



LANGUAGE & CULTURE IMMERSION PROGRAMS





Two weeks of Spanish classes, nature, sports and cultural activities designed to create unforgettable memories!

Full immersion in Spanish Language and Culture in SPAIN, and through a fantastic combination of conversation-based classes, fun supervised activities and day-to-day living experiences. By spending the summer learning and improving their Spanish, your children will develop outstanding language skills while building memories that last them a lifetime.



SPANISH LEVELS

All levels accepted (Beginner-C2)

LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT EXAM

Your language level is evaluated upon arrival at the program location. We measure your ability by a written placement exam and/or an oral exam with local professors. The language assessment is intended to ensure you get the best Spanish training possible while attending our program. A written placement exam may be given prior to your departure overseas also.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

Transfers; room and board with 5 meals daily; 15-20 hours of Spanish lessons per week; complete calendar of activities and excursions; 24h supervision; "student abroad" medical insurance rider; and much more.



ACCOMODATIONS

Program accommodations held in a campus-based student residence in picturesque San Sebastian, Spain.

- Fully equipped educational Campus located minutes from San Sebastian City Centre.
- Five meals a day. We can accommodate any dietary requirement, such as kosher, vegan, food allergies, Gluten Free, Dairy free, vegetarian..
- Laundry is included once a week.
- Surrounded by mountains, beaches and rivers, providing all students the perfect mixture of Nature adventures and City exploring in a safe and controlled environment.
- Camp counselors provide 24 hour supervision.
- The building that houses our camp includes (Subject to availability):
 - 2 soccer fields
 - 4 basketball courts
 - 1 Volleyball court
 - Gymnasium
 - Indoor fronton
 - Stage Theatre
 - Small movie theatre and TV room
 - Multi-media center with 30 computers all with Internet access
 - Game room with 2 ping-pong tables, large selection of board games, sofas, chairs and tables, books, magazines ...
 - Cafeteria and Kitchen
 - Classrooms
 - Dormitories
 - Camp store with souvenirs, snacks...
 - Limited and secured access points



EXAMPLE OF 2 WEEKS PROGRAM

TIME	Tuesday, June 7, 2016
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Wake-up & wash-up
9:00 - 9:30AM	Breakfast
9:30 - 9:40 AM	Preparation for classes
9:40 - 11:10AM	Spanish Class
11:10 - 11:30AM	Recess & Morning Snack
11:30 - 12:55 AM	Second Spanish class
13:00 - 14:00 PM	Activities (theater, dance & music, science, etc)
14:00 - 15:00 PM	Lunch
15:00 - 15:30 PM	Free time (supervised)
15:30 - 19:30 Pm	Team games, sports, workshops. Cultural activities(*) and special clinics (**)
19:30-20:30 PM	Shower and Free time
20:30 - 21:15 PM	Dinner
21:15 -22:30 PM	Night Activiites, theme nights, cinema in OV, camp disco games & more.
23:00 PM	Good night



OUR CLASSES

- 15-20 hours of Spanish language classes each week.
- Small classes (max of 13 students) facilitate close student relationships and personalized teacher attention.
- The classes are educational and entertaining. This promotes class participation and cooperation for a safe learning environment. The teachers and staff all have experience and ensure that the teens gain confidence with their language skills as well as new vocabulary.
- Classes are fun, interactive and practical with Spanish used constantly in the classroom.
- Emphasis on comprehension, conversation and interaction ALL in Spanish.
- Classes are engaging and use visual materials
- Internet and educational games.
- The 5th class each day is a practical experience dedicated to devising a project in Spanish (song, dramatization, advert, interview) which is presented on Friday afternoon.
- Teachers are experienced and native Spanish speakers.
- Teachers are university graduates and have been trained to teach Spanish as a foreign language to younger learners using the IH methodology.
- The Director of Studies, in consultation with the Senior Teacher Trainers, develops the academic study program.
- Course completion certificate stating Spanish level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.



OUR SCHOOL

We are an accredited quality language school

- **INTERNATIONAL HOUSE**

Members of the International House World Organization since 1976. International House (IH) is an international organization that consists of 159 independent language schools in 52 countries and is committed to excellence in language teaching and teacher training.



- **IALC**

Members of International Association of Language Centers (IALC) since 2015. IALC is an international organization of independent language schools that is made up of high quality schools teaching their country's official language to foreign students.



- **INSTITUTO CERVANTES**

In 2002, "Accredited Centre" by the Instituto Cervantes. This is a unique global accreditation.



- **FEDELE**

The school has been a federated member of the statewide organization FEDELE since 2006. As such we have a vested interest in improving the teaching of Spanish in Spain. This is reflected in our commitment to teacher training, collaborative work and participation in official Industry Studies.



- **IH SPAIN**

In 1998, we joined together with seven other International House Spanish schools in Spain to create IH SPAIN. The network of school promises the same guarantees and uses the same teaching methodology for an effective and flexible educational experience.



OUR PEDAGOGY & COURSES:

We have academic programs and content that are adapted for each age group, each different level as well as the class's own requirements as per the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Our teaching methodology with guaranteed results

Our methodology is focused on the practice and action of using the Spanish language for communication from day one. This model of teaching and learning guarantees the satisfaction and good results of students in all areas of communication.

Our mission, vision and guarantee

An international school which is a center of reference for the training and teaching of Spanish and its associated cultures, with a standard of excellence in terms of results and for its leadership in teaching faculties and communication.





FAQs

Below is a full list of common study abroad questions that we receive from students, parents, teachers and schools. Please search for your questions below. However, do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to ask us a question over the phone or if you cannot find what you are looking for here.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT HAS A PROBLEM ONSITE

Our onsite directors are available exclusively for our participants 24/7 and families in the US can contact their son or daughter at anytime.

Whenever a participant has a problem they should contact their onsite director immediately. All participants are provided with the contact information for our staff overseas and in the US.

If there is a medical emergency while you abroad we will make sure your emergency contact is notified before making any major decisions.

Camp Sol Spain recognizes the importance of knowledgeable, friendly, and well trained onsite staff. Our onsite directors and staff are available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week to assist you with any needs. Our goal is to ensure you are as comfortable as possible while abroad.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Spain is a relatively safe country but the normal precautions should be taken. In the summer you should be wary of sunburn and dehydration.

At Camp Sol Spain we provide a safe and supervised program environment. Our onsite directors and staff are available to assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If medical attention is needed while abroad, our onsite staff will accompany you to an appropriate healthcare facility. We only choose program locations that we deem completely safe and healthy, and this extra precaution ensures that our students have a wonderful experience without worry.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL INSURANCE

Full medical insurance is included in your program fee.

Camp Sol Spain insurance policy will cover absolutely any medical expenses internationally up to USD \$50,000 with MultiNational Underwriters. If you take prescription medication with you make sure that you have a doctor's prescription in the event that customs officials question you about it. This is rare, but it's always a good idea to be prepared.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

vegetarian, vegan, and kosher students, or whatever dietary needs you may have! If you have any special dietary needs just let us know beforehand



FOOD ALLERGIES

If your daughter/son has food allergies, sensitivities, or dietary restrictions, you are at the right place .

We accommodate campers with gluten-free and dairy-free diets, as well as other food allergies, such as seeds, fish, shellfish, and eggs.

RECEPTION & FAREWELL ACTIVITY

We welcome you to your host city with a reception activity to meet the other participants and your directors.

And, of course, a farewell activity is provided as a chance to say goodbye to friends and celebrate your new experience.

PROGRAM ORIENTATION

When you arrive at your study abroad destination, our onsite staff will provide you with a welcome orientation.

This will cover important topics such as health, safety, academics and cultural awareness, and end with a tour of your host city.

PRE-DEPARTURE ADVISING

All of us at Camp Sol Spain are always available to answer your questions throughout the pre-departure process

TUITION & BOOKS

Tuition, books and fees are included for the Spanish classes taken abroad.

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE

Interaction with locals is an important aspect of our language program. We strive to create cultural and language exchange opportunities at each of our sites.

COLLEGE CREDIT (only for College students)

College credit is included or available .

TRANSCRIPT OR CERTIFICATE (only for College students)

You will receive a university transcript or Spanish school certificate upon the completion of your program. Camp Sol Spain will maintain an original document in our offices in the event that you need a copy in the future.



WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Pocket money
Airport food

PACKING RECOMMENDATIONS

Generally, Spaniards dress very similarly to Americans. However, clothing brands and styles do set Spaniards and Europeans apart from Americans. We suggest you bring the clothes that you are normally used to wearing. The points below are a few things to keep in mind:

- Spaniards do not tend to dress “sporty” and normally do not walk around in athletic clothing unless they are actually playing sports.
- For summer programs we recommend bringing all summer clothing while in San Sebastian. However, evenings can be cool so bring a light jacket or sweater for going out.
- Pack light: leave a little room for the things you will buy while abroad!
- Lightweight clothing .Air conditioning is not common in Spain – pack accordingly!
- Swimsuit, sun hat, sun glasses, beach towel, sunblock
- Comfortable walking shoes! Make sure you break them in before your trip to avoid blisters. Also, if you plan on jogging or doing any sports you’ll want to bring the appropriate footwear.
- Flip flops; typically you have one pair for inside the home. House shoes are an important cultural aspect of Hispanic cultures.

MISCELLANEOUS

Small duffel or backpack for weekend or afternoon trips

Towel, toiletries, and sunblock.

Camera, batteries, and charger

European electric socket adaptors (for camera battery chargers, iPod chargers, etc. You will need a European-style prong in order to plug into European sockets. This can be bought at outdoor or travel stores).

LAPTOPS

In general, we do not suggest students bring a laptop for short programs (1 month or less) because it is one more item that could be lost, stolen or damaged. There are computer labs at the school and Internet cafés all over town. You will not need it for class.

CARRY-ON

Bring an extra pair of clothes & toothbrush in case your luggage gets lost or delayed by your airline.



MEDICAL/SAFETY ITEMS

Bring any prescription drugs that you may use. Make sure they are labeled and if possible, carry your doctor's prescription.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS REQUIREMENTS

- PASSPORTS

Your passport must be valid at for at least six months or longer beyond the dates of your trip. Some immigration officers may not allow you to enter the country otherwise.

If you do not have a passport, or need to renew your current one, you can find an application at your local post office. Please visit the [USPS PASSPORT PAGE](#)

- TRAVEL VISA

For summer students that do not exceed 60 days , no special visa is needed .

- US DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Camp Sol Spain recommends that all students register with the US State Department (this is now known as Smart Traveler Enrollment Program "STEP") while overseas. This is very simple to do. Please visit the website to enter in the requested information. You will need an address and a telephone number to register.

Under the section titled "International Travel" (located on the bottom left hand side), click on the "Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)" link. STEP (formerly known as "Travel Registration" or "Registration with Embassies") is a free service provided by the U.S. Government to U.S. citizens who are traveling to, or living in, a foreign country. You can read more about the benefits of this program on the website.

You will need an address and a telephone number to register. This will be provided to you 1 month prior to travel.

WIFI AVAILABILITY

Residence will have WIFI plus student will have full access to the computer lab.

COMMUNICATIONS BY EMAIL

Language School /Residence have computers available for student use. Keeping in contact with friends and family is a great way to share your experience. Just remember, though, it can take away from your Spanish learning. Attempt to write as little as possible in English while you are there.



WHAT'S THE ELECTRICITY IN SPAIN LIKE

Spain uses 220 V AC at 50 Hz, the same as the rest of Europe. Plugs have two round pins so if you bring any electrical items from the US you will need to bring an adapter plug. These can be bought at travel or outdoor stores or in the airport.. Be wary of plugging electrical items in from the US—check to make sure the item can handle the different electrical current. Hairdryers brought from the US, for example, often short out.. Most new electronics, such as digital cameras, and laptops are of the 110 V AC – 240 V AC range. If the electrical plug they use has a small box on the cord then you have the built-in converter.

WHAT'S THE CURRENCY

Spain is part of the European Union and as such uses the euro. To find the most up-to-date conversion please visit XE. You could also bring some cash.

WHAT'S THE TIME IN SPAIN COMPARING TO USA

Spain is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST). The country observes daylight savings (from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in September).