THE BASICS
• Students traveling abroad are at a higher risk of sexual assault than students at home
• Consumption of alcohol or other psychoactive substances increases risk
• Separation from home and support for a substantial period of time can have impacts on mental health and well being
• Sexuality and gender norms are expressed differently in each community
• Cultural norms will dictate dating and social behaviors, expectations, and etiquette
• Laws pertaining to gender violence can differ in each community
• Effects of gender violence can be compounded by isolation, cultural barriers, and lack of familiarity in the area

COUNTRY: SPAIN
• Very LGBTQIA+ Friendly
• Gender discrimination policy and political presence is very progressive
• Traditional beliefs in family gender roles still relatively strong
• Women expected to be the “homemakers” thus barring them from financial independence and labor equality
• Dating norms follow somewhat traditional gender role expectations
• Casual dating exists, yet Christian family values are still upheld
• Low IPV reporting rates due to social gender differentials

RESPONDING TO DISCLOSURES
“Are you safe?”
“I believe you”
“How can I help”
“Thank you for sharing with me”

RESOURCES
Cal Poly Safer
Confidential
✉ safer@calpoly.edu
✉ safer.calpoly.edu
☎ 805.756.2282

Cal Poly
International Center
✉ international@calpoly.edu
✉ international.calpoly.edu
☎ 805.756.1477

Toll Free 24-HR Crisis Line*
RISE
Confidential
✉ contact@RISEslo.edu
✉ riseslo.org
☎ 855.886.RISE(7473)*

SASHAA
Sexual Assault Support and Help for Americans Abroad
✉ crisis@866uswomen.org
✉ sashaa.org
☎ 866.879.6636*

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“One destination is never a place, but always a new way of seeing things.”
—Henry Miller