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Fall 2012, Newsletter 2

Dear Ronald: this is our second newsletter of Palma's Fall 2012 semester. After reaching the halfway point of our program, we would like you to know how **Isabelle Feraudo** and the rest of our CIEE students are doing in Palma de Mallorca so far. After the first practical visits and excursions around Mallorca, our students travelled to Madrid with Antonia Ferriol, RD.



Above, students and RD during the visit to the Spanish Congress

This trip to Madrid not only implies knowing one of the most important cities in Spain and in Europe in general, but getting deeper into the Spanish culture by means of visiting places such as the Prado Museum or the Chamber of Deputies. These visits, together with the different walks around Madrid, allow the students to have a general view of the most relevant Spanish history issues. We also try to draw the students' attention to the city's art and architecture.

After this outing, we held the second group meeting, in which we reminded the students several aspects regarding their host families and their exchanges with Spanish students, apart from inviting them to participate in a wide range of activities and excursions. Some of these activities are compulsory for students taking CIEE courses, but all the students are invited to participate. We did a cultural visit around Palma's Cathedral, Arab baths, Cloister, Monasteries, and the legacy of some other cultures on the city of Palma.



Students also spent a weekend hiking in the mountains with RC Susan Estay and two Guardian Angels, David and Andrea, sleeping in a refuge.



At this time in our program, we spent a day in Formentor and Alcudia, in the North of the Island. In Formentor we were able to see the breathtaking views and the Natural beach of Cape Formentor. Students loved the market in Alcudia, which this day was Medieval themed.



This semester, we are offering for the second time the **Seminar on Living and Learning in Palma de Mallorca**. Students seem very excited to learn more about their own culture and Spanish culture. So far sessions are very participative and stimulating.

With the Spanish class, students participated in a cooking session with Cati Aguiló, a well-known chef in Mallorca, and learnt to cook Paella.



We also visited the Arab Baths and Porto Pí Museum and Lighthouse. One of the excursions students enjoyed the most was to La Granja with the course Palma in the Mediterranean. And we are getting ready for our weekend visit to Valldemossa.

We will send you a third Newsletter with many more events and activities by the beginning of December. You can also **Visit our CIEE Blog:** <http://study-palma-all.ciee.org> ... and **Have a great day!**