

## ¡Descubramos Andalucía!

15-Day Program | A unique Spanish language immersion experience begins for your student group upon your arrival in Madrid! Explore Madrid's plazas and museums before your excursion to Segovia where breathtaking views from the Alcázar await. In Sevilla, stroll the Guadalquivir and climb La Giralda. See Granada and the awe-inspiring Alhambra. Then, Spanish language skills learned in the classroom come to life in this in-depth language immersion experience. Students enjoy six days of la vida española with their host family. Our unforgettable Family Stay Experience® allows students to become temporary locals and appreciate the Spanish way of life before returning to Madrid.

All travel dates are tentative, pending teacher approval and airline confirmation.

Ask about our guided options.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

15 Days  
Teacher Led  
Family Stay: Xperitas Family Stay  
\$3,769 per student (plus cost of international flights)

### FEATURES

Round-Trip Airfare  
Overnight Accommodations  
In-Country Transportation  
Insurance  
24/7 Emergency Support While Abroad

### Day 1 Departure

En route to Madrid.

**Included meals:** None

### Day 2 Madrid

Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Begin exploring the city on foot. See Old Madrid with its delightful plazas and sparkling fountains at every turn. Master the Metro de Madrid. Enjoy an Xperitas welcome dinner.

**Included meals:** Dinner

### Day 3 Madrid

Visit the splendid Palacio Real and the treasures of the world-renowned Museo del Prado. Later, relax at an outdoor café in the Plaza Mayor.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

### Day 4 Madrid

Enjoy an all-day excursion to Segovia. Explore all this truly historic city has to offer, including the massive, 2,000-year-old Roman aqueducts and the Alcázar. Visit el Monasterio de El Escorial en route.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

### Day 5 - 6 Sevilla

En route to Sevilla, stop in Toledo to visit the massive cathedral. You'll arrive in Sevilla in time for an evening promenade along the Guadalquivir River. Spend the next day visiting the Barrio de Santa Cruz and the Reales Alcázares. Be sure to climb La Giralda.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

### Day 7 Granada

At last you're off to Granada for a guided tour of the Alhambra and El Generalife, with its fountain-filled gardens. Attend a flamenco show for a colorful evening of music and dance in the caves above the city.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

### Day 8 En Route to Family Stay

Now the real adventure begins! Make your way to the family stay community where students will spend the next six days and nights with a Spanish family!

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 9 - 13 Family Stay

Immerse yourself in the Spanish culture by experiencing everyday life with your host family! It's your opportunity to use your language skills in real-life situations and make new friends.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 14 Madrid

Return to Madrid for one last evening. Enjoy an Xperitas farewell dinner.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 15 Return

Transfer to the airport for your return to the United States.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

## The Family Stay Experience®

We believe that spending time with a family, speaking their language and participating in their customs is the best and most authentic way to experience another culture. It's also what makes our programs different from any other travel experience. After 50 years of arranging family stays, we're no longer surprised when our participants say that spending time with a family was the best part of their experience!



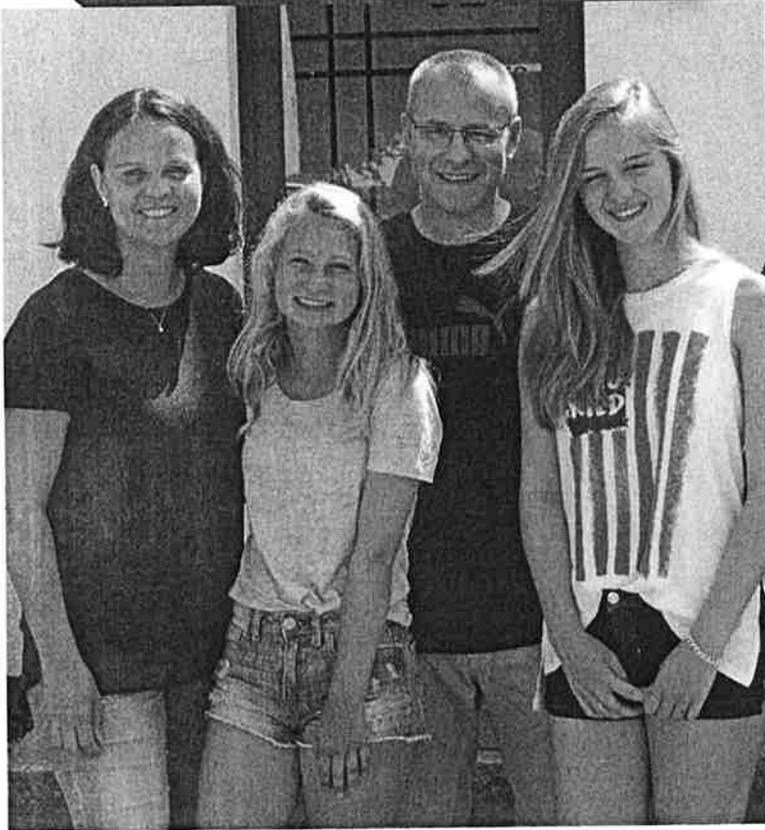
Non-Profit | Since 1972 | 100 Host Communities & Growing

Xperitas is a community of lifelong intercultural learners who believe in a world built on deeper understanding between cultures. Our values are reflected by our commitment to increasing accessibility to language immersion programs. We provide aid and merit-based scholarships to qualified participants. Xperitas also achieves this goal by providing grants to schools, better helping to promote global communication through language learning.

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# FAMILY CULTURAL IMMERSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Students who participate live with a local, volunteer host family. The family and student share meals, routines, and traditions, while communicating in the target language. This complete language and cultural immersion creates a learning environment that you would not otherwise receive through more traditional travel programs. The personal connections made during this unique travel experience can last a lifetime!



## LANGUAGES OFFERED

FRENCH | GERMAN | SPANISH

Xperitas has been arranging Family Stay Experiences for fifty years. We believe that spending time with a family, speaking their language and participating in their customs is the best and most authentic way to experience another culture.



## WHO ARE OUR HOST FAMILIES?

Our families have a strong interest in sharing not only their home, but their way of life. The fact that they voluntarily open their hearts and home, makes our programs different from other student immersion travel experiences. We're not surprised when our participants say that spending time with a family was the best part of their immersion experience abroad!



# FAQS

## HOW ARE HOST FAMILIES CHOSEN?

In each of our Family Stay communities, we have a designated Family Stay Coordinator. This person is often a teacher or someone connected to local schools and parent-teacher organizations through which they can help find families to host our participants. The Family Stay Coordinator ensures that the homes are suitable and is available to help with any issues that may arise during the Family Stay Experience®. Many of our Family Stay Coordinators have been placing Xperitas participants for many years.

## WHAT ARE THE HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS? ARE THEY PAID?

Our host families are volunteers. Although our host families in Latin America do receive a small stipend to offset costs, they are still considered volunteers. Xperitas host families aren't motivated by money. They have a genuine desire to share an enriching cross-cultural experience.

## WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD DO WITH THEIR HOST FAMILY?

The American student is to be treated as a member of the family, and participate in the activities of the host household's routine. If the host family does not have a teenager, contact with teenage peers may naturally occur through neighbors, relatives, or friends of the family. Attending school may be an option, but can't be guaranteed in all situations. Families are not tour guides and are not expected to arrange special excursions.



## WHAT MAKES FOR A SUCCESSFUL FAMILY STAY EXPERIENCE®?

Every family is unique and every Family Stay Experience is different. Students can do their part to make their experience a success by: having an open mind, practicing daily courtesies, demonstrating interest in their host family and their customs, and engaging in conversation with all family members. Students who retreat to the privacy of their room and unfairly compare the host family with their family back home, or with their peer's host families, often struggle. Students should focus on activities with their host family to benefit fully from the Family Stay Experience.

## WHEN WILL YOU KNOW THE DETAILS OF YOUR PLACEMENT?

We strive to relay information about host families two weeks prior to your group's departure. The host family may reach out to a student first, and if they do, the student should respond. However, it is perfectly acceptable to make the first contact. If a response is not received within a week, please contact us so that we can verify the host family's contact information.

## WHEN IS A STUDENT'S HOST FAMILY CHANGED?

The safety and welfare of our students is our top priority. Students must contact their group leader immediately with any safety concerns. In the unlikely event that it is necessary to move the student due to safety reasons, the group leader will contact the Family Stay Coordinator to facilitate the process. Parents and the group leader will be notified of any changes in the student's living situation.



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## Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

### **Who is Xperitas?**

Xperitas is a nonprofit educational organization based in Minneapolis, Minnesota dedicated to promoting global citizenship through authentic immersion experiences. Born from the decades of shared experience of Intercultural Student Experiences and Global Citizens Network, Xperitas offers language and cultural immersion programs worldwide.

### **What is the Xperitas Mission Statement?**

“Transforming lives through shared global experience and intercultural learning.”

### **How do Xperitas programs benefit the entire community?**

- Xperitas teachers and their students frequently participate in a variety of activities before, during and after their program.
- Enthusiastic students may share their experiences with civic and social organizations.
- Teachers may arrange projects and presentations for use in their school districts.
- Students share their experiences with family and often cultivate a new passion for travel and language.

### **Who is eligible to participate?**

Teachers and students in K-12 world language programs, though most Xperitas participants are in high school. We also work with language immersion schools at the elementary and middle school levels. Two years of instruction in the target language is our minimum recommendation for students participating in a family stay abroad.

### **How many schools are involved with Xperitas Programs?**

Since 1972, Xperitas has worked with hundreds of schools in over 30 states to provide immersion experiences for more than 100,000 students.

### **What does a typical Xperitas program consist of?**

A typical program includes several days of travel to cultural sites in addition to a family stay and/or school visit.

### **How does an Xperitas program differ from a typical tour?**

- Xperitas programs are run entirely by world language educators or expert guides whose primary objective is a high-quality educational experience for participating students.
- Xperitas provides comprehensive educational materials to adequately prepare each student for his/her program.
- Nearly all Xperitas programs include a family stay and/or school visit, providing participants with unique insights into the target culture as well as the opportunity to speak the target language with native speakers in authentic settings.
- Students are asked to speak the target language during the entire program, providing them with numerous opportunities to challenge themselves and cement the concepts learned in the classroom.



**How do we support students from under-resourced families?**

Xperitas is a nonprofit organization and, as such, seeks to support every student who is committed to language and cultural immersion. In schools that offer travel on a regular basis, students can plan and save over a two- or three-year period. Xperitas shares fundraising ideas with students, teachers and parents who request them, and many students can fundraise a portion of their program cost themselves.

**Is financial aid available to students?**

Xperitas maintains a financial aid fund to benefit eligible students. Each year Xperitas dispenses more than \$50,000 in financial aid grants based on need. Xperitas is also proud to provide a \$2,000 alumnus scholarship to one student per year who plans to study a world language in college. See our website for the most up to date eligibility requirements and application materials: [www.xperitas.org](http://www.xperitas.org)

**What is included in the price of the program?**

Xperitas strives to provide transparent and fair pricing for all programs. Our program price includes airfare, lodging in hotels and the homes of volunteer host families, in-country ground transportation, and health/cancellation insurance. The number of meals provided vary by itinerary.

**What preparation and costs are involved for the District and accompanying teachers?**

The district will need to factor in the cost of a substitute teacher if school time is missed. For teachers and other adult leaders accompanying the students, their program costs (apart from non- included meals and incidental expenses) are covered – provided that the group meets the minimum student-to-leader ratio. In cases where the school’s program enrollment does not meet the ratio, the teacher/leader(s) will be charged a pro-rated program price.

**Are the participants covered by insurance during the time of the program?**

Yes. Limited medical and cancellation insurance is included in the price of the program. Details of this coverage are available on our website. Xperitas is protected by a multimillion-dollar liability policy for its operations abroad and teachers who travel as leaders are covered under this policy.

**What provision is made for medical or other emergencies?**

The standard parental release form gives leaders and Xperitas the authority to secure necessary medical treatment and/or to send the participant home for medical treatment.

**What is the student-leader ratio on Xperitas programs?**

Approximately 6 students per leader. Minimum group size varies by itinerary.

**Who will supervise the students during the program?**

Supervision is provided by the world language teacher(s) accompanying the students and/or a capable leader selected and assigned by Xperitas. During the family stay the students will be supervised by their host families. One of the American group leaders will also be available on an “on-call” basis within the family-stay community. The local Xperitas family stay coordinator is also available.



**What kind of transportation is used on the program?**

Flights are arranged on commercial airline carriers. Public buses and trains as well as chartered motor coaches and vans may be used depending on your destination or the size of your group.

**How can a student be contacted during the program?**

Contact with students is made possible through a communication network linking Xperitas with its representatives abroad and local correspondents along the itinerary. All necessary telephone and fax numbers are printed on the student's final itinerary, a copy of which the student is instructed to leave with his/her parents. Xperitas provides group leaders and parents with an emergency number to reach staff at any time during the program. For parents who need to contact their child in an emergency, it is best for parents to contact Xperitas first.

**What happens to a student who causes a discipline problem on the trip?**

In the rare case where a student violates Xperitas' Code of Conduct (which must be signed by all program participants and a parent), Xperitas reserves the right to return that student to the United States at the parents' expense. This option will not be employed until the teachers/leaders have exhausted their disciplinary measures or if the individual's behavior threatens the group.



References for Teachers, School Administrators, School Board Members  
& Parents

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The above contacts have agreed to serve as references for Xperitas programs.

You may contact them with questions.

# NEVIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ISD 308

## 2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Option 2—Proposed February 2026

### SNOW DAY DETAILS

**Make-up Snow Days Grades K-12:**  
Up to five Electronic Learning Days (E-Days) will be Implemented in lieu of losing scheduled 'no school' days due to weather related cancellations.

JULY 2026						
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### AUGUST 2026

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31 Staff Development (all staff)

### SEPTEMBER 2026

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1-3 Staff Development  
Open House, Gr. 7-12  
Gr. 7—5:30 Tiger Arena  
Gr. 8-12—6:00-7:30  
7 No School—Labor Day  
8 Gr. 7-12 First Day  
8-9 Gr. PK-6 Meet & Greet,  
12:00-7:00  
10 Gr. K-6 First Day  
Late Start—10:30,  
Gr. PreK-12

### OCTOBER 2026

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7 Mid-Quarter 1  
Late Start—10:30,  
Gr. PreK-12  
15-16 No School—MEA  
19, 21 PreK—Gr. 12 Conferences  
3:45-7:15

### NOVEMBER 2026

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6 End Quarter 1 (42 days)  
9 Quarter 2 Begins  
18 Late Start—10:30,  
Gr. PreK-12  
26-27 No School—Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER 2026

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9 Mid-Quarter 2  
Late Start—10:30,  
Gr. PreK-12  
24-31 No School—Winter Break

### JANUARY 2027

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1-3 No School—Winter Break  
4 Classes Resume  
12 Late Start—10:30,  
Gr. PreK-12  
15 End Quarter 2 (41 days)  
18 No School—  
Teacher In-Service  
Martin Luther King Day  
19 Quarter 3 / Semester II  
Begins

### FEBRUARY 2027

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9 Late Start—10:30,  
Gr. PreK-12  
12 No School—Teacher Flex Day  
15 No School—  
Presidents' Day  
19 Mid-Quarter 3

### MARCH 2027

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10 Late Start—10:30,  
Gr. PreK-12  
19 End Quarter 3 (42 days)  
Quarter 4 Begins  
22-23 PreK—Gr. 12 Conferences  
3:45-7:15  
26 No School—Good Friday  
29 No School—Easter Monday

### APRIL 2027

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20 Late Start—10:30,  
Gr. PreK-12  
23 Mid-Quarter 4  
30 No School

### MAY 2027

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3 No School  
28 Last Day of School, K-12  
End Quarter 4 (46 days)  
Graduation, 10:30 a.m.

### JUNE 2027

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1 Teacher In-Service