

**españolé**

Escuela de español

**ih** International  
House  
Valencia

Spanish courses  
**2023**

Experience  
the Mediterranean  
lifestyle

SPANISH COURSES IN VALENCIA





**Welcome**

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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  
#lavidaespanole with us!**



Cristina Navarro  
School director

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## Why choose us?

### 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.

#### 360° Spanish

Our immersion method involves students in a fun and enjoyable environment of 360° Spanish through well designed classes and activities.

After class our social and cultural programme offers a wide range of activities that allow you to practise more Spanish and discover the true meaning of living the Spanish way.

#### 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.

#### 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 the Instituto Cervantes, which ensures only the highest quality of organisations represent them in the teaching of Spanish, and IALC – International Association of Language Centres.



## The school



## A modern school steeped in rich history



Our beautiful school occupies the Gothic “Palacio de los Fernández de Córdoba”, located deep in the heart of Valencia’s old town. We have carefully renovated this historical building 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 crossing through the school and 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 common areas, relax on our popular patio or catch some rays on our breathtaking roof garden complete with sun loungers, orange trees and showers to cool off in.

Our school is also the perfect launch pad to learn about the Spanish culture and gastronomy, there is even a purpose-built kitchen classroom for our cookery activities.

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



Españolé is located on one of the main streets that runs through the district of El Carmen. Calle Caballeros, is a hotbed of activity during the day and transforms at sunset into one of the main streets for nightlife in Valencia.

The school is surrounded by history and culture. You don't have to look far to discover world famous sights such as Plaza de la Virgen, which houses one of Valencia's most emblematic buildings – La Catedral de Valencia, where the original Holy Grail is said to live.

With a plethora of great restaurants, cool shops, dazzling street art, superb museums and an eclectic mix of people, El Carmen offers something new and exciting every day for tourists and locals alike.



A tangled web of narrow streets, alleys and plazas packed with terraces, El Carmen has become Valencia's most famous and fascinating neighbourhood.



CENTRAL LOCATION



HISTORICAL BUILDING



2100 SQUARE METRES



28 WELL-EQUIPPED CLASSROOMS



STUDENT AREA



PATIO



TERRACES



CAFETERIA



SUN LOUNGERS



BBQ



KITCHEN



WiFi

## A bit of history



## Your journey to us started almost 1,000 years ago...

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 1,000 years of history welcomes you.

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 them, 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.





## 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 is part of the IHWO network and adheres 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.

**Accredita-  
tions &  
quality  
marks**



## 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.



## I want to study Spanish because...

Specific Spanish programmes developed to achieve your learning objectives.

I want to improve my level of Spanish, live a different experience and make friends from all over the world

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I believe that Spanish will be important for my future and I want to get an official degree.

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I would like to study at a university in Spain and I need to perfect my Spanish.

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I am very interested in Spanish culture and life, and I would love to improve my Spanish in an adult course.

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I am a professional with international projection and Spanish is a must for my career.

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I want to enjoy a different summer in Spain and learn Spanish with other young people like me.

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## Spanish courses

### Inspirational lessons

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

#### Your Spanish class

All classes are taught in Spanish. In general, the number of students per class is between 6 and 10 and each lesson lasts for 50 minutes.

You will have at least 2 different teachers so that you can get used to listening to different ways of speaking. Since the groups are small in number, the teachers are able to deal with 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 together with supplemental material and digital resources that make lessons very interactive.

You will also have full access to our online e-learning platform for 6 months from the moment you start your course.

#### 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.

#### Practical language learning

Our method combines traditional grammar and vocabulary learning with an innovative approach that focuses on fluent communication and interaction with students.

We place great importance in using the language in communicative contexts that reproduce situations you might come across every day.

#### Our teachers

We have a dynamic team of teachers who love teaching Spanish. They're all 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.

### Españole Facts & Stats

**4,000**

people studied last year with us

**99%**

would recommend us to a friend

**74**

different nationalities

**16-80**

We have a wide range of ages studying with us

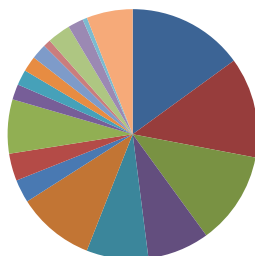
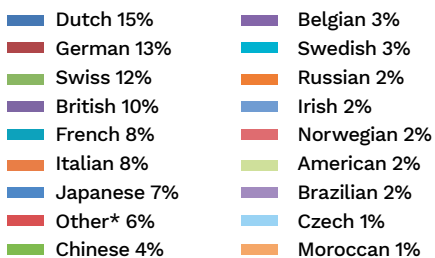


## Our students

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 exams.

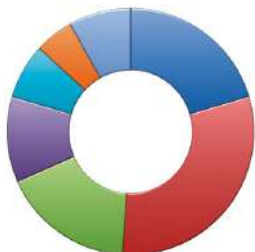
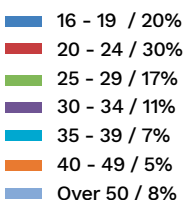
In general our students fall between the ages of 18 and 60, but we also cater for students of other ages. This mix assures an interesting and international study atmosphere.

### Student's nationality



\* Up to 50 non-mentioned nationalities.

### Student's ages



## Levels

The courses are divided into 8 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 is, 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. This level is divided into B1.1. and B1.2.

### B2 - Upper-intermediate

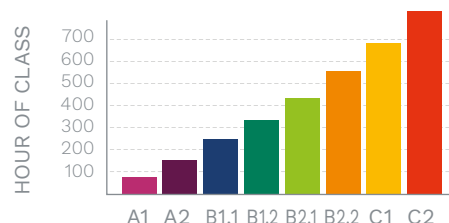
Students can express their ideas on general topics clearly in both the spoken and written form. They are familiar with and can competently use more complex structures and have a good level of fluency and broader vocabulary including some idiomatic expressions. This level is divided into B2.1. and B2.2.

### 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 courses

## Intensive courses



### i20

#### Intensive 20

20 general Spanish lessons

N° of lessons per week  
20 General Spanish

Timetable  
Mornings or afternoons 9:10-13:00 or 14:10-18:00  
(Timetables are subject to change)

### i25

#### Intensive 25

20 general Spanish + 1 Spanish Plus elective

N° of lessons per week  
20 General Spanish + 5 Spanish Plus elective lessons

Timetable / Mornings or afternoons  
Morning: Spanish Plus elective 08:00-09:05 (Tue-Fri)  
or 13:10 - 14:00 (Mon-Fri)  
+ General Spanish 09:10 -13:00  
Afternoon: General Spanish 14:10 -18:00  
+ Spanish Plus elective 13:10- 14:00  
or 18:10 - 19:00 (Mon-Fri)  
(Timetables are subject to change)

### i30

#### Intensive 30

This course is a combination of the Intensive 20 plus 2 Spanish plus electives. There are 6 lessons per day.

N° of lessons per week  
20 General Spanish + 10 Spanish Plus elective lessons

Timetable / Mornings  
Morning: 1 Spanish Plus elective 08:00-09:05 (Tue-Fri)  
+ General Spanish 09:10 -13:00  
+ 1 Spanish plus elective 13:10-14:00  
(Timetables are subject to change)

### i+

#### 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.

N° of lessons per week  
20 General Spanish + 5 private lessons

Timetable  
Mornings or afternoons  
9:10-13:00 or 14:10-18:00  
Private lessons: to be agreed (Timetables are subject to change)

### Si

#### Super Intensive

20 general Spanish + 1 Spanish Plus elective + 5 private lessons.

N° of lessons per week  
20 General Spanish + 5 Spanish Plus elective lessons + 5 private lessons

Timetable / Mornings or afternoons  
Morning: Spanish Plus elective 08:00-09:05 (Tue-Fri)  
or 13:10-14:00 (Mon-Fri)  
+ General Spanish 09:10 -13:00  
Afternoon: General Spanish 14:10 -18:00  
+ Spanish Plus elective 13:10- 14:00 (Mon-Fri)  
or 18:10- 19:00 (Mon-Fri)  
Private lessons: to be agreed (Timetables are subject to change)



**Levels:**  
From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)\*1



**Length of the course:**  
From 1 to 48 weeks



**N° of lessons:**  
20, 25 or 30



**N° of students per class:**  
Maximum 10\*2, average 6



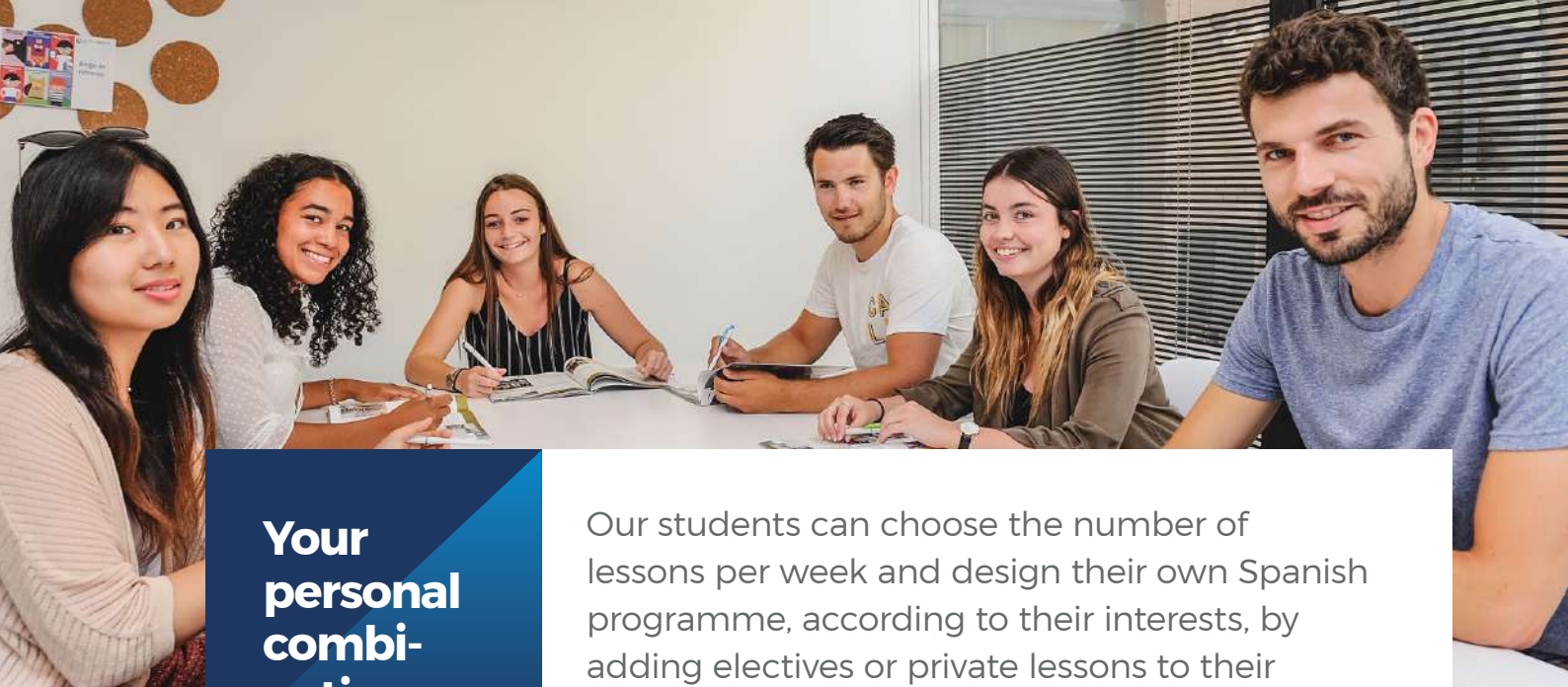
**Timetable:**  
Mornings or afternoons



**Each lesson lasts:**  
50 minutes

\*1 Spanish for business from B1

\*2 In special cases due to changes of level once the course has started the number of students can be 12 for a short period



## Your personal combination

Our students can choose the number of lessons per week and design their own Spanish programme, according to their interests, by adding electives or private lessons to their General Spanish programme.


# General Spanish + Spanish Plus electives

Our general Spanish courses focus on the fundamental language learning skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. All lessons are taught in Spanish. Our method has a communicative focus where grammar is practiced in contexts that reproduce situations of everyday life. The lessons are based on tasks and planned depending on the students' needs and different styles of learning.

All the courses include a complete programme of activities so that our students can make friends and get acquainted with the Spanish life and the city of Valencia.


### Spanish life and culture

Improve your knowledge of different aspects of the Spanish culture, related to art, literature, history... and also understand the way people think and live in Spain and in the Hispanic world.  
**A basic knowledge of Spanish is recommended.**

-  Start of course  
**Every Monday (except for beginners)**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
- Levels  
**From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)**


### Grammar skills

Delve deeper into Spanish grammar. A course focused on improving your writing and grammar skills, learn the basics of the Spanish language with a structured and practical programme with intensive exercise practice.  
**A good choice for all levels.**

-  Start of course  
**Every Monday (except for beginners)**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
- Levels  
**From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)**


### Spanish for health and medicine

If your goal is to study and work in the field of medicine in a Spanish-speaking country, this is the course for you. Our Health and medicine elective will help you advance your knowledge and increase your vocabulary in this subject area.  
**From B1 level in Spanish. Maximum length 8 weeks.**

-  Start of course  
**Every Monday**
- Levels  
**From intermediate to advanced (B1 to C2)**


### Pronunciation and speaking

Perfect your pronunciation with this elective. Through communication activities you'll listen and practise how the language sounds. Learning to pronounce Spanish correctly will make your speaking clearer. It's a perfect option for beginners.  
**Recommended length 2 weeks.**

-  Start of course  
**Every Monday (except for beginners)**  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
- Levels  
**From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)**

### Spanish for business

A course designed for students and professionals who are interested in the world of business in Spanish-speaking countries. You'll study specific language and linguistic structures used in business.  
**From B1 level in Spanish.**

-  Start of course  
**Every Monday**
- Levels  
**From intermediate to advanced (B1 to C2)**








Combine your General Spanish course with a Spanish elective or private lessons

## + Spanish Leisure electives






### Sailing

As host of the America's Cup in 2007, Valencia is the perfect place for sailing. Get out into the Mediterranean on our own boat to learn how to sail.

-  Start of course  
Spanish: check starting dates of selected course  
Sailing: every Monday in summer  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
-  N° of lessons per week  
**6 sailing lessons**
-  Length of the course  
Spanish: from 1 to 48 weeks  
Sailing: from 1 to 4 weeks
- Levels  
From a very basic to advanced knowledge of sailing
-  N° 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)

### Spanish cooking

By learning to cook carefully elaborated menus, students will be introduced to the typical Spanish gastronomy. The cooking sessions cannot be adapted to any type of dietary requirement, although students with special diets will enjoy the cooking process.  
Please note Spanish gastronomy is mainly based on fish and meat.

-  Start of course  
Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list
-  N° of lessons per week  
**6 cooking lessons**
-  Length of the course  
Spanish: from 1 to 48 weeks  
Cooking: from 1 to 4 weeks
-  N° of students per class  
**Maximum 5 students**
-  Timetable  
Spanish: Please check the timetable for the selected course  
Cooking: Two days a week  
Morning or afternoon

## Design your own course



 **General Spanish**  
20 lessons



Spanish Plus electives 

 **Spanish life and culture**  
5 lessons/week


 **Grammar skills**  
5 lessons/week


 **Spanish for health and medicine**  
5 lessons/week

 **Pronunciation and speaking**  
5 lessons/week

 **Spanish for business**  
5 lessons/week



Spanish Leisure electives 

 **Sailing**  
6 lessons/week

 **Spanish cooking**  
6 lessons/week



 **Private lessons**  
5 lessons/week



<b>Intensive 20</b>	20 general Spanish lessons
<b>Intensive 25</b>	20 general Spanish lessons + 1 Spanish Plus elective
<b>Intensive 30</b>	20 general Spanish lessons + 2 Spanish Plus electives
<b>Intensive plus</b>	20 general Spanish lessons + 5 private lessons
<b>Super intensive</b>	20 general Spanish lessons + 1 Spanish Plus elective + 5 private lessons

# Exam preparation



**DELE**

**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 for Languages (CEFR) A1-A2-B1-B2-C1-C2.

- Start of course  
Please check starting dates in the Dates and fees list
- N° of lessons per week  
20 Dele exam preparation lessons
- Length of the course  
From 1 to 4 weeks
- Levels  
From beginners to advanced (A2 to C1)
- N° 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)

## Private tuition



**One to One**

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

- Start of course  
Every Monday
- N° of lessons per week  
From 1
- Length of the course  
From 1 to 48 weeks
- Levels  
From absolute beginners to advanced (A1 to C2)
- N° of students per class  
1 (there is also the option of 2/3 people: One to two)
- Timetable  
To be agreed



**SIELE**

**Siele**



The Siele exam is an official Spanish certificate which electronically certifies 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
- N° 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)
- 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  
Siele private lessons: to be agreed  
(Timetables are subject to change)



## Other courses

### 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.

### 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.

Ask for brochure

# Preparation for university



## University pathway

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

Please check starting dates in the Dates and fees list

### Course includes

20 weekly lessons of language training or academic training (lessons on different subjects + tutoring)

Help with the university admission process. (Paperwork costs and other university expenses are not included).

### Length of the course

From January, August or October to May. It depends on your current Spanish level.

### Levels

You can start language training with total beginner level of Spanish but you need to have a minimum level of B2 to start academic training.

### 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?

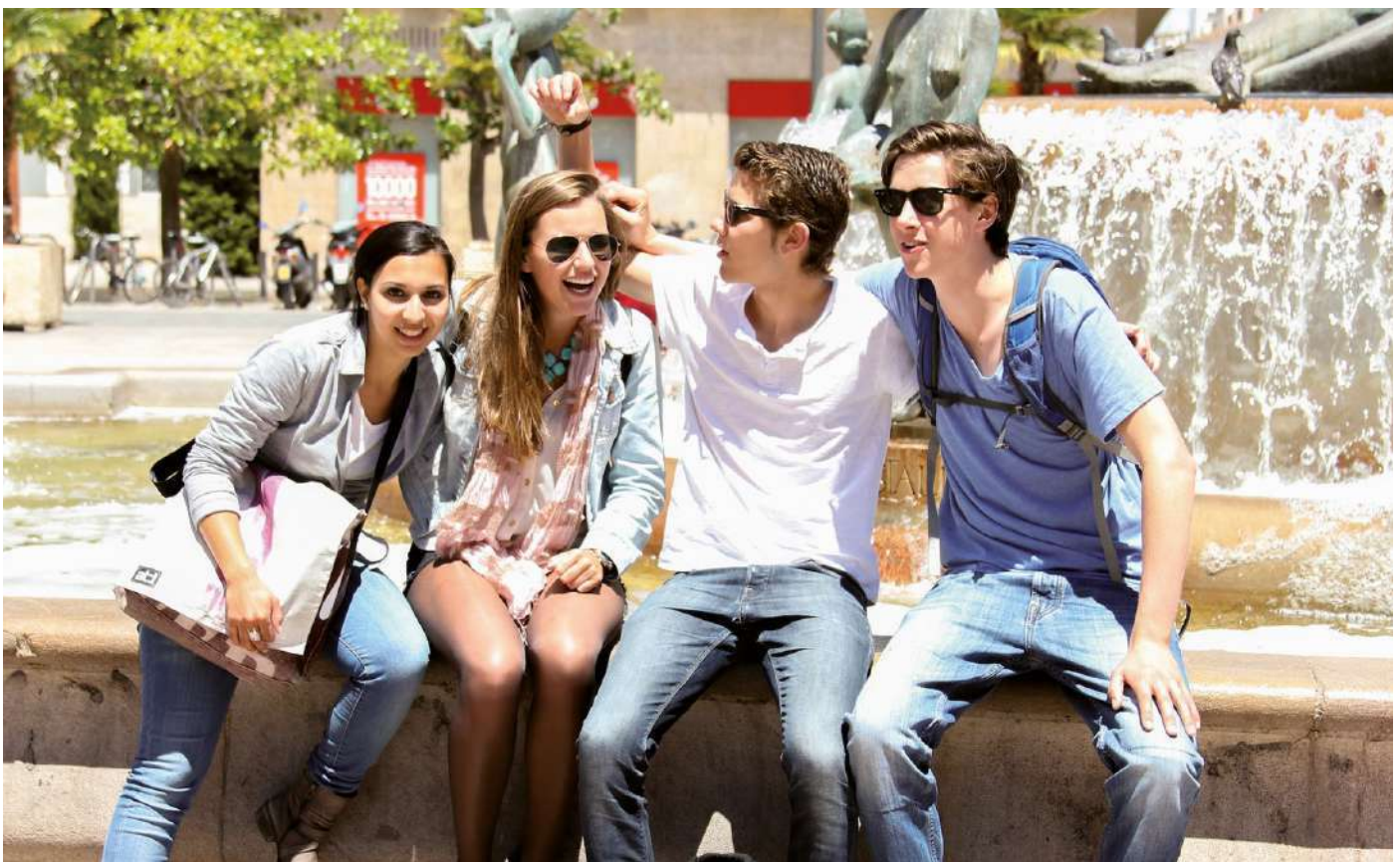
The university entrance exams evaluate the academic maturity of students and check that they have acquired the necessary knowledge of upper-secondary education (Spanish Bachillerato). By passing the exams, students can access higher education in Spain.

## When is the exam?

Every year there are two dates in which you can do the PCE. The first will be held over the months of May/ June and the second in September.

We work in conjunction with Universidad Europea.

 **Universidad Europea Valencia**



# Work and study



## Internship

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

- Start of course  
Every Monday
- 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)

### 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.

### 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.

\* Due to legal restrictions, Work and study programme is not available for long term students who need a visa.

## Enhance your full immersive experience



## Demipair

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. The programme includes 12 weeks of Spanish Intensive 20 course that can be extended.

- 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 12 weeks to 36 weeks

### Spanish lessons

Normally the Spanish lessons are in the morning and the working time is in the afternoon and evening. Our packaged course consists of 12 weeks of Spanish classes alongside your Demipair work.

### 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.

### 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).

### 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.





## 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**
- Age  
**From 18 years old**
- Spanish requirements  
**Basic level (speak using simple vocabulary and phrases)**
- Length of the programme  
**From 2 to 24 weeks**

### 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.

## Spanish in the teacher's home



### Teacher's home

Living with and being taught by your own private teacher is an ideal option for all kinds of students (adults, juniors, couples, families) who want to have a personalized programme and to get the maximum results in the minimum time. You will improve your language skills but also experience an authentic sense of the Spanish way of life.

- Start of course  
**Every Monday**
- N° of lessons per week  
**15, 20, 25 or 30**
- N° of students per class  
**1 or 2**
- Levels  
**From beginners to advanced (A1 to C1)**
- Length of the programme  
**From 1 to 12 weeks**

### Spanish lessons

At the beginning of the course, the teacher will assess your level of Spanish and requirements and will work with you to make sure to meet your exact learning objectives. The plan is flexible and can be modified as the course advances.

At the end of the course, you'll have a new assessment to record your progress.

If a member of your family or a friend would like to take the course with you, we also offer the possibility. If you have the same level, you can have the lessons together (one to two). It is also possible that the accompanying person doesn't take lessons but stays with you in the family and enjoys the activities too.

### Social programme

The social programme is adapted to your needs and wishes so whatever your interests are, you can fully enjoy your stay.

Two afternoons/evenings per week your teacher will accompany you on a cultural visit, to a museum, exhibitions, to practise sports, to the cinema...

The rest of the days and on the weekend, you can join the activity programme of the school and meet other international students.

### Your accommodation

Staying with a Spanish family is a great cultural experience as you interact daily with local people. You'll have the opportunity to participate in their daily life, learn their customs and even cook Spanish typical food.

You will have full board, your own study bedroom and will share bathroom facilities with the family.



## Teen summer programmes








Designed for students aged between 13 and 19 with any Spanish level.

We expertly combine our lessons in small, caring classes with cultural and leisure activities.

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We put great effort into opening the minds of our teenagers through total cultural immersion. Students walk away with new skills, new appreciation for world cultures, new friends from across the world and new insights into what they can achieve. Our students will practise their Spanish, experience an exciting new culture, make international friends and have an unforgettable time with us.

We offer two different programmes depending on the age, so that we can focus better on our students' interests and needs.

-  Start of course  
Please check starting dates in the Dates and fees list
-  N° of lessons per week  
20
-  N° of students per class  
Maximum 12, average 6
-  Levels  
From beginners to advanced (A1 to C1)
-  Length of the programme  
From 1 to 9 weeks



### Summer camp 13-16

Perfect for our younger students (13-16 y.o.), the Summer camp is a carefully supervised programme, which still gives the students some free time after lessons and activities to spend with their new international friends.



### Summer getaway 16-19

A free-style young programme aimed for students aged between 16 and 19 y.o. who want to take part in a well-structured supervised programme, but also have free time to spend discovering the city with other students of their age.





## Spanish lessons

There are four Spanish classes every day, lessons can either be in the morning or following a zig-zag schedule (some days in the morning with activities taking place in the afternoon and some days activities take place in the morning and lessons in the afternoon).

We offer 8 different levels according to the Instituto Cervantes curriculum which is based in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Students from both programmes can share some lessons



## Activities and excursions

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

Every day there will be activities which include cultural visits, sports competitions, barbecues, dancing lessons, afternoons at the beach or shopping.

Experienced teachers and co-ordinators take care of our students and accompany them.

There is a different schedule for each programme.



## Supervision and security

Every outing is supervised by our school staff who watch out for the wellbeing and safety of our students. Specialist activities such as sailing, surfing, canoeing, etc, are always supervised by professional instructors.

Students are expected to attend lessons and activities as scheduled and have to respect the programme curfew that is established depending on their age. Students have to act responsibly during their free time and follow the rules given by the school.

## Accommodation

We offer our teens the choice to be totally integrated into the Valencian life by staying with a host family or share their experience with other students by living in a student residence.

### Host family

Our host families are carefully chosen to provide the utmost comfort and care for our teenagers. Most of our host families have been with us for years taking in our students all year round. Students are accommodated in double rooms including full board, and we place them together with another teen of a different mother tongue.

Lunch can be packed or hot. Students can choose whether they would like to go home for lunch or take it packed to school. Weekly laundry and cleaning are included.

### Residence

We also offer the possibility of living in one of our student residences near the school. There is 24-hour staff in the residences making sure students are comfortable and supervised.

Summer campers (13-16 y.o) who choose residence live in our **Resiolé Mercado residence**, it is located in the old town just 6 minutes walking to school. Students stay in double, triple or quadruple rooms with shared bathrooms.

Summer getaway students (16-19 y.o) live in **"the City residence"** located 12 minutes walking from the school, in double rooms and private bathroom.

# Social programme



There is always a plan after school. Have a look at the activity schedule for the week and enjoy...

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.

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

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## An example of a weekly programme

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
City tour and Welcome party	Cooking workshop "Paella"	Volleyball at the beach	Visit to a museum or Salsa lessons	Students' dinner	Full day excursion to Xàtiva





## Activities and Excursions

- City tour
- Tapas making classes
- Visit to the City of Arts & Sciences
- Language exchange nights with locals
- Visits to museums
- City bike tour
- Sports
- Paella parties
- Bowling
- BBQ in the school terrace
- Cinema night
- Beach games
- Cooking workshops
- Wine and cheese tasting
- Oceanographic aquarium
- Flamenco show

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

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.

## Organised Tours

- Altea and Calpe snorkelling
- Aquapark
- Albufera lake
- Benicassim
- Sagunto
- Játiva
- Peñíscola
- Javea
- Altea
- Alicante
- Madrid
- Barcelona





# 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 apartments and residences are maintained in a good condition and provide general support for students with matters regarding their accommodation.

## Host family

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 close to 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 between three types of board (breakfast, half board or full board). Weekly laundry and cleaning is included.

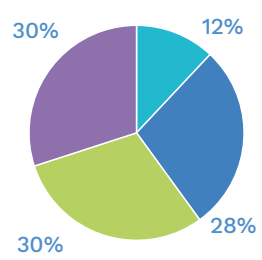
You will have your own keys to come and go as you wish, but you must respect some basic rules and schedules, especially for mealtimes.



- Location**  
Residential area
- Travel time to school**  
Around 30 minutes (average 25) by bus or metro
- How many students?**  
1 to 4 students
- Rooms**  
Option of ensuite or shared bathroom
- Bathrooms**  
Option of ensuite or shared bathroom
- Meals**  
B&B, half board and full board
- Facilities**  
Bedroom with wardrobe, study desk and chair. Free WIFI.
- Cleaning**  
Every week
- Bed linen**  
Bed linen and towels

What type of accommodation do our students choose?

- No accommodation 12%
- Apartments 28%
- Host family 30%
- Residence 30%



The accommodation is available between 4:00 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 4:00 p.m.

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



## Apartments

This type of accommodation gives you the chance to live and share your experience with other students from the school. Each apartment has between two and six bedrooms, some have shared bathrooms and others are en-suite. All apartments have a fully-equipped kitchen, a lounge with TV, a washing machine and an iron.

## Shared apartments

The apartments are located around 25 minutes away from the school by public transport.

### Location

Residential area

### Travel time to school

Around 25 minutes (average 20) by bus or metro

### How many students?

2 to 6 students per apartment

### Rooms

Single and double rooms

### Bathrooms

Shared bathroom

### Meals

Self catering

### Facilities

Living room, fully equipped kitchen, TV and laundry facilities, free WIFI, rooms and common areas have heating and fans.

### Cleaning

The common areas of the apartments are cleaned every two weeks.

### Bed linen

On arrival the school provides bed linen, but not towels.

## Central shared apartments

These apartments are located around 15 minutes by foot to the school.

### Location

City centre and school area

### Travel time to school

Around 15 minutes walking

### How many students?

2 to 6 students per apartment

### Rooms

Single and double rooms

### Bathrooms

Shared or private bathroom

### Meals

Self catering

### Facilities

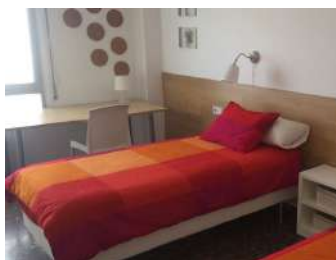
Living room, fully equipped kitchen, TV and laundry facilities, free WIFI, rooms and common areas have heating and fans.

### Cleaning

The common areas of the apartments are cleaned every two weeks.

### Bed linen

On arrival the school provides bed linen, but not towels.



Moderate electricity, gas and water expenses are included. The school is in charge of maintaining the apartments.

## San Dionisio apartments

They are located next to the school in the lively neighbourhood "El Carmen". San Dionisio apartments are set in a brand new restored building with 6 apartments for students. There are many students from the school living in the building.

### Location

Old town

### Travel time to school

3 minutes walking

### How many students?

4 to 6 students per apartment

### Rooms

4 or 5 rooms per apartment. Single and double rooms with private bathroom and fridge

### Bathrooms

Private bathroom

### Meals

Self catering

### Facilities

Living room, fully equipped kitchen, TV and laundry facilities, free WIFI. Rooms and common areas have air-conditioning (hot and cold)

### Cleaning

Cleaning of common areas and rooms every week

### Bed linen

The school provides sheets, blankets and towels. The bed linen and the towels are changed weekly.



## Resiolé Marqués apartments

The apartments are located in the building "Resiolé Marqués" near the school. The building is occupied only by our students. There are many shops, supermarkets and other facilities around. It is available until the 27/08.

### Location

Old town

### Travel time to school

5 minutes walking

### How many students?

2 to 6 students per apartment

### Rooms

2 to 5 rooms per apartment. Single and double rooms with private or shared bathroom

### Bathrooms

Shared or private bathroom

### Meals

Self catering

### Facilities

Living room, fully equipped kitchen, TV and laundry facilities, free WIFI. Rooms and common areas have air-conditioning (hot and cold)

### Cleaning

Cleaning of common areas and rooms every week

### Bed linen

The school provides sheets, blankets and towels. The bed linen is changed every 2 weeks and the towels are changed weekly



## Student residences

We offer accommodation in our own student residences. Resiolé residences are boutique residences located within walking distance to the school and there is a good international atmosphere as they are exclusive for our students. We also offer other high standard residences located in the city.

### Resiolé Gran Vía

Located in a modernist building next to Gran Vía in the area of "Eixample", a quiet neighborhood by the centre and the gardens of Turia. It is available until the 27/08.

#### Location

City centre

#### Travel time to school

20 minutes walking

#### How many students?

16 to 24 students

#### Rooms

16 single and double rooms with study area and with private bathroom. Rooms have heating and fans

#### Bathrooms

Private bathroom. \*Some private bathrooms are located in the corridor, not inside the room.

#### Meals

Self catering

#### Facilities

2 common kitchens, living room, dining room, laundry facilities. WIFI all over the building. Common areas have air-conditioning (hot and cold).

#### Cleaning

Cleaning of common areas and rooms every week

#### Bed linen

The school provides bed linen and towels. They are changed weekly.



### Resiolé La Nave

It is located in a quiet pedestrian street in the best area of the city, right in the centre, between the old town and the shopping area.

#### Location

City centre

#### Travel time to school

12 minutes walking

#### How many students?

12 to 20 students

#### Rooms

12 single and double rooms with study area and with shared or private bathroom

#### Bathrooms

Shared or private bathroom

#### Meals

Self catering

#### Facilities

Common kitchen, dining room, terrace, laundry facilities. WIFI all over the building. Common areas and rooms have air-conditioning (hot and cold).

#### Cleaning

Cleaning of common areas and rooms every week

#### Bed linen

The school provides bed linen and towels. They are changed weekly

### Resiolé Mercado Student House

It is located in "El Carmen" district in a small plaza next to the famous "Mercado Central" of Valencia and to the school. It is available from the end of August until mid June.

#### Location

Old town

#### Travel time to school

6 minutes walking

#### How many students?

20 to 30 students

#### Rooms

20 single, double and triple rooms with study area and shared bathroom. Rooms have heating and fans

#### Bathrooms

Shared bathroom

#### Meals

Self catering

#### Facilities

Common kitchen, living room, dining room, terrace, laundry facilities. WIFI all over the building. Common areas have air-conditioning (hot and cold).

#### Cleaning

Cleaning of common areas and rooms every week

#### Bed linen

The school provides bed linen and towels. They are changed weekly



### El Puerto residence

It is located in a brand new building with many facilities for students, close to the riverbed gardens and city centre and well connected to the school and the beach.

#### Location

Near city centre

#### Travel time to school

25 minutes by public transport. 10 minutes by bike

#### How many students?

Around 120

#### Rooms

Single studio-style rooms equipped with full kitchen, study area and private bathroom

#### Bathrooms

Private bathroom

#### Meals

Self catering. Option of half board or full board (minimum stay of one month)

#### Facilities

Common student rooms, living room, dining room, terrace, laundry facilities. WIFI all over the building. Common areas and rooms have air-conditioning (hot and cold).

#### Cleaning

Cleaning of rooms every two weeks

#### Bed linen

The school provides bed linen and towels. They are changed every 2 weeks

### The City residence

It is a new and modern student residence located close to the school and the city centre. It is available until the 27/08. Double room is available for students coming together.

#### Location

City centre

#### Travel time to school

12 minutes walking

#### How many students?

Around 100

#### Rooms

Single and double rooms with cooking facilities, study area and private bathroom

#### Bathrooms

Private bathroom

#### Meals

Self catering

#### Facilities

Common student rooms, living room, dining room, terrace, laundry facilities. WIFI all over the building. Common areas and rooms have air-conditioning (hot and cold).

#### Cleaning

Cleaning of common areas and rooms every week

#### Bed linen

The school provides bed linen and towels. They are changed weekly



## Spend a day with us

Meet Arianna, our student from Italy. Get a glimpse of life at Españolé



### 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 that 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 very 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 practise 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 that 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.



# Valencia

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

## What to do?

### Enjoy an abundance 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 Valencian gastronomy and nightlife

The city has a seemingly never-ending supply of bars serving high quality tapas. 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 also a must-try! 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, World Heritage Site by 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:** 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!

## Go to the beach for most of the year

It's not uncommon for us to have temperatures near 20°C during January and while that may not be sunbathing weather it doesn't mean you can't 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 most of the month 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.

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.



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.

## 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.



Your first day of class starts a little earlier than usual. At 8:30 am you will take a test so we can place you in the correct level. The test has two parts: written and spoken. At the time of booking, we will send you an online written test which should be completed at least one week before coming. Then, on the first school day you will only need to take the speaking part.

After testing we will have a "Welcome 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 and class schedule so you can start your first lesson.

In the afternoon we arrange a guided tour of the city for all new

## First day of class



students. We highly recommend joining as it will help to familiarise yourself with your new home and you will have opportunities to practise what you learnt in class and get to know your classmates better.





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