

# Learning Spanish

in SPAIN & LATIN AMERICA

since 1986

¿don Quijote



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## Welcome to don Quijote



### QUALITY • INNOVATION • PARTNERSHIP

It's my pleasure to welcome you to the start of a rewarding and exhilarating experience – an in-country language course with the internationally recognized leader in the teaching of Spanish to foreigners.

Your course is an important investment. I have no doubt you find yourself wondering, and if I choose don Quijote, what will I find when I arrive?

At don Quijote, schools where you can live Spanish, you will find a quality of teaching unrivalled in Spanish language education. Our courses have earned the recognition of US universities, European scholarship programs and the most prestigious associations in the industry.

You will study with students from all over the world, all walks of life and all ages. More than 15,000 students from 65 countries learn Spanish with don Quijote every year.

And whether you are studying Spanish for career advancement, business expansion, academic credit, travel or purely for pleasure, You will find a language program that fits you: more than 25 courses, start dates every Monday of the year, and a wide range of accommodations. With 35 destinations and courses ranging from summer youth programs to our customized Premium courses, our program is designed to adapt to your needs and your goals.

At don Quijote, You will find the flexibility to combine cities and courses simply and smoothly. You will find a staff determined to provide a level of personal service that leaves you only one thing to think about: learning and living the Spanish language.

Perhaps most importantly, only at don Quijote will you find our unique guarantees – so that you can rest assured that what you find when you arrive is exactly what you expected.

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 appreciate a personal consultation about your goals and preferences, we will be delighted to assist you.

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

Antonio Anadón  
President - CEO



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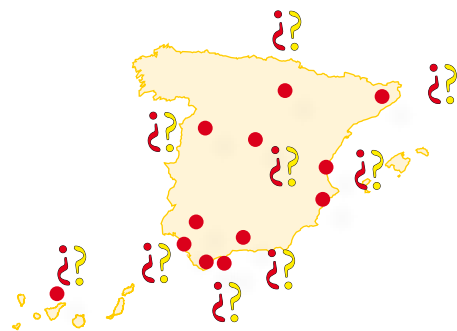
## SPANISH IN LATIN AMERICA!

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

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## 35 Spanish schools in 11 countries



Spain



Latin America



### Quality & Prestige

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, responding to the growing demand for high quality Spanish language courses, we began welcoming students to the first don Quijote school, in Salamanca. In the 25 years since our founding, we have grown to 35 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 and look forward to welcoming you to the don Quijote community.





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## Choose your destination!



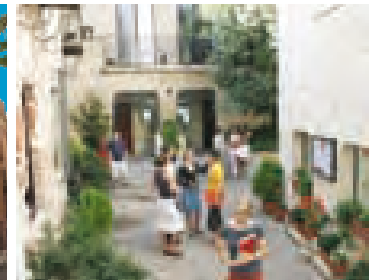
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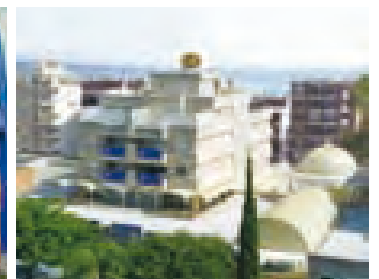
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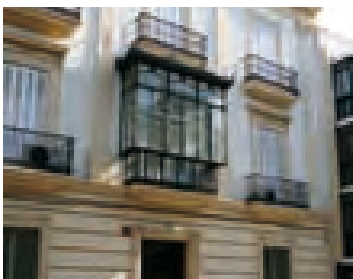
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4 destinations in Mexico



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23 destinations in Latin America



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## 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 gives you! And 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 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 Quijote de La Mancha*, the second most translated book after the Bible, which marked its 400th anniversary?
- 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 directors, including Spain's Pedro Almodóvar and Alejandro Amenábar, produce widely acclaimed, award-winning films, including Oscar winners *Hable Con Ella* and *Mar Adentro*, as Cuba's Bebo Valdés and Spain's Diego El Cigala combine forces to create a record-breaking platinum CD. 2003's *Lágrimas Negras* is a global best seller entirely in Spanish.





## Why in a Spanish speaking country

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It's easier and quicker, with better results, more inspiration and more fun! And you will get to know a people and a culture, as well as a language. Learning a language is much more than just learning the formal structure; it's learning to communicate with the people that speak it. And this you will do during your in-country course.

You will take an active part in the everyday life of the country, close to the people, immersing yourself in their culture. You will live the life of the locals. Speaking, reading, listening to native speakers every day, you will gradually learn how they think, behave and live, until you are truly able to say: 'I know how to speak real Spanish'. You can only achieve this in the native country of the -language.

What's more, studying will not be dull or boring! You will discover a rich culture of fiestas, relaxed conversations in tapas bars and cafes, leisurely strolls and exciting street life. At the weekends You will take trips to the mountains or the beach and visit stunning cities while you make new friends from all over the world. Learning Spanish in its native countries is a unique experience.



# Why don Quijote?



**... you come first!**

- We offer you personalized service.
- Open year round, starting every Monday, all levels.
- You will always study in small classes of maximum 8 students. The fewer students in the classroom, the more chances you will have to actively participate.
- Because we don't want you to worry about anything but learning Spanish, we offer a long list of included services. See page 10.
- We stand by our unique money back and cancellation guarantee. See page 11.



# 10 good reasons to study with us!

## Total immersion

We will truly immerse you in the Spanish language and the local culture, inviting you to live Spanish while you learn Spanish. You will find yourself speaking Spanish from the first class! For more than 25 years we have watched our students gain confidence and ability as they apply their new language skills to practical situations. You will learn Spanish as you learned your native language – through practice and continuous communication.

## 100% Satisfaction

More students come to us through personal referrals than through any other source. Our students leave us speaking Spanish with increased confidence—and boasting of their rewarding stay in Spain or Latin America.

## Flexibility & Wide variety

We will help you design the language travel program of YOUR choosing. Here You will find more than 25 courses, flexible start dates, and a wide range of accommodations, from host families to student residences and flats. Plus 35 (!) destinations to mix and match without missing a beat in your study program!

## International

You will study with students from all over the world. Each year we welcome more than 15,000 students of all ages and more than 65 countries.

## Guaranteed quality

Our don Quijote schools are accredited by Instituto Cervantes. All don Quijote schools have earned the the Certificate for Excellence in Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language (CEELE) conferred by the University of Alcalá as well as the the Ideal Quality Certificate which guarantees the quality standards in our services.

## Experienced

For over 25 years, we have been dedicated solely to the teaching of Spanish as a foreign language. Our representatives and school office staff are multilingual, many with personal experiences studying abroad, and all of our instructors are licensed, experienced, and passionate about teaching their native language. We dedicate all of our resources to teaching you Spanish.

## The best destinations

Because we believe culture is vital to language, we have carefully chosen 10 of the Hispanic world's most beautiful, historic and culturally important cities for our schools. You may choose to stay in one city, or combine stays in multiple cities.

## Quality service

Schools in historic barrios, accommodations guaranteed to be within 30 minutes commute, libraries, media rooms, free Internet, free use of our online course – this is the don Quijote experience.

## Cultural activities

We offer lively daily cultural activities and weekend sightseeing excursions to engage you in the rich culture of our host cities.

## Spanish for Life

Because we know Spanish will enrich your life long after your in-country course, we invite you to join the hundreds of students who have come back to don Quijote again and again. Meet some of them on page 15. We hope your first Spanish course will be only the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Spanish and don Quijote.







## Included Services

### Personal assistance

- 24-hour emergency telephone line.
- Cultural adaptation and professional guidance adviser.

### Teaching

- Thorough written and oral tests to place you at the study level that's right for you.
- All of your study materials, for each level you complete.
- 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

- A Welcome dinner to get acquainted with your teachers and fellow students (except in Granada and Tenerife and available every 2 weeks).
- Guided tour of the city to help you find your feet from the first day.
- Welcome pack containing a map of the city.

### During your stay

- Computer room with wireless internet access.
- Unlimited use of our online Spanish course in our computer room to

continue practising all you have learned.

- Digital camera, scanner and a special space on our Web site to post your photos. Share your memorable moments with your family and friends right away without jamming their e-mail accounts.
- don Quijote student card. Show this card to receive special discounts at local establishments: restaurants, bookshops, shops, cafes, swimming pools, gyms, etc.
- Access to reading and reference books, DVDs, personal stereo and tennis rackets.

### Rest assured (when choosing don Quijote lodging)

- Towels (when staying with a family), bed linen, gas, electricity and water.
- Lounge, TV, oven, washing machine and iron in residence halls and flats.
- Cleaning service in common areas: weekly in the flats and daily in residence halls.
- Maintenance engineer to take care of repairs in the residence halls and flats.





## 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. You will know just what to expect. That is our guarantee.**

### Money back guarantee

If on your arrival you are not satisfied with any of our services, just notify the school secretariat in writing within 24 hours of your first course day (these apply as well as for any problems that might occur during your stay). We'll rectify the situation within 2 working days. If you still feel that the services are not in accordance with the brochure description, we'll sit down and talk it out, with 2 possible outcomes. Either we'll agree that the service has not met our guarantee and refund your course and lodging fees or if we can't agree, we'll allow an independent arbitrator appointed by the regional Spanish government to determine if the situation warrants application of our money back guarantee.

### Cancellation guarantee

Set your mind at ease with our cancellation guarantee. When you purchase the guarantee, you protect yourself against the unexpected events that might cause you to cancel your course.

### Combine cities

don Quijote operates its own schools in Spain and Mexico and offers you another 25 carefully selected partner schools in Spain and Latin America. All don Quijote schools use the same teaching method, allowing you to combine stays at different schools in different cities while completing one continuous course.

### Qualified teachers

All of our teachers are native speakers and have a university degree.

### Successfully pass the D.E.L.E. exam

If you attend 90% of the classes for 16 weeks plus the 4 week D.E.L.E. preparation course at any don Quijote

school, we guarantee that you will successfully pass the official D.E.L.E. Intermediate exam. Should you not pass, don Quijote will provide 4 extra weeks of study, free of charge, and will pay your re-examination fees.

### Maximum 4-8 students per group

Maximum attention per student, no matter how many students enroll per level. Within the Intensive and Super intensive courses there is an average of 6 students per group (maximum 8) and in the Premium courses you have a maximum of 3 other students in your group.

### Always appropriate level

don Quijote offers courses at any level of Spanish, from beginners to teachers of Spanish. If you find that your language level does not correspond with the level of your fellow students, just consult with the Head of Studies.

### You will always feel satisfied

Feeling at home is what matters most. If you do not feel comfortable during your first week staying with a host family, you may change to another family with no additional cost.

### Continuous practice in Spanish

To help you take full advantage of your Spanish course we will never place more than 3 non-Spanish-speaking students in your family.

### Always less than 30 minutes away

Your accommodation is always a maximum of 30 minutes travelling time away, walking (Granada, Guanajuato, Salamanca) or by public transport (the other don Quijote schools).

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**Caridad Santana**  
Academic Director  
Principal

## Unique methodology

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

### The teaching method

don Quijote has developed an open, flexible and interactive method of teaching, drawing on our years of experience, our understanding of the cognitive process of language learning, and our continual reflection on the desires and interests of our students. You will learn Spanish as you learnt your native language – through practice and continuous communication. We adapt our method to meet both individual student needs and the demands of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. We strive to transform our classrooms into lively, interactive spaces providing the ideal elements for you to quickly attain your Spanish language goals. To do this, we mix a variety of tasks and activities: communicative and interactive, grammatical and cultural. We will truly immerse you in the Spanish language and Hispanic culture!

### Small study groups

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

### Our teaching materials

As a result of over 25 years' experience, we have developed and produced our own textbooks and have more books in the pipeline. You will also work with fresh and continuously updated support materials, including press articles, advertisements, audio-visual materials, etc.

### Flexible timetable

We'll expect you at school at eight o'clock on Monday morning – the first day of the course – to test your language level. If Monday is a public holiday, we will start on Tuesday. If you are a complete beginner, you won't have to take the placement test, but you will still need to arrive at the school at the same time to get your bearings and start learning as soon as possible.

You will have at least four classes each day, with a half an hour break. Each class lasts 50 minutes. They take place between 9 am and 7 pm. In high season some classes may be given between 8 am and 9 pm. You may have classes in the morning or in the afternoon. Your schedule will depend on several elements (the current groups, your level, type of course, etc) and will be decided once you have arrived.

### Cultural activities

Learning a language is much more than learning its formal structure, it is also about using the appropriate tone in any given situation. To become adept at this, it is essential to understand and have a knowledge of the culture of those that speak it.

To achieve this, don Quijote offers several courses – theoretical and practical – and other complementary cultural activities such as the cinema, workshops on important aspects of communication (gestures, writing...), a wine tasting course, etc. All these things will help you gain a more in-depth understanding of the culture and customs of the country. Other activities such as dance and singing classes are an interesting and fun addition to your Spanish course. To enable you to discover other places, don Quijote organizes half-day, full day or weekend trips on Saturdays and/or Sundays. Activities are updated weekly at each school.

We also provide the opportunity for you to engage in 'intercambios' or exchanges with native speakers outside the classroom. Sometimes you will speak in Spanish with your intercambio and other times in your mother tongue or another language you speak well.

### Certificate of completion

After completing the course you will receive a certificate for the whole course if you have attended at least 85% of the classes. This will record: the course you have taken, duration, objectives and level of Spanish, special subjects, additional courses and number of hours.

For students from the United States, we give the assessment results according to the American grading system.

### Our syllabus

Our syllabi and course programs are available in Spanish and English for Spanish teachers, heads of department, deans and tutors.





## All levels

What you will learn and how fast, strongly depends on you. If you attend and participate actively in the classes, follow our free complementary courses, dedicate approximately one hour daily outside the classroom doing your homework, get together with natives, join the activities and excursions we organize, you can be sure that your Spanish will be much better!

We offer 6 basic levels in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. don Quijote guarantees you total continuity through the levels. You can be sure that your learning experience will be seamless and without interruption.



**A1**

**A2**

**B1**

**B2**

**C1**

**C2**

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### Beginner A1 (101)

Develop ability and confidence in basic Spanish communication in familiar environments and interaction with native speakers in Hispanic countries.

### 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)

Develop the communicative ability and linguistic competency to engage in conversations about familiar 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.

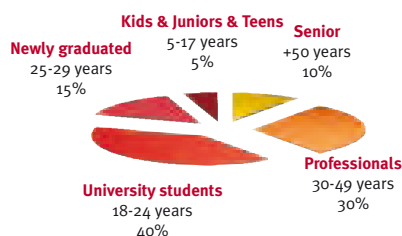
### Superior C1 (401-402)

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.

## All ages



## Who will you meet?

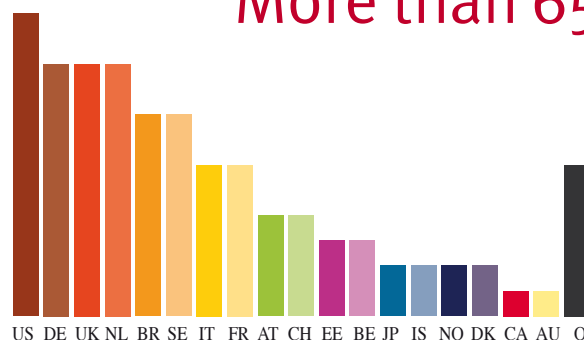
Aged 18 to 83, from all corners of the world and with all sorts of reasons for studying Spanish. More students choose don Quijote based on a personal recommendation than through any other source. We invite you to do the same! On the next page you will meet a small group of students – some of whom have returned to study with us 4, 5... even 8 times. They've all expressed their willingness to help you choose a language school, a course and a destination by sharing their own experiences. Find someone who shares your native language, or your age or your motivation for studying Spanish and get the most valuable information you can use to make a decision: a personal recommendation.

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 aspects of our students are the subject of lively discussions during the lessons. To sum things up:

- The age of our students varies from 18 – 83 years.
- Our students come from more than 65 countries.
- 95% of our students come alone.
- 30% of our students have no knowledge of Spanish before the start of their course.

The reasons our students have for studying Spanish are as diverse as our supply of courses: One wants an active four-week summer holiday and another wants an intensive preparatory course for the Official D.E.L.E. exam, while yet another wants tailor-made individual language training due to a lack of time, and others have plenty of time available to spend doing a long-duration Spanish course.

## More than 65 nationalities



US: USA, 12%  
DE: Germany, 10%  
UK: United Kingdom, 10%  
NL: The Netherlands, 10%  
BR: Brazil, 8%  
SE: Sweden, 8%  
IT: Italy, 6%

FR: France, 6%  
AT: Austria, 4%  
CH: Switzerland, 4%  
EE: East Europe, 3%  
BE: Belgium, 3%  
JP: Japan, 2%  
IS: Iceland, 2%

NO: Norway, 2%  
DK: Denmark, 2%  
CA: Canada, 1%  
AU: Australia, 1%  
O: 47 other countries, 6%  
% of the total



# Students' opinions

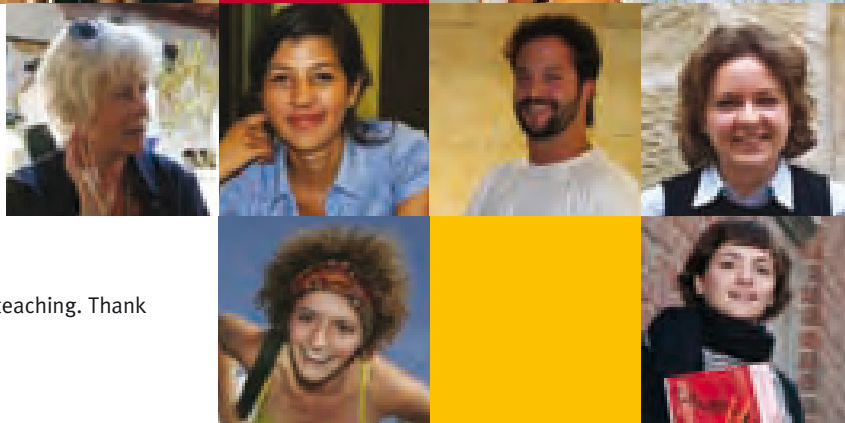
## My fourth time!

This is my fourth time I've been with don Quijote. I decided to come back here because the classes are interesting and useful for learning the language well, and the 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, I was feeling very 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 desire to apply my professional background in a challenging new environment. I gained valuable and memorable experience.

## Excellent teachers!

don Quijote's main strength is undoubtedly the teachers, who are all experts in maximizing every class moment, and totally tuned in to each student's needs. Many thanks!

## 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.

## Efficient way of teaching!

I've 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 school is amazing. Thanks for providing an outstanding stay in Spain!

## Home stay: 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 am very happy she did. I decided to stay in a Spanish family, giving me the opportunity to be in a typical Spanish environment all the time.





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## Spanish courses in Spain & Mexico

- The don Quijote schools are open all year-round and have an international appeal that attracts students from more than 65 countries worldwide.
- don Quijote, the leading specialist for Spanish language courses in Spain and Latin America, offers a wide variety of courses suited to every need.
- The groups are small, the starting dates flexible and the teaching method innovative.
- From total beginners to fluent speakers, from students to business executives, from young to old, from individuals to groups, don Quijote caters for anyone with an appetite for Spanish and the Latin culture, thus providing a cosmopolitan learning environment, where Spanish is the common language spoken by all.



## More than 25 courses!

### Intensive Spanish

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- Intensive 20+5
- Super intensive 30+5
- Spanish talk 10+5
- Spanish for Life

### Premium Courses

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- University Placement
- One to One
- Premium Spanish

### Official Exams

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- D.E.L.E.
- Chamber of Commerce

### Spanish & Work Experience

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- Volunteer program
- Internship
- Paid Hotel Internship

### Specialized Courses

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- Business courses
- Golden Age program
- History / Art / Literature
- Teachers of Spanish
- Medical Spanish
- Christmas course
- Study Groups

### Spanish & Fun

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- Scuba-diving
- Flamenco
- Wine Tasting
- Cooking

### Kids, Juniors & Teens Programs

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- International summer camps
- Group programs for Juniors





## Intensive Spanish 10+5, 20+5 or 30+5 classes of Spanish weekly

**These courses are appropriate for people of any age who wish to learn Spanish as quickly as possible. Examples: reading, analysis and debates on newspaper articles, telephone conversations in Spanish, viewing and discussing films and documentaries, listening to songs, debates on a range of current affairs, learning grammatical rules in context...**

In the Intensive (20+5) course you will have 4 Spanish classes daily, 20 classes per week from Monday to Friday, in a group of 8 or fewer students. If you are eager to advance more quickly, we recommend the Super intensive course (30+5) with 2 additional language classes daily, for a total of 30 classes per week. If you are looking for dedicated Spanish conversation practise, your best bet is the Spanish Talk (10+5) course. You will practise speaking and conversation topics for 2 hours a day, helping you towards that much sought after fluency in social situations.

Each daily class is one more step toward your ultimate goal: communicating with confidence in Spanish. For this reason, we integrate a variety of skills in the classroom, combining diverse tasks and activities in which you are the main protagonist.

We know that excellent teaching alone does not guarantee the success of a language course. Understanding the culture of the people who speak the language is important as well. For this reason, in addition, with our “formula + 1” method, we offer you an extra and completely free class every day, covering a topic of cultural interest.

Thus, in the Intensive course you will enjoy 20 Spanish classes plus 5 cultural activities per week, in the Super intensive course 30 classes + 5 and in the Spanish Talk course 10 classes + 5.

**Duration: 1 – 11 weeks**

**Destination: At all dQ schools**

**Spanish level: All levels**

**Frequency per week: 10, 20 or 30 classes +5**

**Participants per group (maximum): 8 students**

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





## Spanish for Life

### Long duration courses: 12 weeks or more

If you have time on your hands, if you are interested in a learning and living experience of Spanish life and culture, if you wish to take a long break from your studies, work or private life, or if you simply want to take time off and do something different... choose the 'Spanish for Life' course. You will get the most of each and every one of the benefits gained from learning a language in the country where it is spoken.



#### Why do a course of 12 weeks or more?

Any Spanish course taken in a native speaking country will be constructive, regardless of its duration. However, the more weeks you spend in the country the easier it will be to immerse yourself in the daily life of its people. You will see and understand much more, which will help you speak Spanish like a native.



#### Your Spanish course

You will attend 10, 20 or 30 Spanish classes each week with another 5 on culture. With this course we follow the Intensive and Super intensive courses of over 11 weeks. However, we call the course 'Spanish for Life' because thanks to your extended stay in Spain or Latin America, you can be sure of returning home with a 'life-long' mastery of the second most important language in the world.

#### Combine cities

Splitting your time between cities gives you the opportunity to discover different places and enjoy everything this brings: different ways of speaking and enjoying nature, different cuisine and even different ways of life. To enjoy all of this don Quijote offers you the opportunity to switch between schools in Spain, or even between Spain and Latin America, while continuing your studies at the same pace.

#### Guaranteed success

You will not be the only one to spend a lot of time with classmates and live new experiences. Thanks to our experience in Spanish teaching, we are the ideal organization for long-term students. We know that the decision to take an extended trip takes a lot of planning. You will definitely make many friends for life!

#### Your benefits!

You will get the most out of your investment in time and money. In a course of this length, you will truly gain mastery in the Spanish language and find yourself well-prepared for the various official examinations of Spanish. Your knowledge of Spanish will open new doors in your job search and career path. The Spanish speaking friends "for life" you make during your course may well become your link "for life" to the Spanish language. Finally, you will gain the invaluable experience of living far from home and seeing both yourself and the world in a new and different light. Your time abroad will never seem long enough!

#### Thank you for trusting in us

As a Spanish for Life student, you will enjoy special discounts because we know how important this course is to you. Read about all of the Spanish for Life benefits in the prices and dates list.

#### D.E.L.E. examination

We strongly advise everyone to round off his or her Spanish for Life course with the official D.E.L.E. exam. All don Quijote schools offer you a preparatory 2, 3 or 4 week course. For complete details see page 22.

**Duration:** 12 weeks or more

**Destination:** At all dQ schools

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency per week:** 10, 20 or 30 classes +5

**Participants per group (maximum):** 8 students

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





## University Placement Foundation course

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Foundation courses help international students who may not initially meet entry requirements gain entry to undergraduate study at Spanish Universities.

don Quijote has an agreement with more than 20 Spanish Universities to help you apply for a Public or Private Spanish University or a Master Program.

In order to enter a Spanish University you need to have an adequate (high) level of Spanish. To ensure this, and to help you adapt to the new situation, don Quijote offers you a Spanish language & Culture course for 6 or 9 months. Upon completing this Foundation course with don Quijote we will help and guarantee your placement in a Spanish University.

**Duration:** 6 to 9 months

**Destination:** don Quijote Barcelona, Madrid, Salamanca, Valencia

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency per week:** 20 classes +5

**Participants per group (maximum):** 8 students

**Start dates:** January, June, September

## One to One Tailor-made language training

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. Or combine the best of both methods by complementing your Intensive group course with additional One to One classes. We will advise you from beginning to end. We will analyze your goals and create a personalized program: content, timetable, and additional activities such as company visits, cultural tours and excursions. With advanced notice, we'll also be happy to prepare personalized content for you, on literature, business or any other subject. You can also choose to study with a friend or partner in your private classes.

**Duration:** Flexible

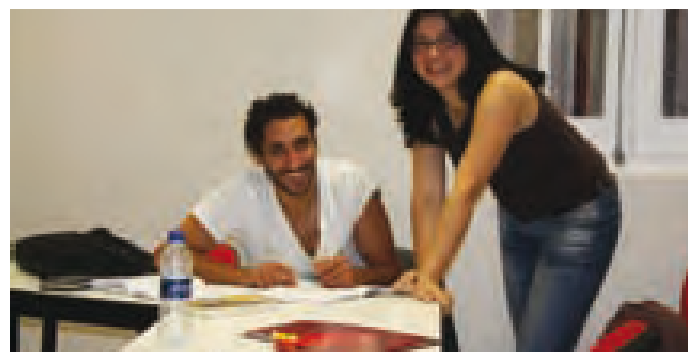
**Destination:** At all dQ schools

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency:** Flexible

**Participants:** 1 or 2 students

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



## Premium Spanish classes

### Mini-group: Maximum 4 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 and small groups who require an accelerated intensive Spanish language course. The program offers you the highest quality Intensive Spanish course tailored to your individual needs, with our expert instructors and dedicated one-to-one teaching. Your instructor will advise you from beginning to end, analyzing your goals and creating a personalized program of content, timetable, and complementary activities including company visits, cultural tours, and excursions.

Whether you plan to arrive alone or in a small group, we are able to prepare personalized content for you on a specific business topic, a technical area, or any other subject.

### Your Premium Spanish course

To maximise your rate of progress, you will study in a mini-group, limited to a maximum of 4 students. Your class mates are guaranteed, as always, to have the same level of Spanish as you. You can take your Premium Course in Spain, in Barcelona, Madrid, Salamanca or Tenerife, or in Mexico, Guanajuato.

#### Premium Intensive Course:

**20 Spanish classes per week**

#### Premium Intensive Course+:

**20 mini-group classes plus 5 classes One to One per week**

#### Premium Super-intensive Course:

**20 mini-group classes plus 10 classes One to One per week**

#### Premium Super-immersion Course:

**20 mini-group classes plus 15 classes One to One per week**

When you choose a Super-intensive or Super-immersion course, five of your weekly One-to-One hours will be daily conversational lunches with your teacher. There is no better way to help you to develop your confidence in social business settings.

### Your benefits

- Lunch with your teacher, at the Super-intensive and Super-immersion levels.
- Daily intensive cultural classes.
- WI-FI or ADSL facilities in all classrooms and Premium accommodation.
- Daily cleaning in all Premium accommodation.
- Design your course according to your desired rate of progress

### Premium accommodation

For the duration of the course you may choose accommodation in Premium flats or Home Stay through our Premium Accommodation program or arrange accommodation through us in a recommended local hotel or private apartment.

**Duration: From 1 week**

**Destination: Spain: Barcelona, Madrid, Salamanca, Tenerife; Mexico: Guanajuato**

**Spanish level: All levels**

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

**Participants per group (max): 4 students per group + optional individual classes**

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



## Official Exams



### D.E.L.E 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. You can combine this preparation course with any don Quijote language course. We recommend you complete your course with the official D.E.L.E. examination available three times a year (in May, August and November). Furthermore, if you follow a course for 17 consecutive weeks plus the 4 week preparation course and sit but do not pass the exam for the Diploma B2 (Intermedio), having attended at least 90% of classes, we will

give you a further 4 weeks and the option to re-sit the exam, completely free of charge! All don Quijote schools in Spain and Mexico (Guanajuato) offer a 2 or 4 weeks' preparation for the Diplomas B1 (Inicial), B2 (Intermedio), C1 (Avanzado) and C2 (Superior). A very high percentage of our students pass these exams with great success.

**Destination: At all dQ schools**

**Spanish level: 'Inicial': B1 (intermediate), 'Intermedio': B2 (advanced), 'Avanzado': C1 (superior), 'Superior': C2 (mastery)**

**Frequency per week: 20 classes**

**Participants per group (max): Inicial/Intermedio/Avanzado: 16 students, Superior: 12 students**

**Exam dates: May, August, November**



### Chamber of Commerce 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 labour market and boosting your career potential. If you are interested in obtaining a recognized qualification in Spanish Business

or Spanish Tourism, don Quijote offers you the opportunity of preparing for this exam, for which you would need to complete the 4-week program of either Intensive Business or Intensive Tourism. For complete details see page 25!





## Spanish &amp; Work Experience

## Volunteer Program

**Have you ever wished you could do something, really do something, for people less well off than you? Without expecting anything in return? The Volunteer program is your chance to do just that. In Spanish!**

don Quijote will find you unpaid work in various social institutions. There is only one requirement: that you have an adequate level of Spanish for community service. To ensure this, and to help you adapt to this new situation, it is essential that you first follow a Spanish course with us for at least 4 weeks. Throughout your period of voluntary work, don Quijote will be on hand to ensure you have support and guidance. And you can tell us how things are working out. You will live with a family during the course. As soon as you start your voluntary work you can choose to stay with your family or move to other accommodation, not necessarily managed by don Quijote.



### Partnership

As a sign of our commitment, don Quijote donates directly to your volunteer organization when you take part in this program.

**Duration: Intensive Spanish: minimum 4 weeks, Voluntary work: minimum 4 weeks**

**Destinations: Mexico & all over Latin America**

**Spanish level: All levels**

**Frequency per week: Intensive Spanish: 20 classes +5, Voluntary work: 20-40 hours**

**Participants per group (maximum) Intensive Spanish: 8 students**



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## Internship (unpaid)

Through the combined language and internship Program, the aim is to promote acquisition of high-level Spanish language skills and to provide candidates with professional working experience whilst fully immersed in a Spanish-speaking environment. We also feel it is of vital importance to provide students with the most realistic experience possible. All aspects of the Program are real-life. Entrance requirements are high and each step is competitive with high levels of performance expected.

We're with you every step of the way: you will have weekly meetings with our Internship team from the first week you arrive to ascertain your preferred area of interest for your Internship, help with writing your Spanish CV, and arranging mock interviews. You can choose well structured internship placements from a wide variety of areas.

### Your Spanish course

The first part of the Program is a minimum of 4 weeks of Intensive Spanish language at any don Quijote school. To participate in the Internship, you should have an advanced level of Spanish (B2) upon completing the minimum 4-week intensive language course.

You can also opt to make the first part of your program more varied. We offer you the choice between four weeks of our Intensive course and 2

weeks of our Intensive course combined with two weeks of business Spanish.

### Internship

The second part is the internship placement itself. This work experience is unpaid, and lasts for 3 months in your chosen sector, either in Madrid, Barcelona, Salamanca or Seville.

### Your benefits!

Although each work placement program takes place only in particular cities, you may follow your course at any don Quijote school. Remember, the higher your level of Spanish, the better your chances of landing an interesting and challenging position.

**Duration: Intensive Spanish: minimum 4 weeks; Placement: 8 weeks**

**Destinations: Barcelona, Madrid, Salamanca, Seville**

**Spanish level: Upon completing the Spanish course you must have a B2 level (advanced)**

**Frequency/week: Intensive Spanish: 20 classes +5 or Intensive Spanish + Intensive business: 20 classes +5 plus 10 specialization classes;**

**Placement: usually 40 hours**

**Participants per group (maximum): Intensive Spanish: 8 students**



## Spanish & Internship Hotel Internship (paid)

**This program offers young students a unique opportunity to live and work in Spain. Why just visit Spain when you can live in Spain, working to cover your expenses while you stay for 2 to 4 months. You won't get rich, but you may just perfect your Spanish!**

### Your Spanish course

First you complete a Spanish course at any don Quijote school in Spain or Latin America (minimum length of course 4 weeks) with accommodation in a shared flat, residence or host family located in the center of the respective cities. Then You will start your work experience. You will stay in a hotel room (usually shared) with full board and live and work in Spain, enjoying life to the full, while working hard.

You will enjoy a unique experience. You'll improve your Spanish, gain Certificates in both Spanish and Hotel Internship Experience, and advance your personal development and professional skills. While this is not a lucrative money making experience, you will make just enough money to pay for expenses during your extended stay in Spain.



### Type of work

Participants may occupy jobs in different departments of 3\* - 5\* hotels (examples of professional areas: kitchen assistant, room maid, waiter, bar person, reception, laundry personnel, animator, maintenance staff, general assistant, restaurant employee etc...). Previous experience is not necessary, but some hotels may give preference to participants who have already worked in the tourist industry. Work in a hotel reception is only possible if you have an excellent knowledge of Spanish plus previous work experience.

### Payment

The minimum guaranteed wage is between 200 and 400 euros per month, depending upon the establishment and the type of employment. You should keep in mind that the program will give you the opportunity to earn money ONLY to help cover your travel and living expenses while you live in Spain.

**Duration: Intensive Spanish: 4 weeks (minimum); Hotel Internship: 2-4 months**

**Destinations: All over Spain**

**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**

**Minimum age: Intensive Spanish: 18 years, Hotel Internship: 18-30 years**

**Start dates: Intensive Spanish: Any Monday, year round, Work Experience: All year round upon availability and length of stay.**



## Business Spanish courses

### Intensive Business / Tourism

**These courses are aimed at people who wish to acquire certain basic skills in Spanish for Business or Tourism and are also short of time. You will study alongside active professionals taking the course to advance their careers, recent college graduates hoping to launch a career in Spain, and current university students.**

#### Intensive Business/Tourism course

In this program, you will participate in 20 general Spanish classes per week, plus 10 specialized classes focused on the Spanish of business and tourism. If you are short on time and already have a good command of the Spanish language, you may join the 10 specialized classes (2 classes daily) without attending the general Spanish course.

Both classes employ a mixture of original don Quijote materials (practical cases, balance sheets, negotiation scenarios), additional original material (industry magazine articles, newspapers, advertisements), market information, and material published by the Madrid Chamber of Commerce.

#### Official Chamber of Commerce Certificate

What will you gain by completing the 4-week Intensive Business/Tourism 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 or the Basic Certificate in Tourism granted by the Madrid Chamber of Commerce. 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 labor market and boosting your career potential.

If you are interested in obtaining a recognized qualification in Spanish business or Spanish Tourism, don Quijote offers you the opportunity to

prepare for this exam in Spain, for which you would need to complete the 4-week program of either Intensive Business or Tourism.

Additionally, after completing the 4-week tourism course in Granada you will have the option of doing an internship in the tourism industry to gain practical experience, Spanish work references and a head start toward your future career.

don Quijote Barcelona, don Quijote Madrid and don Quijote Salamanca hold signed agreements with the Madrid Chamber of Commerce. don Quijote Granada, the site of the tourism course, holds an agreement with the Chambers of Commerce of Granada and Madrid.

**Duration: 4 weeks**

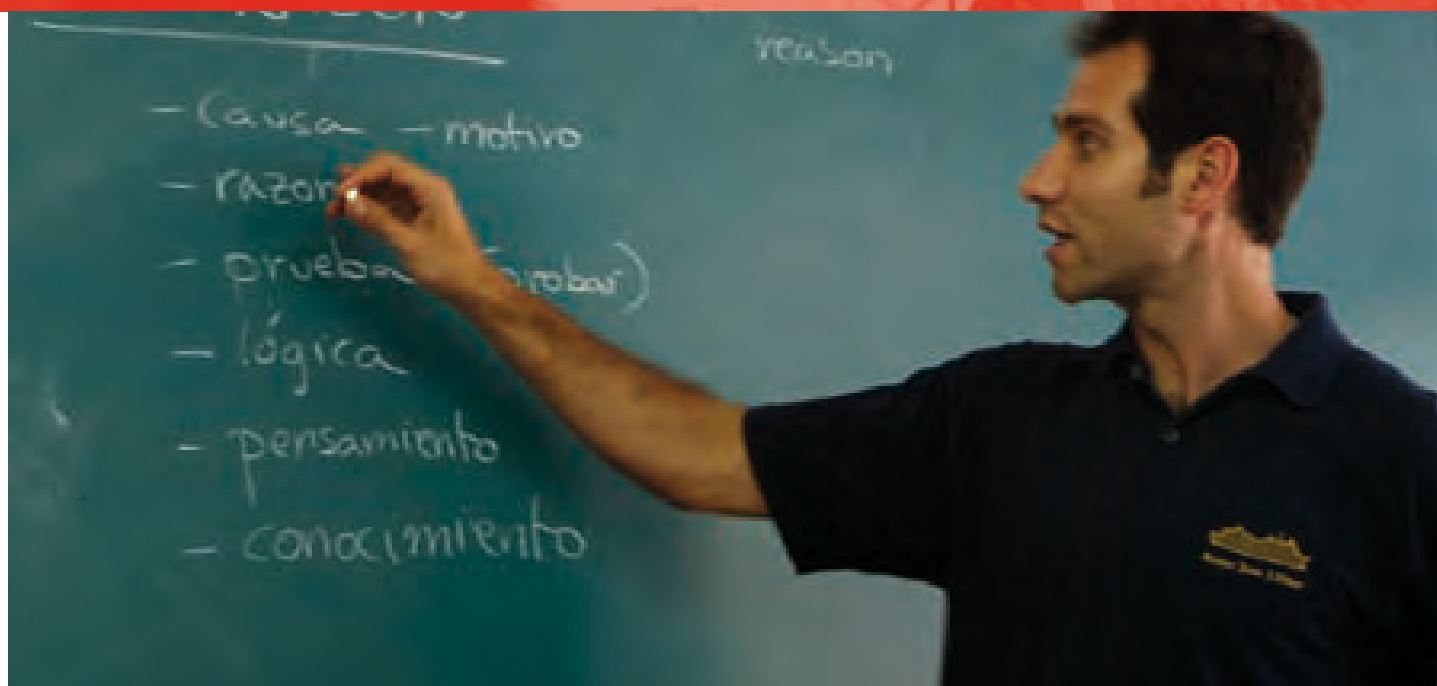
**Destination: Intensive Business: don Quijote Barcelona, Madrid, Guanajuato, Salamanca, Intensive Tourism: don Quijote Granada**  
**Spanish level: B1 (intermediate)**

**Frequency per week: Intensive Spanish: 20 classes +5 plus 10 specialization classes**

**Participants per group (maximum) Intensive Spanish: 8 students; Specialization: 16 students**







## Golden Age

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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 Golden Age program, a course specially designed for our students over 50, on the beautiful island of Tenerife.

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 a chance to practice Spanish with your teacher. You will have daily Spanish classes combined with cultural classes and 2 weeks of activities and excursions to complete the program in Tenerife. The Golden Age program includes visits to the most interesting places in Tenerife and special classes on Spanish history, art, politics and culture, as well as dancing lessons where you can learn Salsa and Merengue.

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Destination:** At don Quijote Tenerife

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency per week:** Intensive Spanish course: 20+5 classes; Golden Age program: 2 weeks

**Participants per group:** maximum 8 students (minimum 3)

## History, Art or Literature

Eager to extend your knowledge on the historical and cultural aspects of Spain and Latin America? Then these courses are perfect for you!

You will participate in 10 general Spanish classes per week, plus 10 history, art or literature classes and 5 culture classes. Throughout the courses you will study: the connection between a selected Spanish/Mexican region's history and its distinct geography, customs, gastronomy, folklore, politics (history course); Spain's/Mexican's most important trends and artistic representations (art course); the most important Spanish and Latin American authors (literature course). Complemented by extra-curricular activities including visits to museums and other cultural centers, always accompanied by a don Quijote teacher.

**Duration:** 2 or 4 weeks

**Destination:** At don Quijote Granada and Guanajuato

**Spanish level:** B1 (intermediate)

**Frequency per week:** Intensive Spanish: 10 classes + 10 specialization classes + 5 culture classes

**Participants per group (maximum):** Intensive Spanish: 8 students; Specialization and Culture classes: 16 students



## Specialized programs

### Teachers of Spanish

This specialized course is designed exclusively for Spanish teachers, instructors, and professors who want to polish and perfect their teaching method.

The main objective of this course is to offer teachers of Spanish professional support by means of studying current trends in the development and evolution of the Spanish language, stressing difficult yet important grammatical concepts. The current cultural, political, social and economic situations in Spain and Mexico are key elements of this 2-week program. The course is offered individually or in groups at all don Quijote schools.

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Destination:** At all dQ schools

**Spanish level:** Teacher of Spanish

**Frequency per week:** Group course: 20 classes; One to One: 15 classes; Group + One to One course: 25 classes

**Participants per group (maximum):** 16 students



## Study groups

Due to the numerous queries made by teachers of Spanish on their student's behalf, don Quijote creates tailor-made courses at a favorable price for groups of people who have similar interests and course objectives.

We define a group as 8 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 (with a minimum of 2 daily classes), or you may want to combine language, cultural and leisure programs.

**Duration:** Flexible

**Destination:** At all dQ schools

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency:** Tailor-made with a minimum of 2 daily Spanish classes per day

**Participants per group (minimum):** 8 students

**Age:** 14 years and older

## Medical Spanish

This course is designed for doctors, registered nurses and others who work, or intend to work, in the medical sector.

The objective is for you to improve your Spanish and develop skills and knowledge to improve communication with Spanish-speaking patients.

You will have 20 lessons during the first week to improve your knowledge of Spanish and 10 additional classes consisting of medical terminology and information, which will increase to 20 classes in the second week. The program also includes a hospital visit.

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Destination:** don Quijote Guanajuato

**Spanish level:** B1 (intermediate)

**Frequency/week:** Week I: 20 Intensive Spanish classes + 10 specialization classes. Week II: 20 specialization classes + hospital visit

**Participants per group (maximum):** Intensive Spanish: 8 students;

**Specialization:** 16 students



## Christmas course

Had enough of the chores of 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 or Mexico!

Have you always wondered what the Christmas holidays are like in Spain or Mexico?

Why not experience it for yourself while you enjoy a 2-week Spanish course? Come along and join the celebrations! You will have 4 Intensive Spanish classes from 9:00 till 13:00, with a different cultural activity every day in the afternoon or evening.

**Duration:** 1 or 2 weeks

**Destination:** At all dQ schools

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency per week:** 20 classes

**Participants per group (maximum):** 8 students





## Fun programs

Does your perfect stay in Spain or Mexico involve learning Spanish while you enjoy an appealing program of activities? Now you have it all in one!

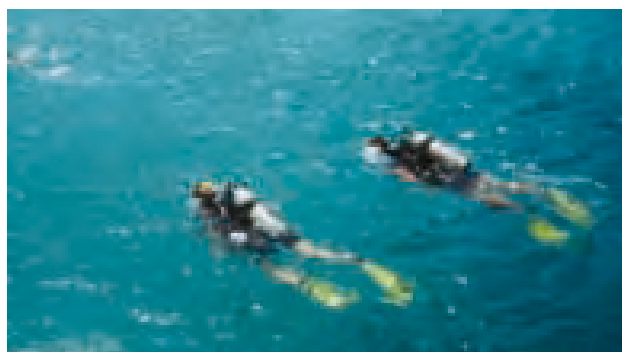
With your interest at heart, don Quijote offers you a wide range of Spanish + Fun courses. They consist of an Intensive course of 4 hours per day with an additional activities program. Take a look and you will surely find a course that appeals to you! For detailed information please contact us!

## Scuba Diving

Come to Tenerife where you can explore sunken ships and swim with the exotic and abundant marine life. Scuba diving classes in the crystalline waters of the Atlantic. No experience needed!

## Flamenco

You may have heard of flamenco, but do you really know what it's all about. This is your chance to find out! Come share the stage with professional dancers and learn the technical and cultural aspects of this incredible art form in Granada.



## Wine tasting

Rueda, Ribera del Duero, Rioja... Get the most from your time in Spain by combining your Spanish lessons with our unique wine-tasting course. Discover and enjoy the great variety of Spanish wines.

## 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 the authentic Spanish omelette, paella or sangria, burrito, taco, guacamole...

**Duration:** 1 - 3 weeks

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

**Spanish level:** All levels

**Frequency per week:** Intensive Spanish: 20 classes +5; Fun program: from 2 hours

**Participants per group:** Minimum 3 and maximum 16 students

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



# Kids, Junior & Teens programs International Summer Camps

**Mixed with  
60%  
Spanish students!**

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 holiday at the same time. By combining daily Spanish language classes and a full schedule

of sports and leisure activities you will enjoy an exciting and unforgettable experience in one of 7 fabulous Spanish cities!

This well-structured program includes a coach for every 15 students. This monitor is available 24 hours a day and takes care of any need the students might have. Participants will enjoy an educational holiday at some of the best facilities available. A combination of Spanish language courses and a full schedule of sports and leisure activities makes this a real vacation. All participants, who will have come from 42 different countries to learn Spanish, will participate in sports and activities and make friends from around the world, creating a perfect atmosphere for the development of languages and exchange of cultures.

## Your Spanish course

Our Summer course & camp includes 20 Spanish classes weekly, afternoon and evening activities, a full day excursion and 2 afternoon excursions every week. You will live with a Spanish family or in a student residence.

## Age

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

## Accommodation - All inclusive

Students will stay in the student residence (in Granada, Salamanca, Seville and Valencia students can choose to stay either with a host family or in a student residence). Full board (3 meals per day) is included in all accommodation options.

In our student residences we will always try to pool the students into the same age group and mix students of different nationalities. Additionally they will be divided according to their gender either in the girls' wing or in the boys' wing.

## Sports, Activities & Excursions

The scheduling of the sports, workshops & 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. Minimum 3 excursions included per session.

## Ask for the specific Summer Program brochure!

**Duration:** 1, 2, 4, 6 or 8 weeks

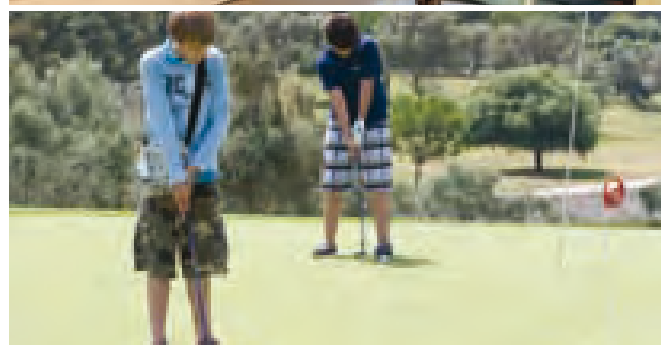
**Destinations:** Barcelona, Granada, Marbella, Madrid, Salamanca, Seville and Valencia

**Spanish level:** all levels

**Frequency per week:** 20 classes

**Participants per group (max):** 14 students

**Start dates:** July & August





**Home stay (Host family)**  
**Shared student flat**  
**Private Apartment**  
**dQ Residence Barcelona**  
**dQ Residence Granada**  
**dQ Residence Madrid**  
**dQ Residence Valencia**  
**Other student residences**  
**Premium accommodation**

## Carefully selected accommodation

Comfortable accommodation is an essential part of your study trip. That is why we attach so much importance to the quality of our accommodation. We understand that something as simple as a broken shower can ruin an otherwise perfect day, while it distracts you from what you are here to do – learn Spanish. We're here to make you feel cozy, secure and right at home.

These pages describe in detail the accommodation choices that don Quijote offers you: home stay (standard or premium), shared student flat (standard, superior or premium), don Quijote residence, student residence, private apartments or hotel. Within each type of accommodation you can opt for a double room or a single room (or even a triple room in the residences).

### 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 home stay, student flat and residence during your stay? Of course you can do this as well. Combining accommodation types 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.





## Home stay

It is telling that most of our host families have worked with us since the beginning. The families know from experience what the role of a host is. Accommodation in a host family allows you to get the maximum out of your course. Nowhere else will you so directly experience real Spanish life. Nothing could be better to help you improve your language skills. The word "family" should not be taken too literally because your family could also be a single parent who takes in students because he or she enjoys the company.

You can choose from a room with breakfast, half board (breakfast and a cooked meal in the afternoon at about two o'clock or a light dinner at ten) or full board (breakfast and two meals). Remember, that your hosts' eating habits may differ from your own.

Don't be surprised that most families live in flats rather than houses. You will be given your own keys so you can come and go as you please and you will be able to receive phone calls.

## Private apartment/Studios

In every city, there are rooms of varying sizes and apartments from studios to multi-bedrooms within walking distance from the school. In all don Quijote destinations we have private apartment accommodations specially available for our students; you can choose between a studio (1-2 people) or a one/two-bedroom apartment.

## Hotel

Of course, you also have the option of staying in a local hotel. Contact us in advance and we will be happy to arrange accommodation for you in one of our recommended local hotels.

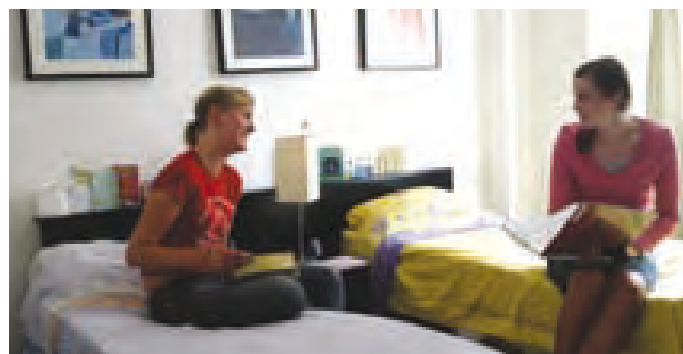


## Shared student flat

don Quijote offers you 3 categories of student flats: Standard, Superior, or Premium. In the Standard and Superior student flats you share a flat with four or five other students. We always do our best to accommodate you in a student flat with different nationalities. However, the common language typically becomes English. We suggest that you reach an agreement with one another to speak as much Spanish as possible.

Although the student flats are not luxurious, they are equipped with all the basic facilities (a bed, table, chair and a wardrobe). Each student flat has a living room, a television, a fully equipped kitchen, a washing machine and an iron. You share the kitchen and the bathroom and, together, keep the house clean. Shared areas are professionally cleaned once a week. In student flats there are no telephones available. You can make your phone calls from one of the many public phone boxes.

Superior student flats are located very close to the school and include free internet. With the premium option you will additionally have your room daily cleaned and you will only share the flat with maximum other 2 or 3 students.

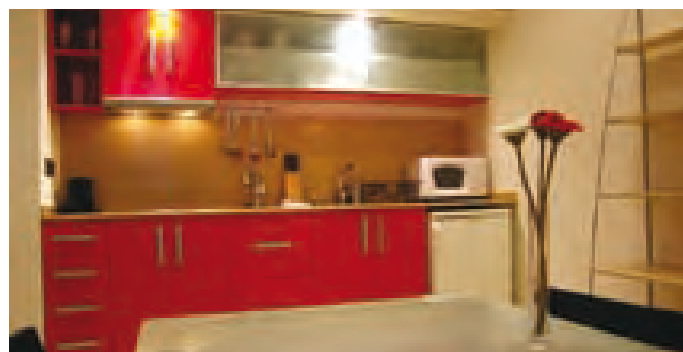


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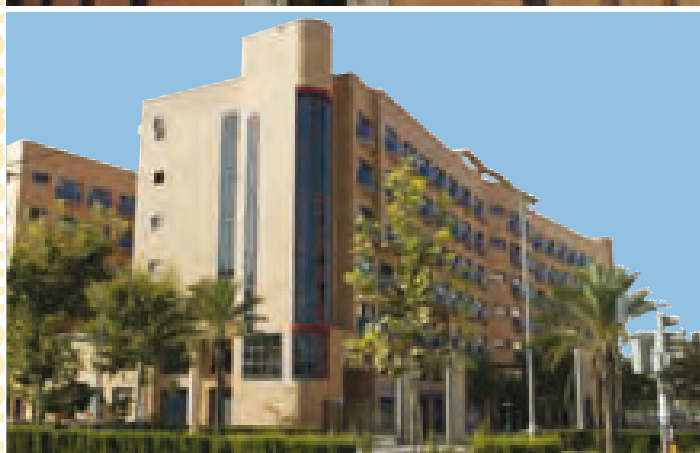
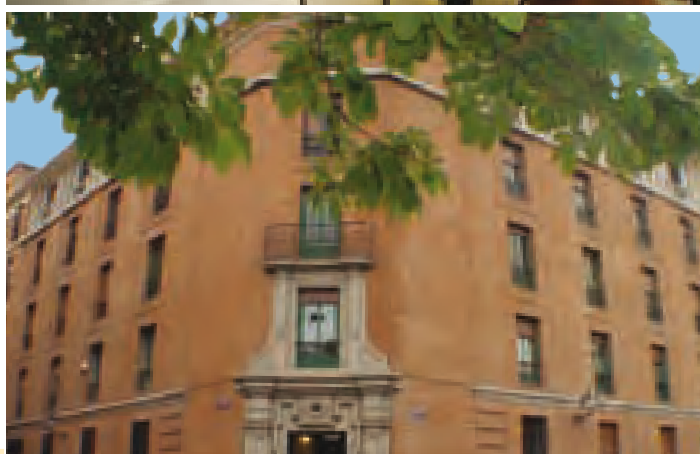


## Premium Accommodation

This type of accommodation is ideal if you want to maintain your independence and enjoy a touch of 'luxury'. You will have Internet access and your room will be cleaned daily. If staying with a family, you will have a private bathroom. If you prefer to stay in a student flat you will share this with a maximum of 2 other students (3 in Barcelona and Madrid). For even more privacy the private apartments are the best choice! Private apartments are for 1 or 2 persons traveling together, totally furnished, equipped with kitchenette and all necessary amenities.



## dQ Residences

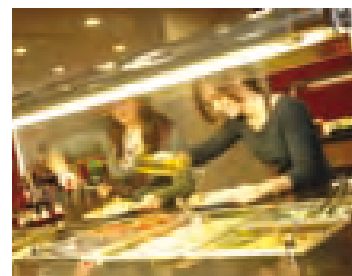


**NEW!**



### Barcelona

The best student accommodation in Spain is found at Hotel/Residence dQ. The accommodation is a 3/4 star hotel features 102 air conditioned rooms with private bathrooms. The hotel dQ is located in the heart of Barcelona, just a one minute walk from the Plaza Cataluña and 10-15 minutes from the don Quijote school, on the main street **Calle Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 629**. The full amenity hotel also features a large swimming pool with roof-top gardens, a kitchen for guest use, a fitness center and a Spanish cuisine restaurant. You can choose accommodation only or accommodation plus breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner. Don't miss the **GRAND OPENING** in early 2011!



### Granada

The residence, located on the **Calle Cardenal Mendoza 5**, is a restored hotel with a big terrace and it will take you a pleasant 15-20 minutes' walk to the school. There are rooms with a private bathroom (95%) or washbasin and shared bath/shower. 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 hi-fi. You share a large kitchen, which is fully equipped with all essential kitchen utensils as well as cookers, ovens, microwaves, electric coffee makers and refrigerators. If you prefer, there is also a catering service available that can provide you meals on half (breakfast and a light dinner) or full board (breakfast and two meals) basis. Washing machines and dryers are also available. Communal areas are cleaned daily.

### Madrid

In Madrid we have 2 small residences: one is located at just 5 minutes from the don Quijote school on the **Calle de Vallehermoso, 59** and the other one on the 4th floor in the same don Quijote school building on the **Calle Duque de Liria, 6**. Staying and studying in Madrid is now as easy as waking up and walking a few meters to class! The residences have in total 38 rooms (22 double and 16 single rooms). There are some rooms available with a private bathroom. For the rooms without bathroom, students can share the bathrooms available on the same floor. There is a kitchen, however you will not be able to cook your own meals. A catering service will provide your meals (you can choose between half board or full board). Other amenities: shared television, washing machine, central heating, elevator. Communal areas are cleaned daily.

### Valencia

The residence Galileo Galilei is located in the don Quijote school building on **Avda. de los Naranjos s/n**, smack dab in the center of the University of Valencia campus. You will have plenty of opportunity to mix with native Spanish speakers in Valencia: this student residence also houses Spanish university students. Comfortable rooms, all outward facing and luminous, private bathroom, telephone, air-conditioning, on-campus restaurant. Your meals will be prepared for you and you can choose to have half board or full board (three meals per day). Enroll early for our Valencia residence, as this on-campus accommodation fills quickly.



## Other student residences

**Student residences** are located in the center of the city and you may choose between a single, double or even triple room, 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 Spanish students. These residences are located on a Spanish University Campus and are often very large in size.

### Student Residence

These residences are small, very similar to a shared apartment with the difference that you don't have to cook your own meals. In this type of residence you will share with students from all over the world, not necessarily from don Quijote, which can make this option a unique experience.

### Family Residence

These residences are big flats run by a family. These 'flats' have an average of 5 to 6 rooms. In most cases the family doesn't live there but is in charge of preparing your breakfast and meals. You may have meals together with the family or in a separate dining room.



## Practical information Accommodation

### 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.

### Total independence

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

### Arrival time

You are expected at your accommodation after 12:00 noon on the Sunday before the course starts. You must vacate your accommodation by noon on the Saturday after your last course day. 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.

### 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).

### 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 flat either, although, of course, you will have all the necessary amenities.

### 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, are you allergic to house pets, do you want to be with a host family with young children or do you have other personal wishes or preferences? Let us know as soon as possible and we will do our utmost to comply with them.



## Examples of cultural visits & excursions

### Alicante

- Santa Bárbara castle
- Hogueras de San Juan Museum
- Ibiza
- Old quarter
- Saint Nicholas Cathedral
- Santamaría Church
- Fine Arts Museum
- Morella
- Barcelona

### Barcelona

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

### Cadiz

- City tour
- Tapas tour
- Spanish movie night
- School party night
- Jérez
- Sevilla
- The White Towns
- Day at the beach
- Multi-day nature adventure
- Outdoor & beach activities

### Granada

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

### Madrid

- Prado Museum
- Spain's National Parliament
- El Escorial
- Granada
- Thyssen Museum
- The Royal Palace
- Toledo
- Segovia
- Sevilla
- City tour

### Malaga

- Picasso Museum
- Ronda
- Nerja Caves
- City Tour
- Botanical Gardens
- Pueblos blancos
- Sevilla
- Tarifa
- Granada
- Costa del Sol

### Marbella

- Nerja caves
- Sevilla
- Puerto Banus
- Beaches
- Córdoba
- Ronda
- Granada
- Málaga
- City tour
- Gibraltar

### Pamplona

- Cathedral of Santa María
- Visit to Diario de Navarra
- Planetarium
- Tapas and wine tasting
- The Pilgrim's way to Santiago route
- San Sebastián
- Bilbao and Guggenheim Museum
- Olite
- Irati forest
- City tour

### Salamanca

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

### Seville

- Torre del Oro
- Santa Cruz quarter
- Cathedral and Giralda
- Córdoba
- Alcázar
- A Flamenco show
- City Tour
- Tapas bars
- Fine Arts Museum
- Beaches

### Tenerife

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

### Valencia

- The City of Arts and Sciences
- Peñíscola
- The Music Palace
- Roman theatre in Sagunto
- Palmar de Elche
- The Oceanographic
- Madrid
- Barcelona
- Tarragona
- Alicante





## Excursions & Activities

From surveys conducted amongst our former students, it is apparent that the 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.

The number and diversity of excursions at the weekend is great. The students, you, have an important voice in the excursion destinations. There is no question of a standard offering. The excursions are announced weekly at the secretariat. For examples in each city see the 'Activities and Excursions' section on the destination pages. The costs depend on the destination of the excursion.



## Airport Pick-up service

Traveling alone? Your first time living abroad? Will you feel more secure knowing that someone will be waiting 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!

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## Learn Spanish in Spain, 12 destinations!

### Destinations

#### don Quijote schools

Barcelona  
Granada  
Madrid  
Salamanca  
Tenerife  
Valencia

#### IEG schools

Alicante  
Marbella  
Seville

#### Partner schools

Cadiz  
Malaga  
Pamplona

## Comments from our Directors of Studies

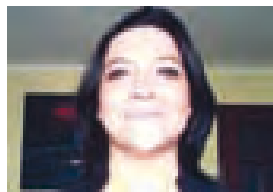
### Barcelona



**Demetrio Sánchez**

"Why learn Spanish? Where? Barcelona? Why? The Ramblas, the Barceloneta, the Güell Park, the Sagrada Familia, Gaudí, Dalí.... But all that is not enough without human warmth, without people. My colleagues and I know this from our 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 lessons in Spanish we try to make friends. The decision is yours."

### Granada



**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 colour: 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."

### Madrid



**Pedro Sánchez**

"Welcome to Madrid, capital of Spain since 1562. Madrid is a city of impressive monuments and diverse culture offerings: museums, parks, art galleries. Famous for its vivid nightlife, the city makes it easy to find theatres and discotheques sharing the long Madrileño night with bars reminiscent of the Madrid of the old Austrian Dynasty. 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."

**Over 21 years of experience with dQ!**

### Salamanca



**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 remember the city for its educational institutions, its streets bursting with life (there are more than 50,000 young people studying at the university), its pure Castilian. In short, this city is something special. We hope to see you soon!"

### Tenerife



**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 its pleasant temperatures as you forget about winter and enjoy the sun from every corner. 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 the heights. Once you have arrived, you will find it hard to leave."

### Valencia



**Mila 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 has not stayed rooted in the past, or even the present. 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."





# Barcelona



Population: 1,900,000

Spain

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Destinations



## Courses

### General Spanish

- Intensive (20+5)
- Super intensive (30+5)
- Spanish talk (10+5)
- Spanish for Life

### University Placement

- Foundation course

### Premium Courses

- One to One
- Premium Spanish classes

### Official Exams

- D.E.L.E.
- Chamber of Commerce

### Specialized Courses

- Intensive Business
- Teachers of Spanish
- Christmas course
- Study Groups

### Spanish & Fun

- Cooking

### Work Experience

- Internship & Hotel Internship

### Kids, Juniors & Teens

- International summer camp



## Barcelona

Carrer de Mallorca 27

### The school



Our school in Barcelona is a modern, state-of-the-art school building, with touches of luxury. Located in the heart of Barcelona's vibrant, central L'Eixample District, on c/Mallorca, 27. The school building is spacious, with 2600 square meters generously spread over the 3 lower floors. The school has more than 55 bright and airy classrooms. The school also offers a conference room accommodating 150 people, 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 at our terminals or 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. Background music available in the entire school. For your year round comfort: centralized heating and air conditioning throughout the building. Facilities are fully adapted for handicapped students and visitors. Parking spaces underneath the school for those students wishing to arrive by car.

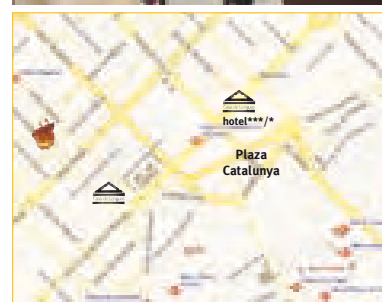
### About Barcelona

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, tradition 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 opinion

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, with marble floors throughout the common areas and beautifully finished wood floors in the classrooms. 450 square meters patio with tropical garden!



#### Average temperatures

Jan	Feb	Mar
10	13	13
Apr	May	Jun
14	18	21
Jul	Aug	Sep
25	25	22
Oct	Nov	Dec
18	16	12



# Granada

Population: 345,000



## Courses

### General Spanish

- Intensive (20+5)
- Super intensive (30+5)
- Spanish talk (10+5)
- Spanish for Life

### Premium Spanish

- One to One

### Official Exams

- D.E.L.E.
- Chamber of Commerce

### Specialized Courses

- Intensive Tourism
- Teachers of Spanish
- Spanish & History/Art/Literature
- Christmas course
- Study Groups

### Spanish & Fun

- Flamenco

### Work Experience

- Internship & Hotel Internship

### Kids, Juniors & Teens

- International summer camp



## Granada

Calle Azhuma, 5

### 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 intimate 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. Here, 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 with 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 on the peninsula of Spain.

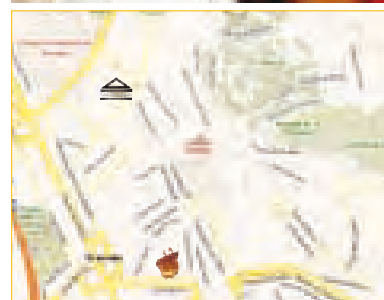
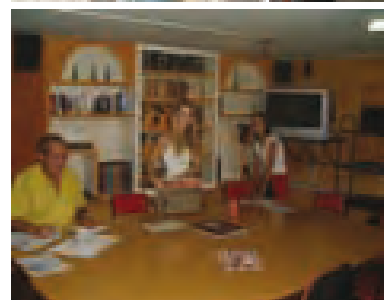
The city of Granada is located at the foot of the sierra Nevada mountains. Its unique history gives it an artistic grandeur embracing Moorish palaces and Christian Renaissance treasures.

### Our opinion

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, sport enthusiasts (skiing!) and sun-worshippers.

#### Average temperatures

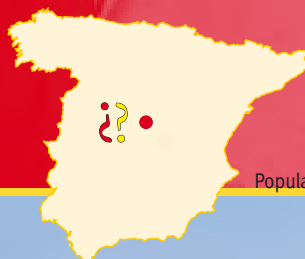
Jan	Feb	Mar
7	8	10
Apr	May	Jun
12	16	20
Jul	Aug	Sep
25	25	20
Oct	Nov	Dec
16	11	7







# Madrid



Population: 3,600,000

Spain

42

Destinations



## Courses

### General Spanish

- Intensive (20+5)
- Super intensive (30+5)
- Spanish talk (10+5)
- Spanish for Life

### University Placement

- Foundation course

### Premium Courses

- One to One
- Premium Spanish

### Official Exams

- D.E.L.E.
- Chamber of Commerce

### Specialized Courses

- Intensive Business
- Teachers of Spanish
- Christmas course
- Study Groups

### Spanish & Fun

- Flamenco
- Cooking

### Work Experience

- Internship & Hotel Internship

### Kids, Juniors & Teens

- International summer camp





## Madrid

Calle Duque de Liria, 6

### The school



Spacious, bright and airy classrooms.  
Comfortable seating area and a large interior patio!

Our school in Madrid is a historic building recently renovated to provide the most modern amenities. 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 through 1,800 square meters in 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 by simply logging on to the school's free Wi-Fi network, if you choose to bring your own laptop to Spain. Background music available in the entire school. For your year round comfort: centralized heating and air conditioning throughout the building. Facilities are fully adapted for handicapped students and visitors.

### About Madrid

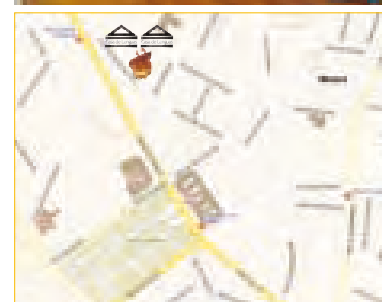
The capital of Spain, located in the heart of the peninsula, has a population of over three million. A cosmopolitan city, a business center, headquarters for the Public Administration, Government, Spanish Parliament and the home of the Spanish Royal Family, Madrid is characterized by intense cultural and artistic activity and a very lively nightlife. 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 opinion

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

### Average temperatures

Jan	Feb	Mar
9	11	15
Apr	May	Jun
19	22	27
Jul	Aug	Sep
31	32	25
Oct	Nov	Dec
18	13	9





# Salamanca



Population: 160,000

Spain

44

Destinations



## Courses

### General Spanish

- Intensive (20+5)
- Super intensive (30+5)
- Spanish talk (10+5)
- Spanish for Life

### University Placement

- Foundation course

### Premium Courses

- One to One
- Premium Spanish classes

### Official Exams

- D.E.L.E.
- Chamber of Commerce

### Specialized Courses

- Intensive Business
- Teachers of Spanish
- Christmas course
- Study Groups

### Spanish & Fun

- Cooking
- Wine tasting

### Work Experience

- Internship & Hotel Internship

### Kids, Juniors & Teens

- International summer camp

# don Quijote Salamanca

Spain



## Salamanca

Calle Placentinos, 2

### The school



Our school in Salamanca, once a monastery (16th century).

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 beautiful 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, 17 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 keeps the intimacy of a town. In Salamanca, the inhabitants speak the “purest” Spanish in Spain - Castilian. 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 make rendezvous 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. As there is such a varied range of nationalities, it is tempting to keep to fellow don Quijote students. Salamanca is however, a real university city, Spanish students are everywhere and you can go practically everywhere on foot.

### Average temperatures

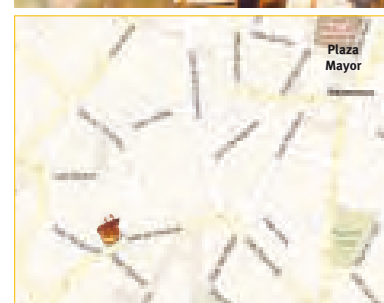
Jan	Feb	Mar
3	8	10
Apr	May	Jun
14	15	18
Jul	Aug	Sep
23	23	18
Oct	Nov	Dec
12	7	3

### Our opinion

As a typical university city, Salamanca attracts thousands of students from all over the world. You 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 opportunity to discover the surrounding countryside. Putting it all together, you have a city where the young and the not-so-young will both feel at home.



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Destinations

# Tenerife

Population: 38,500 (Puerto de la Cruz)

Spain



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Destinations



## Courses

### General Spanish

- Intensive (20+5)
- Super intensive (30+5)
- Spanish talk (10+5)
- Spanish for Life

### Premium Courses

- One to One
- Premium Spanish classes

### Official Exams

- D.E.L.E.

### Specialized Courses

- Teachers of Spanish
- Golden Age program
- Christmas course
- Study Groups

### Spanish & Fun

- Scuba Diving

### Work Experience

- Internship
- Hotel Internship





## Tenerife - Puerto de la Cruz

Avda. de Colón, 14

### The school



don Quijote Tenerife is located in a traditional Canaries building, on Avda. de Colón 14, just 5 minutes 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 Tenerife

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.

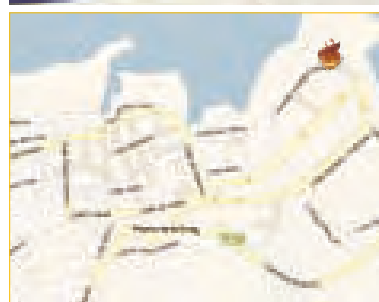
The lushness of the gardens and the agreeable atmosphere are very special features of this city, which has lively places to stroll around. In the evening the streets near the Plaza del Charco and the promenade are pleasant places of enjoyment where one can eat at any of the many open air restaurants,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

One of the greatest attractions of el Puerto is without doubt the Lago Martiánez. This series of seawater pools conceived by the 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 opinion

The international attractions, excellent restaurants, cafés and other facilities of Puerta de la Cruz all contribute to its busy air. The island has good transport connections, especially with the Spanish peninsula, by sea and air links.

Traditional Canaries building with a magnificent patio.



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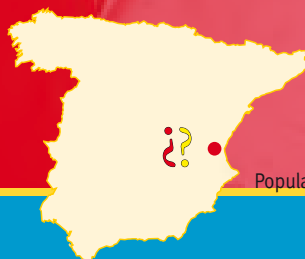
### Average temperatures

Tenerife is called the "Island of eternal Spring" because of its equilibrated climate and abundant vegetation in the North. Spring temperatures dominate throughout the year. The average lies between 20-22°C. During the cooler days the thermometer doesn't fall under 15°C and rarely gets higher than 30°C on the hotter days.





# Valencia



Population: 900,000

Spain

48

Destinations



## Courses

### General Spanish

- Intensive (20+5)
- Super intensive (30+5)
- Spanish talk (10+5)
- Spanish for Life

### University Placement

- Foundation course

### Premium Spanish

- One to One

### Official Exams

- D.E.L.E.

### Specialized Courses

- Teachers of Spanish
- Christmas course
- Study Groups

### Work Experience

- Internship & Hotel Internship

### Kids, Juniors & Teens

- International summer camp



## Valencia

Avda. de los Naranjos s/n  
(Edificio Galileo Galilei)

### The school



The facilities include the most modern technology!

don Quijote offers you a modern school, freshly renovated with equal focus on technology, comfort, lively on-campus student atmosphere and quality on Avda. de los Naranjos s/n. don Quijote Valencia is located on the campus of the Polytechnic University of Valencia, just 5 minutes from the old city centre and 5 minutes from the beach! Set amongst hundred of acres of new academic buildings, palm trees, and long, rolling lawns and sits alongside the Galileo Galilei 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 boasts 14 spacious classrooms, the academic zone surrounds a central common area of 100 square meters, equipped with a coffee machine, snack 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, nestles 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 opinion

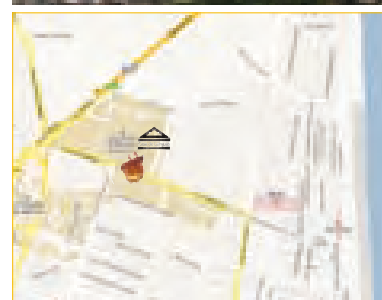
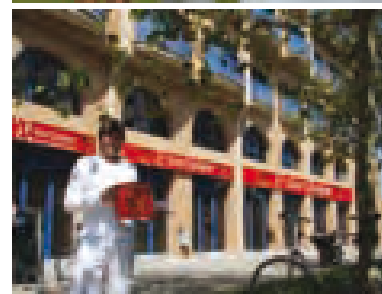
Valencia is the ideal place to study Spanish because its privileged location on the Mediterranean coast. You will enjoy a perfect climate all year round. Thanks to its kind inhabitants, you will immediately feel at home. Valencia has an international airport that connects the city with the rest of the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

#### Average temperatures

Jan	Feb	Mar
10	13	13
Apr	May	Jun
14	18	21
Jul	Aug	Sep
25	25	22
Oct	Nov	Dec
18	16	12



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# Cadiz

Population: 155,000



## Cadiz

50

### The school



100%

Our partner school in Cadiz is located in the historical center on one of the most central streets of the city, surrounded by squares, bars, shops, university faculties and only 5 minutes from the beach! This ideal location allows students to adapt quickly to daily life in Cadiz. The school is situated in a beautiful Andalusian building dating back to 1886 and although it has been renovated to adapt to the needs of the students it conserves this period's charm. The school has 5 fully equipped classrooms, a computer room, a library, a TV and audio room, a reception and a patio.

### About Cadiz

In the deep South of Spain lies the Andalusian port Cadiz, capital of the same province. Cadiz is a splendid coastal city that is almost entirely surrounded by water and famous for its perfect sandy beaches. The "Gaditanos" have a great passion for flamenco and you will notice this in the town's daily life, especially in the well known districts Santa María or La Viña where you can find a more 'authentic' Spain. People practically live outdoors, which makes the city lively and pleasant to stroll around. Squares such as Las Flores and Candelaria are certainly worth a visit. Around the bay of Cadiz there are many old villages some of which are more than a thousand years old. The most well-known is El Puerto de Santa María featuring many open air restaurants and charming little shops. Cadiz is quite Moorish in appearance and is riddled with narrow cobbled streets opening onto small squares. Cadiz is also known for its famously wild Carnival celebrations which are not to be missed.

### Activities

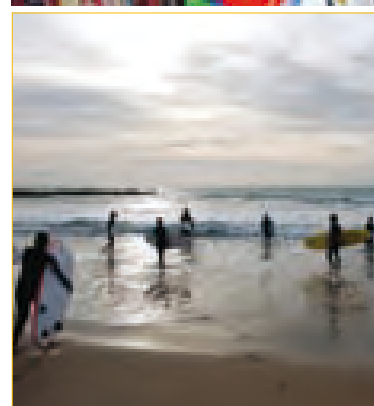
Our Spanish school in Cadiz organizes different activities every week. Some of them are completely free, for example: literature and cultural workshops, a guided tour of the city, visits to the museums and regular movie showings. At an additional cost you can also enjoy fiestas, BBQ's, dinners, tapa routes, visits to the wine cellars, surf lessons, ceramics, flamenco and excursions to Seville, Granada, Ronda and other cities of interest.

### Our opinion

A piece of Andalusia not yet affected by mass tourism, with the most beautiful beaches on the Spanish coast. A city with warm, extremely friendly people and a unique identity.

### The courses

Our Spanish school offers standard Spanish courses: 4 or 5 hours per day with one daily culture class. Each lesson lasts 50 minutes and you can study from 1 to 48 weeks. Our partner school in Cadiz is open all year round. The minimum age is 17 years and you will have a maximum of 8 students in any group. You can start your course on any Monday during the year, even if you are a beginner.



### Average temperatures

The average temperature in Cadiz is 19 degrees but temperatures can reach as much as 32 degrees in the middle of summer.



## Alicante

Paseo de la Explanada 15

### The school



100%

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, one of the main bus stops of Alicante. Set directly on a beautiful promenade, the school is located in a Mediterranean style building in the city center, and features 6 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, 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 opinion

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 to offer for all tastes.

### Courses

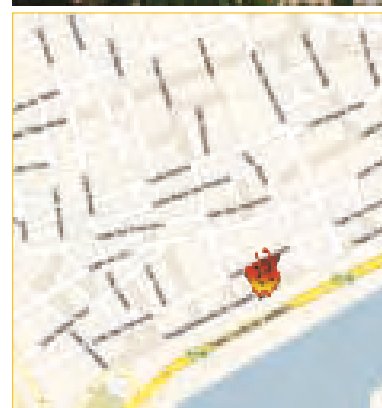
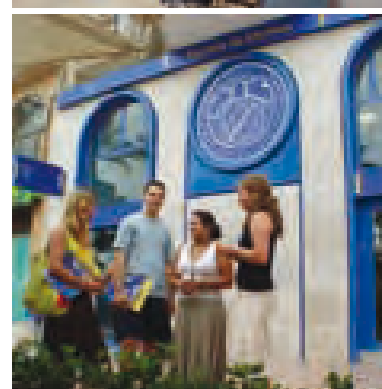
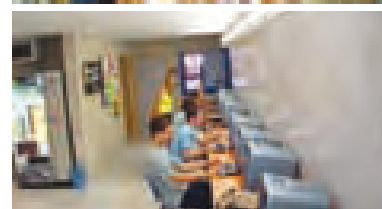
The school offers General Spanish courses (2 hours per day, 4 hours per day or 5 hours per day, with an additional daily 1 hour cultural class. Each lesson lasts 55 minutes and you can study from 1 to 48 weeks. Our Alicante school is open all year round. The minimum age is 14 years and you have a maximum of nine other students in a group. You can start your course on any Monday during the year, even if you are a Beginner.

#### Average temperatures

Jan	Feb	Mar
16	17	19
Apr	May	Jun
20	23	27
Jul	Aug	Sep
29	30	28
Oct	Nov	Dec
24	20	17



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# Malaga

Population: 560,000



## Malaga

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### The school

Our Malaga partner school is located in a beautiful Andalusian building dating from the 1950's. 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 shows above all in the best known folklore of Malaga: the song and dance of the Flamenco. Before and during Easter there are numerous processions. That's when Malaga shows itself in all its pomp and circumstance, a joy to behold. The city has many historic attractions. Not just the old center of Malaga with its countless Moorish remains but also the Alcazaba, a Muslim Fort, and the castle on Mount Gibralfaro are 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, as well as many events on the school grounds for students such as: city tour, Picasso Museum, barbeques, dance classes.... On the weekends, you can sign up for trips to nearby cities in Andalusia or even discover Morocco with us! Here are some examples: Ronda, Nerja Caves, Seville, Tarifa...

### Our opinion

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 hours per day, 4 hours per day or 5 hours per day, with an additional daily 1 hour cultural class. Each lesson lasts 45 minutes and you can study from 1 to 48 weeks. Our Malaga partner school is open all year round. The minimum age is 16 years and you have an average of 8 students in a group. You can start your course on any Monday during the year.



#### Average temperatures

Jan	Feb	Mar
16	17	19
Apr	May	Jun
20	23	27
Jul	Aug	Sep
29	29	28
Oct	Nov	Dec
23	19	17





## Marbella - Malaga

Avenida Ricardo  
Soriano 43 (Teraza Central)

### 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 five 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, 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: city tour, Puerto Banús, Córdoba, Seville, Malaga and the Picasso Museum, Flamenco show, Ronda, Nerja caves, Mijas...

### Our opinion

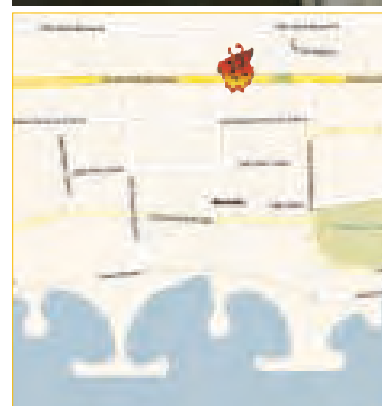
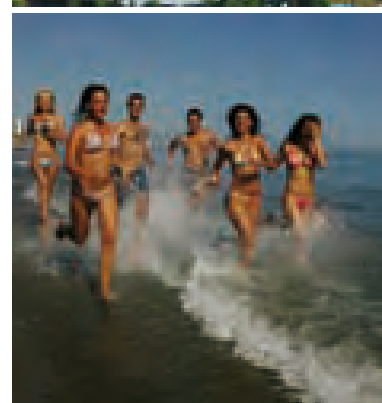
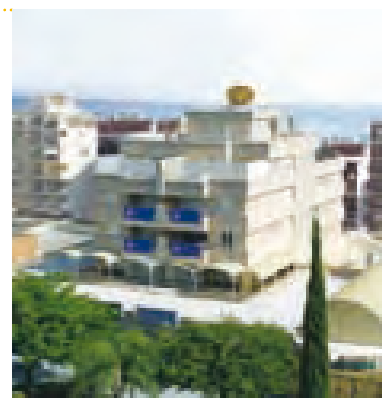
With delicious Mediterranean food, gorgeous beaches, stylish shops, a vibrant nightlife, and world-class sporting and leisure activities, Marbella is the perfect environment for students of all ages to study Spanish while enjoying a wonderful quality of life.

### Courses

The school offers General Spanish courses (2 hours per day, 4 hours per day or 5 hours per day, with an additional daily 1 hour cultural class. Each lesson lasts 55 minutes and you can study from 1 to 48 weeks. A Summer course & camp is available in June, July & August. Our Marbella school is open all year round. The minimum age is 14 years and you 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.

#### Average temperatures

Jan	Feb	Mar
16	17	19
Apr	May	Jun
20	23	27
Jul	Aug	Sep
29	29	28
Oct	Nov	Dec
23	19	17



# Pamplona

Population: 200,000



## Pamplona

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### The school

Classes are held in two different buildings in Pamplona. One school is located in a converted factory with five classrooms, a common area and a resource center with a library, films and multimedia resources. The second school is in a historical building near the city center and has seven classrooms, a resource center, an auditorium, a café and a restaurant.

### About Pamplona

Pamplona is the capital of the northern province Navarra and due to its location (near the Basque Country and on the French border), you will find both Basque and French influences. An old fortified town, Pamplona is surrounded by nature of unrivalled beauty, this is in part thanks to its (Cantabric) Sea climate. The American writer Ernest Hemingway loved Pamplona for its "Running of Bulls" fiesta which is one of Spain's most famous celebrations, it forms part of the popular festival of San Fermín and attracts thousands of visitors every year. To sum up in a few words: Pamplona is a pleasant, authentic, festive town and has a lively night life with a large student population thanks to its two universities.

### Activities

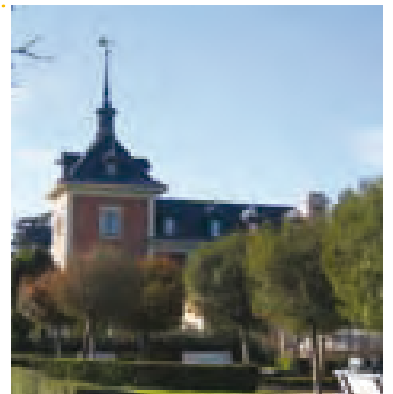
Our Spanish school in Pamplona organizes a wide range of activities to engage in (at an additional cost) after class or at the weekends. We offer tours of Pamplona and its historical buildings, mountaineering, climbing, trekking, visits to some of the most interesting wineries in Navarra for which the region is particularly famous, visits to the Send Viva, visits to the theme Park in the Bardenas Desert, and lots more...

### Our opinion

Pamplona gives you the opportunity to get to know Spain in a different light. Although this city is famous for the Fiesta de San Fermín, celebrated with the running of the bulls, it is much more than that. There is no doubt that Pamplona is the ideal city for nature lovers and for students who enjoy outdoor activities, for these reasons it can be the perfect place to learn Spanish.

### Courses

The school offers an intensive course of 4 hours per day with 4 additional cultural classes per week. Each lesson lasts 55 minutes. Our Pamplona partner school is open all year round and there is a maximum of 8 students in any group. You can start your course on any Monday during the year even if you are a beginner.



#### Average temperatures

Jan	Feb	Mar
6	6	7
Apr	May	Jun
10	15	18
Jul	Aug	Sep
25	25	20
Oct	Nov	Dec
15	10	6



## Seville

Calle Pastor y Landero 35

### The school



The 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, 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, library, computer room, conference room, offices, a 300 m<sup>2</sup> terrace with nice views of the Giralda and a patio, elevator, common areas where you can study and meet friends, all equipped with air conditioning. Facilities are fully adapted for handicapped students and visitors.

### About Seville

If you want to get to know the folkloric heart of Spain - the scent of orange trees, the click-clack of flamenco shoes, brightly dressed women in polka-dots and the heat of the Andalusian sun - Seville is the city for you. Spain's fourth-largest city and the capital of Andalusia, Seville nevertheless maintains the warmth and intimacy 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, nearby beaches and small town treasures. These trips are scheduled for weekends. The most common weekly activities, held during the afternoon/evening, are: Sevillanas dance classes, Spanish movie nights, city tours...

### Our opinion

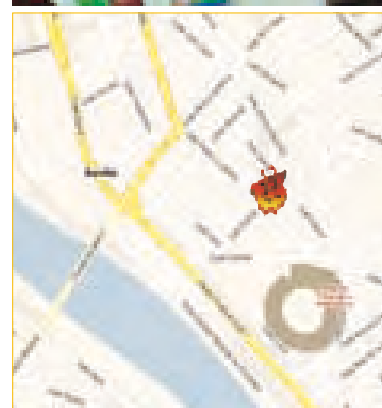
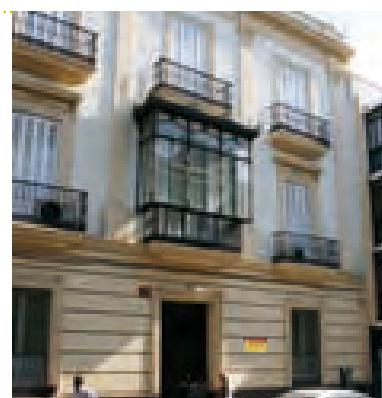
Seville is a very complete city, and the rich mixture of its history and modernity will add value to your Spanish course. The "good life" is another of the traditions that the Sevillians like to maintain, as you will see from the many restaurants, bars and terraces that guarantee an entertaining and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

### Courses

The school offers General Spanish courses (2 hours per day, 4 hours per day or 5 hours per day, with an additional daily 1 hour cultural class. Each lesson lasts 55 minutes and you can study from 1 to 48 weeks. Our Seville school is open all year round. A Junior summer program is available in July & August. The minimum age is 14 years and you have a maximum of nine other students in a group. You can start your course on any Monday during the year.

#### Average temperatures

Jan	Feb	Mar
16	17	21
Apr	May	Jun
22	26	31
Jul	Aug	Sep
35	35	32
Oct	Nov	Dec
26	21	17



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## Learn Spanish in Mexico! 4 destinations

Guanajuato

Oaxaca

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Destinations





## Comments from our directors of Studies

### Guanajuato



**Pedro Rodríguez**

"Guanajuato is one of those unusual spots that, if you were to look only at its architecture, could be any medieval European city. Situated in the Bajío region, Guanajuato is surrounded by hills and mountains. The city sits at the bottom of a great bowl shaped ravine. Guanajuato is home to a famous university with a long-held tradition of student musical groups and musical rambles, or callejoneadas, through the streets of the town. Yet Guanajuato is much more than a university city. Its people are friendly, cheerful and glad to help others, its streets calm and not dangerous. It boasts a pleasant daytime climate and delicious food. Guanajuato offers you an atmosphere that is youthful and dynamic yet at the same time quiet, with plenty of cultural possibilities, plenty of places to visit, and long hours for shopping and entertainment. Come, surely you will love it!"

### Oaxaca



**Elizabeth Petter & Oscar Barrera**

"Oaxaca is a beautiful colonial city located five hours south of Mexico City. It is an ideal place to study Spanish since it is known for its traditions, history, culture and cuisine and is surrounded by many places of interest. Due to Oaxaca's appreciation for ancestral traditions and its colonial architecture, UNESCO has named the city a World Heritage Site, and the historic district is protected as such. Oaxaca is also home to many creative, talented artists and offers many different types of handicrafts—from pottery to fabrics to paintings. Visit Oaxaca and prepare to fall in love with the city, the people, the art, the food and the language."

### Playa del Carmen



**Juan Carlos Delgado**

"In the heart of the Mayan Riviera, Playa del Carmen is located just 40 minutes from Cancun International Airport. The area is blessed with lush, tropical vegetation, crystal-clear cenotes (fresh water pools), and Mexico's most important Mayan cultural centers-Tulum, Coba and Chichen Itza. Playa del Carmen has become a multicultural destination due to its natural beauty and the warmth of its people. The turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea wash over Playa's white sand beaches and create Paradise in every sense of the word. Fifth Avenue, with its many cafes, restaurants, galleries, shops, and bars, also helps keep Playa at the top of Mexico's hot-spots. All together, Playa del Carmen is the perfect place to relax, explore, and learn Spanish."

### Puerto Vallarta



**José Luis Bravo**

"On the beautiful Pacific Coast of Mexico, where the state of Nayarit meets the state of Jalisco, the home of tequila, mariachi music, countless famous artists, movie sets, and stunning handicrafts, lays Puerto Vallarta, one of the most popular tropical destinations in the world. A vast tropical jungle, the Sierra Madre Mountains and the serene waters of the Bahía de Banderas "Banderas Bay" surround Puerto Vallarta. Very much a quaint seaside city, filled with white-washed houses and villas, terracotta tiled roofs, tropical plants, wrought iron gates, windows and doorways. Banderas Bay is home to two National Marine Parks, Los Arcos and the Marietas Islands. During the winter months, humpback whales from mid-November to mid-April, along with hundreds of dolphins and giant mantas. Puerto Vallarta is Spanish in Paradise!"



## Mexico





# Oaxaca

Population: 500,000



## Oaxaca

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### 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 plethora 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 is protected 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.

### Activities

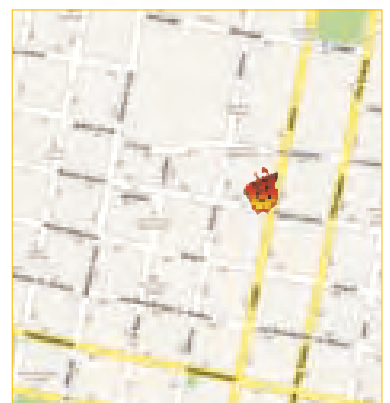
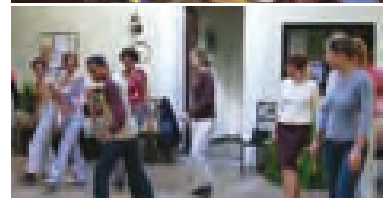
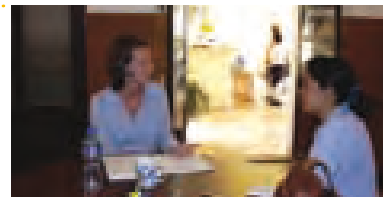
In the afternoons we offer workshops and activities that include cooking, arts and crafts, salsa classes, singing Mexican songs, a fiesta or a picnic. A movie is shown each week during one of the conversation classes. During the conversation hours, lectures are given on Mexican history, Zapotecan culture, 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 opinion

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 historic richness, Oaxaca is an ideal place to experience the beauty of Mexico and its people.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish: 15 group classes per week  
 Super intensive Spanish: 25 group classes per week  
 One to One: 25 classes per week  
 Teacher of Spanish: 10 group classes + 15 One to One per week



### Average temperatures

Jan	Feb	Mar
25	27	29
Apr	May	Jun
31	31	28
Jul	Aug	Sep
28	27	27
Oct	Nov	Dec
26	26	25



## Guanajuato



### The school



100%

Our school is located right in the city center in the 'barrio Pastita' at only 10 minutes walking from the 'Teatro Juárez'. The school has 15 classrooms and a capacity of 110 students/day. Other facilities: interior patio, teachers' room, students' office, multimedia classroom, 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 after Miguel de Cervantes.

### Activities

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

### Our opinion

As a small, quiet university city far from the tourist crowds in Cancún and Cuernavaca, Guanajuato is the ideal spot to study Spanish in Mexico. Guanajuato will charm you with its wealth in architecture and culture. 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.

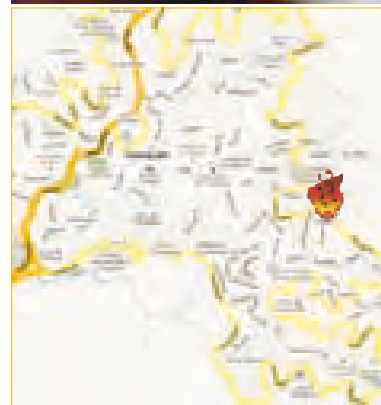
### Courses

- Intensive Spanish
- Super intensive Spanish
- Spanish for Life
- One to One
- Premium Spanish
- Spanish Talk
- D.E.L.E. Preparation
- Intensive Business
- Volunteer program
- Teachers of Spanish
- Medical Spanish
- Christmas course
- History, Art, Literature
- Fun Program
- Study groups

#### Average temperatures

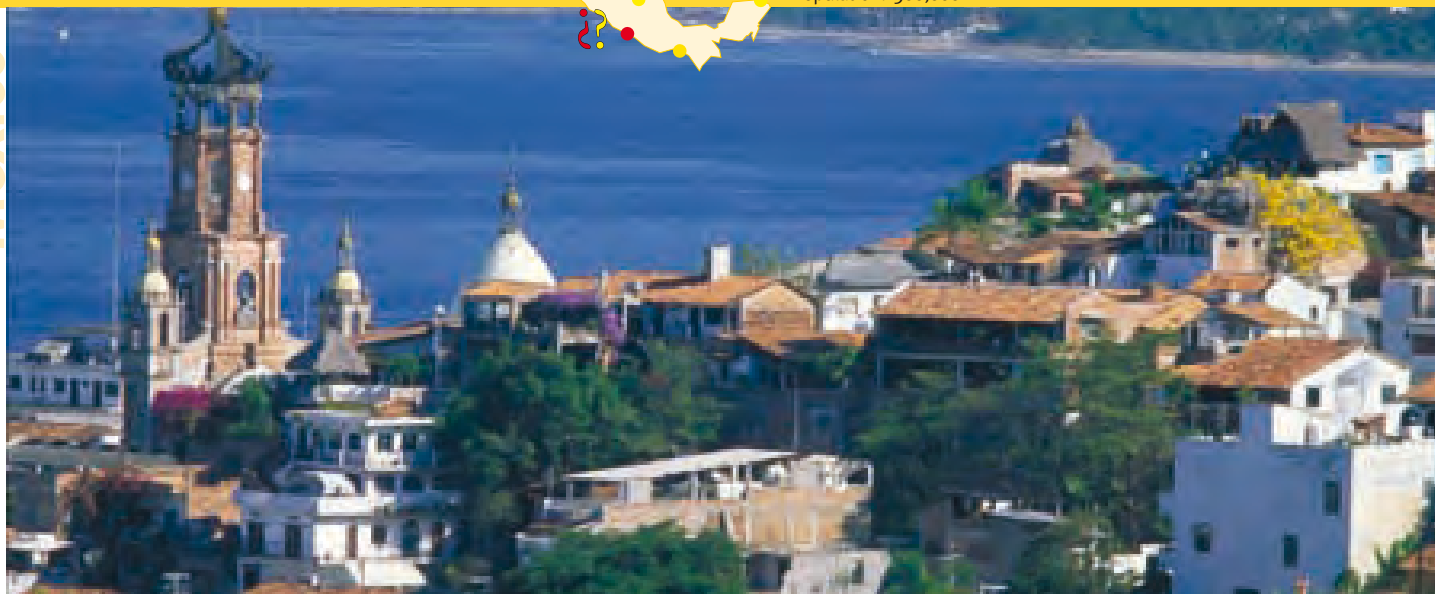
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Oct	Nov	Dec
24	23	21

You will savor a concentrated taste of Guanajuato upon entering the school!



# Puerto Vallarta

Population: 300,000



## Puerto Vallarta

60

### The school

Nestled among charming colonial-style buildings and picturesque city streets, our 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, tropics 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 allures 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!

### Activities

In the afternoons we offer workshops and activities that include cooking, arts and crafts, salsa classes, singing Mexican songs, a fiesta or a picnic 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 one can enjoy a once in a lifetime experience watching whales and dolphins in their natural environments.

### Our opinion

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

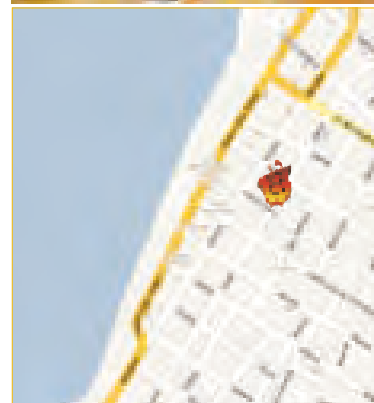
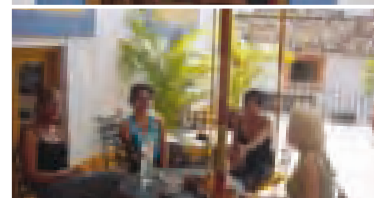
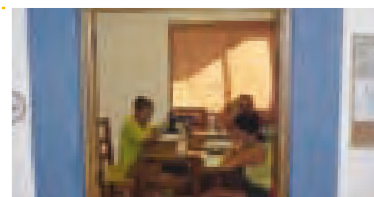
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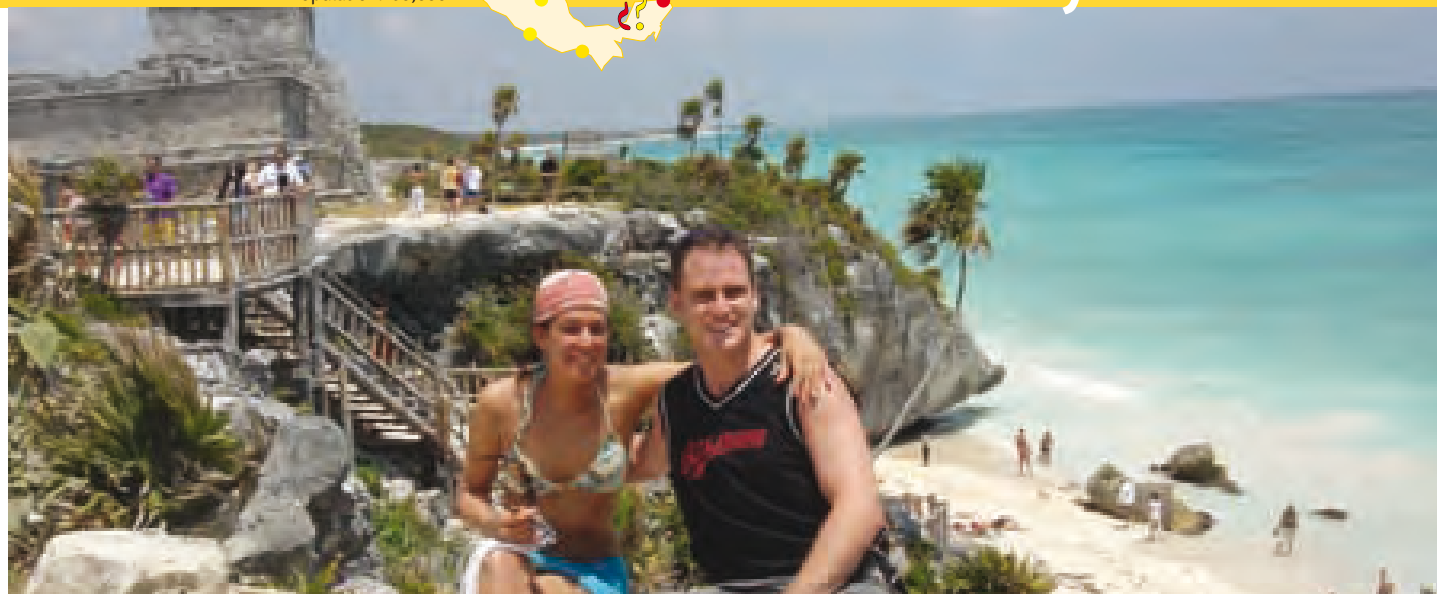
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#### Average temperatures

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## Playa del Carmen

### The school

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

### About Playa del Carmen

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.

### Activities

During the conversation hours, lectures are given 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, a fiesta or a picnic.

A movie is shown every week and with Playa's great location, you can enjoy a great variety of excursions: Tulum, Xcaret, Chichen-Itza...

### Our opinion

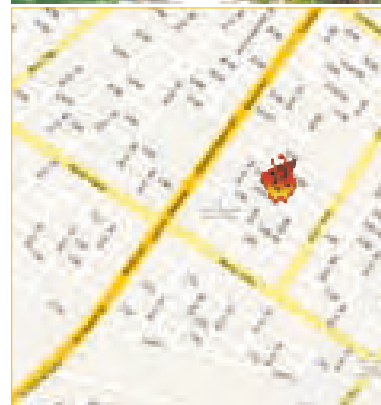
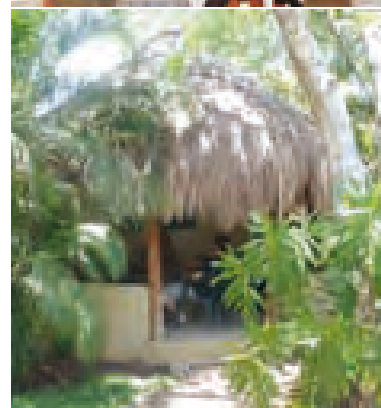
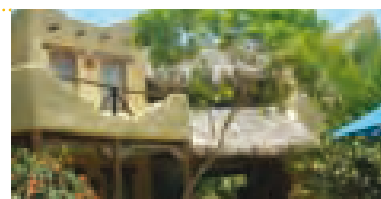
There is a lot to explore around Playa del Carmen. You can hop on the ferry to Cozumel for world class scuba diving, explore an abundance of nearby Mayan ruins or head to Cancún for shopping and wild nightlife. Best of all are the city's white sands, crystal clear Caribbean waters and lush tropical vegetation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

### Courses

Intensive Spanish: 15 group classes per week  
 Super intensive Spanish: 25 group classes per week  
 One to One: 25 classes per week  
 Teacher of Spanish: 10 group classes + 15 One to One per week

#### Average temperatures

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Quito

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Cusco



## Partner schools in Latin America

# Latin America

### The Schools

Are located in 10 different countries and 19 cities making it easy to mix and match! They are carefully selected to be located near public transportation, shopping, restaurants and other points of interest and equipped with a secretariat, library, refreshment room or open kitchen. All schools offer many extra services such as internet access and various are fully recognized and approved by American universities which grant credits and by the German (Bildungsurlaub) government.

### Flexible Programs

Classes start every Monday, year round, including during 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 one to one per week and One to one 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 organized activities weekly (dance lessons, movies, cooking demonstrations...).

### Course Material

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

### Level Test & Timetable

On your first day of the course you will have to take a level test in order to be placed in the appropriate class level. Each school offers at least 6 levels from beginner to advanced. Classes are either in the morning or in the afternoon and will be decided once you have arrived. Time schedule varies in each school.

### The Teachers

Superior teaching staff. All have a University Degree in Spanish Philology and have been carefully selected because of their qualifications and experience in teaching Spanish as a foreign language. Some of them are Doctors or have Masters Degrees in teaching Spanish and literature, history or Latin American culture. They refresh their teaching skills, receiving special courses every year.

### Syllabus

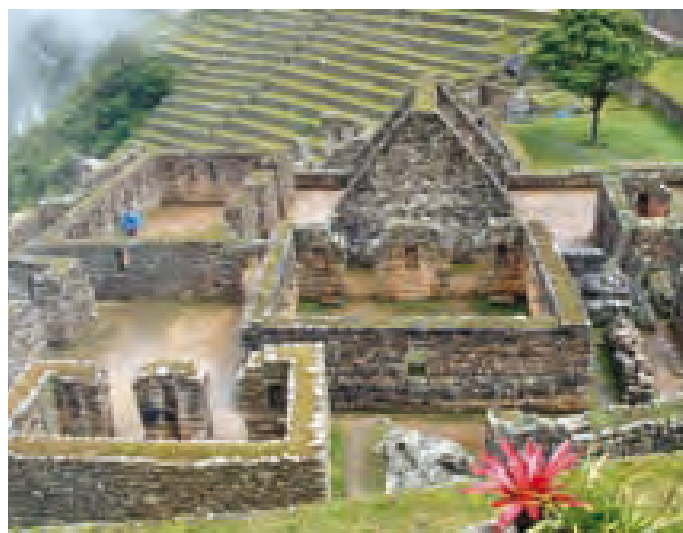
Copies of the course syllabus are available on request for Teachers of Spanish, Heads of Departments, Deans and Tutors. Please let us know ahead of time if a student is applying for Academic credit and from which university. All our schools are approved for academic credit through the University of Southern Mississippi.

### Accommodation

As mentioned before, cultural immersion is one of the key program ingredients. For this reason all of the programs include home stay 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 selected and screened by our schools and live within a maximum distance of 20-35 minutes (walking or public transport) from the school. Your host family will take care of the linens.

### 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.



# Argentina



## Bariloche

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### The school

Our school is conveniently located in downtown Bariloche, only 900 meters from the Centro Civico. All bus lines stop very close to the school, not more than 2 blocks away. The school has 5 classrooms, a meeting room, teachers' room, free coffee and tea with 'medias lunas' (a kind of Argentine croissant) and a beautiful backyard with a view to 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 in the Andes surrounded by mountains. It is famous for skiing but also great for sight-seeing, water sports, trekking and climbing. Tourism is the main economical activity of Bariloche, all year around. During the summer, beautiful beaches such as Playa Bonita and Villa Tacul welcome sun-bathers and some brave lake swimmers (the waters, from melting snow, are always very cold).

### Maximum participants per group

7 students

### Timetable

Classes consist of four 55-minute lessons 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

Carefully selected families, located within 10 to 25 minutes from the school, offer you single rooms

with half board. Laundry service is optional. Most houses have beautiful architecture, green backyards and pools.

### Activities & Excursions

Bariloche offers you a truly enriching experience. Thanks to its traditional hospitality, exciting outdoor activities and its unrivalled richness of wildlife, you will have an adventurous study program. Here you will enjoy a quiet stay in a really safe place surrounded by the most incredible natural beauty.

### Our Opinion

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### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Immersion



Population: 100,000



## Buenos Aires



Population: 12 million



### The school

Our school in Buenos Aires is located in the Palacio San Miguel, one of the most valued buildings in the historic downtown area. Surrounded by gorgeous, beautifully preserved 19th century architecture, conveniently located in the city center. The school will provide an exciting yet safe environment for studying Spanish, with all the modern amenities. The building features 20 spacious classrooms with large windows, a roof deck where you can relax after class, a common room for socializing and drinking 'mate', a video room, a computer room with free internet access, a cafeteria and air conditioning.

### About Buenos Aires

Astonishingly 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 see 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, discos, 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: Spanish Colonial design meets Italian detailing and graceful French Classicism. La Boca's pressed tin houses are painted a rainbow of colors, and muralists have turned the district's side streets into avenues of color. The national dance, the tango, is perhaps the best expression of that spirit. Practiced in dance halls, parks, open plazas, and ballrooms, it is a dance of intimate

separation and common rhythm, combining both an elegant reserve and an exuberant passion.

### Maximum participants per group

8 students

### Timetable

Classes are available mornings and afternoons, and each class lasts 55 minutes.

### Accommodation

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

### Activities & Excursions

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

### Our Opinion

We are confident you will find Buenos Aires an exciting, yet comfortable and safe place to learn Spanish. Not quite Latin, not quite European, Buenos Aires is a fascinating world capital that immediately draws in its visitors, leaving them madly in love with all its peculiarities and charms.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Immersion  
Spanish & Tango  
Volunteer program



# Argentina

Latin America



## Córdoba

Population: 1 million

### The school

Our partner school in Córdoba is located downtown, five minutes away from the main square (Plaza San Martín), which is close to the commercial area and the historic landmarks. It is a small center which comfortably accommodates 40 students. Six classrooms, a meeting room where you can enjoy coffee, tea or 'mate', a kitchen (you can bring your own food and drinks to prepare and have them there). There is a room with audio, video and internet access. There is also a cafeteria where you can have fast food, drinks and typical Argentine dishes ('empanadas', 'lomitos') at a very convenient price. There is a terrace with a beautiful view of the city, a big back yard with a garden and swimming pool. The school is handicapped accessible.

### About Córdoba

A picturesque city on the edge of a mountain range known as the Sierra Chica. Because of its proximity to the mountains, Córdoba is a perfect base for excursions into the natural beauty of the Andes, or even the Pampas 100 km to the south. Prior to the rise of Buenos Aires, Cordoba was Argentina's center of arts and learning, a place of scholars and priests, churches and universities. Though in terms of national importance the city has fallen behind the capital, it still retains an independent spirit and distinctive grace. Its name comes from the surrounding province, which embraces an unusually scenic section of the Andes, the Sierras de Cordoba. The physical center of the city is the Plaza San Martin, named after Argentina's great liberator and the site of the city's cathedral. South of the Plaza is Calle Obispo Trejos, an easily walkable avenue lined with the some of the city's loveliest colonial buildings.

### Maximum students per group

3 students

### Timetable

Classes are available mornings and afternoons, and each class lasts 55 minutes.

### Accommodation

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

### Activities & Excursions

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

### Our opinion

Its location in the center of the country makes Cordoba a convenient base for traveling through Argentina. What's more, both the Andes and the Pampas are just a short trip away, providing the ideal geographical setting for skiers and nature lovers alike. With few tourists, a mild climate, beautiful historic buildings, a prestigious university, and valleys, lakes and rivers ambling through this graceful and picturesque city.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Immersion  
Spanish & Tango  
Volunteer Program



Destinations





## Mendoza

Population: 1,5 million

### The school

The school is located in downtown, five minutes away from the pedestrian area, and one block from the main avenue (Colon Avenue) and just 2 blocks away from Parque Cívico, city hall and Casa de Gobierno, very important monuments for Mendoza. The school itself has 6 classrooms, a teacher's room, a kitchen, a meeting room (to be used during breaks and free time) where you can have some coffee, tea or mate and you can also bring your own food, an audio and video room, computer Room with free Internet access and a beautiful backyard with barbecue.

### About Mendoza

Located at the foot of the spectacular Andes mountains, Mendoza and its vast surroundings boast unlimited offerings. Mendoza has an overall quiet and peaceful vibe that few large cities manage to achieve. Even in the center of the city, bustling with the commercial activity typical of any urban setting, you can easily find wide avenues, tree-lined plazas, and tranquil street cafés that maintain and enhance this highly enjoyable atmosphere.

### Maximum participants per group

7 students

### Timetable

Classes consist of four 55-minute lessons 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

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

### Activities & Excursions

Students' favorite activities are visiting the wineries in Mendoza or the Patagonia Museum and ice skating in front of the Nahuel Huapi lake in Bariloche. For those fond of adventure, rapids descending from the Andes are the perfect scenery for rafting and kayaking. Just to the northeast you will find several international ski resorts and places for other adventure sports.

### Our Opinion

Mendoza is an ideal location in which to learn Spanish and from which to explore Argentina with excellent opportunities for rafting, kayaking, sailing, windsurfing and most outdoor sports all combined with your Spanish course.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Immersion

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# Bolivia



## Sucre

Population: 190,000

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### The school

Our partner school is located in the heart of the city, just one block from the main plaza and close to virtually everything of interest. The school has a capacity of about 40 students and boasts 15 classrooms, 2 interior patios, a small sun-drenched roof patio, a kitchen, 2 common rooms, free internet, an entertainment room, and a lovely cafeteria, El Café Quito.

### About Sucre

Located in the Andean highlands, in a valley surrounded by low mountains, Sucre is a small city that's a pleasure to explore on foot. A university town, known as the center of learning and progressive thought within Bolivia, Sucre has museums, a lively central plaza, shops and restaurants. Sucre and its nearby villages have a sizeable indigenous population that maintain their customs and colorful dress. The city of Sucre was declared a Unesco cultural heritage site in 1991 and it doesn't take long to see why. Beautiful colonial architecture abounds, with many original buildings still intact. Historically the city has also been known as Charcas, La Plata and Chuquisaca, resulting in the nickname of the City of Four Names. As most of the colonial buildings in the city center are whitewashed, the city also enjoys the nickname of the white city.

### Maximum participants per group

5 students

### Timetable

Classes are either in the morning or in the afternoon; each with a 30 minute break in between. Each class lasts 60 minutes.

### Accommodation

To help your immersion in 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 & Excursions

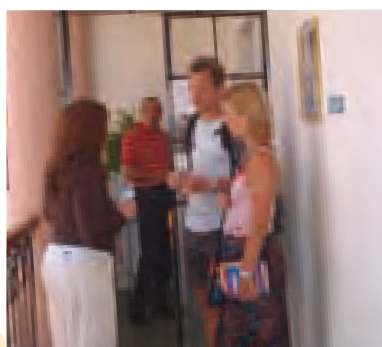
2-3 organized activities are offered every week. The school also provides a daily schedule of cultural events in Sucre and its surrounding areas, including theatres, museums and festivals, as well as tickets prices. The most common activities and excursions are dance classes, cooking classes, parties & fiestas, Spanish languages videos & movies...

### Our Opinion

Sucre is a tranquil and fascinating place to study Spanish while learning about Andean and colonial culture. It is an amazing city and you are bound to love it.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Activa Spanish  
Volunteer program





## Santiago de Chile

Population: 5 million

### 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 be in walking distance from the Plaza de Armas and Pablo Neruda's house. Since the 1980s, Bellavista has developed into the city's hot spot, with bars, restaurants, nightclubs and theatres dispersed throughout. The school building features 7 classrooms, 2 kitchens and a beautiful garden.

### About Santiago de Chile

Santiago de Chile is a bustling, modern capital nestled in a valley amidst the ever-present backdrop of the majestic Andes mountain range. One of Latin America's main financial centers, the city is home to about 40% of the country's population. You will find the inhabitants of this very safe and comfortable city friendly and hospitable to foreigners. Santiago's climate is mild and Mediterranean. Although winters are mild, when it rains in Santiago, it's snowing in the Andes, and for those who like to ski, you will be glad to know that the ski areas of Valle Nevado, Colorado and La Parva are only an hour away. The coast west of Santiago is beautiful and offers numerous beaches, resorts and golf courses. In theory you could go skiing, play tennis and lie on the beach all in the same day!

### Timetable

Classes are available mornings and afternoons, and each class lasts 55 minutes.

### Maximum participants per group

8 students

### Accommodation

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

### Activities & 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 extra activities. Cultural excursions include a vineyard tour followed by wine tasting, the museum-house of Pablo Neruda, visit to the "Palacio Cousiño..."

### Our Opinion

Like many Latin American cities, Santiago de Chile is defined by its coexisting contrasts: colonial and modern architecture, energizing street scenes and parks, elegant shopping and earthy 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 learn about Chilean culture.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Spanish & Ski  
Spanish & Salsa  
Volunteer Program



# Costa Rica



## Coronado

Population: 60,000

### The school

Our partner school in Coronado is located on a former farm, surrounded by 5000 square meters of tropical garden, more than 100 types of plants and trees, and many birds and butterflies. The building features 9 nicely decorated classrooms, a reception area, a multimedia lab with 6 computers and WI-FI internet access. Additional amenities like a terrace, a resource library, a tourism desk, cable TV, games, a public telephone and a small cafeteria. If you want to actively relax, you can play table tennis or use the small basketball court.

### About Coronado

Coronado is a municipality in the province of San José, a green and sunny suburb located 10 kilometers outside Costa Rica's bustling capital, San José. Located along the southern border of one of Costa Rica's beautiful National Parks, Coronado is also within easy access of the capital. Nearby are two important volcanoes that have transformed the area, the Irazú and Barva volcanoes. The territory is situated at a minimum altitude of 1335m above sea level.

### Maximum participants per group

6 students

### Timetable

Classes are held Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 11:30 with a 30-minute coffee break at 9:30. Each class lasts 50 minutes.

### Accommodation

Our partner school offers you home stay with a local family in a single or double room with half

board or a student residence with no meal plan.

### Activities & Excursions

The school organizes free time activities for students during the week (Latin dance classes, Costa Rican Fruit, Costa Rican cooking classes and tropical cocktail mixing classes, Latin American literature classes, excursions to local sports club, hikes in the Coronado mountains, guided tour of Coronado for new students, film...)

### Our Opinion

With its cultural institutions, gothic cathedral and abundant cafes, restaurants and markets - not to mention its proximity to San José - Coronado offers a lively cultural scene just waiting to be discovered. Buses conveniently run to Costa Rica's capital city from Coronado every 20-30 minutes. Coronado is also a very safe, green, clean and friendly city, making it a very comfortable place for anyone to stay, study and explore alone.

### Courses

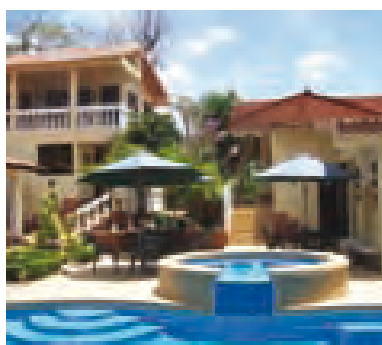
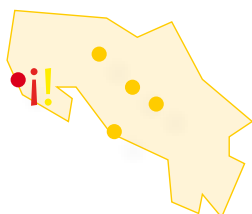
Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Volunteer Program





## Flamingo Beach

Population: 265,000



### The school

Our school, a magnificent building with 25 classrooms, is fully equipped and located on the waterfront, facing the marina, at the entrance of the town. Facilities include a garden area, kitchen, video room, common area, pool with a patio, library.

### About Flamingo Beach

Beautiful beaches, fascinating national parks and a variety of activities - including world-class fishing and diving - await you around Playa Flamingo, in the Guanacaste province. At once the largest and driest province of Costa Rica, You will find open plains, dry tropical forests and the occasional Guanacaste tree, one of Costa Rica's national symbols. The Guanacaste coastal area, replete with pristine beaches and scattered mangroves, is known as the golden coast of Costa Rica. Ranging in color from ivory white to shiny volcano black. The perfect time to visit Guanacaste is, luckily enough, all year-round. The dry season offers the serious sun worshippers plenty of tanning time, while the green season sees the trees bloom with explosions of color and fragrances.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Volunteer Program

### Maximum participants per group

4 students

### Timetable

Classes are held from Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 12:00 with a 20-minute coffee break at 10:00. In the Super intensive courses classes start at 8:00 and finish at 14:30 with a coffee break at 10:00 and a one-hour break at 12:00. Each class lasts 55 minutes.

### Accommodation

You may choose to stay with a local host family, a dormitory with no meal plan or a private apartment/studio.

### Activities & Excursions

The school offers weekly free or low cost sponsored activities (Latin cooking and dance classes, afternoon soccer matches, movie nights, and visits to museums, galleries, theatres and discotheques...). In addition afternoon and weekend excursions are arranged (beach activities including: snorkeling, scuba diving, and sailing expeditions, surfing, visits to nearby beaches such as Playa Tamarindo and Playa Conchal...).

### Our Opinion

Although Playa Flamingo is a small town, it's impossible to get bored here! A paradise of lush vegetation and crystal clear waters, Flamingo Beach is the perfect place for students to enjoy a relaxing beach side vacation while perfecting their Spanish.





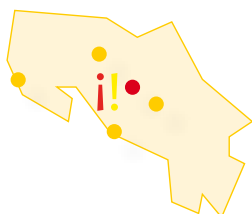
# Costa Rica



## Heredia

Population: 355,000

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### The school

Our school is situated in a spectacular building in San Joaquín de Flores, a town with a population of approximately 10,000 at an altitude of 1,054 meters, 15 minutes by bus from the Juan Santamaría International Airport and the city of Heredia. The building features 21 classrooms, a conference room, cafeteria, administrative offices, library, common areas for relaxing and socializing, hammocks, tropical gardens. From the school, there is a spectacular view of the Poás and Barva Volcanos which are part of the mountain chain that surrounds the Central Valley of Costa Rica.

### About Heredia

Just a short distance from the Capital San Jose, the lush and gorgeous province of Heredia is one of the most beautiful provinces in Costa Rica. Known for its verdant coffee plantation covered hills and volcanic national parks; this mountainous region also has dense tropical forests, stunning waterfalls and roaring rivers that make it the ideal destination.

### Maximum participants per group

4 students

### Timetable

Classes are held from Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 12:00 with a 20-minute coffee break at 10:00. In the Super intensive courses classes start at 8:00 and finish at 14:30 with a coffee break at 10:00 and a one-hour break at 12:00. Each class lasts 55 minutes.

### Accommodation

You may choose between a stay with a local host family or a private apartment/studio.

### Activities & Excursions

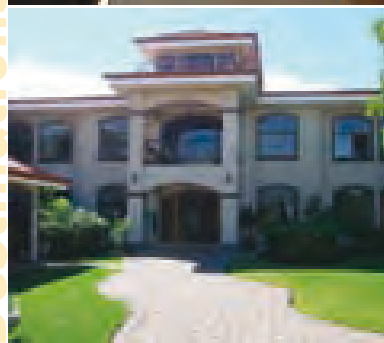
The school offers weekly free or low cost sponsored activities (Latin cooking and dance classes, afternoon soccer matches, movie nights, and visits to museums, galleries, theatres and discotheques...). In addition afternoon and weekend excursions are arranged (trips to: Irazu Volcano, Poás Volcano, the Orosi Valley, Lancaster Gardens and Cartago, a boat tour along the Sarapiquí river, a visit to the butterfly gardens in Guacimal and Sarch...)

### Our Opinion

It is the perfect place to relax, enjoy nature at its very best and learn Spanish. Offering a plethora of outdoors and adventure activities, the province of Heredia is definitely worth a visit.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Volunteer Program

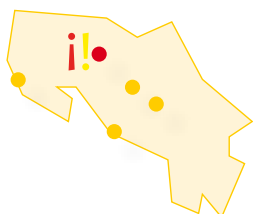






## Monteverde

Population: 8,000



### The school

Our partner school is set in the town of Cerro Plano, where most regional accommodations and businesses are located. The building features 21 indoor classrooms, garden, video room with big screen TV, library, computer room, jacuzzi, showers, recreation room with billiards and table hockey, kitchen, dining area.

### About Monteverde

The Monteverde region is situated on the Continental Divide in the Tilarán Cordillera at an elevation of 1,685 meters. The region is renowned for its commitment to the sustainable development of the community and the conservation of the cloud forest reserves. The climate and terrain of the preserve produce an incredible bio-diversity. There are at least 400 bird species in this high elevation rain forest, including the Resplendent Quetzal, ancient holy bird of the Mayans. A novel and spectacular way to view the forest canopy without much physical effort is the "Skywalk". These bridges, some suspended at over 130 feet, make for truly spectacular views. This rural region is a five hour bus ride from San José.

### Maximum participants per group

4 students

### Timetable

Classes are held from Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 12:00 with a 20-minute coffee break at 10:00. In the Super intensive courses classes start at 8:00 and finish at 14:30 with a coffee break at 10:00 and a one-hour break at 12:00. Each class lasts 55 minutes.

### Accommodation

You may choose between a stay with a local host family or a private apartment/studio.

### Activities & Excursions

The school offers weekly free or low cost sponsored activities (Latin cooking and dance classes, afternoon soccer matches, movie nights, and visits to museums, galleries, theatres and discotheques...). In addition afternoon and weekend excursions are arranged (a night tour of the Monteverde reserve, hike along the trails of the Santa Elena or Bajo del Tigre reserves, ride horseback through the farms surrounding the cloud forest, visit the local hot springs...)

### Our opinion

Monteverde is one of the most beautiful places in Central America and is the perfect site for students hoping to combine language, culture and nature-oriented activities.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Volunteer Program



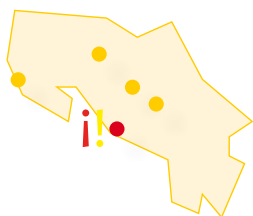
# Costa Rica



## Playa Jacó

Population: 5,000

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### The school

Our partner school in Playa Jacó is located in a quiet residential neighborhood, seven blocks from one of Costa Rica's best Pacific beaches. The school features 4 classrooms, an outdoor patio used for classes, 3 bathrooms, a kitchen area, a 1.000 m<sup>2</sup> tropical garden, a terrace and a small swimming pool. Students have free WI-FI internet access from 9:30 - 14:00.

### About Playa Jacó

Playa Jacó is a quiet town situated in the province of Puntarenas, on the pacific coast of the country. It is popularly known as "playa fiesta" because of the nightlife the area has. However it is a type of casual and relaxed nightlife in which a tourist can feel welcomed by the local people. Jacó has turned into one of the best hot spots for surfers throughout the whole world. The unique biodiversity of Playa Jacó, with its impressive views of beach landscapes, of white sand, brown and black sand (the three which are the best in Costa Rica) have also turned Costa Rica into a destination for everyone who is looking to enjoy nature.

### Maximum participants per group

6 students

### Timetable

Classes are held from Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 12:00 with a 30-minute coffee break at 10:00. Each class lasts 50 minutes.

### Accommodation

Our partner school offers you home stay with a local family in a single room with half board or a shared student flat with no meal plan.

### Activities & Excursions

The school organizes free time activities for students during the week (Latin Dance classes, Costa Rican Fruit and Costa Rican Cooking classes, guided hike in Jacó mountains, guided tour of Playa Jacó for new students, film...

### Our Opinion

If you dream of a Spanish course that combines an excellent academic program and outdoor activities like kayaking, horseback riding, biking, fishing, hiking, canopy tours and surfing with a stay in a world class tourist destination, Playa Jacó is an excellent choice for your Spanish course in Latin America. The school is an easy 1.5-hour drive from the San José International Airport.

### Courses

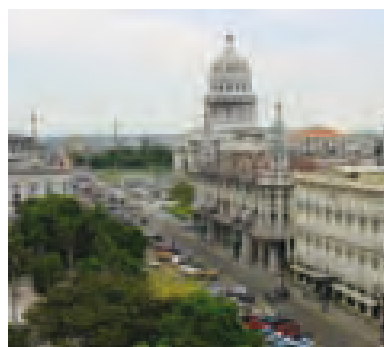
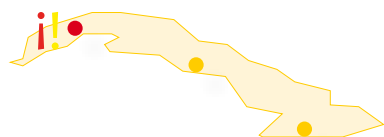
Intensive Spanish  
One to One





## La Habana

Population: 50,000



### The school

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### About La Habana

Havana, city of faded glory but just as much the city of unbridled high spirits. A city where little is allowed but much more is possible. After years of undeniable decline, this impressive metropolis, now included in the UNESCO list of World Monuments, rising like a phoenix from its ashes. Havana is a city one has to learn to appreciate. It is a melting pot of cultures and races, an open-air museum under the strict direction of Fidel Castro. Apart from the picturesque inner city, the "Playas del Este" and the famous Malecón (the immense boulevard that is considered to be the living room of Havana) you should take some time to get to know Vedado. This is the part of Havana where the host families live and where you find many art-deco buildings that would be considered national monuments in many countries.

### Maximum participants per group

3 students

### Timetable

The school will select your timetable based on your Spanish level. 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 discotheques 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 & Excursions

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

### Our Opinion

Havana is a place where the infectious rhythms of son and salsa linger in the air, where friendly faces invite you in and make sure that you're not the only one with idle hips, where poets find their inspiration and poetry is enconced in everything you see. Learn Spanish in Havana and experience this one of a kind city for yourself.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Dance classes  
Music classes



## Cuba



## Santiago de Cuba

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Population: 420,000

## The school

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## 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. Santiaguans 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.

## Maximum participants per group

3 students

## Timetable

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

## Accommodation

The selected host families live in spacious homes in a nice part 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 the laundry for a small charge.

## Activities &amp; Excursions

While learning Spanish in Santiago de Cuba, you'll have the opportunity to take excursions. Excursions may include visits to a rum museum, a tobacco factory, Gran Piedra highest point (1214 meters) near Santiago with spectacular views....

## Our Opinion

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

## Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Dance classes  
Music classes

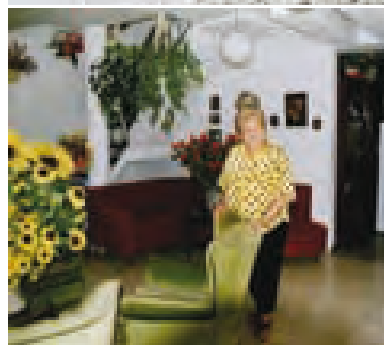
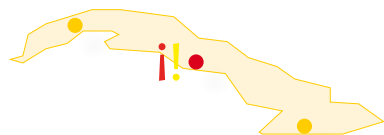






## Trinidad

Population: 12 million



### The school

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### About Trinidad

Trinidad is a small, beautifully colonial Spanish 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 is one of the best preserved cities in the Caribbean from the time when the sugar trade was the main industry in the region. Nowadays, its main industry is tobacco processing. The older parts of town are well preserved as the Cuban tourism industry sees benefit from tour groups.

### Maximum participants per group

3 students

### Timetable

The school will select your timetable based on your Spanish level. Classes are available in the mornings (starting at 8:30) 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. The host family can take care of the laundry for a small charge.

### Activities & 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 landscape and historic cities by participating in excursions along with your fellow students.

### Our opinion

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.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Dance classes  
Music classes





# Dominican Republic



## Santo Domingo

Population: 2,5 million

### The school

Our partner school in Santo Domingo is located in the district "Zona Universitaria" and faces the campus of the largest Dominican University (UASD). A garden and terraces where students meet to socialize, 3 outdoor classes, 2 indoor classes with ceiling fans, access to the university library across the street.

### About Santo Domingo

Santo Domingo is the country's bustling capital. Despite its size, the city maintains the charm of a small town and the typical warmth of Latin culture around every corner. Old Santo Domingo's cobblestone streets and colonial homes will transport you to a different era, but whenever you wish you can enjoy this capital's modern side with fine restaurants, merengue clubs and much more. Students love to take advantage of Santo Domingo's rich cultural offerings by going to theatres, museums and cinemas, which are dispersed throughout the city. Best of all, it's set on the island's southern coast, so you will be just a short trip from the beach.

### Maximum participants per group

7 students

### Timetable

Monday till Friday in the morning from 9:00 till 12:30 (each of 45 minutes and include a 30-min break) and in the afternoon starting at 13:30. Group courses usually take place in the morning; if there are many different course levels at a time it might be necessary for group courses to be in the afternoon. Private lessons are usually in the afternoons.

### Accommodation

Our partner school in Santo Domingo offers you various accommodation options. You can stay with a carefully chosen Dominican family, single room with shower/toilet on half board basis. All families are 15 - 40 minutes away from the school. Also available a self catering school apartment, a self catering apart-hotel or middle-class hotel with B&B.

### Activities & Excursions

A number of local activities and excursions will compliment your Spanish course (dance classes, visits to museums, theatres, cultural events, hiking...)

### Our Opinion

You can enjoy a variety of nature-oriented activities in Santo Domingo due to its impressive variety of landscapes. Hike the mountains, trek through lush jungles and semi-arid deserts, or simply bask in the warm Caribbean sun on white beaches. Although the country is a popular tourist destination, much terrain remains unblemished and largely undiscovered. Whether exploring the island's natural beauties or dancing to merengue rhythms with locals, the Dominican Republic offers a vast array of possibilities for the Spanish immersion student.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super intensive Spanish  
One to One

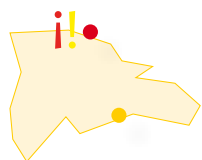


# Dominican Republic



## Sosua

Population: 9,500



### The school

Our partner school in Sosua is located in the eastern section of the city, in a neighborhood known as "El Batey". Both the city center and Sosua's principal beach are a short walk away from the school grounds, which are surrounded by tropical trees that shade the 4 outside terraces where classes can be held. Equipped with comfortable lounge chairs and a ping pong table. Indoor classrooms are simple yet cozy. The school is equipped with computers with free internet access, and WI-FI for students who bring their own laptop.

### About Sosua

In the north of the island there is the city of Sosua. It is famous for diving and for its beaches. Despite the modest size, Sosua is an international city with a large expatriate community who keep it clean, safe, and ready to be enjoyed. Sosua is 25 kilometers to the west of Puerto Plata, capital of the province of the same name, and 15 minutes to the east of Cabarete, a holy ground for windsurfing and kite surfing of the Dominican Republic.

### Maximum participants per group

7 students

### Timetable

Monday till Friday in the morning from 9:00 till 12:30 (each of 45 minutes and a 30-min break) and in the afternoon starting at 13:30. Group courses usually take place in the morning; if there are many different course levels at a time it might be necessary for group courses to be in the afternoon. Private lessons are usually in the afternoons.

### Accommodation

You can choose from accommodation in a school apartment, in a 3 or 4 star private hotel or an apart hotel.

### Activities & Excursions

Many of the school's optional trips and excursions are organized with native Dominican students so you can practice your Spanish and make local friends. Typical excursions and activities include: movies at the Cinemateca Nacional, dancing live music (son and merengue) at the bar of a local 5-star hotel (free admission), guided tours of the city, cultural institutions and other points of interest. Saturday and Sunday excursions to the beach, where you can swim and soak in the sun, or try your hand at windsurfing, kite boarding and other water sports.

### Our Opinion

If you're looking for a small, leisure setting in the Dominican Republic, Sosua is a wonderful alternative to the capital city of Santo Domingo. Between Sosua and Cabarete, You will find the perfect combination of sports, relaxation, sunny days and stomping nightlife to complement your Spanish study experience.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One



# Ecuador



## Quito

Population: 1 million

### The school

Located in the residential area of La Carolina, it's a colonial-style building. Equipped with 21 classrooms, interior patio, video room, library, teachers room, auditorium, solarium, cafeteria, a multipurpose indoor court (tennis, volleyball and speed soccer), internet service, access and bathroom for wheelchair users, elevator.

### About Quito

The city council of Quito was the first in Latin America to declare its independence from Spain. A renowned political and cultural center in colonial times, Quito has developed into an artistic, architectural and literary center. In the early 1980s, the old colonial city of Quito was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Quito is a city of sun and sky surrounded by mountains. On a clear day, you look out from Quito at three snow-capped volcanoes. Its climate has been described by many as eternal spring. The daily average temperature is about 21° C on any given day. There are only two seasons in Quito, summer (the dry season) and winter (the rainy season). Despite its more than one million inhabitants, Quito retains a small city atmosphere. You can walk to most of the places you need to go, and the bus system is quite extensive, should you decide to wander a bit further. Quito is a traveler's paradise.

### Timetable

Morning sessions (each of 60 minutes and a 30-minute break) run from 8:30 - 13:00, afternoon sessions run from 14:00 - 18:30.

### Maximum participants per group...

5 students

### Accommodation

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

### Activities & Excursions

Trips are offered to places of interest such as museums, fruit markets, professional soccer games, and a night at the folkloric ballet. You can participate in as many activities as you like during your course. Organized trips or group activities are offered 2 - 4 times/week. Also, there are organized trips to exciting destinations such as the Galápagos Islands, Cotopaxi and the rainforest.

### Our Opinion

With a perfect climate, thought-provoking traditions, beautiful architecture and a burgeoning contemporary culture, Quito is an ideal setting to learn Spanish, and a terrific base of operations for travel through Latin America.

### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Activa group  
Activa One to One





## Antigua

Population: 68,000

### The school

The school is centrally located, just 4 blocks from the beautiful Plaza Central, in a renovated colonial style building with beautiful gardens, where many students choose to have their classes. There are also 8 indoor classrooms for those who prefer to study in a more traditional setting. You will enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with a capacity of 70-80 students per day.

### About Antigua

Antigua, known as the "old city of Guatemala," is a beautiful city. Streets lined with cobblestones and an abundance of authentic colonial buildings, it has been given the rare World Heritage title by UNESCO to preserve its charm and unique atmosphere. The relaxed environment of Antigua offers court cafes with flourishing gardens and fountains, very affordable high class international cuisine or delicious local food as well as lively nightlife at the many bars, salsa clubs and discos. 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.

### Maximum participants per group

5 students

### Timetable

Classes begin either in the morning, between 8:00 - 12:00 or in the afternoon between 14:00 - 18:00. Each session is divided into two blocks with a 20 minute break in between.

### Accommodation

You can choose from accommodation in a host family, single room with full board (breakfast and two meals from Monday to Saturday) or in a student residence with or without meals.

### Activities & Excursions

Typically there are sporting activities, excursions to a nearby village, visits to a cultural center or museum, and a culture class at the school. If there is a local festival or celebration happening, we include that in the activity program, give detailed explanations about them, and make sure you get to experience them in the traditional way. Furthermore, once a week everyone goes out on a "Pub Night" to relax and get to know each other. We also offer Salsa classes every Tuesday in our new dance studio.

### Our Opinion

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

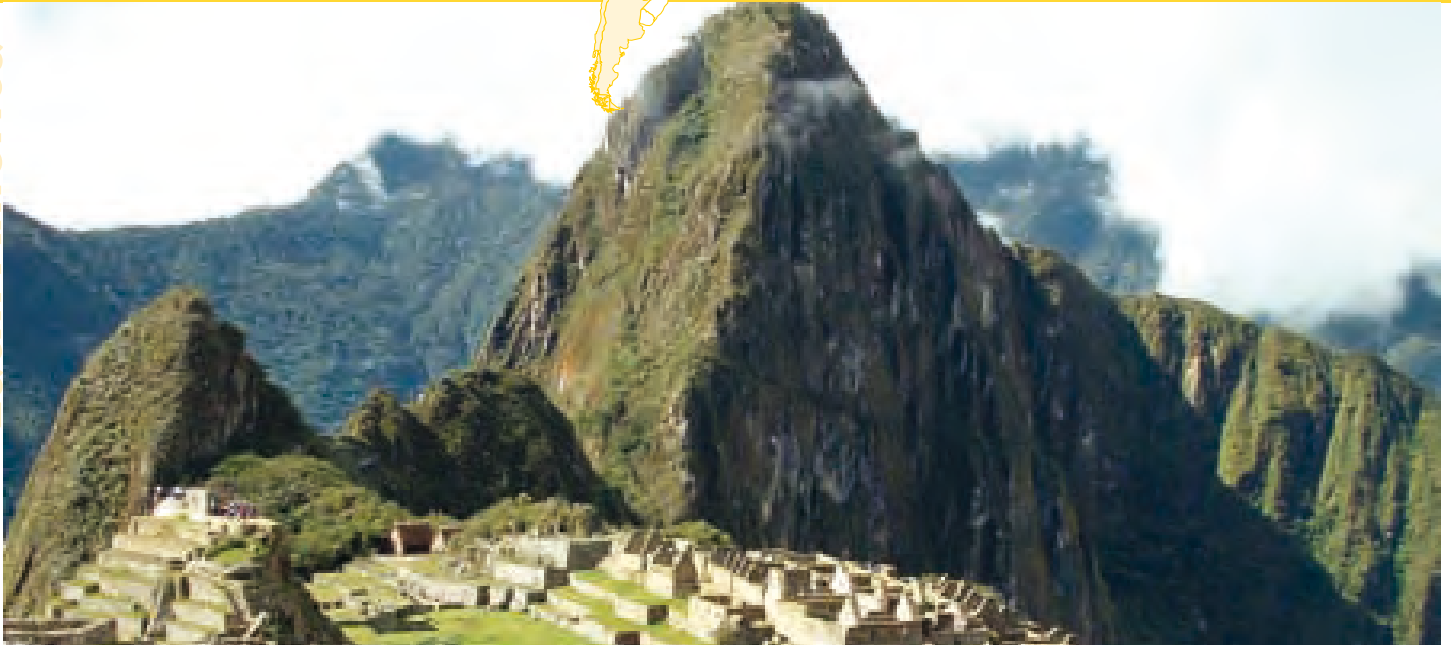
### Courses

Intensive Spanish  
Super Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Immersion  
Spanish & Salsa  
Volunteer Program





## Peru



## Cusco

Population: 300,000

## The school

The school is located in a colonial building just one quick block from Cusco's main square, the Plaza de las Armas. The school building includes 25 classrooms of varying sizes, a very spacious meeting room and a sunny terrace.

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.

## About Cusco

Cusco is the oldest city in the Western hemisphere. Built 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.

## Activities &amp; 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. Also a variety of excursions, trips and hikes at good prices are offered.

## Our Opinion

Cusco has it all: art, magic, mystery and all the beauty you'd expect in the legendary 'belly button' of the world. The Cusco region offers breathtaking natural views: the city's streets and squares, the magical majesty of the Inca monuments and the elegance of the colonial constructions illuminated by a blue sky with white clouds which frame the six hills surrounding the city. Undoubtedly your stay in Cusco will be an experience you will never forget, and one you will proudly talk about - in Spanish!

## Courses

Intensive Spanish  
One to One  
Best of Both  
Volunteer Program  
Spanish on location: Rainforest Tambopata



## Maximum participants per group

6 students

## Timetable

Classes run Monday to Friday. All classes are 52,5 minutes in duration and are programmed between 8:10 and 20:00. Students can give their preference for certain hours.

## Accommodation

All of our host families have been carefully selected. You can choose local guest families and a student residence. Guest families provide three meals a day. The student residence, which





Personal attention

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## So what now...?

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### The right choice

With so many different students, just as many reasons for studying Spanish and just as many individual wishes, it is almost impossible to write a brochure which gives an answer to all your questions. That was not our aim. We find it much more important that the brochure gives a clear picture of what learning Spanish in Spain with don Quijote means. We trust that the brochure has motivated you to take the next step on your way to your Spanish course in Spain.

We try very hard to show you what you, as our student, are getting into. We want you to make the right choices and to know what you can and cannot expect. We have, therefore, extensive personal contact with almost all our students before they leave. If you have any doubts, don't hesitate to contact a don Quijote office, or any language travel organization representing don Quijote. You can phone, fax, email with the don Quijote Central Promotion Office in Salamanca where five foreign languages are spoken.

### Enrollment

If you are not sure of the total costs then ask for a quote, without obligation. Although the enrollment and payment period is set at four weeks prior to departure you can, in theory, enroll just one day before departure. It is advisable to reserve well ahead of time if possible, as the most popular student flats and host families are fully booked first. So, be quick in contacting your local representative or any don Quijote office nearest to you.

### After your enrollment

After you have made your decision and we have received your enrollment form together with a deposit, we shall reserve a place at the school(s) of your choice. We will then send you, or your local representative, the invoice, together with a confirmation of your reservation.

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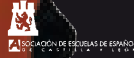
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