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SPANISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

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IN SPAIN & LATIN AMERICA

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# CHOOSE YOUR DESTINATION

## SPAIN

Alicante | Barcelona | Granada | Madrid | Malaga  
Marbella | Salamanca | Seville | Tenerife | Valencia

## LATIN AMERICA

Argentina | Bolivia | Colombia | Chile | Costa Rica | Cuba  
Dominican Republic | Ecuador | Guatemala | Mexico | Peru

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# WELCOME TO

## don Quijote

SPANISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

32 destinations, 12 countries, 1 head office!

### THE CHALLENGES OF LEADERSHIP

It's my pleasure to welcome you to the start of a rewarding and exhilarating experience – a language course abroad with the internationally recognized leader of Spanish teaching since 1986.

Your course is an important investment. I have no doubt that You will find yourself wondering: if I choose don Quijote, what should I expect when I arrive to my destination? At don Quijote, not only you will experience a diverse and friendly atmosphere but also you will get a quality education unrivalled in other Spanish schools. Our courses have earned recognition from many US universities, European scholarship programs and some of the most prestigious teachers associations in the industry. You will share your classes with students from all over the world and all walks of life. In fact, more than 20,000 students from 85 countries learn Spanish with don Quijote every year.

Whether you are studying Spanish for academic credit, career advancement, business, or purely for pleasure, you will find a language program perfectly adapted to your needs. With more than 25 courses to choose from, start dates every Monday throughout the year, and a wide range of accommodation options to choose from, designing your program is easy.

At don Quijote you will find that our staff is determined to provide such a level of personalized service that will be left with only two things to think about: learning and living the Spanish language. Most importantly, at don Quijote will you find a series of unique guarantees so that you can rest assured that everything will be as expected when you arrive.

We hope this brochure will give you all the information you need to plan a rewarding language course with don Quijote. If you have questions, or would prefer to have a personal consultation to discuss your goals and questions, then we would be delighted to assist you.

Remember, we offer 32 different destinations and a wide range of programs that vary from summer youth programs to personalized Premium courses that adapt to your specific goals. All of these options can be flexibly combined to create the customized program you always dreamed of.

We look forward to meeting you soon in Spain or Latin America!

CARLOS ANADÓN  
CEO

## PREMIUM SPANISH SCHOOLS

### FRIENDLY, PERSONALIZED, UNRIVALLED

don Quijote was founded in 1986 as a language travel agency representing Spanish language schools. The company's single minded dedication to service and quality fueled its rapid growth and we quickly earned an international reputation for innovation, personalized service and excellence.

In 1989, in response to the growing demand for high quality Spanish language courses, we began welcoming students to the first don Quijote school in Salamanca.

In the 29 years since our founding, we have grown to 32 locations in Spain and Latin America, largely through the recommendations of more than 500.000 satisfied students.

We continue to lead in academics, in value, and in innovation. We look forward to welcoming you to the don Quijote community.

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# ¡ VIVE EL ESPAÑOL !

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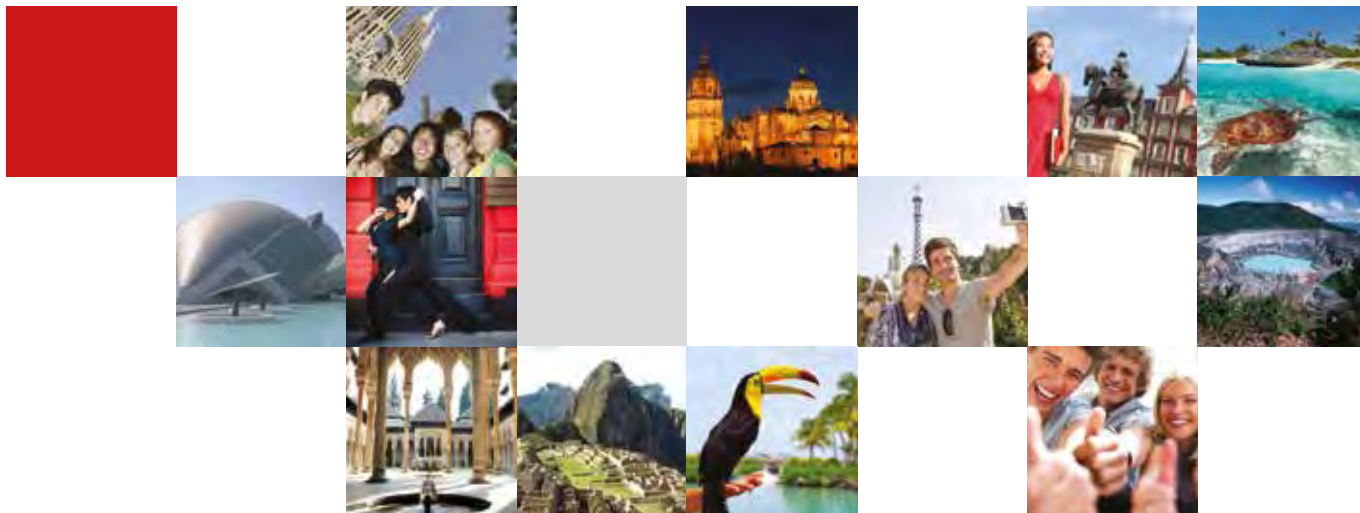


## WHY STUDY SPANISH in a Spanish speaking country

It's easier, quicker, and achieves better results. You will be more inspired and have more fun while getting to know new people, culture and language. Learning a language is about much more than just grammar and structure, it is about learning how to relate and communicate with the people who speak it. These are the things you will achieve from studying abroad.

While abroad you will have the opportunity to participate in daily life, immersing yourself in the local culture. As you speak, read and listen to natives, you will slowly find yourself understanding more about how they think, behave and live. Then one day you will truly be able to proudly say "I know how to speak real Spanish" because not only will you speak the language, but you will also understand the culture behind it.

Studying abroad will be anything but boring. You will make friends from all over the world while you discover a rich culture of local traditions, relaxed conversations in café bars, leisurely strolls, and exciting street life. On the weekends you can take trips to the mountains, beach, or visit surrounding cities or charming villages. Learning Spanish in a Spanish speaking country is a truly unique experience from which you will emerge as a better person.



# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SPANISH LANGUAGE

Spanish is the second most used language in international communication, and an official language of the UN and its organizations. When you speak Spanish you can communicate with almost 500 million people worldwide! Think how many more employment options that can give you! Also if you want to take a trip to Spain or Latin America, a little knowledge of Spanish will go a long way.

## SPANISH IN FIGURES

Spanish is the world's third most spoken language after Mandarin Chinese and English, and ranks second in terms of native speakers.

At the end of the 19th century, 60 million people were Spanish speakers. Today, nearly 500 million people across the world speak Spanish!

Spanish is the mother tongue of approximately 350 million people in 21 countries, and is widely spoken in another 21 countries where it is not an official language.

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## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

29 million US residents above the age of 5 speak Spanish at home. That's approximately 1 of every 10 US residents, an enormous consumer and business-to-business market! The US Hispanic population has grown by 60% in just one decade. The buying power of US Hispanics is soon expected to exceed \$926 million.

The dramatic growth in the Spanish language and Spanish speaking populations has sparked worldwide demand for Spanish language radio, newspapers, and other media.

The Latin American countries are experiencing strong economic growth and becoming important global commercial partners.

Mercosur and the existing free trade agreements between South American nations and North America (ALADI, CACM, NAFTA, and G3) are expected to bring further growth to Latin American economies.

## CULTURAL INDICATORS

Latin culture continues to have a global influence on architecture, art and literature. Who isn't familiar with Cervantes' *Don Quixote of the Mancha*, the second most translated book after the Bible, that celebrated its 400th anniversary in 2005.

Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava continues to make his mark worldwide with projects in Sweden, Ireland, Germany, the Olympic campus in Athens, and the site of the World Trade Center in New York.

Spanish language authors like Gabriel García Márquez and Isabel Allende continue to lead global best-seller lists.

Spanish language film directors, including Spain's Pedro Almodóvar and Alejandro Amenábar, produce widely acclaimed, award-winning films, including Oscar winners *Talk to Her* and *The Sea Inside*, and in music, Cuba's Bebo Valdés and Spain's Diego El Cigala combined forces to create a record-breaking platinum CD. 2003's *Lágrimas Negras* was a global best seller entirely in Spanish.



WHY

don **Quijote**  
SPANISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

You come first!

We offer you personalized service.

Open year round, starting every Monday, all levels.

Our small classes with a maximum of 8 students gives you more chances to actively participate.

We do not want you to worry about anything but learning Spanish, so we offer a long list of included services.

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We stand by our unique money back and cancellation guarantee.

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# 10 GOOD REASONS...

...to study Spanish with us!

since 1986

## 1 EXPERIENCE

For more than 29 years we have witnessed our students gain confidence and ability as they apply their new language skills to everyday situations. Our methodology guarantees that you will learn Spanish as you learned your native language – through practice and continuous communication.

## 2 HIGHEST QUALITY STANDARDS

don Quijote Spanish language courses hold official transcript in numerous US universities and colleges. All don Quijote schools are officially accredited by the highly regarded Cervantes Institute. We have also earned the Ideal Quality Certificate which guarantees the highest quality of education in Spain.

## 3 BEST PRICE GUARANTEE

At don Quijote we offer the best prices and locations countrywide. If you find an equivalent Spanish course in the same city for a lower price, we will match that price and give you an additional 20% off your enrollment fee.

## 4 BEST DESTINATIONS IN SPAIN & LATIN AMERICA

don Quijote offers 32 destinations meaning that we have something to offer for any type of traveler. Because we believe culture is vital to the language acquisition process, we have carefully chosen 10 of Spain's most beautiful, historic and culturally important cities for our schools as well as some of the best cities to learn Spanish in Latin America. You can choose to stay in one city, or combine stays in multiple cities.

## 5 ...AND THE BEST FACILITIES

Schools in historic neighborhoods as well as libraries, media rooms, free internet, and online support courses are also part of your price.

## 6 PERSONALIZED COURSES

At don Quijote you will find more than 25 courses, flexible start dates, and a wide range of accommodation options from host families to student residences and apartments. If you can't find what you're looking for in our course catalogue, don Quijote offers customized programs to address the exact needs of any group or individual.

## 7 DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

You will share your classes with students from all over the world. Each year we welcome more than 25,000 students of all ages and from more than 85 countries to our schools. Our representatives and school office staff are multilingual and passionate about helping international student adapt to a foreign environment.

## 8 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

As part of your language program you will receive free access to don Quijote Online to help you maintain and enhance your Spanish level after you return home.

## 9 TOTAL IMMERSION & INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

Our goal is that you will not only learn Spanish during your time with us but also become immersed in the local culture by combining active classes with cultural activities and weekend excursions. Your study abroad experience with don Quijote will definitely enrich your life and broaden your world views.

## 10 100% SATISFACTION

More students come to us through personal referrals than through any other source. During the last 29 years we have personally helped more than 500,000 students learn Spanish and grow as individuals.



## INCLUDED SERVICES

### TRIPLE GUARANTEE

100% price, satisfaction & cancellation guarantee: If you find a better price, we will match it!

### PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

24 hour emergency phone  
Cultural adaptation and professional guidance counselor

### TEACHING

Thorough written and oral tests place you in the level that is right for you  
Included study materials for each level (Spain)  
Formula +1: an extra daily class covering culture and current events  
Tutor  
Completion certificate documenting your progress, hours completed, and level of proficiency achieved

### SETTLING IN

Welcome reception at the school  
Orientation tour help you gain your bearings  
Welcome pack containing a map of the city

### DURING YOUR STAY

Multimedia area with computer stations  
Wi-Fi access throughout the buildings  
FREE unlimited access to the don Quijote Spanish learning AppBooks for our A1 and A2 online courses  
from the moment you enroll in your classes  
Access to a library with books on history, art, literature, magazines, newspapers, etc.

### REST ASSURED

Included in don Quijote accommodation:  
Welcome amenities (in shared apartment & student residence), bed linen, gas, electricity and water  
Living area, TV, stove, and iron in residence halls and apartments  
Daily cleaning service in common areas in residence halls



# OUR GUARANTEES

Promises are easy to come by when you are shopping for a language course abroad, aren't they?  
You feel like you are buying air: you cannot check anything out before you arrive.  
At don Quijote, we guarantee our services and the quality of our programs so that you know what to expect.

## MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

If you are not satisfied for any reason just contact us in writing within 24 hours of the problem and we will work to solve it within 2 days. If you are still not satisfied, we will try to come to an agreement directly with you or through an independent arbitrator.

## CANCELLATION GUARANTEE

Purchase a Gold or Silver cancellation guarantee policy to protect yourself against any unforeseeable events that may cause you to cancel your course.

## ONE PROGRAM, MORE THAN ONE CITY

You can combine courses at any of our destinations allowing you to experience more than one Spanish speaking region during your time abroad.

## HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

All of our teachers are qualified native Spanish speakers with university degrees.

## SMALL CLASSES

We guarantee maximum student teacher interaction with small groups of 3-8 students per class, depending on the course.

## DELE EXAM SUCCESS

If you fulfill the attendance requirements of a 12 week course plus the 4 week DELE preparation course, then we guarantee that you will pass the D.E.L.E. (Spanish as a Foreign Language Exam). If not, you will receive an additional free 4 week course and we will pay for your new exam fees.

## ANY SPANISH LEVEL

We offer courses at every level of Spanish and we guarantee that you will be placed in the appropriate level for your skills.

## HOST FAMILY SATISFACTION GUARANTEE

If you are unsatisfied or uncomfortable for any reason with your host family, you may change to another family at no additional cost.

## REAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION

No more than three non-native Spanish speakers will be placed in the same host family offering optimal immersion in your host country.

## ACCOMMODATION NEAR SCHOOL

Stay in don Quijote accommodation and get to school each day in 30 minutes or less by foot or public transportation, guaranteed.





# UNIQUE METHODOLOGY

The enthusiasm, experience and professionalism of our more than one hundred teachers is guaranteed. Our teachers are professionally qualified to teach Spanish and will help you learn the language in an enjoyable and effective way while you experience a new culture full of surprises and subtleties.



**CARIDAD SANTANA**  
GENERAL ACADEMIC DIRECTOR

## THE TEACHING METHOD

All classes are taught using an interactive teaching method which focuses on reenacting practical situations. This requires constant student interaction and communication. This communicative teaching method has been constantly refined over the years and is now an integral part of don Quijote's success.

## SMALL STUDY GROUPS

You will study in small groups with personal attention. In the Intensive and Super Intensive courses, you will never study in a group of more than 8 students.

## OUR TEACHING MATERIALS

More than 29 years experience have allowed us to develop and produce our own textbooks, with more in the making. You will also work with fresh and continuously updated support materials including press articles, advertisements, audio-visual materials, etc.

## FLEXIBLE TIMETABLE

In order to ensure the effectiveness of our programs, don Quijote follows a general schedule. However, as part of our commitment to flexibility, we are happy to work with students or groups to meet their specific needs.

The placement test takes place the first day of school in the morning. Complete beginners are not required to take the exam. Typically classes take place from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and last 50 minutes. Depending on your program and level, you may have classes in the morning or in evening.





## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

At don Quijote we believe that learning a language is so much more than just grammar and memorization. In order to master non-verbal communication as well as oral communication it is necessary to have a solid understanding of the culture. In order to achieve this, don Quijote offers complementary theoretical and practical courses and workshops in order to introduce students to a wide range of cultural activities and situations. These cultural lessons may include movies, writing, specific discussions about communication topics, and other cultural activities such as singing or dancing.

don Quijote also organizes weekend excursions to surrounding cities and attractions that vary by school and location. Additionally, the school organizes language exchanges called "intercambios" between students and native speakers to practice language skills outside the classroom.

## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Upon finishing a course, students who have attended at least 85% of their classes will receive a certificate detailing the course duration, subjects, hours and course level. Students from the United States will receive results adapted to the American grading system.

## OUR SYLLABUS

Due to the dynamic aspect of our programs syllabi are available in our website or upon request.

# ALL LEVELS

What you learn and how fast you learn it strongly depends on you. If you attend and participate actively in the classes, take our free complementary courses, dedicate approximately one hour daily outside the classroom to do your homework, get together with native speakers, and join the activities and excursions we organize, you can be sure that your Spanish will greatly improve!

We offer 6 basic levels in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. don Quijote guarantees continuity within the levels so that you can have a seamless learning experience with no interruption.

### BEGINNER A1 (101)

Designed to develop ability and confidence in basic Spanish communication. Gain confidence in daily environments and learn to interact with native speakers.

### BEGINNER A2 (102)

Develop the ability to maintain a simple conversation in familiar environments and daily situations, expressing ideas in the present, past and future tenses.

### INTERMEDIATE B1 (201-202)

Gain communicative ability and linguistic competency. Engage in conversations about common topics.

### ADVANCED B2 (301-302)

Gain the necessary linguistic and cultural skills to communicate effortlessly with native speakers and effectively structure an oral or written discussion.

### SUPERIOR C1 (401-402)

Use the Spanish language flexibly and effectively for social, academic, and professional purposes.

### MASTERY C2 (411-412)

Express oneself effectively and correctly, at a level close to that of a native speaker. Be able to differentiate finer shades of meaning.



A1

A2

B1

B2

C1

C2



# WHO WILL YOU MEET?

People aged 5 to 83 from all corners of the world with all sorts of reasons for studying Spanish. More students choose don Quijote based on a personal recommendation than through any other source.

We invite you to do the same! On the next page you will meet a small group of students – some of whom have studied with us 4, 5 or even 8 times. They have all shown their willingness to help you choose a language school, course or destination by sharing their own experiences. Read about their experiences and reasons for studying Spanish and get valuable information out of their personal recommendations.

Our students differ greatly in age, origin, cultural background and in their reasons for learning Spanish. We believe that these differences add value to your Spanish course. Quite often, the way of life and the cultural characteristics of our students are the subject of lively discussions during class. To summarize:

The age of our students varies from 5 – 83 years old.

Our students come from more than 85 countries.

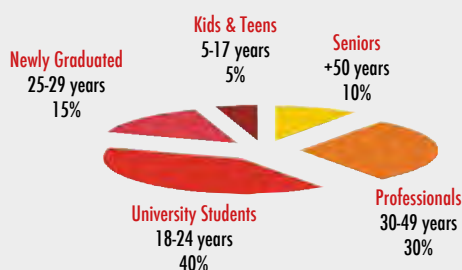
95% of our students come alone.

30% of our students have no knowledge of Spanish before starting

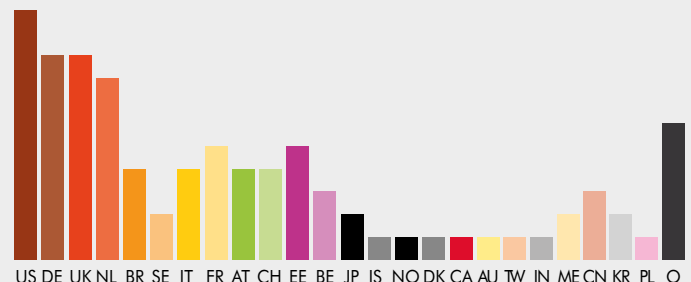
Our students choose to study Spanish for reasons as diverse as our course offerings. Some seek an educational summer vacation while others prepare for official exams. Other students may need customized language training to address a specific topic while some choose private classes to get the most out of their short amount of time. Any reason is valid to study Spanish.

## ALL AGES

TEEN SCHOOLS	5%
REGULAR SCHOOLS	80%
PREMIUM SCHOOLS	15%



## MORE THAN 85 NATIONALITIES



US: USA, 11%	FR: France, 5%	NO: Norway, 1%	CN: China, 3%
DE: Germany, 9%	AT: Austria, 4%	DK: Denmark, 1%	KR: Korea, 2%
UK: United Kingdom, 9%	CH: Switzerland, 4%	CA: Canada, 1%	PL: Poland, 1%
NL: The Netherlands, 8%	EE: Eastern Europe, 5%	AU: Australia, 1%	O: 61 other countries, 6%
BR: Brazil, 6%	BE: Belgium, 3%	TW: Taiwan, 1%	
SE: Sweden, 2%	JP: Japan, 2%	IN: India, 1%	% of the total
IT: Italy, 4%	IS: Iceland, 1%	ME: Middle East, 2%	

## MY FOURTH TIME!

This is the fourth time I've been with don Quijote. I decided to come back because the classes are interesting and useful for learning the language. Teachers are friendly and anxious to help the students. I definitely recommend don Quijote.

## OPEN AND LIVELY ENVIRONMENT!

My stay at don Quijote was brilliant, and not only because of how much the Spanish language impressed me with its fascinating energy. I worked in a German company in the morning and went to class in the afternoon. I'm very happy to have chosen this school with its open and lively environment where I felt really at home. I was very pleased both with the course and with the method of teaching. Thank you for your professional help.

## STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!

My experience at don Quijote was one of the most challenging and enjoyable I have ever had. The classes were intensive and interesting. There were students from all over the world from ages 21-83! This gave me the chance to experience different cultures.

## A VALUABLE AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE!

I completed the don Quijote program Spanish Language + Internship and I had the most delightful and fulfilling experience of my life. I spent 6 fantastic weeks improving and polishing my Spanish in the unique international atmosphere of the school where teachers were brilliant and I felt at home and made a lot of friends. I also spent 12 remarkable weeks working for a Spanish company in Barcelona which was carefully selected by the school and suited to my skills and eagerness to apply my professional experience to a challenging new environment. I had a truly memorable experience.

## GREAT SERVICE!

The service at don Quijote was great! Before I went to Spain they contacted me and sent me all the information I needed. I was very nervous when I first arrived in Barcelona, because I was alone and it was the first time I was going to live abroad without being close to my friends or family. But there was someone from don Quijote waiting to meet me at the station and take me to my new home. At the school I got all the help I needed from the teachers and the other students. I'm really grateful to all of them.

## EXCELLENT TEACHERS!

don Quijote's main strength is undoubtedly the teachers, who are all experts at maximizing time in class and are tuned into each student's needs. Many thanks!

## EFFICIENT WAY OF TEACHING!

I spent one month in Madrid and another month in Barcelona. I'd like to say that I had a great time at don Quijote in both cities. The teachers and the way of teaching are very efficient. Besides that, the infrastructure of the schools were amazing. Thanks for providing an outstanding stay in Spain!

## HOMESTAY: SPANISH TO THE MAXIMUM!

A friend of mine, who has been a regular student of don Quijote for a couple of years already, informed me about the language school two years ago and I a.m. very happy she did. I decided to stay with a Spanish family, giving me the opportunity to be in a typical Spanish environment all the time.



STUDENTS'  
OPINIONS



# ACADEMIC COURSES IN SPAIN

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Intensive Spanish

Official Exams

Business Spanish

Teachers of Spanish

Specialized Spanish

Online Spanish

Fun Programs

Internship Program

Volunteer Program

Youth Programs

Summer Camps

# SPANISH IN SPAIN

10 destinations!



## INTENSIVE SPANISH

10+5, 20+5 OR 30+5  
CLASSES OF SPANISH WEEKLY

Intensive courses are perfect for students of all ages who wish to learn as quickly and efficiently as possible through constant interaction. Students will learn how to use grammar in context through a wide range of activities including: reading, discussions, conversations, viewing documentaries, listening to songs, watching films, etc.

In the Intensive Spanish course (20 classes + 5 complimentary cultural classes weekly) you will have 4 Spanish classes daily, 20 weekly, from Monday through Friday in small groups of 8 students or less. For students who want to go the extra mile and advance as quickly as possible, both in terms of grammar and communication skills, then we recommend the Super Intensive Spanish course (30 + 5) which consists of 6 daily classes for a total of 30 a week. If you already have a solid base of Spanish and are interested in simply practicing all forms of communication, then the Spanish Conversation (10 + 5) course will provide 2 hours daily of solid communication building skills such as listening, speaking and writing.

Each class will take you one step closer to your ultimate goal: communicating with confidence in Spanish. For this reason, we integrate a variety of skills in the classroom, and combine diverse tasks and activities in which the student is the main protagonist. Our unique interactive teaching method insures continual participation and active learning.

We know that excellent teaching alone does not guarantee the success of a student in a language course. We believe that understanding the local culture is an integral part of a student's success. It is for this reason that we emphasize our "Formula + 1" method which offers students the opportunity to participate daily in a complimentary class or activity covering a topic of cultural interest. This means that all Intensive Spanish courses include an additional +5 cultural classes a week for free!

**Duration:** 1 – 52 weeks  
**Destinations:** All don Quijote schools  
**Spanish level:** All levels  
**Frequency per week:** 10, 20 or 30 Spanish classes + 5 cultural classes  
**Participants per group (maximum):** 8 students  
**Start dates:** Any Monday, year round



# OFFICIAL EXAMS

## D.E.L.E. EXAM PREPARATION



The D.E.L.E. diploma will give you an internationally recognized certificate of your Spanish level, particularly important if you wish to study in a Spanish university or work in a Spanish-speaking country.

The D.E.L.E. (Diploma in Spanish as a Foreign Language) is the only Spanish certificate for non-Spanish speakers officially recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education. There are 6 levels/exams. don Quijote's official D.E.L.E. exam preparation courses take place 2 or 4 weeks before official exam date.

Furthermore, if you take a 12 week Spanish course in addition to the 4 week D.E.L.E. exam preparation course with at least 90% attendance and end up failing the exam (at the same level of your course) then we will give you an additional 4 week course for free and pay your re-examination fees!

All don Quijote schools (except Tenerife) offer 2 or 4 week preparation courses for each official D.E.L.E. exam depending on the levels offered in each exam (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, and C2). A very high percentage of our students pass these exams with great success.

**Duration:** 2 or 4 weeks

**Destination:** All don Quijote schools (except Tenerife)

**Spanish level:** To enroll in a DELE course, you must have at least the same level of Spanish taught in the course

**Frequency per week:** 20 Intensive Spanish classes + 2 hours of D.E.L.E. Exam support (course A1, A2); 20 D.E.L.E. classes (course B1, B2, C1, C2)

**Participants per group (max):** 12 students

**Start dates:** Specific start dates, see don Quijote price list

**Exam dates:** April, May, July, October and November



## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXAM PREPARATION

This exam is officially recognized by the Chamber of Commerce of Madrid and the University of Alcalá. It has considerable international value, giving you easier access to the job market and boosting your career potential in business. If you are interested in obtaining a recognized qualification in Spanish Business, don Quijote offers you the opportunity to prepare this exam through a 4 week Intensive Business course. For complete details see page 22.

# PREMIUM PROGRAM

**REDUCED GROUP SIZES:  
3 STUDENTS!**

Short on time to learn the Spanish you will need to make your business or stay abroad a rousing success? Wonder how much more you and your key employees could accomplish with a solid foundation in Spanish, including vocabulary specific to your business? Premium Spanish is an exceptional course designed for the busy professional.

The Premium courses are designed for individuals who require an accelerated intensive Spanish language course. The program offers you the highest quality Intensive Spanish course customized to your individual needs with expert personalized instruction and one-to-one teaching. Your instructor will advise you from beginning to end, analyzing your goals and creating a personalized program content including a class schedule and complimentary activities that may include company visits, cultural tours or excursions. We are able to prepare personalized content for you on a specific business topic, a technical area, or any other subject.

To maximize your progress, classes are limited to a maximum of 3 students. Your classmates are guaranteed, as always, to have the same level of Spanish as you.

## **PREMIUM INTENSIVE**

20 Spanish classes per week

## **PREMIUM INTENSIVE +**

20 group classes plus 5 private classes per week

## **PREMIUM SUPER INTENSIVE**

20 group classes plus 10 private classes per week

## **PREMIUM IMMERSION**

20 group classes plus 15 private classes per week

Students who choose a Premium Super Intensive or Premium Immersion package will enjoy 5 of their weekly private lessons in the form of daily lunches with their professor. These conversational lunches will help you develop your confidence in social business settings.

**Duration:** From 1 week

**Destinations:** don Quijote Barcelona, Madrid, Salamanca, Tenerife

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency per week:** 20 group classes + optional 5, 10 or 15 private classes

**Participants (max):** 3 students in the group classes

**Start dates:** Any Monday, year round

# PRIVATE CLASSES

**PERSONALIZED  
ATTENTION**

Short of time?  
Eager to accomplish as much as possible in a limited time frame?  
Opt for a personalized course and learn at your own pace.

In these private individual classes, neither you nor your teacher will have to consider the pace or interests of other students, as you would in a group course.

Students will receive personal attention from the beginning to the end. Your advisor will analyze your goals and create a personalized program with specific content and additional activities that may include excursions, tours, visits, etc. For private classes on specific subjects, we would be happy to prepare content on literature, business or any other subject with advance notice. You may also invite a friend or partner to take part in your private classes.

**Duration:** Flexible

**Destinations:** All don Quijote schools

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency:** Flexible

**Participants:** 1 or 2 students

**Start dates:** Any weekday, year round



# BUSINESS SPANISH

## INTENSIVE BUSINESS

This course is aimed at people who wish to acquire certain basic skills in Spanish for Business and are also short of time. You will study alongside active professionals taking the course to advance their careers, recent college graduates hoping to further their career, current university students and more.



If you want acquire the language skills necessary to communicate in business and legal situations, this is the perfect course for you. Class materials include commercial texts, professional presentations and business periodicals, all containing the vocabulary and structures necessary to interact with clients and colleagues in the target language. You will be provided with lists of specific business vocabulary and given several informative handouts dealing with the economic situations of Spain, other European countries, and Latin America. The program consists of 10 business classes per week and lasts either 2 or 4 weeks. We recommend combining the Business Spanish course with another course for a more complete experience.

### OFFICIAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CERTIFICATE

What will you gain by completing the 4 week Intensive Business program? Well, not only will you enjoy the advantages of studying all of the material in logical order but you will also leave the course well-prepared for the Basic Spanish Certificate in Business granted by the Madrid Chamber of Commerce.

This exam is officially recognized by the Chamber of Commerce of Madrid and by the University of Alcalá. It has considerable international value, giving you easier access to the labor market and boosting your career potential. don Quijote Barcelona, Madrid, Salamanca and Valencia have agreements with the Madrid Chamber of Commerce.

**Duration:** 2 or 4 weeks

**Destinations:** Barcelona, Madrid, Salamanca, Valencia

**Spanish level:** B1 (intermediate)

**Frequency per week:** 10 business classes

**Participants per group (maximum):** 12 students

**Start dates:** Specific start dates, see don Quijote price list

# SPANISH & WORK EXPERIENCE

## INTERNSHIP OR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Participating in an internship or a volunteer program is the key link between your studies and becoming a member of the 'real' working world. An even more valuable asset is the ability to work in a foreign country and interact in a foreign language. Come join our Spanish + Internship or Spanish + Volunteer programs and combine two essential experiences into one enriching and inspiring adventure!



### SPANISH & INTERNSHIP

This program allows you to improve your Spanish skills in a professional environment and learn about daily life, business and culture in Spain first-hand. All of this with the added bonus of serving as an excellent resume builder. The standard duration of this program is three to four months (1 month Spanish course + 2 months of Internship). There are three main requirements for enrollment: you must be at least 18 years old, possess a strong intermediate level of Spanish, and have medical insurance for Spain. Before entering the workplace, you will participate in a mandatory 4-week Spanish language course (General or Business Spanish). Participants are not paid during their internship program. At times, however, a bonus may be negotiated at the discretion of the company, based on the individual's contribution.

### SPANISH & VOLUNTEER

If you have achieved Spanish level B1 or higher and would like to improve your Spanish and help the community at the same time, then we can give you a hand. Our Volunteer program will permit you to assist in activities like community dining halls, animal care, environmental protection, food banks and much more. This program has a duration of 2 to 4 weeks and we work with different local non-profit organizations such as neighborhood groups, animal protection organizations and environmental groups.

The organizations we work with have their headquarters in Barcelona, Madrid, Salamanca, Seville or Granada. Upon completion of the course you will receive a course completion certificate and an accreditation of your volunteer activity.

**Duration:** Intensive Spanish: 4 weeks (minimum); Internship: 8 weeks; Volunteer: 2-4 weeks  
**Destinations:** Barcelona, Granada, Madrid, Malaga, Salamanca, Seville, Valencia  
**Spanish level:** Upon completing the Spanish course you must have a B1 level (intermediate)  
**Frequency/week:** Intensive Spanish: 20 classes +5 Work experience: 40 hours  
**Participants per group (maximum):** Intensive Spanish: 8 students (don Quijote schools)  
**Age:** Minimum 18 years  
**Start dates:** Intensive Spanish: Every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, year round; Work experience: All year round upon availability and length of stay



## FUN PROGRAMS

Does your idea of a perfect stay in Spain involve learning Spanish while you enjoy an appealing program of activities? With your interests at heart, don Quijote offers you a wide range of fun courses. You can opt to combine the activities program with an Intensive course of 4 hours per day. Take a look and you are sure to find a course that appeals to you! For detailed information, please contact us.

### MEDITERRANEAN COOKING

Do you consider yourself a lover of foreign cuisine? Do you spend hours trying new recipes? If so - speak, smell and taste Spanish by combining your Spanish study with cooking classes. Learn how to prepare an authentic Spanish omelette, paella or sangria and impress your friends back home!

### SCUBA DIVING

Come to Tenerife where you can explore sunken ships and swim with exotic and abundant marine life. Achieve a PADI qualification with scuba diving classes in the crystalline waters of the Atlantic. All levels welcome from complete beginner to advanced!

### FLAMENCO OR SALSA

You may have heard of flamenco and salsa, but do you really know what it's all about? Now you have the chance to experience the best of Spain's culture! Come share the stage with professional dancers and learn the technical aspects of these dances in an authentic setting.

**Duration:** 1 - 3 weeks

**Destinations:** Consult specific courses in the price list

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency per week:** From 2 hours

## STUDY GROUPS

Due to popular demand, don Quijote creates customized courses at a favorable price for groups of people who have similar interests and course objectives.

We define a group as 6 or more students (young people or adults) with the same level of Spanish who book, travel and arrive together. This course format is specially designed for schools, universities, companies, associations, etc. You may want to develop a program made up entirely of Spanish language classes, or you may want to combine your group course with a general language course, cultural classes or a fun program course.

**Duration:** Flexible

**Destinations:** All don Quijote schools

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency:** Tailor-made (minimum 2 daily Spanish classes)

**Participants per group (minimum):** 6 students

**Age:** 14 years and older

## SPANISH FOR 50+

Want to study Spanish in a group your age and get to know and enjoy the Spanish way of life? You can do it with our Spanish for 50+ course specially designed for our students over 50.

The aim of this course is to provide situations in which you can immerse yourself in Spanish culture with confidence and enjoyment, and to give you the chance to practice Spanish with your teacher. You will have daily Spanish classes combined with activities and excursions to complete the program.

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Destinations:** Malaga, Salamanca and Tenerife

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency per week:** 20 Spanish classes plus activities

**Participants per group:** maximum 8 students (10 in Malaga)

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Had enough of the chores that come with the festive season back at home? Then why not get away from it all by doing something different and spending a truly memorable Christmas in Spain?

Have you always wondered what the Christmas holidays are like in Spain? Why not experience it for yourself while you enjoy a 1 or 2 week Spanish course? Come along and join the celebrations! The course consists of 4 daily intensive Spanish classes that take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Start dates:** Specific start dates, please see don Quijote price list

## HISTORY, ART OR LITERATURE

Eager to expand your knowledge of the historical and cultural attributes of Spain? Then these courses are perfect for you!

You will participate in 10 history, art or literature classes. The courses will explore the connection between a selected Spanish region's history and its distinct geography, customs, gastronomy, folklore and politics (history course); Spain's most important trends and artistic representations (art course); the most prominent Spanish authors (literature course).

**Duration:** 2 or 4 weeks

**Destinations:** Barcelona, Granada, Madrid and Salamanca

**Spanish level:** B1 (intermediate)

**Frequency per week:** 10 classes

**Participants per group (maximum):** 12 students

## SPANISH FOR SPANISH TEACHERS

The program for Spanish teachers is specifically designed for teachers of Spanish as a Foreign Language (ELE) or any individual that would like to expand upon and update their knowledge of second language methodologies and theories.

You will increase your pedagogical expertise by discussing controversial grammatical topics, addressing how to integrate culture, history and politics into your lessons, and reviewing other related issues that will inevitably enrich your classroom back home.

**Duration:** 1 or 2 weeks

**Destinations:** Madrid, Malaga, Salamanca

**Spanish level:** Spanish teacher

**Frequency per week:** 30 classes

**Participants (maximum):** minimum 3 students, maximum 12



## YOUTH PROGRAM WITH ACTIVITIES 14-21 YEARS

Our Youth program is specially designed for students 14 and older who are looking for an all included study abroad program.

The program includes a Spanish course, full board accommodation, and a weekly schedule of activities and excursions. Classes are generally held in the morning while evenings are filled with a wide range of organized events such as local excursions, cultural activities and visits, movies, sports, dance lessons and more.

You will stay with a local host family or in a student residence hall.

Students will be supervised during activities and excursions but are responsible to travel between the school, accommodation and all planned activities on their own.

**Duration:** 1 or 2 weeks

**Destinations:** Barcelona, Malaga, Salamanca

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency per week:** 20 Spanish classes

**Participants per group:** minimum 4 students, maximum 12

**Age:** 14 - 21 years

**Start dates:** Specific start dates, please see don Quijote price list



# ACCOMMODATION IN SPAIN

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Homestay/host family  
Shared student apartment/flat  
don Quijote residence  
Other residence halls  
Private apartment

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# CAREFULLY SELECTED ACCOMMODATION

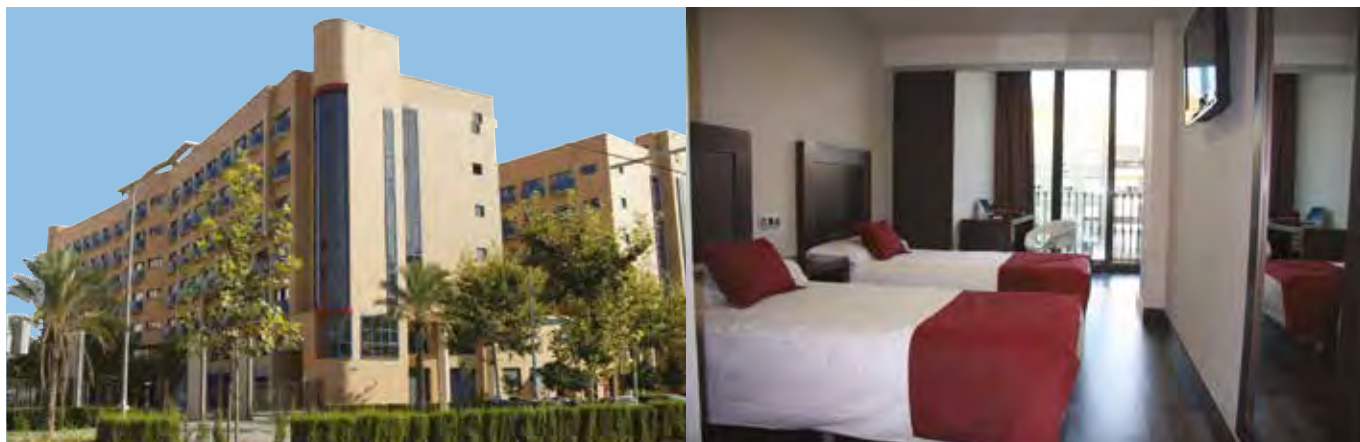
Comfortable accommodation is an essential part of your study abroad experience. We understand the importance of having quality accommodation while you study abroad. We understand that something as simple as a broken shower can ruin an otherwise perfect day and distract you from what you are here to do – learn Spanish. We're here to make you feel cozy, secure and right at home.

Learn in detail about all the accommodation choices that don Quijote offers you including: homestays, shared student apartments, don Quijote student residences, other residence halls and private apartments. Most options allow you to select from individual or shared room while some residences offer triple rooms.



## CAN'T DECIDE?

We cannot emphasize it enough: accommodation is very important. No two students are alike, which makes it very difficult for us to give general advice. Do you want to experience both time with a host family and time at a student apartment/flat or residence during your stay? Of course you can do this as well. Combining accommodation types is an option available to students and does not involve any extra charges. Take your time and make a sensible decision. If you want to discuss your accommodation with us, please do not hesitate to call your local don Quijote office or agent for objective information and personal advice.



## HOMESTAY / HOST FAMILY

Most of our host families have worked with us since the very beginning, which says a lot about us. The families know from experience what the role of a good host is. Accommodation with a host family allows you to get the most out of your course by truly integrating yourself into local life. Experiencing real Spanish life everyday will help you quickly improve your Spanish skills. The word "family" should not be taken too literally because your family could be a single parent who takes in students because he or she enjoys the company or any other type of family. Also, keep in mind that many families live in apartments/flats rather than houses. Students will have their own keys so that they can enter and exit as they please. Also, phone calls can be received during your homestay.

Choose from accommodation with just breakfast, half board (breakfast and either lunch or dinner) or full board (breakfast, lunch & dinner). Lunch normally takes place around 2 p.m. while dinner is normally served around 9 p.m. Keep in mind that eating customs and cuisine may greatly differ from your regular habits.

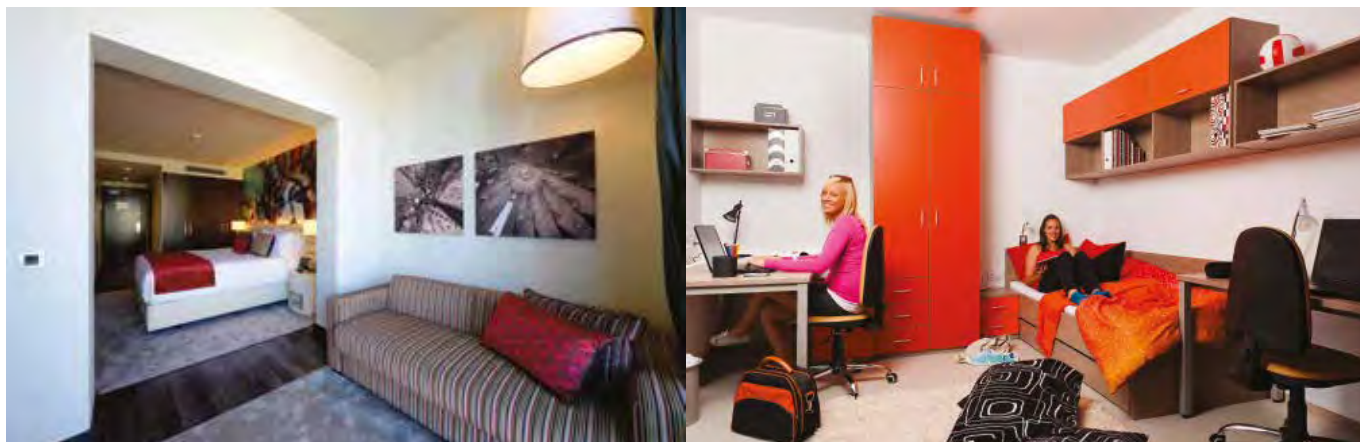
## SHARED STUDENT APARTMENT / FLAT

In shared student apartments/flats you share a apartment/flat with four or five other students. We always do our best to accommodate you in a student apartment/flat with students of different nationalities. However, the common language is typically English. We suggest that you reach an agreement with one another to speak as much Spanish as possible. Although the student apartments/flats are not luxurious, they are equipped with all the basic facilities (a bed, table, chair and a wardrobe). Each student apartment/flat has a living room, a television, a fully equipped kitchen, a washing machine and an iron. The kitchen and bathroom are shared and cleaning is the responsibility of everyone. In student apartments telephones are not provided but calls can be easily placed from public phone booths, or personal cell (mobile) phones.

## PRIVATE APARTMENT

This type of accommodation is ideal if you want to maintain your independence and enjoy a touch of 'luxury'. In every city, there are rooms of varying sizes and apartments from studios to multi-bedrooms. Apartments are fully furnished and equipped with a kitchen, bathroom, and all necessary facilities. Internet access and Wi-Fi upon request. These apartments are located in the cities' most central and fashionable districts.





## DON QUIJOTE STUDENT RESIDENCE HALLS / DORM / CAMPUS

### Barcelona

This residence, recently refurbished and with a capacity of 72 people, is located on the Calle Diputació 108, a mere ten minute walk from the school. All of the bedrooms are modernly furnished with Wi-Fi available. If you wish to have a private bathroom, en-suite rooms are available at an extra cost. There are a range of meal options: full board, half board, or breakfast only. You will also have access to a shared kitchen. Other amenities include a dining room and a living room equipped with TV. Bed linen is provided and students have free access to washing machines.

### Granada

The residence, located on the Calle Cardenal Mendoza 5, is a restored hotel with a big terrace just a pleasant 15-20 minute walk from the school. Rooms are available with private bathrooms (95%) while others have sinks and shared bath/shower facilities. There is a multimedia area with free internet access. Other amenities include in-room telephones, a dining room divided into smoking and non-smoking areas and two living rooms (smoking and non-smoking) equipped with satellite TV, video and a stereo system. You share a large kitchen, which is fully equipped with all essential kitchen utensils as well as stoves, ovens, microwaves, electric coffee makers and refrigerators. If you prefer, there is also a catering service available that can provide you meals on half board (breakfast and a light dinner) or full board (breakfast and two meals) basis. Washing machines and dryers are also available. Common areas are cleaned daily.

### Madrid

Our residence in Madrid is located just 5 minutes away from the don Quijote school on the Calle de Vallehermoso 59. Staying and studying in Madrid is now as easy as waking up and walking a few meters to class! The residence has 38 rooms (22 double and 16 single rooms) in total. Some rooms are available with a private bathroom. For rooms without a bathroom, students have access to a shared bathroom on the same

floor. Although there is a kitchen, it is not available for student use because a catering service will provide your meals (half or full board). Other amenities include shared television, washing machine, central heating and elevator. Common areas are cleaned daily.

### Seville

The residence is located on the Calle de Viriato 24 very close to the school (10-12 minutes by foot) and near the Alameda. This is an area popular among young people, full of bars and restaurants. The residence has been recently renovated and has preserved the stairs, the window in the arch of the gate and the typical Andalusian gate of the courtyards. There are ten rooms in total (7 shared and 3 individual rooms), all outward facing. Some rooms are available with a private bathroom. There is a living room where you can watch TV as well as a separate dining room next to the modern and fully equipped kitchen. The residence has a rooftop terrace where students can hang-out, enjoy the sun and chat.

### Valencia

The residence is located in the don Quijote school building on Avda. de los Naranjos s/n, right in the center of the University of Valencia campus. You will have plenty of opportunity to mix with native Spanish speakers in Valencia as this student residence also houses Spanish university students. Rooms are comfortable, outward-facing and sunny. Other amenities include private bathrooms, a telephone, air-conditioning and an on-campus restaurant. Your meals will be prepared for you and you can choose from have half board or full board (three meals per day). Enroll early for our Valencia residence, as this on-campus accommodation fills up quickly.



## OTHER STUDENT RESIDENCES

Student residences are located in the center of the city and you may choose between individual, shared or triple rooms with half board (breakfast and a light dinner) or full board (breakfast and two meals). We can offer you 3 types of residences, depending on availability:

### University Campus

This type of accommodation is a perfect alternative if you want to mix with Spaniards. These residences are located on the campus of Spanish universities and are often very large in size.

### Student Residence

These residences are small, very similar to a shared apartment, but differ in that you don't have to cook your own meals. In this type of residence you will live with students from all over the world, not necessarily from don Quijote. A great option for a truly unique experience.

### Family Residence

A family residence is essentially a large apartment run by a family. They usually consist of 5-6 rooms. In most cases the family does not actually live there but is responsible for preparing meals which can be eaten together or separately.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### 100% SATISFACTION

You may change to a different family during the first week if you are not satisfied, because the most important thing for us is that you feel at home.

### ARRIVAL TIME

After 12:00 noon on Sunday before the course starts. Accommodation must be vacated by noon on Saturday after your course has finished. If you arrive a day earlier, or if you want to stay a day longer, get in touch with your don Quijote office to make the necessary arrangements.

### FULLY EQUIPPED

In selecting host families, we do not look for luxury and comfort in the material sense. Nevertheless, you can count on personal attention, help and advice. You should not expect too much luxury in a student apartment/flat either, although, you will of course have all the necessary amenities.

### TOTAL INDEPENDENCE

You will always be given your own keys so that you can come and go as you please.

### LESS THAN 30 MINUTES

Except for Barcelona, Madrid, Tenerife and Valencia, where suitable accommodation is very difficult to find, your accommodation is always within walking distance of the school (maximum 30 minutes).

### SPEAK SPANISH ALL DAY

If you do not want to stay with other students who share your mother tongue, just let us know.

### PERSONAL WISHES

Are you a vegetarian, allergic to house pets or do you want to be placed with a family with young children? These and other personal preferences should be communicated as soon as possible and we will do our best to comply.

# EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES

From surveys conducted among our former students, it is apparent that excursions are greatly appreciated, not just as an opportunity for all students to get to know one another, but also to gain a better understanding of the Hispanic culture and way of life. There is a great number and variety of weekend excursions and students have an important voice in choosing excursion destinations. There is no standard excursion program and excursions are announced weekly by each school. The costs depend on the destination and type of excursion. Examples of cultural visits and excursions in Spain include:



## BARCELONA

Picasso Museum  
Montjuic Fountains  
Tibidabo  
Casa Gaudí  
Olympic area  
City tour  
Sagrada Familia  
Pueblo Español  
Water theme parks  
Figueras



## MADRID

Prado Museum  
El Escorial  
Granada  
Thyssen Museum  
The Royal Palace  
Toledo  
Segovia  
Seville  
Santiago Bernabéu  
Football Stadium



## TENERIFE

Teide  
Botanical Gardens  
Teno  
San Juan de la Rambla  
Masca  
Anaga  
Afur  
La Gomera  
City Tour  
Tapas



## GRANADA

La Alhambra  
Sacromonte  
Las Alpujarras  
Sierra Nevada  
Guadix  
City tour  
Córdoba  
Seville  
Costa del Sol  
Nerja



## SALAMANCA

Plaza Mayor  
Madrid  
Portugal  
Casa de Las Conchas  
Béjar and the surrounding sierra  
Toledo  
Ávila  
Old and new cathedrals  
El Escorial



## VALENCIA

The City of Arts and Sciences  
Peñíscola  
The Music Palace  
Roman theatre in Sagunto  
Palmeral de Elche  
The Oceanographic  
Marine Park  
Alicante

## AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICE

Traveling alone? Your first time living abroad? Would you feel more secure knowing that someone will be waiting at the airport to take you to your new home? You can reserve a 24 hour private pick-up service at an additional cost if you prefer to be picked up directly from the airport, bus, or train station. Just let us know in advance and we will be there!



# INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CAMPS (5-18 YEARS) IN SPAIN

## KIDS AND TEENS PROGRAMS

This well-structured program includes a monitor for every 15 students. The monitor is available 24 hours a day and takes care of any needs the students might have. Participants will enjoy an educational experience at some of the best facilities available and a combination of Spanish language courses with a full schedule of sports and leisure activities. All participants, coming from 42 different countries to learn Spanish, will participate in sports and activities while making friends from around the world. This atmosphere is perfect for the development of languages and exchange of cultures.

## SPANISH LANGUAGE

Our summer course and camp includes 20 Spanish classes every week, afternoon and evening activities, a full day excursion and 2 afternoon excursions every week.

## AGE

From 5 to 18 years old, divided by age in different camps and 24 hour supervision.

## ACCOMMODATION - ALL INCLUSIVE

Students will stay in a student residence and in Madrid, Malaga, Marbella, Salamanca, Seville and Valencia students can choose to stay with a host family or in a student residence. Full board (4 meals per day) is included in all accommodation options. In our student residences we will always organize students into age groups and mix students of different nationalities. Additionally, students will be divided by gender into the girls' or boys' wing.

## SPORTS, ACTIVITIES, AND EXCURSIONS

The scheduling of the sports, workshops and activities is designed to ensure that students learn and participate in as many sports, workshops and recreational activities as possible. The activities are always appropriate for each age level. There is a minimum of 3 excursions included per session.



**24 HOUR  
SUPERVISION**

**FOR STUDENTS  
BETWEEN  
5 - 18  
YEARS**



# MIXED WITH 60% SPANIARDS!

Designed for students between 5 and 18 years old, this fabulous educational program allows you to take a Spanish course in superb facilities and have a great summer vacation at the same time. By combining daily Spanish language classes with a full schedule of sports and leisure activities, you will enjoy an exciting and unforgettable experience in one of 7 fabulous Spanish cities!

## 7 FABULOUS SPANISH CITIES

BARCELONA  
MADRID  
MALAGA - **NEW!**  
MARBELLA  
SALAMANCA  
SEVILLE  
VALENCIA

MIXED WITH  
**60%**  
SPANIARDS!

## ALL-INCLUSIVE!

**Duration:** 2, 4, 6 or 8 weeks  
**Destinations:** Barcelona, Madrid, Malaga, Marbella, Salamanca, Seville and Valencia  
**Spanish level:** all levels  
**Frequency per week:** 20 classes  
**Participants per group (max):** 14 students  
**Start dates:** July and August

SPANISH  
OR  
ENGLISH  
**CLASSES &  
ACTIVITIES**



Ask for the specific Summer program brochure!



Barcelona  
Population: 1,900,000



# Barcelona

DESTINATIONS

## COURSES

Intensive (20+5)  
Super Intensive (30+5)  
Spanish Conversation (10+5)  
Private Spanish Classes  
Premium Spanish Classes  
D.E.L.E.  
Chamber of Commerce  
University Credits Courses  
Internship/Volunteer Program  
Intensive Business  
Art/History/Literature  
Mediterranean/Spanish Cooking  
Christmas Program  
Study Groups  
Youth Program  
International Summer Camp

### Director of Studies



Demetrio Sánchez

"Why learn Spanish? Where? Barcelona? Why? The Ramblas, the Barceloneta, Güell Park, the Sagrada Família, Gaudí, Dalí. But all that is not enough without human warmth, without people. My colleagues and I know this from experience, which is why we want to offer you our personal side as well as our professional side as much as possible. We are people who work with people, and when we give classes in Spanish we try to make friends. The decision is yours."

## THE SCHOOL

The school building is spacious, with 2,600 square meters generously spread over the 3 lower floors of a modern building. The school offers more than 55 bright and airy classrooms with a total surface area of 2,000 square meters. The school also offers 600 square meters of common areas, including a large interior patio, which looks out through a glass wall onto the school's expansive private garden, complete with trees and terrace. The central interior patio offers comfortable seating and more than 20 computer terminals, making it a great stop for easy and free internet access from our terminals or for linking up your own laptop to the school's free Wi-Fi. The patio is a popular spot to relax between classes while enjoying a drink or snack from the vending machines stationed throughout the school. Learn Spanish in Barcelona, where the don Quijote school's architectural details are top notch, including marble floors throughout the common areas and beautifully finished wood floors in the classrooms. In short, don Quijote Barcelona is not only big, but also bright and comfortable, with a touch of luxury. There is no language school of this size and caliber in all of Europe!

## ABOUT BARCELONA

In a privileged position on the northeastern coast of the Iberian peninsula and the shores of the Mediterranean, Barcelona is the second largest city in Spain in both size and population. There are two official languages spoken in Barcelona: Catalan and Castilian Spanish. Barcelona is unequivocally a Mediterranean city, not only because of its geographic location but also and above all because of its history, traditions, and cultural influences. The city has truly flourished again since the Olympic Games came to town in 1992. It has undergone huge development and is a massive draw for visitors from all over the world - both to study and to live.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Clearly, the city has a cosmopolitan character. Some students may find it challenging to adapt to that character right away, and may choose to spend some time studying in a smaller city before heading to Barcelona. That said, most students do quickly feel at home in Barcelona. And rightly so, because Barcelona is an experience in its own right.

The school's architectural details are top notch and beautifully finished wood floors in the classrooms. There is also a 450 m<sup>2</sup> patio with tropical plants!



# G Granada

DESTINATIONS

Granada  
Population: 345,000

## COURSES

Intensive (20+5)  
Super Intensive (30+5)  
Spanish Conversation (10+5)  
Private Spanish Classes  
D.E.L.E.  
Chamber of Commerce  
Intensive Business  
Internship/Volunteer Program  
Christmas Program  
Study Groups  
Art/History/Literature  
Flamenco/Salsa

### Director of Studies



Laura Ruiz

"Granada is not just the Alhambra, the Albaicín or the Royal Chapel—it's a path that leads to the history of the Moors, the Romans and the discovery of America, and brings us to a dynamic, modern, youthful present (the city is home to more than 60,000 students). Granada is color: the blue skies and the sea, the white snow and the green fertile plain. But Granada is especially people: a lively, simple and hospitable city. Those who want to experience Granada's charm must come and stay for a while."

## THE SCHOOL

don Quijote Granada occupies an entire five-story building. The school is light and airy, with lots of windows and balconies overlooking the street. The atmosphere at the school is friendly and relaxed. The building is centrally heated and air-conditioned—both indispensable features in Granada, where summer and winter temperatures can be extreme. Just like all other don Quijote schools, don Quijote Granada is equipped with modern teaching aids such as computers and audio-visual equipment. The recreation room is on the lower level, where you can watch TV or a DVD, listen to music, read books or newspapers, play board games or darts, etc. The school is located in a safe, quiet area in the city center, on c/ Azhuma 5, just a stone's throw from the cathedral and within walking distance of the Alhambra, the Albaicín and the Conference Center. Buses depart not far from the school almost every hour for the Sierra Nevada and the Mediterranean coast.

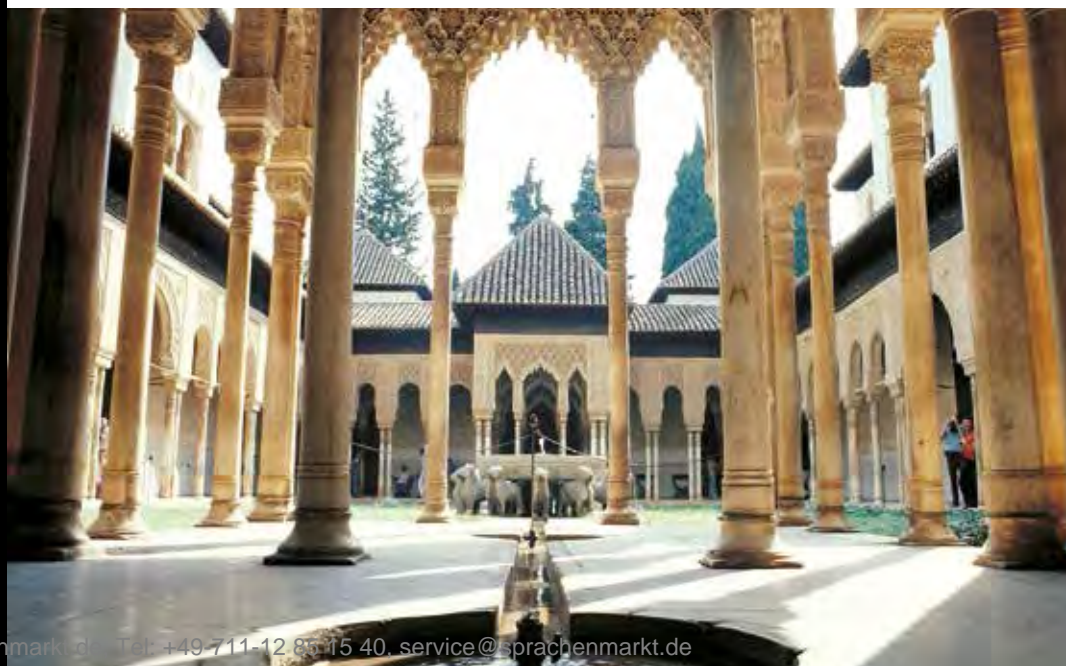
## ABOUT GRANADA

Granada is the capital of the province of the same name, situated in the eastern part of the region of Andalusia. Geographical and scenic diversity characterizes the area. There is the coastal area with its warm climate and the mountainous regions with a colder climate, where you will find the 3,481 meter Mulhacén, the biggest peak in the Iberian peninsula. The city of Granada is located at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Its unique history gives it an artistic grandeur embracing Moorish palaces and Christian Renaissance treasures.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

You will meet flamenco dancers, guitarists and thousands of other students in the streets. That makes the city especially lively. Granada is an excellent choice if you want to get to know Spanish student life and real Spanish traditions. Because of its location, Granada is also a paradise for lovers of nature, sports enthusiasts (skiing!), and sun-worshippers.

An incredible five-story building in the city center!





# M Madrid

DESTINATIONS



Madrid  
Population: 3,600,000

## COURSES

Intensive (20+5)  
Super Intensive (30+5)  
Spanish Conversation (10+5)  
Private Spanish Classes  
Premium Spanish Classes  
D.E.L.E.  
Chamber of Commerce  
Internship/Volunteer Program  
Intensive Business  
Art/History/Literature  
Spanish for Spanish Teachers  
Christmas Program  
Study Groups  
Flamenco  
International Summer Camp

### Director of Studies



Pedro Sánchez

"Welcome to Madrid, capital of Spain since 1562. Madrid is a city of impressive monuments and diverse cultural offerings: museums, parks, art galleries. Famous for its colorful nightlife, the city boasts a wide variety of theaters, bars, and clubs that are easily accessible and stay open late into the night. It is truly a city that never sleeps! The hospitality and warm character of its people will make it easy for you to make new friends. We are waiting for you to share this marvellous experience."

## THE SCHOOL

Our school in Madrid is a historic building recently renovated to provide the most modern amenities. It is located on c/ Duque de Liria 6, next to the Liria Palace, the Madrid residence of the Duchess of Alba and a beloved green island in the heart of Spain's capital city. On foot, the school is 5 minutes from the Plaza de España and the Gran Vía. 38 bright and airy classrooms, 2 conference rooms, accommodating 100 guests and 70 guests, respectively, and other school facilities are spread throughout 1,800 square meters on the 3 lower floors. The school also offers common areas, including a comfortable seating area where you will relax between classes or chat with friends while enjoying a drink or snack from the vending machines stationed throughout the school. A state of the art computer room offers you easy and free internet access at one of our 20 computer stations or you can simply log on to the school's free Wi-Fi network, if you choose to bring your own laptop to Spain. For your year round comfort, there is central heating and air conditioning throughout the building. Facilities are fully adapted for handicapped students and visitors.

## ABOUT MADRID

The capital of Spain, located in the heart of the peninsula, has a population of over three million. A cosmopolitan city, a business center, headquarters for the Public Administration, Government, Spanish Parliament and the home of the Spanish Royal Family, Madrid is characterized by intense cultural and artistic activity and a very lively nightlife. The city is captivating, enticing, and increasingly a hotbed of cultures and nationalities. While Madrid is a center of international tourism, it retains its unique Spanish charm. A city that is bursting with energy, the longer you spend in Madrid, the more it will enchant you. Stunning architecture and impressive monuments abound, but it is the people and personality of the capital that are most impressive. With a multitude of typical bars and cafes on every street corner, time spent in Madrid is a time of discovery, that will leave you wanting to explore its hidden depths.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Madrid is the most cosmopolitan of cities, combining the very best features of any notable European city. There is an electric atmosphere, huge green areas, and a continuous flow of business people and students. Madrid is well worth visiting and getting lost in if you are seeking a unique experience.

An impressive historic building that forms part of the Liria Palace in the heart of Madrid!





# S Salamanca

DESTINATIONS

Salamanca  
Population: 160,000



## COURSES

Intensive (20+5)  
Super Intensive (30+5)  
Spanish Conversation (10+5)  
Private Spanish Classes  
Premium Spanish Classes  
D.E.L.E.  
Chamber of Commerce  
Art/History/Literature  
Intensive Business  
Spanish for 50+  
Spanish for Spanish Teachers  
Christmas Program  
Study Groups  
Internship/Volunteer Program  
Mediterranean/Spanish Cooking  
Youth Program  
International Summer Camp

### Director of Studies



Jesús Baz

"On behalf of all those who work here, I would like to warmly welcome you to the magical city of Salamanca. Magical, because here you find the ideal elements for your course: an agreeable, peaceful environment for studying combined with endless possibilities for an exciting night out after a long day of classes. Salamanca, long famous for its cultural atmosphere, was designated a European Capital of Culture in 2002. Visitors to Salamanca are impressed by the city's educational institutions, its streets bursting with life (there are more than 50,000 young people studying at the university), and its pure Castilian. In short, this city is something special. We hope to see you soon!"

## THE SCHOOL

The don Quijote school in Salamanca is located in the heart of the old city center just 100 meters from the famous University of Salamanca and just two minutes away from the magnificent Plaza Mayor. The school is a beautifully restored 16th-century monastery. The modern materials used for the renovation create a natural balance with the richness, style and elegance of previous centuries. You enter the school through a lovely courtyard. This courtyard and the garden divide the school into three parts: the offices, the cafeteria and the classrooms. The main building has three floors, 19 classrooms, a recreation room (with computers, DVDs, sound system, etc.), a library, a staff lounge and three offices. Wireless internet access is also available in the school and café.

## ABOUT SALAMANCA

The province of Salamanca is situated in the west of Spain on the border with Portugal. The city is large enough to be able to offer the advantages of a real city, but at the same time it has the warmth and amity of a town. The Spanish that residents of Salamanca speak is often considered the "purest" form of Castilian Spanish spoken in Spain. For this reason Salamanca is enormously popular with people all over the world who want to learn Spanish. Contacts are made easily. You don't have to arrange to meet as you are bound to see everyone in the Plaza Mayor, one of the finest squares in Spain and known as the living room of the Salamantinos. While it may be tempting to keep to fellow don Quijote students, Spanish university students are everywhere and encounter them everywhere you go.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

As a real university city, Salamanca attracts thousands of students from all over the world. You will note this university character in the appearance of Salamanca's streets and in the many pleasant cafés and restaurants. Salamanca is not just a student city, however. You will have an abundance of architecture and art to see, and plenty of opportunities to discover the surrounding countryside. Putting it all together, you have a city where both the young and the not-so-young will feel at home.

Our school in Salamanca, a former monastery from the 16th century!



# T Tenerife

DESTINATIONS



Tenerife Population: 38,500 (Puerto de la Cruz)

## COURSES

Intensive (20+5)  
Super Intensive (30+5)  
Spanish Conversation (10+5)  
Private Spanish Classes  
Premium Spanish Classes  
Spanish for 50+  
Christmas program  
Study Groups  
Scuba Diving

### Director of Studies



Salomé Torres

"Tenerife is much more than sun and beaches, it is cultural diversity and above all it is Spain's bridge to Latin America. You will live in pleasant temperatures as you forget about winter and enjoy the sun from every corner of the island. You will enjoy the musical accent of its people, reminiscent of the 'Guanches' who inhabited the island long ago, and marvel at the magnificent Teide volcano, which seems to guard the island from high above. Once you have arrived, you will find it hard to leave."

## THE SCHOOL

don Quijote Tenerife is located in a traditional Canary Island-style building, on Avda. de Colón 14, just a 5 minute walk from the Martiánez Beach, 2 minutes from the famous 'Lago Martiánez' and 10 minutes from the City Hall. The school has 7 well lit classrooms, a teachers' room, a patio, office, multimedia classrooms, and a recreation area with television, hi-fi, library and DVDs. Due to its magnificent location you will be just minutes from beautiful beaches and recreational opportunities.

## ABOUT PUERTO DE LA CRUZ

Puerto de la Cruz is the second largest tourist city on the island with accommodation for around 30,000 tourists. In contrast with the modern resorts of the south, El Puerto has had a great tradition as a place of relaxation since the end of the last century when the spa, which today is the Hotel Casino Tauro, was built.

The lushness of the gardens and the agreeable atmosphere are very special features of this city, which has lively places for strolling. In the evening the streets near the Plaza del Charco and the promenade are enjoyable places where you can eat at any of the many open air restaurants, all this in a pleasant climate next to the ever present sea.

One of the greatest attractions of Puerto is without doubt the Lago Martiánez. This series of seawater pools conceived by Canary artist Cesar Manrique forms an extraordinary spot for bathing and resting in the sun. Besides the Lago, Puerto de la Cruz has small beaches of volcanic sand, the best ones being Playa Jardin and Martiánez, on the outskirts of the city.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

The international attractions, excellent restaurants, cafés and other facilities of Puerto de la Cruz all contribute to its busy air. The island is well connected to the Spanish Peninsula by both sea and air.

Traditional Canary Island architecture with a magnificent patio area.





# V Valencia

DESTINATIONS



Valencia  
Population: 900,000

## COURSES

Intensive (20+5)  
Super Intensive (30+5)  
Spanish Conversation (10+5)  
Private Spanish Classes  
D.E.L.E.  
Chamber of Commerce  
Internship/Volunteer Program  
Intensive Business  
Christmas Program  
Study Groups  
International Summer Camp

### Director of Studies



Mila de la Cruz

"Valencia is a modern, open city, full of light and color because of its privileged location beside the Mediterranean Sea, but also within easy reach of the mountains (just 20 km away). These days the two most popular attractions are The City of Arts and Sciences, one of the largest leisure and cultural centers in Europe, and the lively Fallas. But Valencia is not just about Fallas: it is a place where past, present, and future commingle. So may I welcome you to Valencia, and invite you to discover and share not only the language, but also everything the city and we, its people, can offer you."

## THE SCHOOL

Located on Avda. de los Naranjos s/n, don Quijote Valencia is in a freshly renovated school that focuses on quality and technology and that has a comfortable and lively on-campus student atmosphere. don Quijote Valencia is located on the campus of the Polytechnic University of Valencia, just 5 minutes from the old city center and 5 minutes from the beach! Set among hundred of acres of new academic buildings, palm trees, and long, rolling lawns it stands alongside the student residence, Valencia's most modern and best equipped 'colegio mayor' and a home-away-from-home for those don Quijote students who choose student residence accommodation. The school has 9 spacious classrooms, surrounding a central common area of 100 square meters, equipped with a coffee machine, vending machines, computers and comfortable furniture for relaxing between classes. The facilities include the most modern technology presented in a cheerful and contemporary atmosphere.

## ABOUT VALENCIA

Valencia, on Spain's eastern coast, is nestled between the Mediterranean Sea, the mountains of the Sierra del Negrete, and the plains of Castilla La Mancha. Spain's third largest city is home to paella, Europe's largest leisure complex, and one of the most exuberant nightlife scenes in the country. This vibrant city offers a rich mixture of history and tradition which balances perfectly with its drive for modernity. The construction of the Ciudad de las Artes y Ciencias leisure complex has put Valencia firmly on the world's cultural map. Boasting an opera house, planetarium, botanical gardens and Europe's biggest marine park, there are endless cultural activities to enjoy. And of course, Valencia's beach is a lively place to soak up the sun and enjoy the waves. Whatever you look for in a city, Valencia will exceed your expectations.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Valencia is the ideal place to study Spanish given its privileged location on the Mediterranean coast. You will enjoy a perfect climate all year round. Thanks to its amiable inhabitants, you will immediately feel at home. Valencia has an international airport that connects the city with the rest of the world. A language trip to this modern city is sure to meet your expectations.

A modern school on the campus of the Polytechnic University of Valencia, just 5 minutes from the old city center and 5 minutes from the beach!



# Alicante

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner school in Alicante is located in one of the most emblematic areas of the city, the Paseo de la Explanada. The school is just a two minute walk from the beach, and very close to Rambla Méndez Nuñez. Set directly on a beautiful promenade, the school is located in a Mediterranean style building in the city center, and features 8 spacious classrooms, a computer lab with free internet access, centralized air conditioning and heating, and views of the sea and harbor from the classrooms.

## ABOUT ALICANTE

If you've always imagined Spain as a warm, Mediterranean paradise, you should consider studying Spanish in Alicante. Alicante is at once a tranquil and lively city that captivates the imagination with its rich history. Come celebrate Alicante's past during Las Hogueras, a lively festival during which incredible papier maché sculptures are erected and then burned amidst parades and luminous fireworks! Learn Spanish in Alicante and get to know an intimate, medium-sized city with an unbeatable climate, delicious food and warm, and friendly inhabitants ready to welcome you as one of their own.

## ACTIVITIES

Our Spanish school in Alicante organizes a full calendar of afternoon activities, along with weekend trips to nearby sites of interest. One day a week is reserved for film projections and another for dance classes, two great mediums through which to discover Spanish culture. These kinds of activities are usually free, but you may have to pay out of pocket expenses like entrance fees to museums and transportation. The most common afternoon events are: city tour, museums and special exhibits, the Aquarium, Santa Barbara Castle, local markets...

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

If you want to combine sun, sea, Mediterranean climate and folklore with your Spanish studies, Alicante is an excellent choice. Whether you want to relax in style and have a drink on the palm-lined esplanades or partake in the vibrant nightlife and university atmosphere, Alicante has something for everyone.

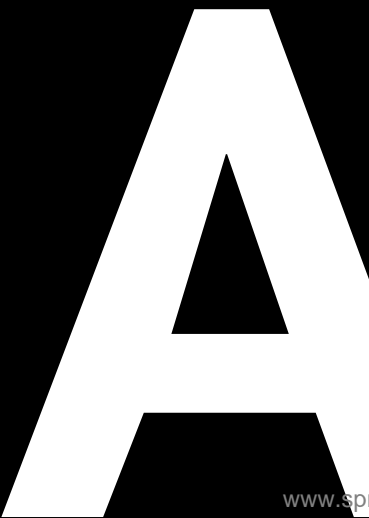
## COURSES

The school offers General Spanish courses (2, 4 or 5 hours per day) & Special Programs (One to One or Group Programs). Each lesson lasts 55 minutes and you can study from 1 to 48 weeks. The minimum age is 14 years and you will have a maximum of nine other students in a group. You can start your course on any Monday during the year, even if you are a beginner.



Alicante

Population: 325,000



The school is located on one of the city's most famous streets, a pedestrian promenade near the beach!



# Malaga

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner school is located in a beautiful Andalusian building from the 1950s. You will study in pleasant surroundings and large, airy classrooms. The school is surrounded by an impressive garden filled with yucca palms, lemon trees, date palms, and rubber trees, all of which contribute to a peaceful, relaxed atmosphere. During the hot Andalusian summer, the garden provides students with much-appreciated shade. Within 100 yards of the school you will find grocery shops, banks, a pharmacy, restaurants and bars. What's more, you will be just 2 minutes from the beach!

## ABOUT MALAGA

Malaga is a city that sparkles because of its temperament. This is evident above all in the best-known folkloric tradition of the city, Flamenco singing and dancing. Before and during Easter there are numerous processions. That's when Malaga shows itself in all its pomp and glory, a joy to behold. The city has many historic attractions. Not just the old center of Malaga with its countless Moorish remains but the Alcazaba, an Islamic fort, and the castle on Mount Gibralfaro are also well worth a visit.

## ACTIVITIES

The staff at our Spanish school in Malaga organizes daily afternoon and evening activities for students to discover the sights and culture of Malaga, including city tours and visits to museums, as well as many events on the school grounds for students such as barbecues and dance classes. On the weekends, you can sign up for excursions to nearby cities in Andalusia or even discover Morocco with us! Here are some examples: Ronda, Nerja Caves, Seville, Tarifa...

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

If you want to combine sun, sea, and folklore while you learn Spanish, Malaga is the ideal choice. Studying Spanish in Malaga is more than just enjoying a Costa del Sol beach holiday. It is a unique experience you will always treasure.

## COURSES

The school offers General Spanish courses (2, 4 or 5 hours per day) & Special Programs (One to One, Spanish for Spanish Teachers, D.E.L.E., Chamber of Commerce, Intensive Business, Internship/Volunteer Program, Flamenco/Salsa, Christmas course, Spanish for 50 and over, Youth Program, International Summer Camp, Group Programs). Each lesson lasts 55 minutes and you can study from 1 to 48 weeks. The minimum age is 14 years and you can expect a maximum of nine other students in a group. You can start your course on any Monday during the year.



DESTINATIONS

# Marbella (Malaga)

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner school in Marbella is a unique center: the building itself is constructed around open air, sun-drenched patios, which allows you to enjoy a multitude of outdoor common areas and the smell of the Mediterranean between classes or while taking a break with friends. What's more, the school's location is unbeatable - less than a 5 minute walk from the beach, the most desirable shops and the best tapas bars in town. The school is conveniently located in the heart of the city, close to various bus lines. The school building features 17 classrooms, a large terrace, air conditioning, a large common room with vending machines, a study room and library, and 7 computers with free internet access.

## ABOUT MARBELLA

Marbella, the undisputed highlight of Costa del Sol, is an exclusive Mediterranean resort town with some of the best beaches in Europe. Its beautiful parks and gardens, top-notch golf courses, and picturesque old quarter, the Casco Antiguo, make Marbella a relaxing yet stimulating place to learn Spanish.

## ACTIVITIES

Our partner school has a monthly calendar of activities that includes visits to museums, churches, palaces, and tapas bars. Many cultural activities during the week will be complementary, but weekend excursions usually incur an extra fee. You will receive a folder on the first day of class that contains complete information about the dates and prices (if any) of excursions. Examples: tours of cities such as Puerto Banús, Córdoba, Seville, Malaga, or outings to the Picasso Museum, a flamenco show, Ronda, Nerja caves, Mijas...

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

With delicious Mediterranean food, gorgeous beaches, stylish shops, a vibrant nightlife, and world-class sporting and leisure activities, Marbella is the perfect environment for students of all ages to study Spanish while enjoying a wonderful quality of life.

## COURSES

The school offers General Spanish courses of 2, 4 or 5 hours per day & special programs (One to One, Flamenco/Salsa, Group Programs, International Summer Camp). Each lesson lasts 55 minutes and you can study from 1 to 48 weeks. The minimum age is 14 years and you can expect a maximum of nine other students in a group. You can start your course on any Monday during the year, even if you are a beginner.



Marbella (Malaga)

Population: 125,000

The school is located in the heart of the city, just a few minutes from the beach!



# Seville

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner school in Seville just moved into a fabulous new facility: a typical Andalusian palace with 1200 square meters generously spread over 4 floors! The school is ideally located in the Arenal district, close to the Cathedral, next to the 'Plaza de Toros' in the heart of the old city center, surrounded by shops and restaurants. The school has 18 classrooms, a library, a computer room, a conference room, offices, a patio, an elevator, communal study and relaxation areas in addition to offering spectacular views of the Giralda. All the facilities are equipped with air conditioning and have been fully adapted for wheelchair users.

## ABOUT SEVILLE

If you want to experience the folkloric heart of Spain - the scent of orange trees, the click-clack of flamenco shoes, women in bright polka dot dresses, and the heat of the Andalusian sun - Seville is the city for you. Spain's fourth-largest city and the capital of Andalusia, Seville equally maintains the warmth and friendliness of a small town. To say that Seville possesses a rich history would be an understatement: it has seen the glory of the Roman Empire, the luxurious sophistication of the Moors, and the Christian Reconquista, which eventually gave the city what is now the largest cathedral in the world.

## ACTIVITIES

Seville's prime location allows our partner school to offer trips to 2 different countries - Portugal and Morocco - as well as local visits within the city, and excursions to nearby beaches and picturesque small towns. These trips are scheduled for the weekends. The most common weekly activities, held during the afternoons and evenings, are Sevillanas dance classes, Spanish movie nights, and city tours.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Seville is a very self-contained city, and its rich mixture of history and modernity will add value to your Spanish course. The "good life" is another of the traditions which the Sevillians like to maintain, as you will discover from the many restaurants, bars and terraces which guarantee an entertaining and thrilling nightlife experience.

## COURSES

The school offers General Spanish courses (2, 4 or 5 hours per day) & Special Programs (One to One, D.E.L.E., Internship/Volunteer Program, Christmas course, Flamenco/Salsa, Group Programs, International Summer Camp). Each lesson lasts 55 minutes and you can study from 1 to 48 weeks. The minimum age is 14 years and you can expect a maximum of nine other students in a group. You can start your course on any Monday during the year.



Seville

Population: 835,000



The school building is a century old palace in the heart of the old city center!





# DESTINATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA

11 countries - 22 destinations!

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## **ARGENTINA**

Buenos Aires  
Bariloche  
Córdoba  
Mendoza

## **BOLIVIA**

Sucre

## **CHILE**

Santiago de Chile

## **COLOMBIA**

Bogotá  
Cartagena de Indias

## **COSTA RICA**

Santo Domingo de Heredia  
Playa Tamarindo

## **CUBA**

Havana  
Santiago de Cuba  
Trinidad

## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Santo Domingo  
Sosua

## **ECUADOR**

Quito

## **GUATEMALA**

Antigua

## **MEXICO**

Playa del Carmen (Cancún)  
Guanajuato  
Oaxaca  
Puerto Vallarta

## **PERU**

Cusco



# SPANISH COURSES IN LATIN AMERICA

## 22 destinations in 11 countries!

### THE SCHOOLS

Our schools are located in different countries and 22 cities giving you a wide range of choices! They are carefully selected to be near public transportation, shopping, restaurants and other points of interest, and are all equipped with an administrative office, library, refreshment room and/or open kitchen. All the schools offer many extra services such as internet access and several are fully recognized and approved by American universities for college credit and by the German (Bildungsurlaub) government.

### FLEXIBLE PROGRAMS

Classes start every Monday, all year round, including the Easter and Christmas holidays. All schools offer General Intensive Spanish group courses of 20 classes per week, Super Intensive Spanish of 20 group classes + 10 private classes per week and Private Spanish classes. Other specific programs like Dance courses or Volunteer programs are available at several schools. There is an average of 4-5 students per group and each program includes 3-5 weekly organized activities (dance classes, movies, cooking demonstrations, etc.).

### COURSE MATERIAL

A combination of materials developed by the schools and books from universities around the world are used to teach both grammar and vocabulary. Teachers also use audiovisual materials, newspapers, magazine articles and practical situations. Texts and workbooks vary by location and the students' Spanish level.

### LEVEL TEST AND TIMETABLE

On the first day of your course, you will take a test in order to be placed in the appropriate class for your level of Spanish. Each school offers at least 6 levels from beginner to advanced. Classes are either in the morning or in the afternoon and will be determined upon your arrival. Time schedules vary from school to school.

### THE TEACHERS

Our superior teaching staff have earned university degrees in Spanish and have been carefully selected owing to their qualifications and experience in teaching Spanish as a foreign language. Some of them have obtained PhDs or Masters degrees in Spanish and literature, history or Latin American culture. They refresh their teaching skills by attending special courses every year.

### SYLLABUS

Copies of the course syllabus are available on request for Teachers of Spanish, Heads of Departments, Deans, and Tutors. Please give us prior warning if a student is applying for Academic credit and his or her university affiliation.

### ACCOMMODATION

Cultural immersion is a key part of the program. Consequently all programs include Homestay/Host family accommodation. We believe that staying with a host family will help you gain an in-depth understanding of the culture and customs of the country. A private room with half or full board is included in all programs. The families have been carefully selected by our schools and live within a maximum distance of 20-35 minutes (on foot or by public transportation) from the school. Your host family will provide towels and bed linen.

### AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES

Pick-up services from the airport are available in almost every city (in some cities at an additional cost). To guarantee your pick-up we need to know all flight information at least one week in advance.

## DESTINATIONS

# Argentina Bariloche

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner school is conveniently located in downtown Bariloche, only 900 meters from the Civic Center. The school has 5 classrooms and a beautiful backyard with a view of the fantastic Nahuel Huapi Lake and hills.

## ABOUT BARILOCHE

Bariloche is located in Patagonia on the shores of the Nahuel Huapi Lake, a small city surrounded by the Andes mountains. It is famous for skiing but also great for sightseeing, water sports, trekking, and climbing.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 7 students and are 55 minutes long.

## ACCOMMODATION

Stay with a host family in Bariloche in a private room with half board or breakfast only.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Bariloche offers a wide range of activities for visitors including sports such as hiking, skiing and rafting, cultural events such as wine tasting and exhibitions in museums and art galleries.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Bariloche offers you an enriching experience in a safe city surrounded by outstanding natural beauty. Thanks to its traditional hospitality, exciting outdoor activities, and the unrivalled richness of its wildlife, you are sure to have a truly unforgettable experience.

Bariloche  
Population: 100,000

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Immersion



# B



## DESTINATIONS

# Argentina Buenos Aires

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner school in Buenos Aires is located in the Palacio San Miguel, one of the most valued buildings in the historic downtown area. Surrounded by beautifully preserved and striking 19th Century architecture, the school building is conveniently located in the city center. Fully-equipped with modern amenities, the school is air-conditioned and comprises of 20 spacious classrooms, a roof deck area where you can relax after class, a common room for socializing and drinking mate, a video room, a computer room with free internet access and a cafeteria.

## ABOUT BUENOS AIRES

Safe and clean, Buenos Aires is the most elegant and busy metropolis in South America. Buenos Aires is the best place in the world to experience authentic tango music - and to dance to it yourself! As one of the most influential cities in South America, Buenos Aires is full of culture. You will find museums, theatres, cinemas, clubs, concerts, fairs, festivals and special events offered at all hours, all year long. The city's neighborhoods are small and highly individualized, each with its own characteristic colors and forms. In the San Telmo district, the city's multinational heritage is embodied in a varied and cosmopolitan architecture that combines Spanish Colonial, Italian, and French influences.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 8 students. Classes can be in the mornings or in the afternoons and each class lasts 55 minutes.

## ACCOMMODATION

You may choose between a stay with an Argentinian host family, or in a student residence.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

The school plans at least 2 cultural activities per week, from excursions to films and classes to cultural classes.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

We are confident that you will find Buenos Aires an exciting city to learn Spanish. With its incredibly diverse architecture and lively atmosphere, Buenos Aires is a fascinating world capital which immediately captures the heart of its visitors thanks to its unique charms.



Buenos Aires  
Population: 12 million

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Immersion  
D.E.L.E. Exam Preparation  
Spanish + Tango/Salsa  
Stage/Volunteer Program



# B



## DESTINATIONS

# Argentina Córdoba

## THE SCHOOL

Located in downtown Córdoba, our partner school is just 5 minutes away from the city's main square near the shopping area and other touristic activities. With 6 classrooms, the school comfortably accommodates up to 40 students and features a kitchen area, an internet room and a cafeteria which serves typical Argentinian dishes at affordable prices. The school equally offers stunning views of the city and an outdoor area.

## ABOUT CÓRDOBA

Córdoba is a picturesque city located on the Suquia River in the foothills of the Sierras Chicas mountain range. The city's privileged location in the center of the country makes it a perfect starting point for excursions to the Andes or the Pampas. Córdoba is home to the oldest university in Argentina, and the second oldest in Latin America, earning it the nickname "La Docta" (The Learned). Córdoba has many historical monuments from the colonial era; of particular interest is the Jesuit Block which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 7 students and last 55 minutes.

## ACCOMMODATION

In Córdoba students can choose to stay with a local host family or in a student residence hall.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Weekly activities are arranged by the school and may include excursions, cultural classes, films, and more.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Its location in the center of Argentina makes Córdoba a great place to explore the country. The natural beauty of the surrounding areas makes it an ideal option for skiers and nature lovers alike, while the mild climate and places of historical interest are a perfect combination for any tourist.



Córdoba  
Population: 1 million

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Immersion  
D.E.L.E. Preparation  
Spanish + Tango/Salsa  
Stage/Volunteer Program





Mendoza  
Population: 1,5 million

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Immersion  
Spanish & Tango/Salsa



## DESTINATIONS

# Argentina Mendoza

## THE SCHOOL

Located in downtown Mendoza, the school is just five minutes away from the main pedestrian area and is equally close to some of the city's most important places of interest including Colon Avenue, Parque Cívico, City Hall and Casa de Gobierno. The school itself has 6 classrooms, a staff room, a kitchen, a meeting room (to be used during breaks and free time), a video room, a computer room with free internet access and a beautiful backyard with a barbecue grill.

## ABOUT MENDOZA

Located at the foot of the majestic Andes mountain range, Mendoza is surrounded by breathtaking landscapes. As for the city itself, Mendoza has an overall quiet and peaceful feel which few large cities manage to achieve. Even in the city center, bustling with the commercial activity typical of any urban setting, Mendoza prides itself on its outdoor spaces with an abundance of tree-lined walkways, open-air cafes and fountain-centered plazas.

## CLASSES

Classes consist of four 55 minute classes a day in groups of no more than 7 students. The course is complemented by extra-curricular activities, which students may do in their free time. Classes are divided into two parts with a break of twenty minutes.

## ACCOMMODATION

Stay with a host family in Mendoza in a private room with half board or breakfast only.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Students' favorite activities include visiting the wineries in Mendoza, exploring the Patagonia Museum and ice skating by Bariloche's Nahuel Huapi lake. As for the more adventurous, Mendoza equally offers the chance to raft or kayak down the Andes rapids or to ski in the Northeast's numerous international ski resorts.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Mendoza is an ideal location for learning Spanish and for exploring Argentina with excellent opportunities to partake in a variety of sporting activities such as rafting, kayaking, sailing and windsurfing alongside your Spanish course.





Sucre  
Population: 190,000

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish classes  
Best of Both  
Volunteer program



## DESTINATIONS

# Bolivia Sucre

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner school is located in the heart of the city and is close to both the main plaza and the majority of the other city attractions. Accommodating 40 students, the school offers free internet access and comprises of 15 classrooms, 2 interior patios, a roof patio, a kitchen, 2 common rooms, an entertainment room and a charming cafeteria, El Café Quito.

## ABOUT SUCRE

Located in the Andean highlands in a valley surrounded by low mountains, Sucre is a small city which is a pleasure to explore by foot. A university town which is recognized as the center of learning and progressive thought in Bolivia, Sucre boasts an abundance of museums, a lively central plaza, charming shopping areas and enticing restaurants. With its beautifully-maintained colonial architecture, the city was unsurprisingly declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991 and, owing to the usual whitewashed façades of these buildings; Sucre equally enjoys the nickname of The White City.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 5 students and take place either in the morning or the afternoon. With a 30 minute break in between, each class lasts 60 minutes.

## ACCOMMODATION

To help your immersion into the local language and culture, our partner school in Sucre offers home stays (you will enjoy a single room with half board in the home of a carefully selected Bolivian family) or a student residence (individual or double room, no meals provided).

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

2-3 organized activities are offered every week. The school also provides a daily schedule of cultural activities in Sucre and its surrounding areas including theatre outings, museum excursions and trips to festivals in addition to opportunities to enjoy other ticketed events. The most common activities include dance classes, cooking classes, Spanish language films and fiestas.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Sucre is a fascinating place to study Spanish and not only enables students to improve their linguistic skills but, thanks to the city's rich cultural heritage, equally increases their knowledge of the area's intriguing Andean and colonial culture.





Santiago de Chile  
Population: 5 million

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Immersion  
Stage/Volunteer Program



## DESTINATIONS

# Chile

## Santiago de Chile

### THE SCHOOL

Our partner school is located at the foot of San Cristobal Hill, the city's largest park. Set in the Bellavista district, Santiago's colorful bohemian neighborhood, the area is a magnet for students and artists. You will also be just a short walk away from the Plaza de Armas and Pablo Neruda's house. Since the 1980s, Bellavista has developed into the city's hotspot, and boasts a wide variety of bars, restaurants, nightclubs and theatres. As for the school building itself, it comprises of 7 classrooms, 2 kitchens and a beautiful garden.

### ABOUT SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Situated in the center of an expansive bowl-shaped valley against the spectacular backdrop of the mighty Andes mountain range, Santiago de Chile is a bustling and modern capital city. Nevertheless, despite being one of Latin America's main financial hubs and home to around 40% of the country's population, the ever-growing metropolis equally offers an abundance of open spaces from its tree-filled main square to its various carefully landscaped parks. Moreover, just an hour away from the renowned ski resorts of Valle Nevado, Colorado and La Parva, Santiago is the perfect stopping point for avid skiers. From one extreme to another, Chile's west coast equally offers an abundance of beautiful beaches and verdant golf courses enabling visitors to simply relax or prove their sporting prowess.

### CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 8 students and take place during mornings and afternoons. Each class lasts 55 minutes.

### ACCOMMODATION

You may choose to stay with a host family or in a student residence.

### ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

At weekends the school organizes excursions into the Andes or to the Pacific Coast. Rafting, climbing courses, and trekking tours are all part of the school's extracurricular activities. Cultural excursions include a vineyard tour followed by wine tasting, a trip to the museum-house of Pablo Neruda, and a visit to the Palacio Cousiño.

### OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Like many Latin American cities, Santiago de Chile is defined by its contrasts: colonial and modern architecture, energizing street scenes and parks, designer shopping and farmer's markets, exciting nightlife and romantic restaurants. With ski slopes and beaches a short distance away and all that a world capital has to offer on a daily and nightly basis, Santiago de Chile is a stimulating and exhilarating place to study Spanish and to learn about Chilean culture.





Bogotá  
Population: 7,3 million

## COURSES

Part Time Spanish  
Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish classes  
Spanish & Business  
Spanish & Medicine  
Volunteer program



## DESTINATIONS

# Colombia Bogotá

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner school in Bogotá is located in a charming neighborhood known as Quinta Camacho in the northern part of the city. Known for its English-style architecture and high levels of safety, the neighborhood is in prime location for access to a wide range of nearby activities including shopping, dining, going to the theatre, visiting art galleries or having a drink in a local bar. Public transportation is also available for quick access to the city center. The school itself is located in a quaint Tudor-style house and is comprised of 7 classrooms, a common area and a computer room.

## ABOUT BOGOTÁ

The city has a population of over 7 million people making it the largest in Colombia and the third largest in Latin America. Bogotá has become the industrial, political, economic, and financial center of the country and Colombians looking to improve their standard of living flock to the city in search of opportunities. Its location in the geographic center of Colombia makes Bogotá an ideal starting point from which to explore the rest of the country.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 10 students and last 60 minutes.

## ACCOMMODATION

There are two accommodation options. You can stay in a single room in the home of a carefully selected local host family on either a breakfast only or half board basis or in a single or double room in a shared student flat with no meals provided.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

The school offers weekly organized activities.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

The stark contrast between the old and the new makes Bogotá a captivating city to visit; tourists can discover both old historic monuments and spectacular modern skyscrapers. Moreover, thanks to considerable improvements to levels of safety and quality of infrastructure in recent years, Bogotá is now a Latin American hotspot and boasts an abundance of tourist activities. With magnificent churches, fascinating museums, verdant parks, varied cuisine, lively cultural events and an energetic nightlife scene, Bogotá will leave visitors spoilt for choice.





Cartagena de Indias  
Population: 955,000

## COURSES

Part Time Spanish  
Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Spanish & Business  
Volunteer Program



## DESTINATIONS

# Colombia Cartagena de Indias

## THE SCHOOL

As one of the most popular Latin American destinations among tourists and awarded with the prestigious title of UNESCO World Heritage Site, Cartagena is an excellent destination for learning Spanish. Located in the colorful Getsemani neighborhood next to Trinidad Square (where the struggle for independence began) and near to both the city's historic quarter and beautiful beaches, the school boasts an enviable position. Housed in a colonial-style building with a Caribbean twist, the school provides students with a cafeteria, a garden area and internet access.

## ABOUT CARTAGENA DE INDIAS

With its maze of cobbled streets, striking churches and tree-encircled plazas, Cartagena entices visitors with its colonial charm. Priding itself on its outdoor areas, the city invites tourists to relax in its numerous open-air cafes and to marvel at its brightly-colored architecture. With a wide range of restaurants and reasonably-priced accommodation options too, Cartagena unsurprisingly remains a firm favorite among visitors to Colombia.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 10 students and last 60 minutes.

## ACCOMMODATION

There are two accommodation options. You can stay in a single room in the home of a carefully selected local host family on either a breakfast only or half board basis or in a single or double room in a shared student flat with no meals provided.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

The school offers weekly organized activities.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

With its beautifully-preserved colonial buildings and historic city walls, Cartagena is an architectural gem. Equally renowned for its mixture of African, Caribbean and Spanish influences, the city enjoys a vibrant culture which is easily visible from simply walking along its picturesque streets. Thanks to its location on the Caribbean coast and continual warm temperatures, Cartagena is also the ideal destination for visitors looking to enjoy a tropical climate all year round.





Playa Tamarindo  
Population: 4,200

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish classes  
Combined  
Surf



## DESTINATIONS

# Costa Rica Playa Tamarindo

## THE SCHOOL

Located in the heart of Playa Tamarindo in Costa Rica, our partner school is just a few minutes walk away from the town and the beach. Our courses are taught in various classrooms which have been carefully designed to cater for both private and small group sessions. The school building also boasts a top floor which is dedicated both to student breaks and an array of cultural activities. Surrounded by beautiful tropical gardens which provide students with breathtaking views, our Playa Tamarindo school is the perfect location to learn Spanish.

## ABOUT PLAYA TAMARINDO

Beautiful beaches, fascinating national parks and a multitude of activities, including surfing and diving, await you at Playa Tamarindo. Situated in the Guanacaste province, Playa Tamarindo is part of the largest and driest province of Costa Rica where visitors can explore open plains, venture into the dry tropical forests and may even come across the occasional Guanacaste tree—one of Costa Rica's national symbols. The Guanacaste is known as the golden coast of Costa Rica. Its coastal area is lined with pristine beaches and mangrove estuaries which feature sands ranging in color from ivory white to volcanic black. Thanks to its desirable climate and beautiful landscapes, Guanacaste attracts visitors all year round.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 6 students and start every Monday of the year. Regular lessons are 55 minutes long and are held from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (during peak season) and may also be held in the afternoons from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## ACCOMMODATION

Students can stay with a local host family on a half-board package in the towns of Santa Rose and Villa Real. These towns are approximately 3-5 miles from Playa Tamarindo and there is regular and cheap public transportation services between the towns and the school. Taxis are also available all day long.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

The school offers free weekly activities and some specific tours for a low additional price. There is a wide range of cultural activities such as dancing, cooking, visits to national parks (like the Arenal volcano), canopy tours, river rafting etc.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Although Playa Tamarindo is a small town, it is impossible to get bored here! A paradise of lush vegetation and crystal clear waters makes Playa Tamarindo the perfect place for enjoying a beach side vacation while perfecting your Spanish.





Santo Domingo de Heredia  
Population: 60,000

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Combined  
Executive & Professional Spanish  
Spanish for Spanish Teachers  
D.E.L.E. Exam Preparation  
Dancing / Culture / Cooking  
Spanish for 50 and over  
Teen Program  
Internship/Volunteer Program



## DESTINATIONS

# Costa Rica Santo Domingo de Heredia

## THE SCHOOL

Our school is located in a spectacular building in Santo Domingo de Heredia, a town with a population of 60,000 and just 20 minutes away from San José International Airport. The building features 15 bright, comfortable and spacious classrooms and a large hall, used for social activities such as music recitals and dancing. During breaks and after class, students can relax in the outdoor sitting area of our garden. The school provides complementary tea, coffee and water as well as free wireless internet access for our students.

## ABOUT SANTO DOMINGO DE HEREDIA

Santo Domingo de Heredia is just a short distance from the capital, San José, and the university. It is a lovely little town situated in the heart of 'Valle Central' (Central Valley) and is known for its friendly and hospitable inhabitants. Its beautiful park, the colonial churches and quiet streets make Santo Domingo a picturesque town. For evening entertainment you will also find a wide variety of restaurants and bars.

## CLASSES

The maximum number of students in each class is 5, although groups can be increased to a maximum of 8 students per class at peak season. Lessons are 60 minutes long and are normally held Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a 30 minute coffee break.

## ACCOMMODATION

You can choose between staying with a local host family, located between 5 and 30 minutes' walking distance from the school (half or full board), or in a single or double room in a shared student apartment. All our shared apartments have free wireless internet access.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

The school offers free weekly activities like cooking, dancing, drama, cultural lectures, fiestas, movie nights etc., as well as low-cost afternoon trips to places like the Pacific beaches, Manuel Antonio Park, zip lining, rafting, Volcano Arenal, Tortuguero National Park, Corcovado National Park, Caribbean Coast, Montezuma, Tortuga Island etc.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Santo Domingo is the perfect place to relax while enjoying nature at its very best and learning Spanish. Offering a wide range of outdoor and adventure activities, the province of Heredia is definitely worth a visit. Santo Domingo's central location in the country makes it easy to explore the whole country. It is an authentic Costa Rican village, but without the hassle of crowds of tourists, which gives students the opportunity to experience the day-to-day life of a typical Costa Rican town.





Santiago de Cuba  
Population: 420,000

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Immersion  
Dance Classes  
Music Classes



## DESTINATIONS

# Cuba

## Santiago de Cuba

### THE SCHOOL

Our partner schools in Cuba are unique in that they are not held in one central building! Your classes will take place either in your teacher's home, in the home of your host family or, for certain mini-group courses, in a Cuban cultural center. In all three cases, you will learn Spanish surrounded by native speakers and with well-trained, highly-educated teachers of Spanish.

### ABOUT SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Santiago de Cuba is the country's second largest city and Havana's long-time rival in literature, music, and politics. The arrival of French settlers in the 19th century added yet another flavor to the diverse mix of Haitian, African and Spanish influences that make this cultural melting pot the most Caribbean of all Cuban cities. Santiagueros of all backgrounds are bound together by their widespread reputation as happy, hospitable, and laid-back people. The city is home to the University de Oriente, one of Cuba's leading education institutions. You can enjoy beautiful beaches year-round and stroll through the large, natural harbor that has made Santiago an important port city for nearly five centuries.

### CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 3 students. The school will select your timetable based on your level of Spanish. Classes are available in the mornings (starting at 8:30 a.m.) and in the afternoons. One lesson is 50 minutes.

### ACCOMMODATION

The selected host families live in spacious homes in a select neighborhood of the town: Reparto Sueño. They offer single rooms with half board (breakfast and dinner). Almost all rooms have air-conditioning and some have a private bathroom. Laundry is not included. The host family can take care of your laundry for a small charge.

### ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

While learning Spanish in Santiago de Cuba, you'll have the opportunity to go on many excursions. Excursions may include visits to a rum museum, a tobacco factory, and Gran Piedra, the highest point (1,214 meters) near Santiago with spectacular views.

### OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Renowned for its welcoming, cheerful atmosphere and Caribbean personality, Santiago de Cuba is a wonderful place to learn Spanish in a warm, nurturing, picturesque, and very safe environment.



## DESTINATIONS

# Cuba Havana

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner schools in Cuba are unique in that they are not held in one central building! Your classes will take place either in your teacher's home, in the home of your host family or, for certain mini-group courses, in a Cuban cultural center. In all three cases, you will learn Spanish surrounded by native speakers and with well-trained, highly-educated teachers of Spanish.

## ABOUT HAVANA

Havana is a city of faded glory but also one of unbridled high spirits; a city where little is allowed but where much more is possible. After years of undeniable decline, this impressive metropolis, now included in the UNESCO list of World Monuments, is rising like a phoenix from its ashes. Havana is a melting pot of cultures and races, an open-air museum under the strict direction of Castro, it is a city that you must learn to appreciate. Apart from the picturesque colonial inner city, the Playas del Este and the famous Malecón (the immense boulevard that most consider to be the living room of Havana), you should make time to discover Vedado. This is the part of Havana where the host families live and where you will find many Art Deco buildings that would be considered national treasures in many other countries.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 3 students. The school will select your timetable based on your level of Spanish. Classes are available in the mornings (starting at 8:30) and in the afternoons. One lesson is 50 minutes.

## ACCOMMODATION

The selected host families in Havana live in spacious homes in a nice residential part of town known as Reparto Vedado. Though it's mainly a quiet area, there are several nice bars and clubs close by. Vedado is approximately 40-45 minutes' walking distance (or 15 minutes by bicycle or taxi) from the old town of Havana. The families offer single rooms with half board (breakfast and dinner). All rooms have air-conditioning or a fan and some have a private bathroom.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

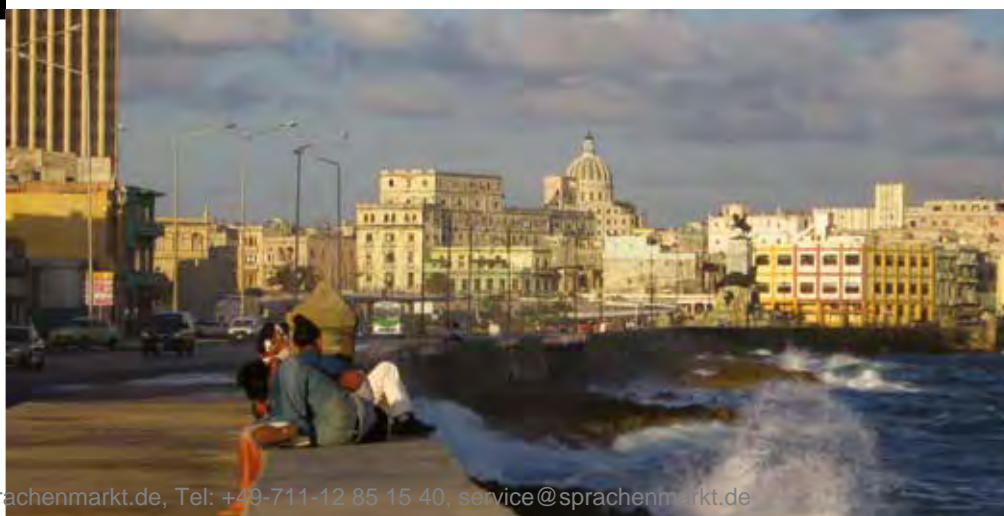
A trip to Cuba is not complete without a visit to one of the rum museums or tobacco factories. Other activities include a guided tour of the city, a party evening at a teacher's home, and excursions to beaches or a mango farm. For sports lovers, horseback riding and scuba diving are available.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Havana is a place where the infectious rhythms of son and salsa linger in the air, where friendly faces beckon and make sure that you're not the only one not swaying to the beat, where poets find their inspiration, and where poetry and song is ensconced in everything you see. Learn Spanish in Havana and experience this one-of-a-kind city for yourself.

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Immersion  
Dance Classes  
Music Classes



## DESTINATIONS

# Cuba Trinidad

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner schools in Cuba are unique in that they are not held in one central building! Your classes will take place either in your teacher's home, in the home of your host family or, for certain mini-group courses, in a Cuban cultural center. In all three cases, you will learn Spanish surrounded by native speakers and with well-trained, highly-educated teachers of Spanish.

## ABOUT TRINIDAD

Trinidad is a small, beautiful colonial Cuban town. A magnificent sandy beach lies just a short bus ride from the town center. At night, the atmosphere is wonderful, with live music and Salsa dancing in almost every corner. The town of Trinidad, together with the nearby Valle de los Ingenios, has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1988. Trinidad has been one of the best-preserved cities in the Caribbean from the time that the sugar trade was the main industry in the region. Nowadays, tobacco processing is the main industry. Nonetheless, this astounding colonial city is slowly becoming one of Cuba's premier tourist attractions.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 3 students. The school will select your timetable based on your level of Spanish. Classes are available in the mornings (starting at 8:30 a.m.) and in the afternoons. One lesson is 50 minutes.

## ACCOMMODATION

The selected host families live in spacious homes in the center of the town. There are several nice bars in the neighborhood. Host families offer single rooms with half board (breakfast and dinner). All rooms have air-conditioning or a fan and some have a private bathroom. Laundry is not included, but the host family can take care of your laundry for a small charge.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

A trip to Cuba is not complete without a visit to one of the rum museums or tobacco factories. Take full advantage of your time in Cuba and explore the country's breathtaking landscapes and historic cities by participating in excursions along with your fellow students.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Some tourism is now starting to reach Trinidad, but it is still largely unspoiled. However, being much smaller than Havana and Santiago de Cuba, with fewer students and more difficult to reach, Trinidad is really for students who are a bit more adventurous.



Trinidad  
Population: 50,000

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Immersion  
Dance Classes  
Music Classes





Santo Domingo  
Population: 1 million

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes



## DESTINATIONS

# Dominican Republic Santo Domingo

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner school is located near the campus of UASD (University of Santo Domingo) and features a lovely outdoor class area as well as indoor class facilities.

## ABOUT SANTO DOMINGO

Santo Domingo is the bustling capital of the Dominican Republic located just a short distance from the beach on the southern coast. The city, despite its size, offers a warm Latin culture and the charm of a small town. Santo Domingo offers a wide range of leisure activities including theatres, museums, and cinemas located throughout the city. The historic part of the city is popular for its cobblestone streets and colonial homes while newer areas also offer all the dining and leisure options of a modern city.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 7 students and last 45 minutes.

## ACCOMMODATION

Students can choose from accommodation with a local host family in a private room with half board or a shared student apartment.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Two to three activities and/or excursions are usually offered per week. In Santo Domingo they are normally culturally oriented and may include dances, museum and theatre visits, etc.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

The Dominican capital is a wonderful option for gaining insight into the local culture and social life while enjoying its rich colonial history and Caribbean atmosphere. Santo Domingo offers a bustling nightlife, colonial charm, and a wide range of activities for any tourist to enjoy. With its impressive variety of landscapes from lush jungles to warm sandy beaches and semi-arid deserts, the Dominican Republic is a great option for outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers.



## DESTINATIONS

# Dominican Republic Sosua

## THE SCHOOL

Located in El Batey District, the school is conveniently located near the city center and just a short 5 minute walk from the main beach of Sosua. The school is surrounded by natural vegetation and classes often take place outside. Comfortably equipped with typical Caribbean décor, the school offers a friendly atmosphere with various options for lounging or playing games with other students. There are computers with internet access and a shared kitchen for student use.

## ABOUT SOSUA

Located in northern Dominican Republic, the small town of Sosua is just 15 minutes from the city of Cabarete. The town is a popular destination for scuba divers and also attracts sports and nature lovers.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 7 students and last 45 minutes.

## ACCOMMODATION

Students can choose from accommodation in a studio apartment or a student apartment. Breakfast is included Monday through Saturday excluding holidays.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Our partner school usually offers 2-3 activities/excursions weekly organized with native students. Activities may include windsurfing, beach trips, dancing, city tours, and more.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Sosua is a wonderful alternative to the big city where students can enjoy a peaceful setting with all the sports, nightlife and beach activities available elsewhere in the country.

Sosua  
Population: 9,500

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish classes





Quito  
Population: 1 million

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Combined  
Executive & Professional Spanish  
Spanish for Spanish Teachers  
D.E.L.E. Exam Preparation  
Salsa / Culture / Cooking  
Spanish for 50 and over  
Internship/Volunteer Program



## DESTINATIONS

# Ecuador Quito

## THE SCHOOL

Our school is located in a quiet residential neighborhood in the modern part of the city center. There are nine bright classrooms as well as a terrace that overlooks the whole city: students even have the option of having their classes here while enjoying a beautiful sunny day. There is free wireless internet access throughout the school and we provide complementary tea, coffee and water.

## ABOUT QUITO

The capital Quito is located at an altitude of 2,850 meters (9,350 feet) above sea level, nestled in a beautiful valley surrounded by the magnificent snowy peaks of the Andes. Quito boasts a fascinating history, ranging from the Inca Empire, to Spanish colonization and independence. The historic city center features lively street markets and colonial-era buildings, which have been declared world heritage sites by UNESCO. Quito is also known as the 'city of eternal spring' because of its year-round warm temperatures.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 8 students. Lessons are 60 minutes long, Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a 30 minute coffee break at 10.30 a.m.

## ACCOMMODATION

To totally immerse yourself in Ecuador's culture you can choose to stay in a local host family (half or full board), located a 7 minute walk from the school. Alternatively you can choose to stay in a single or double room in one of the shared apartments located 15 minutes' walking distance from the school. All our shared apartments have free internet access.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

The school offers free excursions every week as well as a few specific tours for a small additional price. The most popular activities include cooking, dancing and drama classes as well as museum visits, cultural lectures, fiestas, movie nights and our famous tropical fruit class. The excursions go to Otavalo, Mitad del Mundo, Papallacta, Saquisilí, Cotopaxi, Baños (a picturesque village in the Andes), Pichincha (a volcano) and Mindo, among other destinations.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

With its perfect climate, curious traditions, beautiful architecture, and a burgeoning contemporary culture, Quito is an ideal setting to learn Spanish, and a great starting point from which to explore the rest of Latin America.



Puerto Vallarta  
Population: 300,000

## COURSES

Part Time Spanish  
Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Combined  
Executive & Professional Spanish  
Children's Program  
Teen Program



## DESTINATIONS

# Mexico Puerto Vallarta

## THE SCHOOL

Nestled among charming colonial-style buildings and picturesque city streets, our partner school in Puerto Vallarta is just one block from the Pacific Ocean. It's right in the swing of things near restaurants, cafes, shops, and night time bars. The school has a large café in a lovely open terrace that is used for salsa classes, fiestas and as the meeting point for students during the breaks. There is also a conference room for orientation, lectures and movies.

## ABOUT PUERTO VALLARTA

The magical combination of mountains, tropical life and beaches makes visitors fall in love with Puerto Vallarta at first sight. Aside from its beauty and amazing flora and fauna, this city also draws tourists with its colonial architecture and traditions unique even in Mexico. Puerto Vallarta is the perfect blend of tropical waters and rich Mexican culture; a place to learn, relax, have fun, and take in the natural wonders. This port town enjoys over 300 sunny days a year. It's no wonder Puerto Vallarta has become such a popular tourist destination!

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 8 students. Lessons are 50 minutes long and are held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The private classes are offered in the afternoons from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a 20 minute break.

## ACCOMMODATION

You can choose from accommodation in a host family, in a single room with breakfast or half board, or in a shared student apartment, no meals.

## ACTIVITIES

In the afternoons we offer workshops and activities that include cooking, arts and crafts, salsa classes, singing Mexican songs, fiestas or picnics and a movie is shown each week. Puerto Vallarta has the largest bay in Mexico and attracts fishermen from all over the world. Fishing tours are available year round. During the winter you can enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience watching whales and dolphins in their natural environments.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

If you like to be active, Puerto Vallarta is a great place to study Spanish. You can experience all kinds of aquatic activities on one of the world's largest bays. Add a vibrant nightlife and the beautiful Old Town, and this coastal city will fulfill all your desires.





Playa del Carmen (Cancún)  
Population: 60,000

## COURSES

Part Time Spanish  
Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Combined  
Executive & Professional Spanish  
Spanish for Spanish Teachers  
D.E.L.E. Exam Preparation  
Internship/Volunteer Program  
Spanish for 50+  
Teen Program  
Salsa / Culture / Cooking / Diving



## DESTINATIONS

# Mexico

## Playa del Carmen (Cancún)

### THE SCHOOL

Our school in Playa del Carmen is just 6 blocks from the white sandy beaches. Classes are held outside under thatched roofs amidst our own tropical gardens, so you can enjoy the full Caribbean experience. The school has a well-stocked library, both open air and air conditioned conference rooms (ideal for guitar and salsa classes, and our weekly gatherings), a cafeteria, volleyball court, and garden areas for relaxation during breaks or after a day of classes.

### ABOUT PLAYA DEL CARMEN (CANCÚN)

Simply known as "Playa," this small Caribbean fishing village on the Mayan Riviera is Cancun's laid-back neighbor (approximately 35 minutes from Cancun's international airport and 40 minutes from Tulum). Playa is a great place to enjoy the cultural and historic richness of Mexico and the Mayan people. It attracts people from all over the world because of its relaxed, tropical atmosphere and its unmatched beautiful beaches. Despite a rapidly growing population and increased popularity as a tourist destination, the residents of "Playa" are committed to maintaining their city's bohemian charm and relaxed pace.

### CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 8 students. Lessons are 50 minutes long and are held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The private classes are offered in the afternoons from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a 20 minute break.

### ACCOMMODATION

You can choose from accommodation in a host family, in a single room with breakfast or half board, or in a student residence with breakfast.

### ACTIVITIES

The conversation classes include discussions on Mexican history, Mayan Culture, national holidays, etc. In the afternoons we offer workshops and activities that include cooking, arts and crafts, salsa classes, singing Mexican songs, fiestas or picnics. A movie is shown every week and with Playa's great location, you can enjoy a great variety of excursions to Tulum, Xcaret and Chichen-Itza.

### OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

There is a lot to explore around Playa del Carmen. You can hop on the ferry to Cozumel for world class scuba diving, explore an abundance of nearby Mayan ruins, or head to Cancún for shopping and wild nightlife. Best of all are the city's white sandy beaches, crystal clear Caribbean waters and lush tropical vegetation that conform your day-to-day landscape. It's a heavenly setting for learning about Mexican-Caribbean culture while immersing yourself in the Spanish language.





Oaxaca  
Population: 500,000

## COURSES

Part Time Spanish  
Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Combined  
Executive & Professional Spanish  
Internship/Volunteer Program  
Salsa / Culture / Cooking



## DESTINATIONS

# Mexico Oaxaca

## THE SCHOOL

Just 2 blocks from the beautiful 16th century Santo Domingo convent and 4 blocks from the Zócalo, our Oaxaca Spanish school location is as central as it gets. This privileged setting means that you will find a wide variety of internet cafes, restaurants, museums and art galleries right in the vicinity. The building is an old colonial home with thick walls that keep classrooms cool and a large central patio perfect for socializing with international friends over a drink or snack.

## ABOUT OAXACA

Located in Mexico's central valley, Oaxaca was designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site for its Spanish colonial buildings and nearby archaeological center, Monte Albán. Oaxaca is known for its thriving artisan community best seen around the Zócalo, the colonial center's main square. Its diverse population consists of over a dozen ethnic groups like the Mixtecs and Zapotecs, who bring the city to life with a variety of traditions, dances, music, languages, and cuisine. All this is present in numerous museums, art galleries, open-air markets, outdoor cafes, restaurants, and picturesque cobblestone streets.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 8 students. Lessons are 50 minutes long and are held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The private classes are offered in the afternoons from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a 20 minute break.

## ACCOMMODATION

You can choose from accommodation in a host family, in a single room with breakfast or half board, or in a student residence with breakfast.

## ACTIVITIES

In the afternoons we offer workshops and activities that include cooking, arts and crafts, salsa classes, singing Mexican songs, fiestas or picnics. A movie is shown each week during one of the conversation classes. During the conversation hours, lectures are given on Mexican history, Zapotec culture, national holidays, etc. We offer one-day excursions to Monte Alban, Hierve el Agua, "el Tule" tree, Mezcal distilleries, and beautiful churches and convents.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

The city of Oaxaca, located in the central valley of the state, is surrounded by the states of Puebla, Veracruz, and Chiapas and the Pacific Ocean to the southwest. With its ethnic, cultural and historical richness, Oaxaca is an ideal place to experience the beauty of Mexico and its people.





Guanajuato  
Population: 120,000

## DESTINATIONS

# Mexico Guanajuato

## THE SCHOOL

Our school is located right in the city center in the 'Barrio Pastita' only a 10 minute walk from the 'Teatro Juárez'. The school has 15 classrooms and a capacity for 110 students/day. Other facilities include an interior patio, a teachers' room, a students' office, a multimedia classroom and a recreation area.

## ABOUT GUANAJUATO

The city of Guanajuato, at 1,996 m above sea level, is one of the most important historical and cultural colonial cities in Mexico. Guanajuato is located in one of the richest silver mining areas of Mexico, and is well-known for its wealth of fine colonial era Spanish architecture. In 1988, UNESCO declared Guanajuato and the surrounding silver mines a World Heritage Site. The city was originally built over a river, which flowed through tunnels underneath the city. However, after years of raising buildings to accommodate repeated flooding, in the mid-twentieth century engineers built a dam and redirected the river into underground caverns. The tunnels were lit and paved with cobblestones for automobile traffic, and this underground road carries the majority of cars driving through the city today. It is one of the most noticeable features of the city. Each October the city holds the Festival Internacional Cervantino, an international festival of the arts named for Miguel de Cervantes.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 8 students. Lessons are 50 minutes long and are held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The private classes are offered in the afternoons from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a 20 minute break.

## ACCOMMODATION

You can choose from accommodation in a host family, in a single room with breakfast or half board, or in a shared student apartment, no meals.

## ACTIVITIES

All activities are directed towards socializing in a learning environment and increasing your knowledge of Mexican culture. There are cultural workshops, Mexican music, cooking, dance, and a variety of excursions and trips.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

As a small, quiet university city far from the tourist crowds of Cancún and Cuernavaca, Guanajuato is the ideal spot to study Spanish in Mexico. Guanajuato will charm you with its architectural and cultural wealth. The international airport, less than half an hour away, provides the city with excellent connections with other cities in Mexico and with the rest of the world.





Antigua  
Population: 68,000

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Private Spanish Classes  
Volunteer Program



## DESTINATIONS

# Guatemala Antigua

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner school is located in a beautiful colonial building in central Antigua just a couple blocks from the Central Plaza and the Santa Catalina arch. The school offers high speed internet and Wi-Fi access for student use. The common areas are equipped with LCD televisions with satellite service. A snack bar is available which serves free tea and coffee. The classrooms are comfortably furnished and have a whiteboard, cassette and CD player for teaching purposes.

## ABOUT ANTIGUA

Antigua, known as the "old city of Guatemala," is a beautiful city. Streets lined with cobblestones and an abundance of authentic colonial building have earned Antigua an UNESCO World Heritage title to help preserve its charm and unique atmosphere. The relaxed environment of Antigua offers court cafes with flourishing gardens and fountains, affordable high-class international cuisine and delicious local food as well as lively nightlife in the many bars, salsa clubs and clubs. Surrounded by majestic volcanoes and green-clad mountains that border the highlands of Guatemala, Antigua is also an excellent base to travel from if you want to see more of the country. It is one of the most popular cities to study Spanish in all of Latin America.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 8 students and take place either in the morning or afternoon.

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is offered in a local host family with full board or in a hostel (no meals).

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Activities included in the program include salsa lessons, a monthly international party and tandem conversation sessions.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

With its welcoming atmosphere and beautiful surroundings, Antigua is the ideal place to study. Guatemala is really a great country to learn Spanish. The accent spoken tends to be slower and clearer than many other Latin American countries, which makes it easier to pronounce and understand.





Cusco  
Population: 300,000

## COURSES

Intensive Spanish  
Super intensive Spanish  
Private classes  
Volunteer Program



## DESTINATIONS

# Peru Cusco

## THE SCHOOL

Our partner school is located in a colonial building just one short block from Cusco's main square, the Plaza de las Armas.

## ABOUT CUSCO

Cusco is the oldest city in the Western Hemisphere. Set in a mountainous region considered among the most beautiful on the planet, Cusco was once the flourishing capital of the Inca Empire. Natives and visitors alike consider it the most impressive of all Peruvian cities for both its history and its remarkable mix of Incan and Spanish colonial architecture. And we've yet to mention the breathtaking beauty of the local terrain and the warmth of the local people. Cusco is an ideal base from which to explore Peru, since it's situated in the same region as the ruins of Machu Picchu and the Inca Trail. Because the city lies at a high elevation, nights can be cold and days cool.

## CLASSES

Classes have a maximum of 6 students. Classes run Monday to Friday. Classes are 52 minutes long and take place between 8:10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Students can state their preference for certain hours.

## ACCOMMODATION

You can choose local families with half board or a student residence. The student residence, which is located in the same building as the school, features rooms with shared bath, a big terrace, and a common kitchen/living room. This option includes breakfast and lunch.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

The school includes a dynamic, interesting and fun leisure program to complement the process of learning the Spanish language. Free daily student activities are included in all programs (cooking, dancing, music, lectures on Peruvian culture and history, movies, a welcome dinner). These cultural courses, one hour every day, are very popular. A variety of excursions, trips, and hikes at good prices are also offered.

## OUR STUDENTS' OPINIONS

Cusco has it all: art, magic, mystery and all the beauty you would expect in the legendary 'belly button' of the world. Framed by a brilliant blue sky ringed with mountain clouds on the six hills that surround the city, Cusco's natural setting makes the city's streets and squares, majestic Inca monuments, and elegant colonial edifices all the more breathtaking and magical. Undoubtedly your stay in Cusco will be an experience you will never forget, and one you will proudly talk about - in Spanish!



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