

## Marine Ecology: Oct. 8-12 and Nov. 5-9 (semester break travel)

**Learning Destination:** The Mediterranean Sea, the world's largest enclosed body of water, has a high level of biological diversity. This course will study the main coastal and marine ecosystems and the physiology, behavior, and ecology of marine and coastal organisms. It will also cover the uses and misuses, the protection measures implemented, and how interactions of different civilizations have shaped and "humanized" the Mediterraneanenvironment. Integrated throughout the course will be the skill set for earning a SNSI Diving Certification. The diving instruction will combine theory in the classroom setting and dives in the surrounding bodies of water: the Minor Sea and the Marine Reserve of "Islas Hormigas." During these dives, you will also apply theoretical terms acquired in the classroom.

## Azahar: Dec. 3-13 (post-semester travel)

Learning Destination: During this seminar, you will learn about the origins of the Arab world and Islam; the Jewish influence over those centuries in western culture; and the rise of western European Christianity. We will trace the foundations of the modern world through the study of an early multicultural society in Spain in the Middle Ages. You will have the opportunity to learn and reflect about Spain by visiting the actual places where history took place: Toledo, with its multicultural, multi-religious monuments; Córdoba, where we visit the awe-inspiring mosque (mezquita); Málaga, with an imposing fortress overlooking the Mediterranean, facing the northern coast of Africa; Granada, the last palatial city in Europe, with the unique Alhambra fortress and palace rooms; and Sevilla, with its Musliminspired Christian Alcazar and the largest Gothic Cathedral of the western world.



Both Signature Seminar courses are taught in English. For Fall 2021, these programs are optional, subject to a minimum enrollment and require additional costs. Itineraries are subject to change. Register for your Signature Seminar by May 1, 2021.

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