



Málaga, Spain

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The Olive Press

- English-language newspaper based on the Costa del Sol (Málaga province, Andalucía region, southern Spain)
- Small, intimate office environment (only 2-3 other journalists on staff, plus 5-6 other full-time employees)
- Goes to print every other Wednesday
- Also publishes articles online daily
- Princeton interns work as journalists: researching, writing, and editing articles, interviewing people, occasionally traveling on assignments, etc.

At work



From left: Rob (journalist), Nina (other Princeton intern), and Iona (journalist) in the office

Most rewarding aspects

- **Productivity.** Each member of the news desk has to write stories almost constantly, and it's gratifying to have tangible work to show for your efforts. I felt it was good practice to have to produce so many articles, since I couldn't spend a lot of time obsessing over minor details.
- **Getting published!** The Olive Press is distributed all over southern Spain, and it was exciting to see my articles in print.
- **Relationships with coworkers.** The journalists and other employees at the office were great colleagues and really fun people, and I made some great friends at work.

The news desk



Rob, me, Nina, and Iona

Impact on the company

- The other Princeton intern and I had the same duties as the other journalists, so we functioned like additional reporters (which the newspaper needed, since they were short-staffed during the summer)
- We wrote articles covering a wide variety of subjects, from sports and culture to crime and business
- Though we spoke English at work, we used Spanish to interview people and read/translate news sources
- We also wrote a number of longer features that focused on topics like food/drink, music, travel, and even birdwatching

Example: F&D feature



I was assigned to write a food/drink feature reviewing a number of Spanish cocktails, so Nina and I hosted cocktail night at our apartment.

Example: travel feature

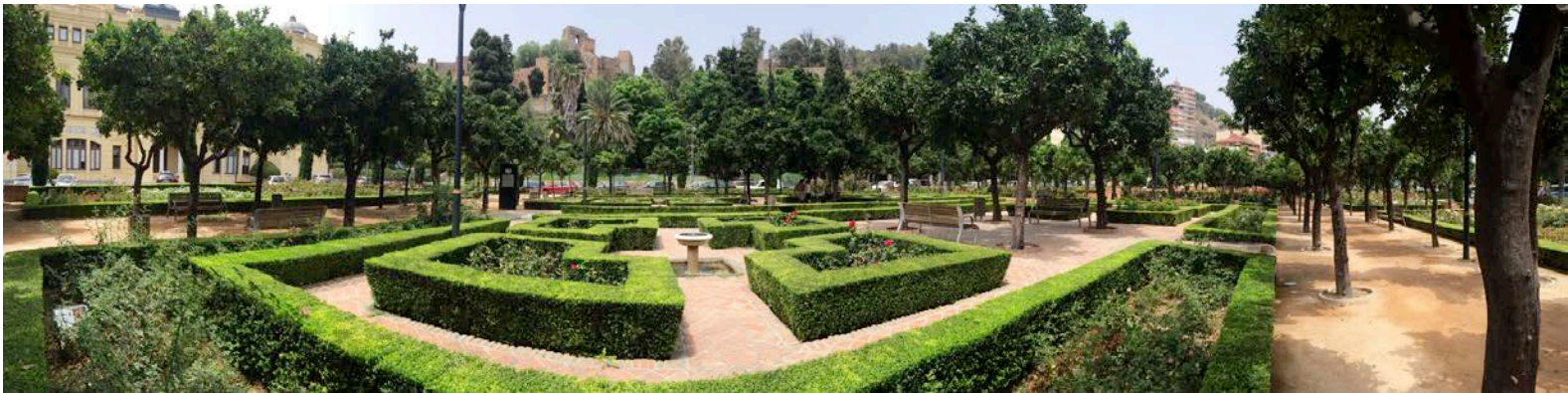
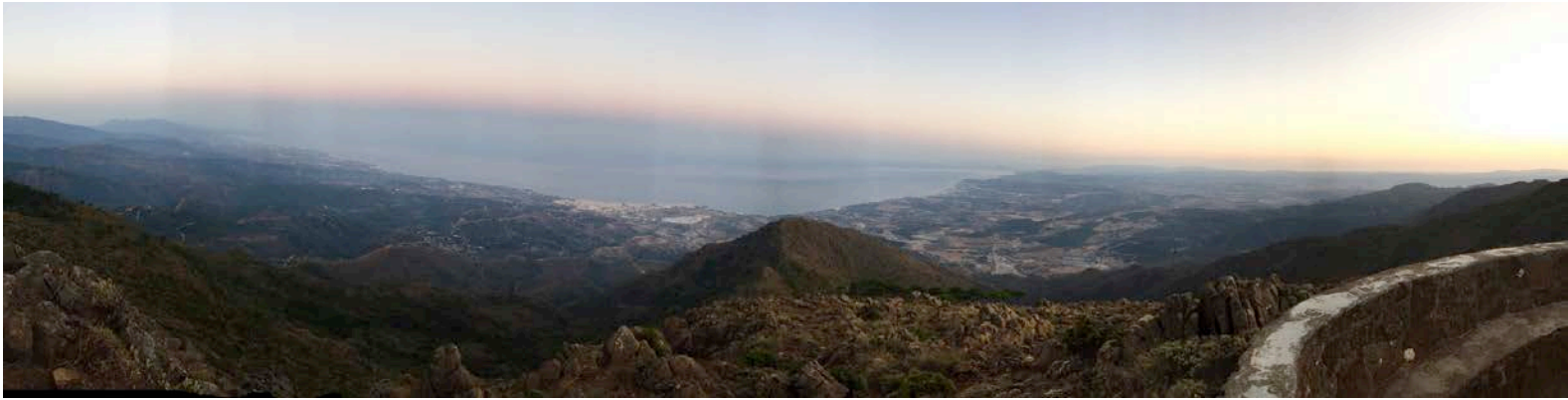
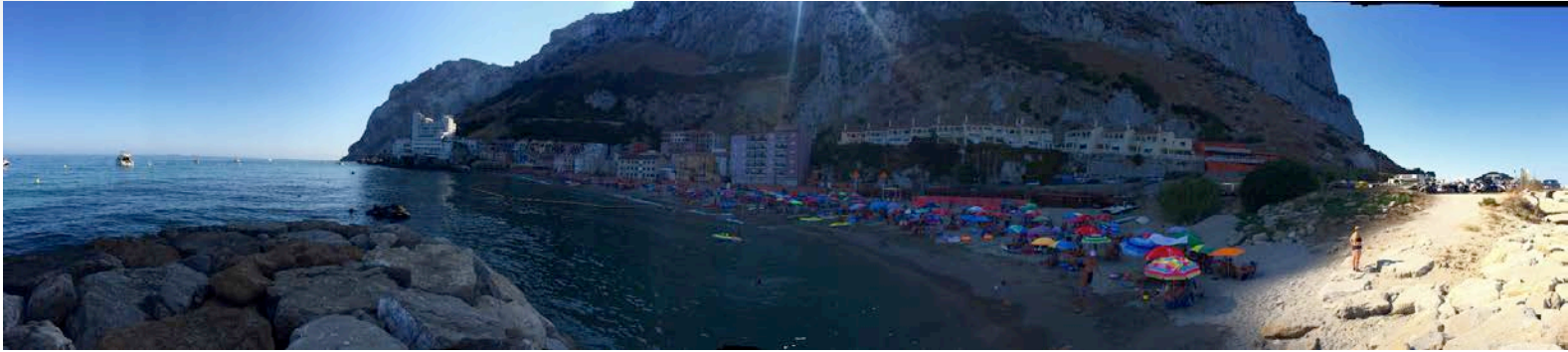


I traveled to Torrevieja (a beach resort destination in southeastern Spain) for a weekend to write a travel feature. (The newspaper covered my travel expenses.)



Going forward

- After my internship, I intend to take a journalism class at Princeton and potentially consider a career in journalism.
- Whether or not I pursue journalism, my internship enabled me to expand and improve my writing skills, experience cultural immersion, and make great friends.
- Working at The Olive Press also helped me improve a number of “soft skills,” challenge myself, and step outside my comfort zone.
- Because of the location of my internship, I was also able to travel all around Spain over the course of the summer, as well as to Portugal, Gibraltar (UK), and Morocco.



From top: Gibraltar, Estepona (where I lived), and Málaga

Concluding remarks

- My IIP experience has been one of the highlights of my time at Princeton.
- Interning abroad increased my interest in studying abroad and eventually living and working in a foreign country.
- I was able to practice my Spanish and learn about Spanish/Andalucían culture, and I intend to continue studying Spanish at Princeton.
- Plus, it was incredible to live in such a beautiful place (just five minutes from the beach) and have the opportunity to travel to so many cities.

