

 **españolé**

Escuela de español

 **International  
House**  
Valencia

# Spanish courses 2019

Experience  
the mediterranean  
lifestyle

Spanish courses in Valencia



# Welcome

Welcome to Españolé International House Valencia and to the Mediterranean lifestyle.

Come and experience the real Valencia and learn Spanish in the heart of the city. Discover our culture and enjoy the sunshine, our endless beaches and some of the most diverse cuisine Spain has to offer.

This brochure offers you a range of different options for both courses and accommodation. Get to know us better and try to imagine how much our students enjoy learning Spanish at Españolé.

At our school you'll find a complete programme designed to help you achieve your goal: to communicate effectively in Spanish.

We are keen to assist you with all aspects of your stay. The school has modern facilities that are perfectly located in the city centre and offers a wide range of courses given by exceptionally dedicated and experienced teachers. We take care of all accommodation arrangements and encourage our students to participate in the cultural activities we organise every week to give them the full immersive experience.

From the moment you arrive, to the day you return home, we will do our best to ensure you make the most of your stay.

**Come and experience “la vida española” with us!**

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## An integrated learning experience



### A perfectly balanced programme

Our students become immersed in Spanish language and culture, learn how people use the language in real life, how they speak to each other in the street and how they socialise. Students develop skills that they can immediately use outside the classroom.



### International and friendly atmosphere

Our students come from an ever-expanding number of countries all with the aim of learning or improving their understanding of Spanish and our way of life. In the school you'll find an international and friendly atmosphere perfect to use your new language skills to make new friends.



### 360° Spanish

After class our social and cultural programme offers a wide range of activities to allow you to relax, speak Spanish, and discover the true meaning of living the Spanish way. Our immersive programme thrusts students into a fun and enjoyable environment of 360° Spanish through well designed classes and activities working symbiotically.



### Quality assurance

We are proud to be part of International House World Organization (Ih), which has over 60 years experience in improving quality in language teaching. We are also accredited by Instituto Cervantes, who ensures only the highest quality of organisations represent them in the teaching of Spanish, and IALC - International Association of Language Centres.

## A modern school steeped in rich history

Our beautiful school is located in the historical Palacio de los Fernández de Córdoba building deep in the heart of Valencia's Old Town. We have carefully renovated the stunning 153-year-old property to our own vision of a 21st century language school that compliments history with modernism.

The school is placed just where the 11th century Arab walls were standing and still a big part of them have remained inside the building penetrating through the school and getting inside the classrooms, creating an atmosphere of history and mystery.

If studying in a stunning location rich in history isn't enough, students can also enjoy exclusive use of our student café during breaks, relax on your choice of two patios or catch some rays on our breath-taking roof garden complete with sun loungers, fruit trees and showers to cool off in.

### The School

Located in a historical palace with over 2,000m<sup>2</sup> of space to enjoy while learning in a relaxed environment.





Our school is also the perfect launch pad to learn how to cook Spanish cuisine, as our free cookery activities take place in a purpose-built kitchen classroom within the school. And don't worry, having a fully stocked and equipped kitchen classroom doesn't mean the end of our famous Intercambio BBQ parties – it just means they will be bigger and better than ever!



Central location



Historical building



2100 square metres



28 Well-equipped classrooms



Student Area



Patio



Terraces



Cafeteria



Sun loungers



BBQ



Kitchen



Wifi



## Your journey to us started almost 1000 years ago...

Founded by the Romans in 138 BC, Valencia is one of the oldest cities in Spain and has been home to many civilizations that have left their footprints in the city. The history of the city of Valencia is typified in the story of three walls; the Roman, the Muslim and the Christian.

During the Muslim period (S VIII- S XIII) the city enjoyed a time of growth and splendour. In AD 1020 a wall of cutting-edge design and precision was built to protect the inhabitants and, on this wall, quite literally, our school sits. The Muslim-era wall had seven doors and the most westerly of which, Bab al-Hanax (the door of the snake), included a 14-metre-high tower that still stands within our school, cutting through classrooms and overlooking the building.

After control of the city was returned to Christians the Moorish Muslims were allowed to live outside of the walls next to the Bab al-Hanax entrance in an area that was called La Moreria and is now incorporated into the Old Town. The city remained within the walls until midway through the 13th century when the port began to help development of the areas between the Old Town and the beach.

The vibrant, multicultural Valencia we know today owes a lot to its roots in the Old Town and you will be adding to the history of so many who have walked our streets and enjoyed all Valencia has to offer. Over 1000 years of history welcomes you.





## Accreditations and quality marks



### International House

International House World Organisation (IHWO) has over 60 years' experience in improving quality in language teaching. International House has 159 independent schools in 52 countries all over the world that teach over 20 languages.

Each school is independently owned and managed but is affiliated to IHWO. The school becomes part of the IHWO network and agrees to adhere to its rigorous quality management systems.



### ISO 14064

The ISO 14064 certification accredits us as a "Green school" committed to protecting the environment. We have introduced environmental management practices into all aspects of our business, oriented to reduce the consumption of paper and useless energy and resources.

We care about the CO<sub>2</sub> footprint and are aware of how we can help to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions. We offer innovative and quality services while conserving and enhancing resources for current and future generations.



### IALC

IALC is an international non-profit association that for close to 35 years has been accrediting independent language centres that teach the language of their country. As well as outstanding teaching standards and service, IALC language schools have individual character and a real connection with their local community.



### The Cervantes Institute

The Cervantes Institute, a government agency, is the largest organization in the world responsible for promoting the study and the teaching of Spanish language and culture. Being an accredited centre means complying with its quality standards, which guarantee a high quality in the teaching of Spanish and of the complementary services and activities offered.



### Bildungsurlaub

The German Bildungsurlaub is an accredited programme in which German employees can take 5 days of educational leave (paid vacation) per year. We are recognized in several federal states.



### CSN

We are recognized by the National Agency for Higher Education in Sweden for the awarding of CSN grants to Swedish students taking a language course with us.





Why  
choose  
us?

## Academic excellence

### A course for every need

Wide range of courses: General Spanish, Spanish for Business, DELE exam preparation, Work and study, Summer Camp for teenagers, and many other more specialised courses.

### Practical language learning

Our method combines a traditional grammar approach with a more modern communicative focus.

Great importance is placed on practising grammar in communicative contexts that reproduce situations you might come across everyday.

### Expert language tuition

All our teachers are highly qualified and experienced in teaching Spanish to speakers of other languages.

### Inspirational lessons

Communicative, motivational, interactive and enjoyable classes that will teach you how to use Spanish in real life situations.

### Years of experience

We have built an extensive knowledge base from years of teaching Spanish as a foreign language to know how to break through learning barriers and help our students surpass their goals.



## Spanish courses

The objective of our courses is to help you express yourself more fluently in Spanish

### Your Spanish class

All classes are given in Spanish. In general the number of students per class is between 6 and 10 and each lesson lasts for 50 minutes. Since the groups are small in number, the teacher is able to deal with the specific needs of each student on a more personal basis.

The classes are based on tasks and planned depending on the students' needs and styles of learning. You will use a textbook in class, together with supplemental material such as newspaper/press articles, adverts, audio-visual materials, etc. The textbooks we use have been developed by the International House academic team and cover all areas of the language.

The enrolment fee includes the first book and additional material. When you change from one level to another, you can buy a new book to take home and keep or simply exchange from the free school library.

### A cultural approach

The programme also aims to integrate students into local culture. Visits to cultural centres, museums, other towns, etc are arranged to ensure that all students are fully immersed into Spanish life.

#### Españolé Facts & Stats

**3,400**

people studied with us last year

**99%**

would recommend us to a friend

**74**

different nationalities

**16-80**

We have a wide range of ages studying with us

### Our teachers

We have a dynamic team of teachers who love teaching Spanish. They're all native Spanish speakers, university graduates, and have many years of experience specialising in teaching foreign students. They use modern materials and methods to ensure that lessons are interesting and entertaining.

The continued on-going development and training of teachers is a key feature of International House schools and our teachers stay up-to-date by incorporating new techniques and materials into their lessons whenever appropriate.

In addition to teaching Spanish in class, they will offer general support during your stay at the school so that you find learning Spanish a pleasant and hassle free experience.



# Levels

The courses are divided up into 6 different levels: from beginner to advanced based on the Cervantes Institute programme under the directives of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. No matter what your level of Spanish, we will always find a class that is perfect for you.

## A1 - Beginners

Students can deal with simple straightforward exchange to keep a very basic conversation going.

## A2 - Pre-Intermediate

Students can understand and express information about the present, past and future. They can deal with most situations involved in travelling around a Spanish speaking country, including communicating most personal and everyday information.

## B1 - Intermediate

Students can comfortably interact with native speakers. They can participate in discussions and express their viewpoints in familiar contexts. They can describe experiences in their past as well as explain and give reasons for their plans, desires and ambitions for the future.

## B2 - Upper-intermediate

Students can express their ideas on general topics clearly in both the spoken and written form. They are familiar with and can competently use more complex structures and have a good level of fluency and broader vocabulary including some idiomatic expressions.

## C1 - Advanced

Students are capable of understanding most lectures, discussions and debates. They are able to develop a well-structured argument with supporting evidence and explanations in oral and written form. Students have broadened their general language capability and vocabulary to feel comfortable operating effectively in social, academic and professional spheres.

## C2 - Superior

Students have a high level of written and spoken Spanish. They can participate easily in discussions and write well-structured compositions even in complex, unfamiliar situations. They can give clear presentations on complex issues, integrating sub themes and developing particular points.

## Our students

Our students come from all over the world and have many different reasons for studying Spanish. Some of them are university students, others are professionals who need Spanish for work. Some learn just for fun, while others come to prepare for the official DELE exam.

In general our students fall between the ages of 18 and 60, but we also cater for students of other ages. This mix assures an interesting and international study atmosphere.

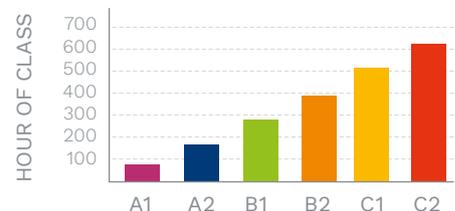
### Student's nationality

German 13%	Japanese 4%
Italian 12%	American 3%
Swiss 12%	Belgian 2%
British 11%	French 2%
Dutch 10%	Czech 1%
South Korean 8%	Swedish 1%
Russian 7%	Austrian 1%
Other* 6%	Irish 1%
Chinese 5%	Brazilian 1%



### Student's ages

16 - 19 / 20%
20 - 24 / 30%
25 - 29 / 17%
30 - 34 / 11%
35 - 39 / 7%
40 - 49 / 5%
More than 50 / 8%



# General Spanish courses

## Intensive 20

This course is designed for students who wish to learn the language, make friends and enjoy Spanish Culture and Life. The main objective is to enable students to learn to communicate in Spanish as soon as possible in order to cope with everyday situations.

There are 4 lessons per day, during the morning or afternoon, lasting from one week upwards.

-  Start of course  
**Every Monday (except for beginners)**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
-  N° of lessons per week  
**20 General Spanish lessons**
-  Length of the course  
**From 1 to 36 weeks**
-  Levels  
**From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)**
-  N° of students per class  
**Maximum 10, average 6**
-  Timetable  
**Mornings or afternoons 9:10-13:00 or 14:10-18:00**  
(Timetables are subject to change)

## Intensive 30

This course is a combination of the Intensive 20 plus Spanish Life and Culture and Grammar Skills lessons. There are 6 lessons per day.

-  Start of course  
**Every Monday (except for beginners)**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
-  N° of lessons per week  
**20 General Spanish lessons + 5 Spanish Life and Culture + 5 Grammar Skills lessons**
-  Length of the course  
**From 1 to 36 weeks**
-  Levels  
**From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)**
-  N° of students per class  
**Maximum 10, average 6**
-  Timetable / Mornings or afternoons  
**Morning: Grammar Skills 08:00-09:05 (Tue-Fri)  
+ General Spanish 09:10 -13:00  
+ Spanish Life and Culture 13:10-14:00**  
**Afternoon: Spanish Life and Culture 13:10-14:00  
+ General Spanish 14:10-18:00  
+ Grammar Skills 18:10-19:00**  
(Timetables are subject to change)

## Intensive 25

You can add an extra lesson every day to your Intensive 20 Spanish course and choose between a conversational lesson about Spanish Life and Culture or a more structured one to review and reinforce your Grammar Skills.

-  Start of course  
**Every Monday (except for beginners)**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
-  N° of lessons per week  
**20 General Spanish + 5 Spanish Life and Culture or 5 Grammar Skills**
-  Length of the course  
**From 1 to 36 weeks**
-  Levels  
**From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)**
-  N° of students per class  
**Maximum 10, average 6**
-  Timetable / Mornings or afternoons  
**Grammar Skills option**  
**Morning: Grammar Skills 08:00-09:05 (Tue-Fri)  
+ General Spanish 09:10 -13:00**  
**Afternoon: General Spanish 14:10 -18:00  
+ Grammar Skills 18:10- 19:00**  
**Spanish Life and Culture option**  
**Morning: General Spanish 09:10 -13:00  
+ Spanish Life and Culture 13:10-14:00**  
**Afternoon: Spanish Life and Culture 13:10-14:00  
+ General Spanish 14:10 -18:00**  
(Timetables are subject to change)

## Intensive Plus

This course is a combination of the Intensive 20 plus private lessons. There are 5 lessons per day, 4 in a group and 1 private. The private ones can be adapted to the needs of each student, so they can study areas in which they are most interested.

-  Start of course  
**Every Monday (except for beginners)**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
-  N° of lessons per week  
**20 General Spanish + 5 private lessons**
-  Length of the course  
**From 1 to 36 weeks**
-  Levels  
**From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)**
-  N° of students per class  
**Group lessons maximum 10, average 6.  
Private lessons 1**
-  Timetable  
**Mornings or afternoons 9:10-13:00 or 14:10-18:00**  
**Private lessons: to be agreed**  
(Timetables are subject to change)



## Super Intensive

This course is designed for students who wish to develop their communicative and linguistic skills in a very intensive course. It is a combination of the Intensive 25 course and private lessons.

There are 6 lessons per day, 5 in a group and 1 private. The private lessons are intended to deal with the specific needs of each student.

-  Start of course  
**Every Monday (except for beginners)**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
-  N° of lessons per week  
**20 General Spanish + 5 Spanish Life and Culture or 5 Grammar Skills lessons + 5 private lessons**
-  Length of the course  
**From 1 to 36 weeks**
- Levels  
**From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)**
-  N° of students per class  
**Group lessons maximum 10, average 6  
Private lessons 1**
-  Timetable / Mornings or afternoons  
**Grammar Skills option**  
**Morning: Grammar Skills 08:00-09:05 (Tue-Fri)  
+ General Spanish 09:10 -13:00**  
**Afternoon: General Spanish 14:10 -18:00  
+ Grammar Skills 18:10- 19:00**  
**Spanish Life and Culture option**  
**Morning: General Spanish 09:10 -13:00  
+ Spanish Life and Culture 13:10-14:00**  
**Afternoon: Spanish Life and Culture 13:10-14:00  
+ General Spanish 14:10 -18:00**  
**Private lessons: to be agreed**  
(Timetables are subject to change)

## One to One

Private lessons are available for any level, and the course programme is specially adapted to each student's needs.

-  Start of course  
**Every Monday**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
-  N° of lessons per week  
**From 1**
-  Length of the course  
**From 1 to 36 weeks**
- Levels  
**From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)**
-  N° of students per class  
**1 (there is also the option of 2 students: One to two)**
-  Timetable  
**To be agreed**

A course  
for every  
need





## DELE



This course is specially designed to prepare students for the internationally-recognised DELE exams organised by the Instituto Cervantes.

These are official certificates accrediting the student's command of the Spanish language. There are five exam sessions per year: April, May, July, October and November. We are an official exam centre for DELE exams and the students will take the exam in our school.

The examinations are offered at six different levels which meet the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) A1-A2-B1-B2-C1-C2.

- Start of course  
Please check starting dates in the Dates and fees list
- Nº of lessons per week  
20 DELE exam preparation lessons
- Length of the course
- From 1 to 4 weeks
- Levels
- From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)
- Nº of students per class
- Maximum 10, average 6
- Timetable  
Mornings or afternoons 9:10-13:00 or 14:10-18:00
- (Timetables subject to change)

## SIELE



The SIELE exam is a new Spanish certificate which certifies electronically the degree of proficiency for the Spanish language with four tests: Reading and listening comprehension, Written expression and interaction and Spoken expression and interaction; the exam also takes as a reference the levels established by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

It has been created and developed by the Instituto Cervantes together with some universities.

- Start of course  
Please check starting dates in the Dates and fees list
- Nº of lessons per week  
20 General Spanish lessons + 5 private SIELE preparation lessons
- Length of the course
- From 1 to 8 weeks
- Levels
- From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)
- Nº of students per class
- Group lessons maximum 10, average 6.  
Private lessons 1
- Timetable  
Mornings or afternoons 9:10-13:00 or 14:10-18:00  
SIELE private lessons: to be agreed  
(Timetables are subject to change)





## Spanish for Business

This course is designed for students and professionals who are interested in the world of business in Spanish-speaking countries.

Students study specific language and linguistic structures used in business. There are 5 lessons per day.

-  **Start of course**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
-  **Nº of lessons per week**  
20 General Spanish + 5 Business Spanish lessons
-  **Length of the course**  
From 1 to 36 weeks
-  **Levels**  
From intermediate to advanced (B1-C2)
-  **Nº of students per class**  
General Spanish: maximum 10, average 6  
Business: Mini group of maximum 4 students.
-  **Timetable**  
General Spanish:  
Mornings or afternoons 9:10-13:00 or 14:10-18:00  
Business Spanish lessons: to be confirmed.  
(Timetables are subject to change)

## Spanish and Sailing

Renowned as an international centre for sailing, Valencia was also home to the 32nd America's Cup. This course is aimed at all levels, from the absolute beginner to the experienced sailor. You will receive expert tuition, navigate and race in our boat Española which is a Beneteau Platu 25 based in Valencia Yacht Base.

During the course you will be given a solid grounding in boat handling, meteorology, seamanship, safety at sea, nautical terms, rope work, sail handling, rules of the road, helmsman ship and general duties above and below deck.

-  **Start of course**  
Spanish: check starting days of selected course  
Sailing: every Monday from June to September
-  **Nº of lessons per week**  
6 sailing lessons
-  **Length of the course**  
Spanish: from 1 to 36 weeks  
Sailing: from 1 to 4 weeks
-  **Levels**  
From an advanced knowledge of sailing to very basic
-  **Nº of students per class**  
Spanish: maximum of 10, average 6  
Sailing: Mini group maximum of 5
-  **Timetable**  
Spanish:  
Please check the timetable for the selected course  
Sailing: Two days a week 10:00-13:00 or 15:30-18:30  
(Days depending on weather and subject to change)

## Teacher Training

This course is focused for non-native teachers of Spanish. It combines elements of the language and Spanish culture together with methodology and practice. Participants will have access to practical and effective training in order to teach Spanish to foreign students. In addition, they will have the chance to meet colleagues from other countries so cultural exchanges and networking make up an important part of the study programme.

We also provide intensive, four-week teacher training courses and online programs accredited by the University of Barcelona.

### Course Structure

Revision of grammar topics.

How to teach grammar to students.

Spanish culture: literature, art and history.

Methodology: how to teach in a practical way.

Common mistakes made by foreign students of Spanish and how to deal with them.

New technology in the Spanish classroom.

-  **Start of course**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
-  **Nº of lessons per week**  
20 teacher training lessons for non-native speakers
-  **Length of the course**  
2 weeks
-  **Levels**  
From Upper Intermediate (B2)
-  **Nº of students per class**  
Maximum 10, average 6
-  **Timetable**  
Mornings or afternoons  
9:10-13:00 or 14:10-18:00  
(Timetables are subject to change)

# Academic programmes



## Preparation for University

This course is designed for foreign students who wish to complete a university degree in Spain. To achieve this, they must first pass an entry exam.

The preparation courses to access university are tailored to each individual student; it is a fast and easy way to improve and prepare for the exam and it doesn't matter what your level or capabilities are.

- Start of course  
**October or January**
- Course includes  
**20 weekly lessons on differing subjects + tutoring**  
**Help with the university admission process**  
(Paperwork costs and other university expenses are not included).
- Length of the course  
**30 or 20 weeks respectively**
- Levels  
**You need to have a minimum level of B1 in Spanish**  
(as requested by the Common European Framework of Reference for languages). If you like you can do an intensive Spanish course with us before the University access exam preparation course starts.
- Timetable  
**Monday to Friday (morning or afternoon)**

### Who is this course for?

Students from foreign educational systems (with which Spain has reciprocal agreements making their qualifications compatible), who have completed upper secondary school up to the Spanish Bachillerato level (pre-university course) in their countries.

### What is the exam?

The university entrance exams evaluate the academic maturity of students and check that they have acquired the necessary knowledge of upper-secondary education (Spanish Bachillerato). When passing the exams, students can access higher education in Spain.

### When is the exam?

The University Entry Exam is held twice a year in May/June and in September.



## Study in a Spanish university

# Work and study

## Internship

This programme combines an intensive Spanish course with an internship in a company in or near Valencia. Before starting the work experience, you will have to attend a Spanish course of at least 2 weeks.

- Start of course  
**Every Monday**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
- Age  
**Between 18 and 30 years old**
- Spanish requirements  
**B1 level or more**
- Length of the programme  
**3 months (although in some cases we can arrange different periods)**



## Volunteer work

This programme combines a Spanish course with volunteering in Valencia. It's the perfect way to learn Spanish, develop social skills, get to know the Spanish culture and have fun at the same time.

There are many types of projects available: educational and cultural, social, environmental and health care related... you can choose the area that most interests you. The volunteer work has to be combined with an intensive Spanish course of at least two weeks (it can be taken at the same time as the voluntary work).

- Start of course  
**Every Monday (except for beginners)**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
- Age  
**From 18 years old**
- Spanish requirements  
**Basic level**  
(speak using simple vocabulary and phrases)
- Length of the programme  
**From 2 to 24 weeks**

You will have to attend a Spanish course of at least 2 weeks not included in the placement fee

## Demipair

### What is this programme for?

Working in a foreign company is a very rewarding experience. As well as giving you the chance to practise Spanish, you can learn the language specific to your job. The internship is considered to be a training programme, so it is unpaid.

We also organize funded internship programs such as Leonardo Da Vinci and PON.

### Who is this course for?

It is aimed for foreign college and university students or recent graduates who want to gain experience in a Spanish company and also enjoy Spain's exciting life and culture.

We have a wide range of sectors from Finance to Hospitality.

## In Spanish companies

### Who is this course for?

All people who want to cooperate in environmental and local community projects in the Valencia region can apply. Volunteers must be 18 years or older and should be fit and physically prepared to work in the open environment.

### What kind of volunteer work do we offer?

Teaching English, maths, sports to children, helping disabled people or to protect the Mediterranean Sea on the coast of Valencia, improving good practice for responsible tourism, fire prevention for the Valencian community mountains, conservation project in the Albufera Natural Park.

### How to book this programme?

Interested students need to submit a letter either in Spanish or in English explaining the types of projects they would like to do, and giving information related to their studies and previous volunteer work, if applicable. We would need at least six weeks to arrange the placement.

Here we offer a wonderful opportunity for students to fully immerse themselves in Spanish life. Students are welcomed into the homes of our Spanish hosts as a member of the family. In return they assist with childcare, help with light housework and teach the children of the house their native language or English.



Start of course

**Every Monday (except for beginners)**

Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list



Age

**Between 18 and 30 years old**



Length of the programme

**From 1 (only available in summer) to 12 months.**

### Spanish lessons

Normally the Spanish lessons are in the morning and the working time is in the afternoon and evening. You have to take an Intensive Spanish course of at least 2 weeks at the beginning of the programme, although we strongly recommend that you extend your studies of Spanish throughout the entire length of your stay.

### Working hours

Demi pairs will work 20 hours per week plus one night babysitting.

Free days: Two full free days per week (either during the week or at the weekend but at least once a month a Sunday will be free).

### Accommodation and pocket money

Demi pairs will have their own bedroom and will be given full board and some pocket money in return for their help in the house.

### Language spoken in the family

Normally Spanish families invite a foreign student to live with them because they want their children to learn and practice a second language. However they fully understand that the aim of the programme for the Demi pair is to learn and practice Spanish. In order to do this, they will make sure there's a lot of Spanish speaking time. The normal routine is for the Demi pair to speak English or another language with the children and Spanish with the parents.

### Common duties your host family may ask you to do

- Looking after the children.
- Taking them to the park.
- Playing with them in English or your native language.
- Helping out with homework.
- Picking the children up from school.
- Taking them for evening activities.
- Putting them to bed and reading stories.

## Full immersion

## Online lessons



### Spanish online

A flexible way to learn Spanish where you can choose the number of lessons per week, the time and the content. You can also start your online course from home before coming to Valencia and continue your studies with the teachers you already know.

- Start of course  
**Any day with previous arrangements**
- Nº of lessons per week  
**From 1**
- Length of the course  
**To be decided by the student**
- Levels  
**All**
- Nº of students per class  
**1**
- Timetable  
**To be agreed**

## Other programmes



### Family programmes

Our family language programmes are specifically designed to fit the lifestyle and requirements of each individual family.

They are flexible and fun, and can be tailor-made to create the perfect holiday experience.

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### Group programmes

We offer Spanish courses for school groups throughout the academic year and during the school holidays that are custom-made to respond to their individual needs and requirements.

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# Summer Camp



## Summer camp includes

- # 20 Spanish lessons per week (50 minutes each)
- # Maximum 10 students per class
- # Entrance level test
- # Host family or residence full-board accommodation
- # 1 full-day excursion and 5 half-day activities per week
- # Class materials
- # Insurance
- # 24 hour emergency assistance
- # Certificate and report at end of course
- # Return transfers

Our summer camp offers a unique opportunity for teenage students between the ages of 14-17 to learn in an entirely Spanish environment where they can be immersed into local life and culture. The programme is carefully designed to provide students of all levels with the platform to communicate their way through every stage of life with us and take all the skills learnt in the classroom out into the real world.

Along with top quality academics we have a social activity programme built for the purpose of pushing students to use their new language skills and practice both amongst themselves and with native Spanish speakers around them.

We offer our summer campers the choice to be totally integrated into Valencian life by staying with a host family or give them more of a university feel in student residence.

Our host families are carefully chosen to provide the utmost comfort and care for our teenagers and many of our host families have been with us for years taking in our students all year round. The average journey to school for our students is 25 minutes and many families live close than that in surrounding neighbourhoods.

Those who choose the residence option can stay in single en-suite rooms at our city centre university residence with on-site cafeteria, 24-hour staffing, weekly cleaning and weekly laundry. The residence is a short walk to the school and with Valencia being such a walkable city you're never far from something to see or do!



Every weekday we have activities, which include cultural visits, sports competitions, barbecues, dancing lessons, beach afternoons or shopping.

On Saturdays we offer full-day excursions to a variety of great destinations and on Sundays the students are free to spend the day with their hosts or they can meet friends.

Experienced teachers and co-ordinators take care of our students and accompany them during all the cultural activities, visits and excursions included in the programme.





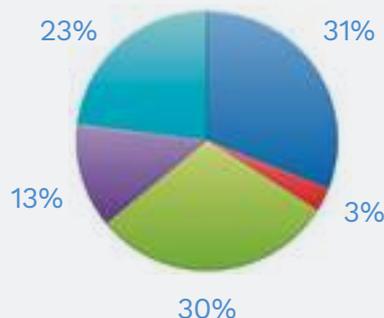
## Accommodation

In order to feel comfortable and relaxed during your stay it is essential that you are satisfied with your accommodation arrangements.

For this reason we attach significant importance to ensuring that the quality we provide is of a good standard. We select our host families with the utmost care, ensure that our shared apartments and studios are maintained in a good condition and provide general support for students with matters regarding their accommodation.

What type of accommodation do our students choose?

- No accommodation 23%
- Apartments 31%
- Host family 30%
- Residence 13%
- Studio 3%



### Shared apartments

This type of accommodation gives you the chance to live with students from other countries. Each apartment has three or four bedrooms and one or two shared bathrooms. All apartments have a fully-equipped kitchen, a lounge with TV, a washing machine and an iron. The school provides bed linen, but not towels. Moderate electricity, gas and water expenses are included. The school is in charge of maintaining the apartment.

The common areas are cleaned every two weeks, but otherwise it is the students' duty to keep the apartment clean. The apartments are located no more than 25 minutes away from the school by public transport.

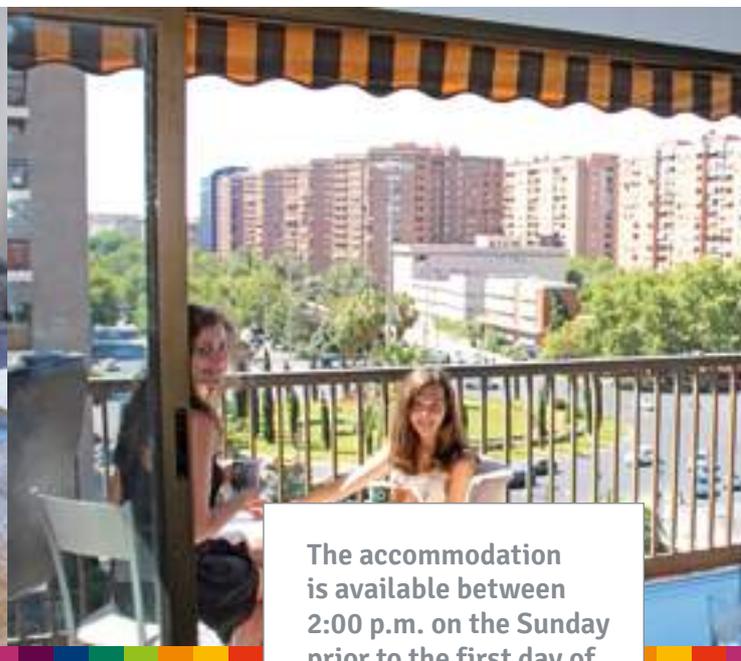
### Studios

Our studios are located in the city centre within a walking distance to the school. They have a lounge with a sofa bed or separate beds, a kitchenette and a bathroom. They are either for single or double use. The accommodation includes bed linen, towels and blankets, access to a fully equipped kitchen and laundry, moderate electricity, gas and water expenses, and cleaning of the common areas every week.

### Host families

Living with a Spanish family is the best way to become familiar with the Spanish lifestyle, get to know Spanish customs and practise the language.

We select our families carefully so that our students feel completely at ease with them. Don't expect the host family houses to be luxurious, but they are comfortable and hospitable. Most of the families live near the school and the average distance from the school is 25 minutes by public transport. Students are lodged in single or double rooms and can choose from three types of board (breakfast, half board or full board). Weekly laundry and cleaning is included. You will have your own keys to come and go as you wish, but you must respect some basic rules and schedules, especially for mealtimes.



The accommodation is available between 2:00 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the first day of the course (Monday) until 12:00 p.m. on the Saturday following the last day of class (Friday).

Extra nights might be available at the published prices.

**CHECK IN TIME**  
**Sunday**  
**after 2:00 p.m.**

**CHECK OUT TIME**  
**Saturday**  
**before 12:00 p.m.**

## Hall of residence

We also offer accommodation in student halls of residence. The residence is located in the university campus and there is good transport to and from the school. There are single or double rooms, each room with its own private bathroom, telephone, hot and cold air-conditioning and personal study space.

The residence has common areas, a TV lounge, 24-hour reception service, a coffee bar, internet access and a dining room. There is a common kitchen for

students. If you prefer you can also have your meals in the residence canteen. Breakfast, half board and full board can be arranged. Cleaning once a week, towels and sheets are included.

In summer we also offer accommodation in a residence in the city centre, just 20 minutes walk from the school. It has 70 single rooms with private bathroom and comfortable common rooms for students.

## Types of accommodation

Accommodation Year Round	Shared apartment	Host family	Private Studio	Residence	Summer residence
Location	Residential area	Residential area	City Centre	University area	City Centre
Travel time to school	Around 25 minutes (average 15) by bus or metro	Around 30 minutes (average 20) by bus or metro	Between 10 and 20 minutes on foot	Between 25-30 minutes by bus or metro	Around 20 minutes walking
Meals	Self-catering	B&B, half board and full board	Self-catering	Self catering, B&B, half board and full board	Self catering, B&B, half board and full board
How many students?	1 to 6	1 to 4	1 to 3	400	70
Single Room	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Double Room	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes*	No
Facilities	Fully equipped kitchen with washing machine. TV. Shared bathroom. Bed linen	Bedroom with wardrobe, study desk and chair. Shared bathroom. Bed linen and towels	Fully equipped kitchen with microwave and washing machine. Internet. TV and air-conditioning. Bed linen and towels	En-suite room with wardrobe, desk and chair, telephone, Internet and air-conditioning. Canteen for meals. Bed linen and towels	En-suite room with wardrobe, desk and chair, and Internet. Canteen for meals. Bed linen and towels
Cleaning	Every 2 weeks	Every week	Every week	Every week	Every week

\* Only available for students coming together

## Social programme



**If you haven't got a plan after class, the school will help you! Just look at the activity plan for the week and experience a lot of cool stuff."**

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The programme of activities and excursions will help you to discover Spanish culture, the friendly attitude of the locals and the festive atmosphere of our city.

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We organise many activities every week, most of them are free (there are at least four activities per week totally free) and many others are available at a very low price.

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It is the ideal complement to a Spanish course and gives you the chance to practise Spanish in everyday situations, find out what Spain and the culture are like, and get to know the local people. Valencia also offers many opportunities to practise your favourite sports. Near the school there are sports facilities where you can play tennis, basketball, football, squash, aerobics, fitness training, or step classes.





**Hola, my name is Diana and I'm in charge of organizing activities and excursions for our students.**

My job is to make sure you enjoy your stay with us, discover Valencia and its culture and traditions, while you meet other students from the school and make local friends. We will have a lot of fun together in our dancing lessons, cooking workshops, excursions, tours, conversation exchange nights... and much more!

See you soon...

*Diana*

### An example of a weekly programme



## Activities and Excursions

Join our team and our international students to continue enjoying Valencia after lessons!

- City tour
- Tapas making classes
- Visit to City of Arts and Science
- Language exchange nights with locals
- Ceramic Art Museum tour
- Beach volleyball
- Paella cooking classes
- BBQ party
- Tapas tour
- Valencian culture classes
- City treasure hunt
- Graffiti tour
- Fallas museum trip
- City bike tour
- Salsa classes
- Cinema night
- Valencia Museum of Modern Art
- Valencian beer tasting
- Wine and cheese tasting
- Flamenco show
- Classic Spanish dinner
- Oceanographic Aquarium
- Mestalla Stadium tour
- Organised Tours
- Altea and Calpe Snorkelling
- Cullera Waterpark
- Sagunto
- Peñíscola
- Javea
- Barcelona
- Madrid
- Ibiza
- Buñol Tomatina festival





# A day in the life of Arianna from Italy

Our student tells you how is one day studying with us



## 08:45 Bus to school

My student apartment is only a few stops away from the school so sometimes I walk or use the Valenbisi bike system but today I decided to take the bus as it's really convenient, cheap and stops so close to the school!



## 19:00 Afternoon activity

I was really surprised to see such a full activity schedule all included in the price. Before arriving I didn't think I would do so many activities but now I'm here I've been on almost all of them including weekend trips to other cities.



## 09:10 Spanish classes

Going to class is a pleasure as I get to see my new friends and the teacher knows how to make learning fun. My classmates are from all over the globe and our teacher, Juan, has actually travelled to most of our countries!



## 21:00 Life at my new home

I live with a Japanese girl and a boy from Denmark and we are all so happy and comfortable together. The apartment has plenty of space and we have everything we need in the area. We like to go to dinner three times a week but we also take turns cooking food from our countries for each other. It's a fun way of learning names in Spanish for foods and ways of cooking!



## 14:00 Lunch

Lunchtime is the perfect opportunity for us to practice much of what we learn in the classroom. There seems to be an endless amount of options in El Carmen and I found all the waiters to be so nice and friendly. I love the food too so am always looking forward to lunch!



## 22:00 Valencia nightlife

I think I could live here for years and still discover funky little bars, casual looking restaurants that serve amazing food and there seems to be a local neighbourhood fiesta every day somewhere! My Japanese housemate loves flamenco and live music so she is always finding new places for us to go. There just aren't enough nights in the week!



## 16:30 Homework

This time last week I had classes in the afternoon, which meant I would do my homework while enjoying coffee and breakfast on a terrace. Now I have morning classes I enjoy doing it with my merienda instead! The homework is carefully planned by the teachers and everything flows nicely so you actually want to do it and be ready for class the next day.



## First day of class

Your first day of class with us starts a little earlier than usual at 08:30am so we can give an oral test and start classing you.

A pre-arrival test will be completed online a maximum of one week before coming and those who have not completed the pre-arrival test will complete on Monday.

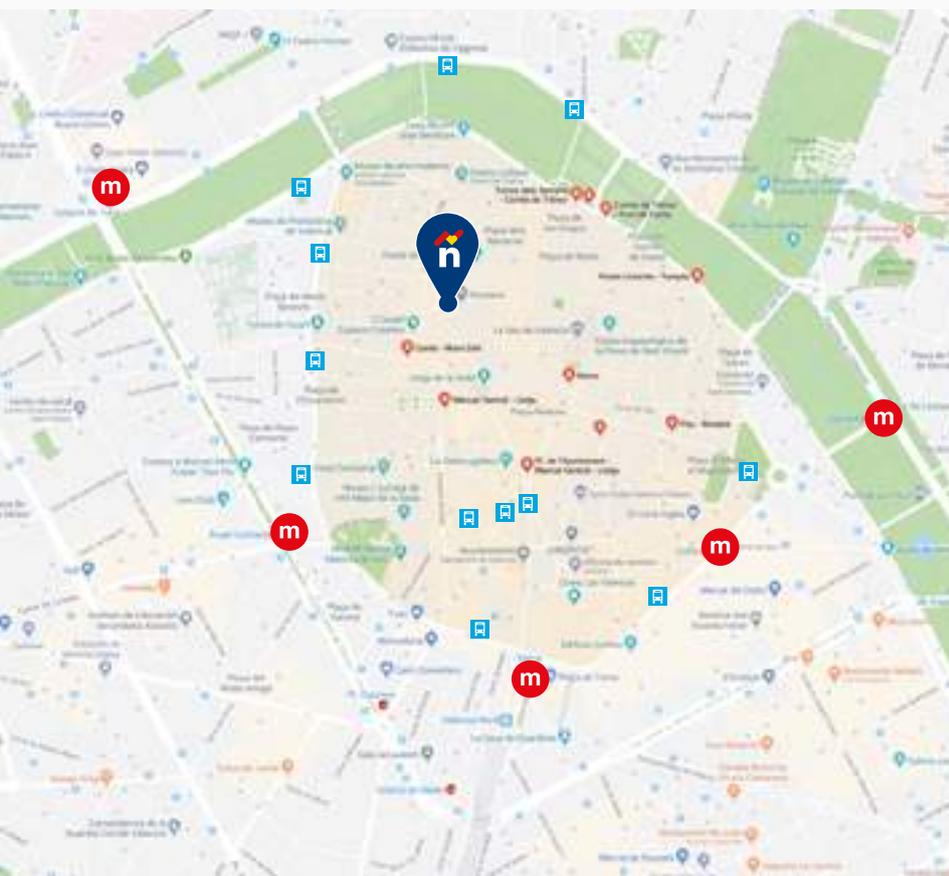
After testing we will have an orientation meeting where students can meet each other, our staff and receive useful info about Españolé and Valencia itself. Once testing and orientation has finished you will receive your book, learning schedule and classes will start there and then!

In the afternoon we arrange a guided tour of the city for all new students. We highly recommend joining as it will not only familiarise yourself with your new temporary home but you will have opportunities to practice what you learnt in the classroom that day and get to know your classmates better.

## How to get to the school

**m By metro:**  
Estació de Túria, Colón,  
Alameda, Xátiva, Àngel Guimerà

**By bus:** One of the many bus stops around the old town area.



Can you imagine a better place to learn Spanish?



# Valencia

Valencia is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city with about 800,000 inhabitants enjoying its majestic buildings and wonderful scenery.

## What to do?

### Enjoy a plethora of parks and gardens

Valencia is not only a city of culture but also a city with beautiful parks, gardens and relaxing recreational areas. The old riverbed has been converted into a 9 km park that snakes through the city and is perfect for all kinds of activities such as cycling, jogging and skating. There are also many relaxation spots along the park and dotted throughout the city so no matter where you are you'll find something close by.

### Enjoy Valencia gastronomy and nightlife

The city has a seemingly never-ending supply of bars serving high quality tapas and pintxos. There are, of course, many restaurants serving classic Valencian cuisine such as the famous paella but you'll soon discover real locals prefer Fideuà, which is a must-try also! Valencia is famous for its nightlife and there are many lively areas and places to go to suit all tastes and styles.



## Where history meets modernism

A truly stunning Mediterranean city, Valencia enjoys a mild temperate climate and offers a wealth of gastronomic delights, festivals and cultural events to enjoy. You will see how important historical traditions and recent innovative architecture stand side by side and complement each other, the city and the people perfectly. In the last two decades Valencia has undergone an amazing transformation that needs to be seen to be believed.

**1.- The Lonja:** one of the best examples of Gothic civil architecture in Europe. It enjoys Patrimony of the Humanity (UNESCO).

**2.- The Central Market:** one of the many places not to be missed. This colourful, bustling lively market, in a beautiful modernist building, will entice you to buy far more than you intended to.

**3.- The Cathedral:** each of its three gates has a different style: Baroque, Gothic and Romanesque. From its bell tower, El Miguelete, you can enjoy amazing views over the city.

**4.- Plaza de la Virgen:** which sits on the site that was once the Roman forum.

**5.- Torres de Serranos:** considered to be the largest Gothic city gateway in all of Europe.

**6.- The Fine Arts Museum San Pio V:** one of the most outstanding painting archives in Spain.

**7.- The National Ceramics Museum Gonzalez Marti:** housed in a palace from the 15th century and refurbished in 1740 in rococo.

**8.-The City of Arts and Sciences:** this amazing complex includes five buildings which are breathtaking at first sight. They are simply incredible.

**9.- Jardín del Turia:** The former river has now been transformed into a park, where locals walk, run, sunbathe and cycle.

**10.- Valencia Bioparc:** The animals live in a natural habitat in this 21st-century version of a zoo. Explore the ecosystems of the savannah, the forests of Madagascar

and equatorial Africa, while getting up close to silverback gorillas, leopards, lions, rhinos, hippos and some very cute meerkats.

**11.- El Mestalla:** Valencia CF, or Los Che as they're known locally, are a giant of the European game. La Liga winners twice at the start of the 2000's and enjoying a recent resurgence they're known for their entertaining style of play.

**12.- Tapeo:** Translated as walking around different bars enjoying their drinks and tapas – and we recommend doing just that!

## A beach for most of the year

It's not uncommon for us to have temperatures in the 20's during January and while that may not be sunbathing weather it doesn't mean you can enjoy a stroll on the beach! Wide-open beaches filled with golden sand are lined with palm trees, bars and restaurants that are frequented by locals and tourists alike 12 months of the year.

## Live traditions and festivals

The most popular festival in Valencia, Las Fallas, takes place in March and for five days fireworks can be seen and heard all over the city. The sound of band music and the impressive mascletàs turn the city into a place to behold: a complete transformation that precedes spring every year.

## Enjoy the city events

Valencia is known all over the world for its international events: the final round of the Moto GP, the open tennis tournament and much more. For each of these events the city opens its arms and hearts to the thousands of tourists who arrive to be entertained each year.

And all this, together with more than 300 days of sunshine per year and people who are open-minded and friendly, make Valencia the ideal place in which to spend a memorable study holiday.



## Your arrival

If you have booked your accommodation with us, we will send you the complete details and information on how to get to your accommodation at least two weeks before your arrival.

## Transfer Service

We can arrange your transfer on arrival at Valencia airport, train or bus station and also your departure. To guarantee the transfer we need to know your arrival details (date, time, place, and flight number) at least one week before arrival.



## How to get to Valencia

### By plane ✈️

Valencia has an international airport located about 8 km from the city. Flights from the main cities of Spain and Europe land here. Moreover, Valencia has connecting flights with Madrid and Barcelona for destinations all over the world. The airport is easily reached by bus and metro from the city centre.

### By bus 🚌

The central bus station is located in the West zone of the city. It has lines connecting the main Spanish and European cities. From the central station, the best way to access other points in the city is by bus or underground.

### By train 🚆

Trains coming from all over the country stop at the "Estación del Norte", located in the heart of Valencia. From here it takes just 10 minutes to walk to the school.



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