Bags were packed, passports ready, flights were booked and so were trains and they were off on a 16-day adventure around Europe, Experiencing Extraordinary Entertainment! Tourism, Events and Entertainment Department Instructor Ray Eddy, and 18 UCF Rosen College students recently concluded their 16-day Summer Short-term Study Abroad trip across Spain, France, Germany, and the Netherlands.

The first part of the journey included several days in Barcelona, Spain, for music and drama at the “Grec Fest” as well as a flamenco dancing show. The travelers then made their way to Poitiers, France, to see Futuroscope Theme Park, where they received some backstage magic followed by a day at the amazing park.
On their whirlwind tour the group visited four theme parks in total, an amazing festival called Puy du Fou, and spent Bastille Day in Paris. The accompanying photos show an actual chariot race at Puy du Fou, the Arc de Triomphe, Disney Paris, a flume ride at Phantasialand in Cologne, Germany, a behind-
the-scenes meeting with the head of Efteling in the Netherlands, and the final day in Amsterdam. After so many experiences and learning so much from people who manage attractions and parks across Europe, everyone was excited, enlightened, and exhausted. They are all happy to be home!