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Spanish Courses in Granada





The school

We have taught Spanish as a foreign language since 1986.

Escuela Montalbán - TANDEM Granada has been offering Spanish courses in Granada, Spain since 1986. We are accredited by the Spanish **Instituto Cervantes** and we are also a **D.E.L.E. Examination Centre** in Granada.

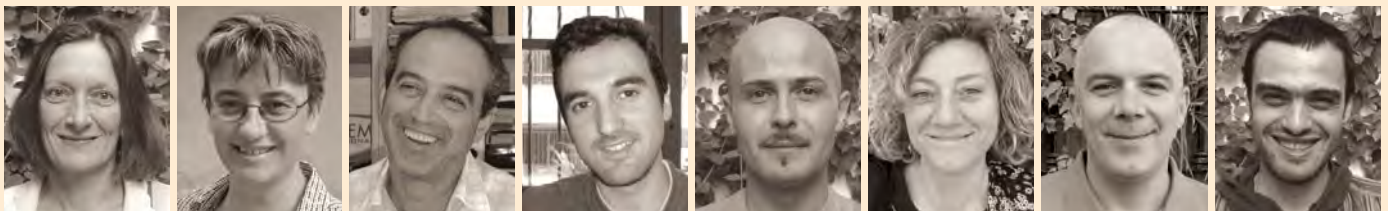
Students from all over the world and of all ages participate in our Spanish language programme throughout the year. An extensive cultural programme always complements the courses. The school building with its Andalusian style, its friendly classrooms and its beautiful «patio» retains much of the charm and intimacy of a family home. It is situated in a quiet location just ten minutes away from the city centre. We are a medium-sized school and welcome about 600 students per year. We are

organised as a cooperative and the teaching staff participate in decision-making at the school and with respect to the course outline as a whole.

Our aim is to create a lively and stimulating relationship between teachers and students. We encourage students to talk and interact both inside and outside the classroom and, more generally, to enjoy their time in Granada. This sociable and warm atmosphere ensures rapid personal progress in a short period of time.

Escuela Montalbán is a member of **TANDEM International**. **TANDEM Spain** has additional Spanish language schools in San Sebastián, Barcelona, Valencia, Madrid and Cádiz.

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The team

Our permanent teaching team is in charge of the whole course programme, managed and directed by a coordinator. All our teachers are native speakers with university degrees, and they specialise in teaching Spanish as a foreign language.

Directors:

- :: Margret Fortmann
- :: María Rodríguez
- :: Francisco José Guirado

Secretary:

- :: José Manuel García

Teachers:

- :: Juan Castro
- :: Marisa Muñoz Lozano
- :: Bernabé Francisco
- :: José Luis Prieto

Granada

City of the Alhambra: the awe-inspiring Moorish palace, unique in the Western world.

Granada, the birthplace of the poet **Federico García Lorca**, is without a doubt one of the most fascinating cities in southern Spain. It is also an important university town with almost 250,000 inhabitants and more than 70,000 students.

With its world-famous **Alhambra**, rich culture and lively nightlife, it is the ideal place to both study and take a holiday: weekends on the **Mediterranean coast**, winter sports, horseback-riding or trekking in the **Sierra Nevada**, trips to the picturesque villages of the **Alpujarras**, gypsy **Flamenco** in **Sacromonte**, Salsa or Tango dancing, the **Arabic baths** or walks through the historical Moorish quarter of the **Albaicín**, are just a few of the many possibilities to enjoy and experience the lifestyle of this unique city. At the end of the day, one can also relax with a glass of red wine served with a free «tapa» on the small squares giving out onto the Alhambra and the beautiful snow-covered mountain tops of the Sierra Nevada.

Tapas

A tapa is a type of appetizer which is served when you order a drink. Serving tapas to customers is a typical Spanish tradition preserved through the whole of Spain, but the difference in Granada is that the tapas are free.

Festivals & Holidays

- MARCH** :: International Tango Festival
- APRIL** :: Easter Week «Semana Santa»
with daily processions
- MAY** :: May 3rd, «Día de la Cruz»
:: Festival week «Corpus Christi»
- JUNE** :: Film Festival «Cines del Sur»
- JULY** :: International Festival of Music and Dance
:: Jazz on the coast
- SEPTEMBER** :: Flamenco in Granada and surroundings
:: Festival week at the Zaidín with
Rock & Flamenco
- OCTOBER** :: International Film Festival «short films»
- NOVEMBER** :: International Jazz Festival



Blanco, verde y rojo

«Hay en el paisaje de Granada un diálogo de blancos, verdes y rojos. La mirada del viajero quedará polarizada, si la estación lo permite, por la nieve de Sierra Nevada y en la cercanía, siempre, por el blanco más compartimentado de las geometrías del Albaicín. Los verdes llegan unas veces en ángulo rasante desde los regadíos y las choperas de la vega; otra, desde las hileras de olivos de los secanos; otras, desde los encinares residuales o desde el artificio romántico de los bosques de la Alhambra. En otras ocasiones, en fin, la percepción se satura con los rojos encendidos del atardecer y de su reflejo en las colinas y en las torres – ambas bermejas – de la Alhambra.» Francisco Ortega Alba



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España
www.spain.info

Andalucía
www.andalucia.org

Granada
www.granadatur.com



Spanish Course Programme

Spanish courses throughout the year adapted to all levels.

Our school offers a variety of courses which can last from one week to several months. Classes take place throughout the year at 6 different levels (A1/A2/B1/B2/C1/C2) which correspond to those set out in the «**European Framework for Language Learning, Teaching and Evaluation**». They are limited to a maximum of 8 students and are held from Monday to Friday between 09.00 h and 18.00 h. There are 4, 5 or 6 language lessons per day, each lasting 45 minutes.

All the classes are conducted entirely in Spanish. The ultimate objective is to develop and facilitate expression, comprehension and interaction among the students. Classes are divided into two distinct parts. **The first one deals** with the language itself, its grammar structures and communicative functions, while **the second part** is centred on discussing specific cultural matters in order to integrate all abilities and skills. This means that **beginners** will learn Spanish for everyday situations, whereas, in the more **advanced courses**, students become involved in selecting topics of discussion according to their individual needs and interests. The reality of Spain in transition, the contradictions in the socio-political and cultural developments of modern Spain, the situation of ethnic minorities, the Spanish Civil War and Franco's dictatorship, Federico García Lorca or the ancient Moorish history are just a few examples of possible subjects which can be covered in class. We always pay particular attention to aspects related to Andalusia.

The school library with approximately 500 novels, grammar books, course books and journals, and the video library with more than 400 recent Spanish films are available to our students free of charge.

A certificate of attendance will be handed out at the end of each course. If they so wish, students are also able to participate in a final, internal examination to obtain the «Certificado de Nivel de Español como Lengua Extranjera».

General Spanish Courses

Standard Course

A Standard Course with 4 lessons per day allows students to complement holidays with language learning. The course is recommended for those students who wish to combine a relaxed language course with a Spanish cultural experience by travelling and adapting to the Andalusian way of life.

Intensive Course / Superintensive Course

An Intensive or Superintensive Course with 5 or 6 lessons per day guarantees maximum personal progress within a short period of time. These courses are ideal for people whose stay in Spain is mainly work-oriented or study-based.

Standard Plus 1 / Standard Plus 2

These courses combine 4 group classes with 1 or 2 private classes per day. The group classes aid interaction and help students to improve their Spanish speaking skills. The private classes allow individual students to cover areas that need extra practice or study special topics.

«Uno a Uno» Individual Course

These courses are adapted to specific needs. Students individually plan the pace, the length and the content of their language course.

Writing Workshop

Working in small groups, intermediate and advanced students practice their written Spanish by writing and editing texts, using extracts from literary novels, poetry and other sources which vary according to their individual interests.

Teacher Training

We offer special training courses for Spanish teachers. The main objective of the group and individual training courses for

cursos intensivos



the levels C1/C2 is to offer non-native Spanish teachers the option to update and perfect their knowledge of the Spanish language. Our **Didactic and Methodology** training courses offer native and non-native Spanish teachers the opportunity to improve their methods and to discuss new ideas on how to teach Spanish as a foreign language. The programmes are published in the **Comenius - Grundtvig catalogue** of European programmes. Contact your national agency for European programmes to apply for grants.

Special Spanish Courses

Spanish for Erasmus students

This course is designed for Erasmus students who are finding it difficult to follow their university lectures or for long-term students who wish to improve their knowledge of Spanish during their stay in Granada. In addition to attending the language classes, students have the opportunity of participating in cultural excursions and visits organised by our school.

Junior Programme

A special Spanish course for young students aged between 15 and 17 years old is offered by the school during the summer. The programme includes a 2-week language course complemented by extra-curricular sporting and cultural activities, and arranges full board accommodation for students in Spanish host families.

Group Programmes

We offer Spanish language programmes for organised groups throughout the year. College or University students, Spanish teachers and retired people have participated in these programmes for many years. On request, we will prepare a tailor-made programme for you.

Aula Virtual de Español*



We recommend the Aula Virtual de Español to students who have completed a Spanish course in Granada with us and who would like to continue studying Spanish at home.

This Spanish Online Course offers beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Each Spanish level requires about 120 hours (4 courses of 30 hours each) and the programme has an automatic system of evaluation and correction. Students can choose a combination of grammar tests, language tests, multimedia products (such as songs, audio, video), interactive exercises and cultural themes. This will enable them to study Spanish in further depth after the course at our school.

*Aula Virtual de Español, AVE© Instituto Cervantes (España 2002)

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Spanish Course Programme

A variety of courses to suit all tastes.

D.E.L.E. Exams

Our school is an accredited examination centre for the **D.E.L.E. exams** in Granada. The internationally recognised certificates («Diploma de Espanol como Lengua Extranjera») are issued by the Spanish Ministry of Education. The exams are organised by F.E.D.E.L.E. and the Instituto Cervantes, and are held at the same time in 32 other Spanish cities and more than 270 centres abroad every year in May, August and November. The **D.E.L.E. Preparation Courses** are designed for students at intermediate or advanced levels. You can sign up for three different types of preparation courses which include an **8-week Longterm Course**, a **4-week Intensive or Semi-Intensive Course**. These programmes prepare students for the «Certificado Inicial», the «Diploma Intermedio» and the «Diploma Superior» exams.

Spanish for Business

The **Business Spanish** courses are ideal for professionals who wish to improve their Spanish rapidly and efficiently to adapt to a Spanish-speaking working environment. The course combines a Standard Spanish Course with 2 private classes per day of Business Spanish. Topics covered in the private Spanish

classes are general business correspondence, business negotiations and the subject of Spain's role in the international economy.

The **Executive Spanish Course** offers an intensive tailor-made programme of 6 Spanish classes a day for business professionals.

Finally, the school also offers a **Work Experience Programme**, consisting of a 4-week Standard Course in Granada followed by an **internship at a company in Madrid**, which brings students into contact with a Spanish working environment.

Spanish for Body & Mind

Spanish & Culture

This Spanish culture course of 5 private lessons per week is adapted to students of intermediate and advanced levels who wish to practice the Spanish language by discussing historical, **social and cultural topics** closely related to Spain and Andalusia. This special course ensures cultural immersion in the country as well as teaching its language.

Spanish & Flamenco

This course provides the opportunity of experiencing and learning the practical skills of Flamenco dancing at the heart of Andalusia. The **gypsy quarter of the Sacromonte** is considered the cradle of



the Flamenco art in Granada. The school gives students the opportunity of complementing a Spanish course with Flamenco dance classes held by a recognised and qualified dance teacher. There are classes at all levels, starting with beginners (rumbas) up to the more advanced levels (alegrías, tangos, bulerías, soleá).

Spanish & Tango

For those who enjoy dancing, the school also organises a programme with classes of Tango, a complex and fiery dance originating from Buenos Aires and Montevideo. Qualified dance teachers come and teach 4 classes at the school over two evenings a week. Fans of this passionate dance shouldn't miss the **International Tango Festival** in March, one of the definite highlights of Granada's annual cultural programme arranging shows, dance classes and concerts. The classes at the school start every week and accept dancers of all levels.

Spanish & Cooking

There is no better way of being introduced to the delights of the diverse Andalusian gastronomy than by being taken directly inside an Andalusian kitchen. Our teacher is a professional and experienced cook who will demonstrate the preparation of local dishes or «tapas», pointing out the **Arabic legacy** which has influenced the Andalusian cuisine. Join us at our

school in Granada where you can add 6 cooking classes a week to your Spanish course.

Spanish & Trekking in the Alpujarra Mountains

After completing a Spanish course at the school, the students can participate in a 6 day hiking trip in the Alpujarra Mountains, of an easy-intermediate level. The Alpujarra is a region **at the south of the Sierra Nevada Mountains** with picturesque villages which represented the last strongholds of the Spanish Muslims and which nestle in sheltered valleys running down towards the Mediterranean Sea. The routes of the hiking tour take you through the villages of Trevélez, Busquístar and Capileira, where you will stay at peaceful family-run hotels. The tour is self-guided and booked for a minimum of 2 people travelling together.

Spanish & Scuba-Diving at Cabo de Gata

The breathtaking Andalusian nature can also be admired during the scuba-diving sessions which students can combine with their language course. We organise a scuba-diving weekend in the **beautiful Natural Park of Cabo de Gata** near Almería, a protected zone which offers dives for all levels in one of the cleanest areas of the Mediterranean Sea. Accommodation is arranged in the guesthouse of the diving

school of San José, a little fishing town at the heart of the natural park. The programme starts every week and is adapted to everyone, from novices to professional divers.

Spanish & Horseback Riding in the Sierra Nevada

Students can supplement their language course with horseback riding lessons in the Sierra Nevada Mountains over 3 afternoons a week. They will be able to admire an impressive natural environment and observe the incredibly varied flora and fauna of this Mediterranean mountain range. The protected area of the Sierra Nevada National Park contains the **highest peaks of the Iberian Peninsula**, such as the Mulhacén and the Veleta.





Spanish in Spain

Combined Courses: six cities, six cultures, one language.

We offer the **programme «Spanish in Spain»** in partnership with other TANDEM schools in Spain. Students can study Spanish for a while in Granada and then continue to learn in another city, having the choice between San Sebastián, Barcelona, Valencia, Madrid, or Cádiz.

San Sebastián

Situated on the **Spanish Northern Atlantic coast**, San Sebastián offers extraordinary landscapes and a completely different lifestyle from Andalusia. Throughout the year visitors can enjoy both sea and mountain activities, discover ancient culture and traditions, the lively atmosphere in the old town, and have the

unique opportunity to taste the traditional menus of the Basque gastronomy. Only a short distance away, one can also surf in Biarritz, trek in the Pyrenees, follow the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago, visit the Rioja wine cellars, or the avant-garde Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

Barcelona

The capital of the Catalanian region, Barcelona is above all characterised by its bilingual culture. Strategically located on the Mediterranean coast, this **cosmopolitan** city offers endless possibilities to have a good time: with the Gothic Quarter, the Ramblas, its museums, bars, concerts and parks, as well as possible nearby excursions to Montserrat, Sitges or to the Dalí Museum in Figueras. If this weren't enough to convince you, Barcelona of course also offers a vast number of beautiful beaches which stretch along the Mediterranean coast.

Valencia

Located on Spain's east coast just opposite the island of Ibiza, Valencia is one of Spain's historically most interesting cities which benefits from a mild summer and offers fantastic beaches five months a year. Its historical sites include the Barrio del Carmen and monuments such as the Mercado Central, Torres de Serrano and the Miguelete. Today, Valencia is famous for its **futuristic architecture** (La Ciudad

de las Artes y las Ciencias), its traditional festivals, such as Las Fallas or Tomatina, its exuberant nightlife, and for being the birthplace of Spain's most typical dish: the Paella.

Madrid

As Spain's capital, Madrid is a city of impressive and unique monuments and squares. The city's highlights include its Medieval centre, dating back to the Habsburg Empire, and its wealthy Art collections, housed by some of the best museums in the world including the Prado, the Reina Sofía and the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, which all display the best works of traditional and modern Spanish artists. As well as being a popular cultural destination, Madrid is also a **lively and dynamic metropolis** with lots of pubs, cafes and nightclubs open until late at night.

Cádiz

Cádiz is one of Europe's oldest cities; founded around 1100 BC by the Phoenicians it has, ever since, been one of Spain's principal harbours. With its open squares, narrow alleyways, 18th century houses, and great nightlife, its atmosphere is one of a kind. Cádiz is legendarily known for its **Carnival festivities** in February/March and attracts visitors all year with its excellent weather and golden pebble-strewn beaches.

OTHER SERVICES

- :: Student service and counselling in 5 languages: travel advice, visa application, accommodation reservations, airport transfer services, travel and health insurances
- :: A 24 hour emergency phone line
- :: A «patio» as a meeting place for our students and a nearby café
- :: Free and unlimited Internet/WIFI access
- :: TANDEM language exchange programme
- :: Free use of book and video library
- :: Ticket reservations for the Alhambra
- :: Bike rentals
- :: Online Spanish Course «Aula Virtual»

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Spanisch Cultural Programme

The study of a foreign language implies learning about a new culture and way of life.

In the afternoons and evenings we regularly offer a variety of activities which include:

- :: Conferences on topics such as the economic and political situation of Modern Spain, the Andalusian Moorish culture or Federico García Lorca.
- :: Film sessions dedicated to particular Spanish directors.
- :: Visits to the Arabic baths Aljibe de San Miguel, theatre and Flamenco concerts.
- :: Guided tours to the Alhambra or the old Moorish quarter of the Albaicín.
- :: Trips to villages in the surrounding area or to the beach.
- :: Trekking and horseback riding in the Sierra Nevada National Park.
- :: Practical cooking courses to learn about Mediterranean cuisine.
- :: Wine and olive oil tasting.

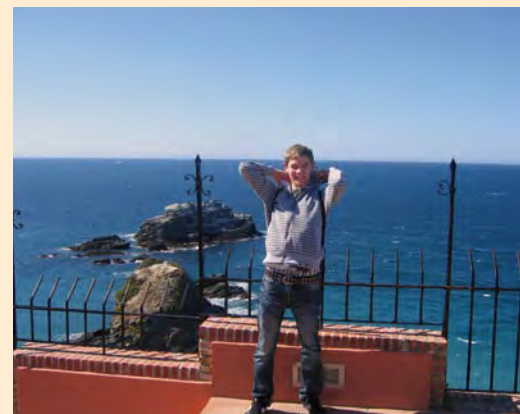
Federico García Lorca

Federico García Lorca was born in Fuentevaqueros, in the outskirts of Granada in 1898. He was a poet, dramatist and theatre director and a member of the 1927 Generation. On the 19th of August 1936, at the beginning of the Spanish Civil War, he was

the victim of a mass-execution campaign and murdered by members of the Fascist group the «Falange», for being a supporter and ally of the Popular Front. Under Franco's dictatorial regime, his major poetic works such as «El Romancero Gitano», and his famous plays such as «Bodas de Sangre», «Yerma» and «La casa de Bernarda Alba», were all censored. Lorca is now universally recognised as one of the most influential and successful Spanish poets of the 20th Century and he is certainly seen as **Spain's greatest dramatist** since the Golden Age. Within the **weekly cultural programme**, we regularly organise conferences and workshops on Federico García Lorca's works, as well as guided visits to the Lorca Museums in Granada and Fuentevaqueros.

Travel Programme

Every weekend we offer interesting travel options lasting from one to several days in Andalusia, which generally include trips to Seville, Córdoba, Ronda or the Costa Tropical and excursions to the Alpujarras. For those who wish, there is also a 3 day trip to Morocco organised once a month.



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Federico García Lorca
www.museogarcialorca.org

Aljibe de San Miguel
www.aljibesanmiguel.es

Alhambra Tickets
www.servicaixa.com

Sierra Nevada
www.cetursa.es

Festival de Música y Danza
www.granadafestival.org

Festival de Jazz
www.jazzgranada.net

Paseos por Granada
www.ciceronegranada.com



Our school - a space of solidarity

Sustainability and responsibility have always been part of our vocabulary.

Today, more than ever, we believe in the importance of travelling. It's only by travelling and meeting new people that we begin to understand that we all share the same world. So how do we make that ride not just a quick fairground twirl, but something that we can enjoy for our travelling lives and pass on to future generations? By changing our travel habits and thinking differently about how, where and why we travel. Responsible travel means assessing our effect on the environment, local cultures and economies, and acting in a way that makes our impact as positive as possible.

Intercultural Exchange

Since 1988 we have been a member of **TANDEM International**. This network has language institutes spread throughout the world which all discern themselves thanks to the high quality of their classes and their friendly atmosphere. TANDEM schools place a special emphasis on the cultural integration of their students, by facilitating **language exchanges** with native speakers in addition to their courses. As a TANDEM school we endeavour, if requested, to find a suitable language partner from Granada who is learning your native language. This enhances and accelerates the language learning process and

encourages intercultural exchange. You meet your partner at least once or twice a week and take turns in being student and teacher, dividing the time between the two languages.

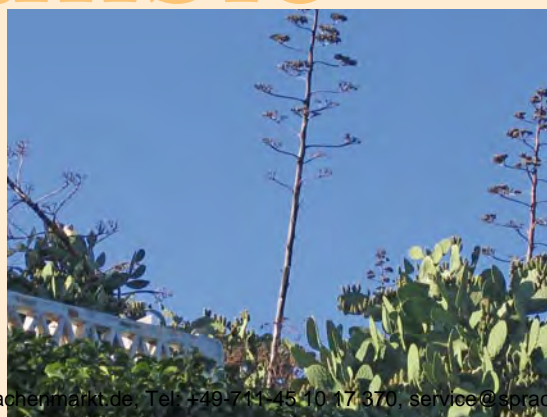
- :: Please request a language partner when you enrol.
- :: In order to obtain a partner, you need to attend a long-term course for at least 8 weeks.
- :: TANDEM exchanges are not suitable for beginners.
- :: We cannot guarantee this programme, particularly during the holiday period from June to September or for certain native languages which are uncommon.
- :: Language partners are allocated in the order in which the enrolments are received.
- :: This service is free of charge.

TANDEM Community

Visit our Internet language exchange community and improve your language skills while making new friends around the world.

Our school collaborates with Amnesty International, WWF, Solidaridad Internacional, Responsible Travel, Verträglich Reisen, Sanftes Reisen and atmosfair.

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Accommodation

Living in Granada is an enriching multicultural experience.

All accommodation offered to the students is carefully selected and is less than a 20 minute walking distance from the school. The school offers the following options:

Private Accommodation - Category I

This option offers double or single rooms in shared flats with Spanish people, usually young couples or people living alone. Students share the kitchen, bathroom and communal areas. We recommend this option to students who already have some knowledge of Spanish and who want to further practice the language.

Private Accommodation - Category II

These are single or double rooms in flats shared with other students from the school. Students share the kitchen, bathroom and communal areas. This option allows students to live in an international environment.

Host family

We recommend this accommodation option for younger students, as it involves living with a local family. Accommodation includes breakfast, and can be half or full board. Students eat with the family and this offers an ideal and enjoyable opportunity to practice the language.

Student Residence

The Student Residence with single and double rooms is located in the city centre. Accommodation includes breakfast, and can be half or full board. This option allows students to meet both international and Spanish students. Availability is limited during university terms from October to June.

To book different categories of hostels, hotels or self-catering apartments in the city centre, please contact us.



Autobuses a Granada
www.alsa.es

Trenes a Granada
www.renfe.es

Vuelos a Granada
www.iberia.es

Viajar a Granada
www.granadainfo.com

Hotel***
Room Mate
www.room-matehotels.com

Hotel** Los Tilos
www.hotellostilos.com

Hostal Veronica
www.hostalveronica.com

Apartamentos Santa Ana
www.apartamentos-santaana.com

Travelling to Granada

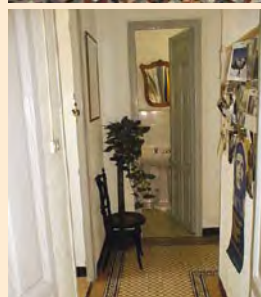
Getting there & away.

Regular or low-cost flights to **Málaga** are available from most European airports. An airport bus takes you to the bus station in the centre of Málaga (C/ Paseo de los Tilos), from where there is an **hourly bus service** to Granada (07.00 h to 21.00 h; on Fridays and Sundays until 22.00 h) with ALSA Company. The journey lasts 90 minutes. If you are unable to catch the last bus from Málaga to Granada, contact us and we can book a hostel or hotel for you in Málaga.

Granada Airport has flight connections to Barcelona and Madrid allowing students to connect their flights directly to our city. In recent years, the low-cost market has boomed, these companies have proliferated throughout Europe and have been offering more direct flights to Granada.

Please contact us if you want to book an **airport transfer** or if you need further information about train and bus connections from other Spanish cities to Granada.

viaje y alojamiento



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Escuela Montalbán - TANDEM Granada is recognised by the following institutions which certify its quality as a Spanish language school:



- :: Instituto Cervantes
- :: TANDEM® International
- :: Association of Spanish language schools in Granada
- :: Granada Chamber of Commerce
- :: Hotel Association Granada
- :: E.E.A. Association of Spanish language schools in Andalusia
- :: C.E.C.E. Association of private public schools in Andalusia
- :: F.E.D.E.L.E. Association of Spanish language schools in Spain
- :: CSN Accreditation for the CSN programme of the Swedish government
- :: FOREM Accreditation through FOREM in Belgium for professional training
- :: Bildungsurlaub In Germany, recognition of the Superintensive Course as professional training

