



SPAIN

as a Language Study Destination



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Why Study Spanish in Spain?

If you're considering studying abroad, Spain should be at the top of your list. It's one of those rare countries where learning, living and enjoying life blend seamlessly. Today, Spain is firmly established among the top 10 destinations worldwide for international students.

Spanish itself is a major advantage. As one of the most valuable global languages, it opens doors in business, tourism, diplomacy and education. According to the Anuario del Instituto Cervantes 2025, the number of Spanish learners worldwide could reach 100 million before the end of the century. Studying in Spain gives you access to clear, standard Spanish in a natural environment — an academic experience that's both powerful and practical.

Spain is also known as one of Europe's safest and most welcoming countries. Its cities are clean, calm and friendly, and students usually feel comfortable from their very first day. Public transport is efficient, daily life is affordable, and the

Mediterranean lifestyle encourages a healthy balance between study, leisure and wellbeing.

Culturally, Spain is a treasure. Here, culture isn't something you simply visit — it's something you live. From flamenco and fiestas to paella, Gaudí, Dalí and Picasso, the country is full of colour, tradition and creativity. Every week brings something new: concerts, exhibitions, local festivals or lively terraces full of people sharing tapas and conversation.

Spain also offers a student-friendly legal framework, allowing international students to gain work experience while studying and even build a pathway to employment after graduation.

With its warm climate, beautiful beaches and mountains, rich history and relaxed atmosphere, Spain provides an environment where students can focus, flourish and fully enjoy their experience abroad. It's a place where academic growth and personal discovery go hand in hand.



Key Statistics

Spanish as a Global Language

Spanish is one of the world's most widely studied and spoken languages. More than 580 million people use Spanish globally, and demand for learning it continues to rise. According to recent data from the Instituto Cervantes, around 24.2 million people are currently studying Spanish as a foreign language — an increase of nearly 11% since 2018. Its importance in international communication, business and culture makes it a strategic choice for students worldwide.

International Students in Spain

The number of international students in Spain has grown steadily in recent years, reflecting renewed interest in in-person learning and cultural immersion:

- 2019/20: approx. 208,320
- 2021/22: approx. 224,080
- 2022/23: approx. 241,775 (record high)

According to the Ministry of Science and Universities (2023–24), foreign students now represent 11.4% of the entire Spanish University System. While the strongest demand comes from Europe (Germany, Italy, France, UK) and North America, Spain is also seeing increasing numbers from Asia and Latin America.

The main motivations for choosing Spain include Spanish-language acquisition, cultural immersion and lifestyle — a combination that stands out among international study destinations.



Practical Information

Cost of Living

Spain is generally more affordable than many Western European countries. Costs vary depending on the city, accommodation type and personal lifestyle, but the overall range remains accessible.

The Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) estimates that students typically spend between €800 and €1,300 per month, depending on location and individual habits. Bigger cities and central districts are naturally more expensive.

Students can manage budgets easily through shared housing, monthly transport cards, home cooking and discounts for cultural activities. This makes Spain both affordable and enjoyable for international learners.

Visa Approval Rates

Long-term student visas for Spain have a very high approval rate, with around 97% of complete applications being accepted.

Student Work Rights

International students in Spain are allowed to work part-time:

- Up to 30 hours per week, provided employment does not affect attendance or academic performance

- Earnings cannot be the primary means of financial support
- Some nationalities may require an additional work authorisation

After completing their studies, students may apply for a special permit allowing them to remain in Spain temporarily to seek employment or develop a professional project, providing a valuable pathway to gaining experience in the Spanish labour market.

Visas & Documentation

Spain offers clear pathways for international students, but requirements vary depending on the student's nationality and the length of stay.

Short-term stays (under 90 days)

Students from the EU/EEA, UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Japan and many other countries do not need a visa for short language courses or summer programmes under 90 days. They may enter Spain as tourists and study during their stay.

Students from countries that do require a visa must apply for a Schengen Type C visa, which is generally straightforward when they provide:

- Proof of enrolment
- Confirmation of accommodation
- Evidence of sufficient financial means



Practical Information continued...

Medium and long-term stays (over 90 days)

For stays longer than 90 days, non-EU students must apply for a long-term student visa (Type D) at the Spanish Consulate or Embassy in their country of residence.

Typical required documents include:

- An official acceptance letter from a recognised educational institution
- Proof of financial means
- Valid health insurance (public or private)
- Proof of accommodation
- A valid passport
- In some cases: a medical certificate and a criminal record check

Upon arrival in Spain, students must convert their visa into a TIE (Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero) — a residency card valid for the duration of their studies.

Stays under 6 months (Type D 180-day visa)

For programmes shorter than 6 months, many students apply for a 180-day student visa, which does not require a TIE after arrival.

Processing Times

- Short-term visas: approx. 2–3 weeks
- Long-term student visas: typically 4–8 weeks, depending on the consulate, season and demand

Applying early is strongly recommended.

Health Insurance

Non-EU students must have private health insurance that covers them for the full duration of their stay. Costs usually range from €30–€70 per month, depending on the provider and level of coverage.

Important Notes

Recent regulatory updates (particularly in 2025) may increase documentation requirements, especially regarding proof of tuition payments before applying. Careful preparation, submitting the correct documents, and applying well in advance significantly improve the chances of visa approval.





Barcelona

- ~ 1.7 million residents, making it Spain's second-largest city
- Iconic Mediterranean destination
- Home to Gaudí masterpieces, including the Sagrada Família, Park Güell and Casa Batlló
- Cosmopolitan, international and well-connected

Barcelona is one of Europe's most iconic cities, celebrated worldwide for Gaudí's extraordinary architecture, its Mediterranean beaches, the atmospheric Gothic Quarter and a flourishing creative scene. Few cities blend culture, food, outdoor living and international diversity quite so effortlessly, making daily life both stimulating and enjoyable for students of all ages.



With its mild Mediterranean climate, kilometres of coastline, lively festivals and a strong international community, Barcelona offers a welcoming and cosmopolitan environment. Younger learners, adults and 50+ students alike find the city easy to navigate and full of opportunities for cultural immersion, recreation and meaningful social experiences.

The cost of living is higher than in many other Spanish cities, particularly in terms of rent and leisure. Even so, excellent public transport, student-friendly accommodation options and plentiful affordable cultural activities help keep overall expenses manageable while offering an exceptional quality of life.



Cádiz is known for its safety, warmth and welcoming spirit, with low crime rates and friendly locals who make students feel at home from the start. Evenings come alive with tapas bars, flamenco performances and lively plazas, offering an authentic taste of everyday Andalusian life in a multicultural setting.

Water-sports enthusiasts can enjoy surfing, sailing and paddleboarding along the coast, while weekend trips to Jerez de la Frontera or the nearby white-washed pueblos provide easy opportunities to explore more of the region. Cádiz is a wonderful place to learn Spanish — a coastal city where history, culture and sea breeze blend into a truly memorable experience.

Cádiz

- ~ 125,000 residents
- Beautiful coastal destination, surrounded by beaches and spectacular ocean views
- One of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Western Europe
- Quintessentially Andalusian, compact, welcoming city with a strong local identity

Located on a slender peninsula on the Atlantic, Cádiz is one of Europe's oldest cities. Its cobbled streets, historic buildings and whitewashed squares create a charming atmosphere under year-round sunshine. Golden-sand beaches such as La Caleta and Playa Victoria are only minutes away, and the city's compact layout makes getting around by bike or public transport simple and convenient.





Madrid

- Capital of Spain, offering the country's largest and most dynamic urban environment
- ~ 3.4 million residents
- Renowned for world-class museums, including the Prado, Reina Sofía and Thyssen-Bornemisza
- Lively, cosmopolitan atmosphere

Madrid attracts students with its openness and cultural richness, supported by one of Europe's most efficient public transport networks. Its year-round events, strong academic environment and global connectivity make it a highly appealing destination for international learners. The city stands out for its world-class museums, historic plazas, expansive parks and one of Europe's most dynamic culinary and nightlife scenes. It is also known for its clear, standard form of Spanish, making it an excellent place to develop confident, accurate language skills.

Beyond its major landmarks, Madrid offers a lifestyle that is both inspiring and inclusive. Students enjoy a lively mix of neighbourhoods, each with its own character — from the artistic streets of Malasaña to the elegant boulevards of Salamanca. The city's café

culture, outdoor terraces and active social life make it easy to meet new people and practise Spanish every day. Safety levels are high for a European capital, creating a comfortable environment for younger learners and long-term residents alike.

For students seeking a balance of academic opportunity, cultural immersion and big-city energy, Madrid offers an exceptionally well-rounded experience. It is generally one of the more expensive cities in Spain, particularly in central districts and when it comes to housing, but many find that its quality of life, opportunities and atmosphere make it worth the investment.

Málaga

- ~ 590,000 residents
- A welcoming, mid-sized coastal city
- Birthplace of Pablo Picasso, with excellent museums and cultural sites
- Famous for Mediterranean gastronomy, fresh seafood and lively tapas culture

Málaga is known for its sunny weather, welcoming community and relaxed coastal lifestyle. Its approachable size and safe environment make it especially suitable for younger learners and first-time travellers. Compared with Madrid or Barcelona, Málaga tends to be more affordable, with lower accommodation and daily living costs, although prices can rise during the summer season.

The city offers an appealing blend of Andalusian heritage and modern seaside living. Iconic landmarks such as the Roman Theatre, the Alcazaba fortress and the Picasso Museum



reflect its rich history, while contemporary cultural spaces like the Centre Pompidou add a fresh, artistic energy. Lively festivals, flamenco shows and atmospheric tapas bars give the city a distinctive local character that students quickly fall in love with.

With Málaga–Costa del Sol Airport located just 15 minutes from the city centre, travelling to and from Málaga is exceptionally convenient. The airport offers extensive international connections, and the city's excellent public transport system makes it easy to move between beaches, cultural sites and nearby coastal towns.

Thanks to its Mediterranean climate, Málaga is ideal for year-round outdoor activities. Students can enjoy sun-drenched beaches, scenic parks, hiking routes and inviting cafés — perfect for studying or socialising. Its combination of cultural richness, accessibility and beautiful surroundings makes Málaga an excellent destination for learning Spanish and experiencing authentic Andalusian life.



Nerja

- ~ 24,000 residents
- A charming Andalusian town on the Costa del Sol
- More than 300 days of sunshine per year
- Frequent flamenco and live music performances

Nerja is a beautiful seaside town a walkable town centre where most shops, cafés and restaurants are within easy distance. Its beautiful beaches, relaxed lifestyle and friendly atmosphere make it an ideal destination for international students. The local community is welcoming and accustomed to visitors from around the world, creating a supportive environment where students can practise Spanish in everyday situations.

The town is well connected, with Málaga Airport only about 50 minutes away and reliable local bus services. Its compact size and safe streets make daily life simple and enjoyable for students. From Nerja, students can explore Andalusian culture, visit historic cities such as Granada, Málaga and Seville, and enjoy stunning natural sites like Burriana Beach, Playa de Maro and the Nerja Caves. The mild

Mediterranean climate—with warm summers and mild winters—allows for outdoor activities throughout the year.

The lifestyle is relaxed and social, with many outdoor cafés, tapas bars and opportunities for activities such as hiking, swimming, diving, tennis, yoga or simply enjoying the seaside promenade. Nerja's location also makes day trips to nearby cities easy.

Overall, Nerja's sunny climate, friendly community, natural beauty and rich cultural life make it an excellent environment for learning Spanish and experiencing authentic Andalusian culture.

San Sebastián / Donostia

- ~188,487 residents
- Estimated total student population: 40,000–50,000
- Safe, walkable and friendly
- Outdoor activities: surfing, hiking Monte Urgull and Igeldo

San Sebastián offers a mix of natural beauty, rich culture and an excellent quality of life. The city is very safe and easy to move around, which helps students feel comfortable as soon as they arrive. Its friendly local community, lively neighbourhoods and relaxed lifestyle make it easy for newcomers to settle in and meet people.

San Sebastián is famous for its beautiful beaches, especially La Concha and Zurriola, which are great for swimming, walking and surfing. The historic Old Town is full of traditional bars, small local

shops and some of the best pintxo restaurants in the region, giving students a real taste of Basque culture.

The city also offers a strong cultural programme. It hosts the San Sebastián International Film Festival, classical music and jazz events, and many traditional celebrations throughout the year. Museums such as the San Telmo Museum, Chillida Leku and the nearby Balenciaga Museum allow students to explore Basque history, art and fashion.

Daily life in San Sebastián is relaxed and focused on the outdoors. Its natural surroundings—beaches, green hills and coastal walking routes—make it a perfect place for students who enjoy nature. The mild climate means outdoor activities can be enjoyed throughout the year.

The cost of living in San Sebastián is similar to other major Spanish cities such as Madrid and Barcelona, with good accommodation options available for students.





Sevilla

- ~ 800,000 residents
- Capital of Andalusia — renowned for its architecture, traditions and warm hospitality
- Home of flamenco — offering authentic cultural experiences on every corner
- Sunny, walkable and full of character

Seville is renowned for its deep cultural heritage and timeless Andalusian traditions. From authentic flamenco performances and lively neighbourhood festivals to quiet evenings strolling along the Guadalquivir River, the city offers an exceptional blend of history, gastronomy and local charm. Its warm Mediterranean climate makes it possible to enjoy outdoor life throughout the year, whether you prefer exploring historic streets, relaxing in leafy plazas or joining friends for tapas in a traditional bar.

Seville is also an excellent city for students seeking convenience and community. Its compact size makes it easy to navigate on foot or by bike, with shops, cafés, markets and cultural spots all within close reach. The cost of living is generally more affordable than in Spain's larger cities, allowing students to enjoy a fuller experience without stretching their budget.

With its welcoming atmosphere, relaxed pace of life and unforgettable landmarks such as the Alcázar and Plaza de España, Seville offers a truly immersive Spanish experience. It is a place where tradition is ever-present, yet students will also find a modern, creative city full of opportunities to learn, connect and enjoy daily life.

Whether you're joining a language course, staying for a semester or planning longer studies, Seville offers the perfect balance of comfort, authenticity and everyday inspiration.

Valencia

- Spain's third-largest city, with ~ one million residents
- Mediterranean location, offering beaches just minutes from the city centre
- Major student hub, home to over 80,000 university students
- Safe, friendly and affordable

Valencia offers an exceptional balance of culture, comfort and coastal living. Spain's third-largest city combines the energy of a major urban centre with the warmth and ease of a smaller, student-friendly destination. Clear, standard Spanish is widely spoken here, making it an excellent place to build strong language skills in everyday life.

The city enjoys over 300 days of sunshine a year, allowing students to go from class to the beach in just 15 minutes — a lifestyle few European cities can offer. Valencia's historic centre is one of the largest in Europe, filled with landmarks such as the Silk Exchange, the Central Market and the Serranos

Towers. At the same time, its modern side shines through the striking City of Arts and Sciences, one of Spain's most iconic contemporary architectural sites.

As one of the country's top university cities, Valencia has a youthful, international atmosphere with countless cafés, terraces, concerts and cultural events. The cost of living is notably lower than in Madrid or Barcelona, making it an attractive option for students seeking quality of life without the high price tag.

Valencia is also famous for its festivals, especially Las Fallas, which fills the city with music, art and fireworks each spring. Throughout the year, concerts, local celebrations and food events create a lively, social atmosphere that students love. Valencia is also world-famous as the birthplace of paella, offering countless opportunities to enjoy this emblematic dish in both traditional and creative forms. Food is an essential part of local culture, and sharing a paella on a sunny terrace or by the sea is a quintessential Valencian experience for students and visitors alike.

Safe, welcoming and full of Mediterranean charm, Valencia offers the perfect environment to study Spanish, experience authentic local traditions and enjoy a comfortable, enjoyable lifestyle by the sea.



Our Spanish Member Schools





CLIC

- Seville, Cádiz, Málaga

Founded: 1983

FECEI Lifelong Achievement Award:
Best Teacher Training Institute

- Award-winning cultural programme



CLIC International House blends modern facilities with authentic Andalusian character across its schools in Seville, Cádiz and Málaga. Bright, fully equipped classrooms, welcoming common areas and beautiful rooftop terraces create an inspiring environment for learning. Small class sizes ensure personalised attention, while the mix of nationalities and ages fosters a friendly, engaging atmosphere.

CLIC offers a wide range of Spanish programmes designed to meet different goals: general and intensive courses of 20, 25 or 30 lessons per week; DELE and SIELE exam preparation; Spanish + Surf in Cádiz; themed cultural programmes such as Spanish for Foodies and their popular 50+ course; and tailored private lessons or professional Spanish for business, medicine or tourism. Courses run year-round from A1 to C2, with the option to earn European and US university credits.

CLIC also provides immersive experiences for young learners through Spring and Summer Camps for ages 13–17, High School Immersion, and customised programmes for school and university groups. For those pursuing academic



The teachers are absolutely fantastic, and the immersion the school provides is the best way to learn. It's a lovely school with a welcoming atmosphere and a great energy — we highly recommend CLIC!"

Karen (UK)



pathways, the University Access preparation course supports entry into higher education in Spain.

CLIC is recognised as one of the leading institutions in Spain for training teachers of Spanish as a foreign language. They offer both teacher-training qualifications and a full suite of Erasmus+ courses, including Methodology & Spanish Culture, ICT for Teaching, CLIL and Spanish Language & Civilisation, giving educators a rich blend of professional development and cultural immersion.

Students enjoy an award-winning cultural programme featuring flamenco, tapas tours, guided visits and weekend excursions, with comfortable accommodation options including shared apartments, residences and carefully selected host families.

Whether you are seeking intensive study, exam certification, professional Spanish, teacher training or a cultural adventure, CLIC International House provides high-quality programmes taught by passionate, highly qualified teachers in three of Andalusia's most beautiful and welcoming cities.



Escuela de Idiomas Nerja

- Nerja

Founded: 1980

Specialties: Intensive and Super-Intensive courses, and Specialised courses such as DELE exam preparation and Business Spanish.

Key Features: Activity-based Spanish learning, allowing students to combine classes with cultural and leisure activities such as flamenco, salsa, tennis, photography, diving and more.



The school is set in a traditional Andalusian house with a tropical garden, creating a warm, relaxed and authentic atmosphere. It is just a few minutes from the beach, shops, restaurants and the town centre, making it a convenient and enjoyable place to study.

Teaching is communicative and task-based, so students use Spanish from day one through real-life situations, interactive activities and cultural content.

The school offers preparation courses for official exams such as DELE and SIELE, as well as occasional training programmes for Spanish teachers focused on modern methodologies. Students planning to enter a Spanish university can join academic preparation courses that develop advanced skills and may include guidance on admissions.



I had a wonderful time in Nerja and learnt a lot... There was nothing I did not like – the teachers, the facilities, the location, everything was perfect. I am definitely coming back to Nerja and I will also join classes again in the future.”

Heidi (The Netherlands)



There is also a Club 50+ programme for older learners who want to combine language learning with cultural activities.

Classes are small (typically 5–10 students), ensuring personalised attention and plenty of speaking practice. One-to-one lessons are available for students who want a more intensive or tailored option. Course lengths are flexible, from short intensives to long-term immersion.

Accommodation is offered at the school's own residence, Club Costa Nerja, located nearby and featuring a library, cafeteria, study rooms, courtyard and Wi-Fi. Students can also choose homestays with Spanish families or private apartments for different types of cultural immersion.

Españolé International House Valencia

- Valencia

Founded: 2006

Key Features: Stunning purpose-built facilities housed in a rebuilt Gothic palace, featuring bright classrooms, stylish common areas and a beautiful central patio designed for social interaction.

Specialties: Personalised learning paths and strong academic pathways.



Españolé IH Valencia offers a wide range of intensive Spanish courses for students of all ages and levels, all taught in a dynamic, communicative and highly interactive way. Learners can personalise their studies by combining a core Spanish programme with various elective modules, creating a course that matches their interests and goals.

Popular electives include conversation and culture, Spanish for business or medicine, and leisure-focused options such as cooking classes — where students prepare traditional dishes like paella and tapas — or sailing on the Mediterranean Sea, taking full advantage of Valencia's coastal setting.

One of the school's greatest strengths is its commitment to cultural immersion. Learning extends far beyond the classroom through daily activities, excursions and workshops that give



Studying at Españolé IH Valencia was one of the best experiences of my life. The classes were small and dynamic, so I improved my Spanish faster than I expected. The teachers were incredibly supportive, and the school's cultural activities made me feel like part of the local community. I'd recommend this school to anyone who wants to truly live the Spanish language!"

Arianna (Italy)



students a first-hand experience of Spanish life, traditions and culture. This "360° Spanish" approach encourages learners to use the language naturally in real situations, making progress authentic, intuitive and memorable.

Españolé also offers academic pathways including DELE and SIELE exam preparation, university access programmes for students wishing to study in Spain, and professional courses such as Spanish for business and Spanish for healthcare. Unique combined options — such as Spanish + flight training or work and study placements — provide valuable real-world practice and career-oriented development.

With flexible programmes, expert teachers and a highly immersive environment, Españolé IH Valencia allows students to combine academic achievement, cultural discovery and personal growth in one of Spain's most inspiring Mediterranean cities.



Expanish

- Madrid, Barcelona, Málaga

Founded: 2006

Specialties: Intensive Spanish courses (20, 24, 30 lessons/week), long-term programmes, group + private combinations, summer camps, study-abroad options and tailored adult experiences.

Key Features: Real-world learning through Spanish in Action and Spanish in the City modules, strong cultural immersion, and a rich programme of social and cultural activities that help students connect with local life and traditions.



Expanish began in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with the mission of offering high-quality cultural immersion experiences to international students. After many successful years, the school expanded to Europe in 2017 with a boutique study centre in the heart of Barcelona. Growth continued in 2021 with a new centre in Madrid, giving students another major cultural hub for language learning. The newest school opened in sunny Málaga, offering students a beautiful coastal setting full of history and Andalusian charm. Since 2024, Expanish has also offered summer camps for young learners and dedicated 50+ programmes, helping students of different ages enjoy safe and meaningful cultural experiences.

The teaching methodology is communicative and interactive. Students work in pairs and groups, take part in discussions and projects, and practise real-life Spanish in everyday situations.



Wonderful experience! Beautiful school house, very helpful administration, the best teachers, great programme, international and friendly community. And all of that in the heart of Barcelona! I learned so much Spanish in 2 weeks – amazing!”

Roula (Greece)



Expanish centres offer modern facilities such as smart-classroom technology, shared common areas, rooftop terraces (in some locations) and bright, comfortable classrooms.

All teachers are native speakers and highly qualified. They focus on creating a dynamic and motivating learning environment. Classes are intentionally small—on average 7 students, maximum 12—to ensure more speaking time, personalised feedback and strong student-teacher interaction.

The school also offers preparation courses for official exams such as DELE and SIELE, helping students build the skills they need to succeed.

Student residences and living-learning environments, especially for summer camps, provide a safe and immersive space for students. Expanish also offers 24/7 support, student orientation, welcome packs and help with visa documentation for long-term students.

Lacunza Español

- San Sebastián / Donostia

Founded: 1989

Specialties: General Spanish & Intensive courses, DELE exam preparation, Tailor-made programmes.

Key Features: Solid academic preparation, experienced teachers, immersive activities and a supportive learning environment.



Set just minutes from the beach, Lacunza Español is housed in a modern, welcoming facility featuring 18 fully equipped classrooms with whiteboards, spotlights and free Wi-Fi. Students can study or unwind in the library, multimedia room or on the sunny terrace — an ideal place to make friends and practise Spanish in a relaxed environment.

Lacunza Español offers high-quality Spanish courses with a strong focus on communication and cultural immersion. Small class sizes ensure personalised attention, and lessons are practical, dynamic and rooted in real-life situations. Outside the classroom, students benefit from a full programme of cultural and social activities that bring the language to life and help them experience San Sebastián like a local.



San Sebastián is wonderful. Although it's not very big, it's a city that has everything: beautiful beaches and views, great shopping options, lovely nearby towns and villages, nightlife, and stunning nature. I love studying with students from all continents and of all ages. The teachers at the school are very competent and friendly."

Sami (Finland)



With more than 30 years of experience, Lacunza IH San Sebastián holds several prestigious accreditations, including Instituto Cervantes, International House World Organisation, FEDELE, Eequals, CSN, Bildungsurlaub and IALC. The school is also an official DELE examination centre. Combining academic excellence, modern facilities and a rich immersion environment, Lacunza offers an outstanding learning experience in one of northern Spain's most beautiful coastal cities.



Malaca Instituto

- Málaga

Founded: 1971

Specialties: General Spanish courses and Specialised Professional programmes, including Spanish for business, diplomats, teachers, Young Adults Spring & Summer programmes (15–20 years) and tailored closed-group training.

Key Features: First Spanish language school to receive the StudyTravel Super Star Award, Comprehensive Campus Experience.



Malaca Instituto is one of the world's most renowned Spanish language schools, recognised for exceptional quality and innovation in international education. As the first Spanish language school to achieve Super Star status — after winning the StudyTravel Star Award five times — it has set the benchmark for excellence in the sector. Since 1971, the school has welcomed over 80,000 international students from more than 40 countries, with learners ranging from 16 to 90 years old.

Situated in Cerrado de Calderón, an upscale and quiet residential neighbourhood in eastern Málaga, the school offers a safe, green and peaceful setting just minutes from the beach. This makes it an ideal location for immersive study, combining comfort, Mediterranean lifestyle and academic focus.

Malaca Instituto's impressive, purpose-built campus covers over 10,000 m² and is designed entirely for total immersion. Students live, learn and socialise in the same environment, enjoying an all-in-one experience that includes 25 modern classrooms, an on-site residence,



The professors at Malaca Instituto are of the highest quality. Their excellence comes not only from their mastery of teaching Spanish, but also from their personality and warmth, which create a rich and rewarding learning experience. I feel I have received a world-class Spanish education and made meaningful friendships. I will definitely be back."

Brandon (USA)



restaurant, swimming pool, gym, dance studio, practice kitchen and landscaped gardens. Few schools in Spain offer such an integrated campus setting.

The school provides an exceptionally wide range of programmes to suit different needs and interests. These include Intensive and Super-Intensive Spanish, Spanish for Business, Diplomacy and Teaching, 50+ courses for mature learners, Young Adults Spring & Summer programmes (15–20 years), Spanish & Cookery, Spanish & Dance, DELE exam preparation, and Erasmus+ programmes, one-to-one tuition, closed group courses and online Spanish classes. A dedicated academic team ensures high-quality teaching and personalised progression for every student.

Malaca Instituto holds accreditation from the Instituto Cervantes, EAQUALS and IALC, reflecting its commitment to the highest educational and operational standards. The school's unique facilities — such as its practice kitchen and dance studio — enhance language learning through hands-on cultural experiences, while regular excursions, movie nights and themed activities help students integrate into Spanish life with confidence.



Taronja School

- Valencia

Founded: 2004

Specialties: Creative, immersive Spanish teaching with small groups (4–10 students)

Key Features: Accredited Instituto Cervantes centre in the heart of Valencia. Official DELE & SIELE examination centre with personalised preparation.



Taronja School, located in the lively centre of Valencia, is one of Spain's most distinctive and creative Spanish language schools. Founded in 2004, it has developed a strong international reputation for its dynamic teaching style, total immersion methodology and warm, artistic atmosphere. As an officially accredited Instituto Cervantes centre, Taronja meets the highest standards in teaching, student support and facilities, giving learners the confidence that they are studying at a top-quality institution.

The school's approach is built on real communication: interactive lessons, practical tasks and cultural understanding form the heart of the learning process. Classes are kept deliberately small, allowing teachers to focus closely on individual progress. Taronja also creates its own teaching materials to ensure lessons are fresh, relevant and engaging. Its teaching team is young, qualified and deeply committed to helping students use Spanish confidently in real contexts.

“*Studying at Taronja was one of the best experiences of my life. I learned Spanish faster than I ever imagined. And of course, I'll never forget Chef Nando's paella nights — they brought everyone together like one big family. Every day in Valencia felt like a new adventure, and by the end, it truly felt like home.*”

Keith (UK)



What truly sets Taronja apart is its outstanding cultural immersion programme — one of the most complete and creative in Spain. Every week, students can join at least five activities, from cooking classes and language exchanges to guided tours, concerts, art workshops and the school's legendary paella nights. These experiences reinforce classroom learning through authentic cultural interaction and make it easy to connect with other students from all over the world.

To complete the experience, Taronja offers a variety of well-located accommodation options, including shared apartments and friendly host families, making daily life in Valencia both comfortable and convenient. Many of the school's activities are free, ensuring that students can enjoy Mediterranean culture without added costs.