAYMOND
CRAIB**

Raymond Craib is the Marie Underhill Noll Professor of History at Cornell University, where he has taught since 2001. A specialist in Latin American history, he has published widely on the history of Mexico, of Chile, and the Caribbean, Central America, and the southwest Pacific. He previously led a CAU program on politics, poetry and wine to Chile and Argentina in 2014. Craib has teaching experience and long-standing research interests in the history of Spain. He taught in the Cornell Abroad Sevilla Program in 2008 and lived for four years in Madrid in the 1980s. Craib has published widely and is the author of *Cartographic Mexico: A History of State Fixations and Fugitive Landscapes* (2004); *The Cry of the Renegade: Politics and Poetry in Interwar Chile* (2016); and, most recently, *Adventure Capitalism: A History of Libertarian Exit from the Era of Decolonization to the Digital Age* (2022).

Itinerary

DAY 1 Wednesday, April 3

U.S. / Madrid

Depart your home city for an overnight flight to Madrid.

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DAY 2 Thursday, April 4

Arrive Madrid

Arrive in Madrid, and transfer to our hotel. This evening, gather for an orientation followed by our welcome dinner.

HOTEL WELLINGTON (D)

DAY 3 Friday, April 5

Madrid & Prado Museum

This morning we delve into the heart of Madrid, one of the world's most vibrant capital cities. A city tour takes us to some of the most iconic sites including Alcalá Gate, Retiro Park, Neptuno Square, and Gran Vía Street. We'll enjoy a guided visit to the renowned Prado Museum, home to some of the world's most important artworks by Spanish masters such as El Greco, Velázquez and Goya. Learn about the fascinating history of the original building, and how it was transformed into one of the most important museums in the world.

Following lunch, enjoy some free time to relax at the hotel, or continue your exploration of this vibrant city on your own.

EVENING LECTURE: FROM GENERALÍSSIMO TO PASEO DE LA CASTELLANA: MADRID UNDER AND AFTER FRANCO (1935–1995). HOTEL WELLINGTON (B, L)

DAY 4 Saturday, April 6

Toledo

Step back in time with a visit to the enchanting city of Toledo, also known as the “city of three cultures.” Here, Christian, Muslim and Jewish communities peacefully coexisted for

GREAT MOSQUE/MEZQUITA, CÓRDOBA



centuries, leaving behind a wealth of artistic and cultural legacies that make it one of the most unique cities in the world. As we explore the winding streets of the old quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we'll see beautiful examples of Mudéjar (Christian-Muslim) architecture blending various cultural and period elements and visit the Cathedral, the Jewish Quarter, Santa María la Blanca Synagogue and Santo Tomé Church. HOTEL WELLINGTON (B, L)

DAY 5 Sunday, April 7

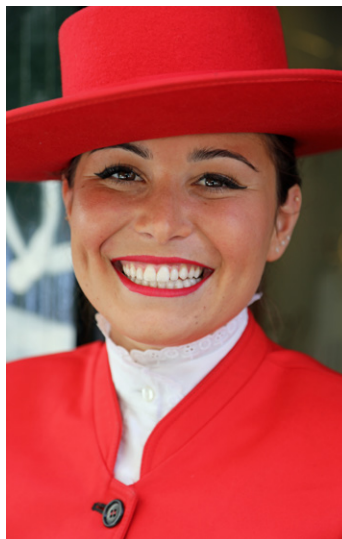
Madrid

MORNING LECTURE: FROM FRONTIER TO CAPITAL: MADRID (1000–1900)

Embark on a walking tour through the winding streets of Madrid's historic city center, where we'll discover some of the most emblematic places in the city, including Plaza de la Villa, Plaza Mayor, Puerta del Sol, and Plaza de Oriente. We'll visit the Palacio Real, the largest royal palace in western Europe measuring 1,450,000 square feet and made up of 3,418 rooms. As the official residence of the royal family, it plays host to



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TOP: PAINTED TILE. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: GENERALIFE GARDENS, GRANADA; SPANISH WOMAN; PLAZA MAYOR, MADRID.

some of the most important state receptions and ceremonies of the Crown. A tour of the interior transports you to a world of opulence and grandeur, with exquisite architectural details and rooms filled with musical instruments, including several Stradivarius violins, beautiful collections of porcelain, and paintings by such artists as Goya, Caravaggio and Velázquez. Enjoy a tapas-style lunch before enjoying the remainder of the day at leisure. HOTEL WELLINGTON (B, L)

DAY 6 Monday, April 8

Madrid / Granada (Breakfast & Dinner)

Your morning is free to relax or explore on your own. This afternoon, we'll take a train to Granada. After checking in to our hotel, you'll have some leisure time before gathering for dinner at a local restaurant. HOTEL VILLA ONIRIA (B, D)

DAY 7 Tuesday, April 9

Granada

Today we will explore the Alhambra complex, Spain's most captivating attraction and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This hilltop fortress-palace of the Nasrid kings, the last Muslim rulers in Spain, is a true masterpiece of art and architecture. Admire the intricate designs, delicate details, and exquisite beauty of this unique building, which represents the pinnacle of Islamic creativity. Our tour will

take us through the lush harem gardens and fountains of the Generalife, the summer palace of the Sultans, with breathtaking views of the Sierra Nevada and the city of Granada below. We'll continue to the Albayzín quarter of Granada for a brief walking tour of this picturesque, historic neighborhood with views of the Alhambra. This afternoon, visit the Royal Chapel, where Ferdinand and Isabella are buried, to admire the culmination of Spanish art and architecture. **EVENING LECTURE: SPAIN 1492.** HOTEL VILLA ONIRIA (B, L)

DAY 8 Wednesday, April 10

Granada / Córdoba / Seville

This morning we'll depart for Córdoba by bus. Founded by the Romans, Córdoba became a port of great importance used for shipping Spanish oil, wine, and wheat back to Ancient Rome. However, its greatest legacy came in the 8th century as the capital of the kingdom of El-Andalus, when construction began on the magnificent Great Mosque, or "Mezquita." On our visit to the Mezquita, we'll admire the stunning architectural features including a forest of horseshoe arches, intricate mosaics, and unique blend of Islamic and Christian influences. Continue to the historic quarter of Córdoba, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for lunch at a local restaurant before driving to Seville.

HOTEL HOSPES CASAS DEL REY DE BAEZA (B, L)

DAY 9 Thursday, April 11

Seville

MORNING LECTURE: SEVILLA: GATEWAY TO THE NEW WORLD.

Depart on a tour of Seville, a charming city with a rich heritage, situated on the banks of the Guadalquivir River. We'll visit the Real Alcázar, a royal palace from the 14th century displaying one of the greatest examples of Mudéjar (Christian-Muslim) architecture. We'll see the General Archive of the Indies, which houses archival documents illustrating the history of the Spanish Empire in the Americas and Asia. We'll also visit the magnificent Santa Maria de la Sede, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, built on the site of a 12-century mosque of which only the minaret, known as the Giralda, remains. We'll complete our tour with a stroll through Seville's historical Jewish quarter, following the labyrinth of narrow streets and alleyways dating back to the 13th century. This evening, enjoy dinner and a lively flamenco show. HOTEL HOSPES CASAS DEL REY DE BAEZA (B, D)

DAY 10 Friday, April 12

Seville / Cádiz / Seville

Today we'll enjoy a taste of southern Spain's countryside with a day trip to Cádiz, located on a slender peninsula along the Andalusian coastline. As the oldest city in Western

Europe, its storied history permeates every street and plaza, where ancient Roman ruins coexist harmoniously with Islamic influences and Baroque architecture. This vibrant city invites exploration, and we will have the opportunity to discover the city's most beautiful corners and revel in the endless coastal vistas. **OPTIONAL: EVENING EXPLORING TAPAS BARS WITH PROFESSOR CRAIB. SPACE IS LIMITED.**

HOTEL HOSPES CASAS DEL REY DE BAEZA (B, L)

DAY 11 Saturday, April 13

Seville

Free day to enjoy this magic city. Perhaps enjoy a horse carriage ride (additional cost) through nineteenth century Maria Luisa Park to Plaza España. It was built in 1928 for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929. It is a landmark example of Regionalism Architecture, mixing elements of Baroque Revival, Renaissance Revival and Revival styles of Spanish Architecture. Other options include the Aracena Caves, Matalascañas Beach, or wander around Seville to dine and shop. Gather this evening for our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. HOTEL HOSPES CASAS DEL REY DE BAEZA (B, D)

DAY 12 Sunday, April 14

Depart Seville

Transfer to the airport for flights back to the U.S.



Post-Tour Extension to Barcelona April 14-17, 2024

Visit Barcelona, one of the most beautiful and vibrant cities of Spain known as the capital of Catalan Art Nouveau. Barcelona is home to masterpieces by Catalonia's most famous architect, Antonio Gaudí, one of the greatest innovators of his time and creator of many of the city's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Extension includes panoramic walking tour, including the

Picasso Museum, the elegant Paseo de Gracia, Parque Guell, and the spectacular Sagrada Familia basilica. Visit the city's Gothic Quarter and explore the Central Market, also known as La Boquería. In addition, enjoy a free day in Barcelona to explore this colorful cosmopolitan city on your own. Extension includes 3 nights at the 4-star Gallery Hotel located in the heart of Barcelona, next to Paseo

de Gracia; breakfast every day, arrival and departure transfers, walking tour of Barcelona; full day tour of Barcelona by private vehicle; entrance fees; guidance by English-speaking local guide; one lunch and farewell dinner at a local restaurant by the seaside. Airline ticket to Barcelona is not included. Professor Craib will not accompany the extension to Barcelona.



COLUMNS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: HOTEL WELLINGTON, MADRID; HOTEL VILLA ONIRIA, GRANADA; HOTEL HOSPES CASAS DEL REY DE BAEZA, SEVILLE

Accommodations

HOTEL WELLINGTON, MADRID

Experience unparalleled luxury and sophistication at the Hotel Wellington, located in the prestigious Salamanca neighborhood of Madrid. Unwind in ultimate comfort and relaxation in spacious accommodations, featuring plush furnishings, sumptuous fabrics, and modern amenities that cater to your every need. Delight your taste buds at one of the exceptional dining venues, and rejuvenate your senses at the state-of-the-art spa and wellness center. Impeccable service, a prime location, and a commitment to excellence ensure an unforgettable stay where you can immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and energy of Madrid.

HOTEL VILLA ONIRIA, GRANADA

Welcome to Hotel Villa Oniria, a restored 19th-century manor house nestled on a cobbled street in the heart of Granada. Each carefully curated room reflects a unique blend of sophistication and modern comfort, featuring luxurious amenities and upscale furnishings, including memory foam beds and down comforters. Immerse yourself in tranquility as you relax on the rooftop terrace,

unwind in the spa or take a refreshing dip in the outdoor pool, surrounded by lush gardens. Indulge in a culinary journey at the renowned restaurant, where innovative dishes showcase the finest local ingredients. With its prime location, impeccable service, and a sense of refined beauty, Hotel Villa Oniria invites you to experience the allure and magic of Granada in style.

HOTEL HOSPES CASAS DEL REY DE BAEZA, SEVILLE

Discover the essence of Andalusian charm and elegance at the Hotel Hospes Casas del Rey de Baeza. Located in the historic Santa Cruz neighborhood, this enchanting boutique hotel captures the essence of Sevillian architecture and culture. The meticulously designed rooms offer a haven of comfort and relaxation, featuring a blend of modern amenities and traditional elements such as wooden beams and decorative tile floors. Relax in the serenity of the central courtyard, adorned with lush vegetation, trickling fountains, and a sparkling rooftop pool. Visit the award-winning restaurant, where the flavors of local Andalusian cuisine are elevated to new heights.

Land Program Costs *(per person)*

Double Occupancy	\$8,340
Single Occupancy	\$9,930
Sample Coach International Airfare to Madrid from JFK	\$950
<i>(Not included, quoted separately, subject to change)</i>	

Barcelona Post-Tour Extension *(per person)*

Double Occupancy	\$1,995
Single Occupancy	\$2,555
<i>(Price of the extension is based on a minimum of 12 passengers.)</i>	

Questions

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Program Cost Includes

All accommodations and meals as stated in the itinerary • Meals as indicated in the itinerary, including daily breakfasts at the hotel, and wine at dinners • All activities per itinerary • Professional English-speaking local guides and Tour Director throughout • Transportation by private motor coach • AVE train tickets to travel from Madrid to Granada • Airport transfers for group flights • Horse carriages in Seville • Tips to local guides, drivers and wait staff • Baggage handling • Service charges and taxes • Entrance fees • Pre-departure information, coordination and administration.

Program Cost does not Include

U.S. domestic and international airfare (quoted separately) • Optional extension to Barcelona does not include airfare to Barcelona • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry, e-mail, fax or telephone calls • Alcoholic beverages except those mentioned above • Dishes or beverages not included with meals • Room service • Passport and/or visa fees • Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Covid-19 testing or quarantine expenses • Medical expenses • Travel insurance • Fuel surcharges • Deviations from the scheduled tour • Tips to the Tour Director are at the participant's discretion

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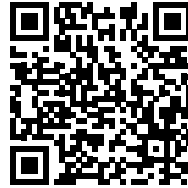
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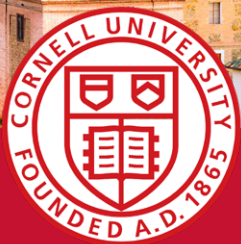
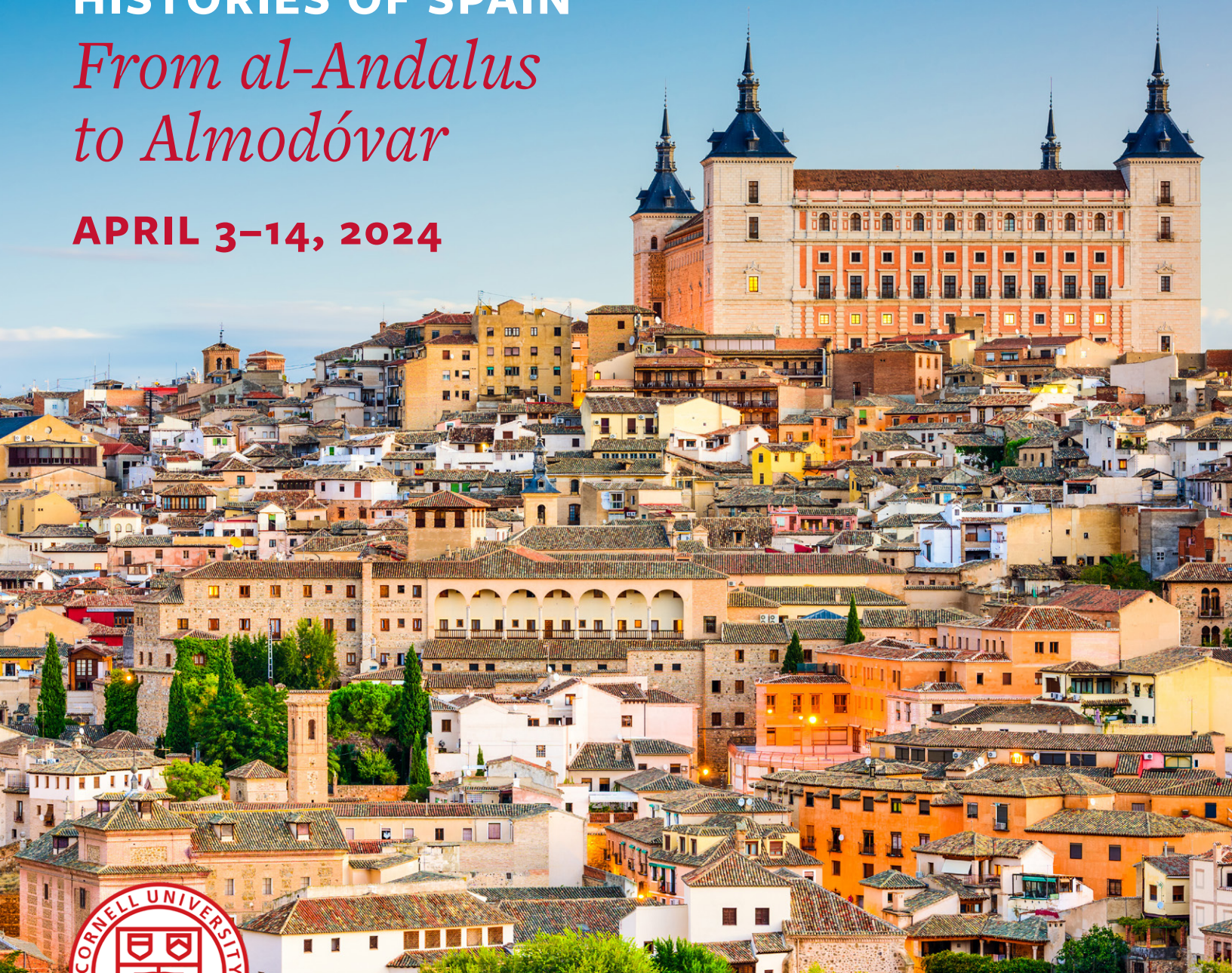
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What to Expect

This is an exclusive program designed for Cornell with the direct input from Professor Raymond Craib. It is a perfect introduction to the many cultural facets of Spanish culture. There will be a series of lectures from Professor Craib to further enlighten your experience as you travel. Temperatures throughout range between 65°F and 72° F during the day to 46°F and 51°F during the night and one should always be prepared for rain. This is a moderately active program. Daily program involve one to two miles of walking at a leisurely pace visiting cities, museums and monuments.

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